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SANTA MARGHERITA'S BAY.

BOATS IN THE MARINA.



Santa Margherita is the typical Ligurian jewel, a sea town set between the blue of the sea and the green of the Portofino Mountain.

*"... words are unable describe you:
the cry of the gull amid the foam
the fury of the sea against the cliffs
is the only song suitable for you"*

Camillo Sbarbaro, Scarsa lingua di terra che orla il mare, 1922.

EVEN CAMILLO SBARBARO IN HIS POETRY HESITATES IN DESCRIBING THE ESSENTIAL AND IMPOSING BEAUTY OF THIS PART OF THE EASTERN LIGURIAN COAST, AND SPECIFICALLY OF THE TIGULLIO GULF WHERE SANTA MARGHERITA, THE POET'S BIRTHPLACE, ENJOYS OF A WELL DESERVED REPUTATION OF EXCELLENCE, AS SUGGESTED BY THE LATIN ROOT OF ITS NAME (MARGARITA, THAT MEANS "PEARL").

FOUNDED BY THE ROMANS, IT STILL MAINTAINS ITS MEDIEVAL DIVISION INTO TWO DISTRICTS: "CORTE", STILL A SEASIDE VILLAGE, AND "PESCINO". ITS ACTUAL DENOMINATION, DATES BACK TO THE MIDDLE AGES AND WAS DEFINITELY RATIFIED BY A ROYAL EDICT IN 1863, THAT SANCTIONED THE UNIFICATION OF THE DISTRICTS AND ITS NAME, IN HONOUR OF SANTA MARGHERITA DI ANTIOCHIA, WHOSE MORTAL REMAINS ARE PRESERVED IN THE TOWN'S PARISH CHURCH.

THE MAIN ARCHITECTURAL MONUMENTS OF THE TOWN ARE BUILDINGS AND CHURCHES DATING BACK TO THE BAROQUE EPOCH, WHOSE MOST DISTINGUISHED ELEMENT IS VILLA DURAZZO CENTURIONE, A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF THE BAROQUE FLOURISHING IN LIGURIA; OVERLOOKING THE "CORTE" DISTRICT FROM THE HILL OF SAN GIACOMO.

IN SANTA MARGHERITA YOU CAN COMBINE THE LOVE FOR UNTOUCHED NATURE AND THE MOST MODERN TRENDS, SOCIAL EVENTS AND THE DISCOVERY OF A UNIQUE ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL HERITAGE, LOVE FOR SPORT AND ANCIENT TRADITIONS, SHOPPING AND THE PLEASURE OF ENJOYING REFINED LOCAL FOODS AND WINES.

OVERLOOKED BY THE PORTOFINO MOUNTAIN, SANTA MARGHERITA MIRRORS INTO THE LIGHT BLUE OF ITS BAY THE BEAUTY OF ITS QUARTERS, VILLAS AND CHURCHES; CHOSEN AS PREFERRED DESTINATION BY TOURISTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, BECAUSE OF ITS HIGH-CLASS AND ELEGANCE, IT IS THE LIGURIAN HOLIDAY RESORT MOST BELOVED BY INTELLECTUALS AND ARTISTS, WHO HAVE BEEN CHOSING IT SINCE THE XIX CENTURY.

THE CHARACTERISTIC STREETS OF THE HISTORIC CENTRE, WITH THEIR COLORFUL FAÇADES AND THE NARROW "CARRUGI" (ALLEYS), THE WONDERFUL PROMENADE ALONG THE SEA, OVERLOOKED BY THE ANCIENT FISHER HOUSES, ARE FREQUENTED EVERY YEAR BY THOUSANDS OF VISITORS, WHO NEVERTHELESS DON'T DISRUPT THE TOWN'S QUIET AND DISCREET ATMOSPHERE.

EXCLUSIVE BOUTIQUES AND ELEGANT CAFÉS, A GREAT TRADITION OF HOSPITALITY WITH MANY HOTELS PRESERVING THE CHARM OF THE DECO SETTINGS DATING BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF THE 20TH CENTURY, AND THE LIVELY MARINA HAVE ALWAYS CHARACTERISED SANTA MARGHERITA'S PRESTIGIOUS OFFER TO ITS GUESTS.

THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE HAS OBTAINED THE ISO 14001 ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION: A SIGN OF GREAT ATTENTION AND RESPECT FOR NATURE, CAPABLE OF COMBINING MODERN PRODUCTION AND TOURIST ACTIVITIES WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION.

*A wonderful corner of the Earth,
an island of the Greek archipelago,
with forests and mountains,
arbitrarily scattered,
brought to the mainland by chance
and no longer able to leave it.
f. nietzsche*



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VILLA DURAZZO IS A PATRICIAN BUILDING DATING BACK TO THE XVI CENTURY. TODAY THE VILLA'S WONDERFUL GARDENS HAVE BECOME A MUNICIPAL PARK AND ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

THE PROMENADE FROM SANTA MARGHERITA TO PARAGGI, WITH THE NEW FOOTBRIDGE OVERHANGING THE SEA.



Villa Durazzo

SET IN A SCENIC POSITION, ON THE HILL OF SAN GIACOMO DI CORTE, THERE LIES VILLA DURAZZO, A BUILDING DATING BACK TO THE XVI CENTURY SURROUNDED BY A WONDERFUL GARDEN WITH ANCIENT RARE TREES.

THE VILLA WAS BUILT JUST AFTER 1560 ON BEHALF OF THE MARQUIS GIO LUCA DURAZZO, PROBABLY BASED ON THE LAYOUT DESIGNED BY THE FAMOUS ARCHITECT GALEAZZO ALESSI, AND RICHLY ADORNED WITH STATUES, PAINTINGS, MARBLES AND TAPESTRIES.

WALKING THROUGH THE MAJESTIC APARTMENTS OF THE PIANO NOBILE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ADMIRE PAINTINGS COMMISSIONED BY THE OWNERS TO THE GREATEST MASTERS WHO WORKED IN GENOA IN THE XVII CENTURY, LIKE DOMENICO PIOLA E ANDREA DE FERRARI.

THE MAGNIFICENCE OF THE INTERIOR EXTENDS TO THE TERRACE AND TO THE SCENIC PARK SURROUNDING THE BUILDING, CHARACTERISED BY AN ITALIAN-STYLE GARDEN, AN ENGLISH-STYLE WOOD, A SMALL CITRUS ORCHARD AND A PARK DATING BACK TO THE XVIII CENTURY.

- VILLA DURAZZO - SEE THE MAP ①
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- WINTER OPENING TIME: FROM TUESDAY TO SUNDAY: 9.30 - 16.30
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- TICKET: EURO 5,50; CHILDRENS: EURO 3,00; FAI MEMBERS: EURO 4,00
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Promenade of Cervara

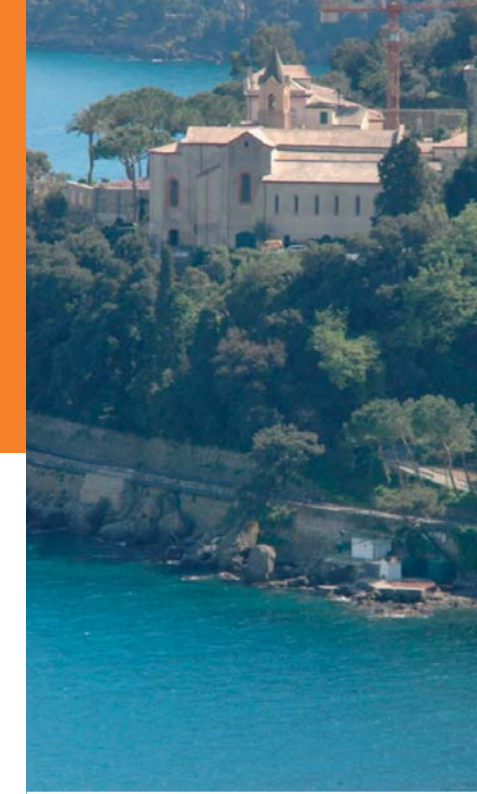
THE ROUTE OF THE PROMENADE ROUGHLY FOLLOWS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN ALONG THE SEA, OFFERING A WONDERFUL VIEW OF THE TOWN'S ARCHITECTURE.

YOU CAN ALSO WALK TO PORTOFINO, ALONG A TRULY SUGGESTIVE FOOTBRIDGE AMONG THE ROCKS, SURROUNDED BY A UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT. BORN OUT OF THE NEED TO CREATE AN ALTERNATIVE AND SAFE PEDESTRIAN ROUTE IN A REMARKABLY BUSY AREA, SURROUNDED BY A WONDERFUL SCENERY, THE FOOTBRIDGE CONCEPT AND MATERIALS DRAW THEIR INSPIRATION FROM BOAT DECKS AND GANGWAYS.

THE SECTIONS OF THE FOOTBRIDGE ARE LINKED BY SOME VIEWPOINTS AND ARE LIT UP BY A CHARACTERISTIC SET OF LIGHTS, SO THAT PEOPLE CAN ENJOY IT EVEN DURING THE NIGHT.

WHILE SPEEDING UP PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC, IT OFFERS PASSERS-BY THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY ONE OF THE MOST SUGGESTIVE AND PRECIOUS NATURAL SPECTACLES OF THE RIVIERA.

PROMENADE OF CERVARA - SEE THE MAP ②





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SUGGESTIVE VIEW OF THE MOUNTAIN AND OF THE PROTECTED MARINE AREA OF PORTOFINO.

EVIDENCE OF THE TOWN'S TRADITION AND DEVOTION IS THE STATELINESS OF THE MANY CHURCHES PUNCTUATING THE HISTORIC CENTRE, AS WELL AS THE PRECIOUSNESS OF THEIR DECORATION.



Park of Portofino

THE PROMONTORY OF PORTOFINO'S MOUNTAIN, SEPARATING THE PARADISE GULF FROM THE TIGULLIO GULF, STRETCHES OUT TOWARDS THE WATERS, WHERE ROCKS, VEGETATION AND SEA CREATE AN UNFORGETTABLE SCENERY.

THE BEST WAY TO ENJOY THIS IS CERTAINLY WALKING ALONG THE CLOSE NET OF PATHS CROSSING IT: OVER 70 KM OF ROUTES, WINDING OVER A SURFACE OF LITTLE MORE THAN 1.000 HECTARES, ALLOW TO REACH PUNTA CHIAPPA, SAN FRUTTUOSO, PORTOFINO AND PARAGGI. YOU CAN CHOOSE AMONG THIRTY MARKED ROUTES, OF DIFFERENT LENGTH AND DIFFICULTY, BUT ALL REMARKABLE FROM AN HISTORICAL AND NATURALISTIC POINT OF VIEW.

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Protected Marine Area of Portofino

THE EXPANSE OF WATER SURROUNDING THE PROMONTORY OF PORTOFINO IS CERTAINLY ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING AND FASCINATING ONES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: THE HETEROGENEITY OF THE SEA FLOOR, THE EXPOSURE TO CURRENTS AND THE DIFFERENT LIGHT CONDITIONS, DUE TO COAST MORPHOLOGY, HAVE FAVOURED THE FORMATION OF MICROENVIRONMENTS, AND THE SUBSEQUENT PROLIFERATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY VARIETY OF ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE SPECIES.

TO PROTECT THIS NATURE HERITAGE AND SUPPORT THE TRADITIONAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES, IN 1999 ADMINISTRATORS CREATED THE PROTECTED MARINE AREA OF PORTOFINO, INCLUDING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE, CAMOGLI AND PORTOFINO.

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Places to be visited

ABBHEY COMPLEX OF SAN GIROLAMO DELLA CERVARA

DESIGNED AND BUILT IN 1361 BY BENEDICTINE MONKS, THE MONASTERY REACHED ITS MAXIMUM SPLENDOUR IN THE XV AND XVI CENTURY, AS TESTIFIED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COMPLEX, BY THE WONDERFUL QUADRANGULAR CLOISTER AND BY SOME AREAS OF THE MONASTERY. IN THE XVI CENTURY THE MONKS BUILT THE TOWER, TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST SARACENS.

THE COMPLEX HAS BEEN RECOGNISED AS A NATIONAL MONUMENT IN 1912 AND RESTORED, MAINTAINING THE ORIGINAL STRUCTURE AND USAGE DESTINATION.

LUNGOMARE ROSSETTI - VIA CERVARA, 10 - SEE THE MAP 3

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MAGIC FLUTE PARK

AMUSEMENT PARK DEDICATED TO MOZART'S MAGIC FLUTE.

EMANUELE LUZZATI HAS PLANNED AND DESIGNED THE ROUTES, THE OBJECTS AND THE PLAY AREAS DRAWING THEIR INSPIRATION FROM THE FAMOUS OPERA.

VIALE RAINUSSO - SEE THE MAP 4

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CASTLE

IT WAS BUILT IN 1550 BY ORDER OF THE DOGE IN GENOA, TO PROTECT THE CITY AGAINST PIRATE RAIDS. THE BUILDING IS RATHER SMALL, WITH A RECTANGULAR PLAN AND A TOWER IN THE SOUTH-WESTERN CORNER, WHERE THERE IS THE CASTLE ENTRANCE. RECENTLY RESTORED, IT HOSTS CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC EVENTS.

LUNGOMARE MARCONI, 3 - SEE THE MAP 5

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- BASILICA CONSECRATED TO SANTA MARGHERITA OF ANTIOCHIA AND TO THE MADONNA OF THE ROSE. OF ANCIENT ORIGINS, IT WAS REBUILT IN THE XVII CENTURY AND THEN READAPTED IN THE XIX CENTURY.
- CHURCH OF SAN GIACOMO IN CORTE, SET IN THE GREEN MUNICIPAL PARK, A TRUE BAROQUE JEWEL OVERHANGING THE BAY.
- CAPUCHIN CHURCH, BUILT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE XVII CENTURY, ITS COURTYARD OFFERS A WONDERFUL VIEW OF THE WHOLE TIGULLIO GULF.





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HISTORY ADDS CHARM TO BEAUTY,
CULTURE GOES ALONG WITH ENTERTAINMENT.

THE PESTO IS THE BEST KNOWN LIGURIAN SPECIALITY
IN ITALY AND ABROAD.
IT IS A VARIANT OF THE SAUCES
IMPORTED INTO LIGURIA FROM THE EAST.



Tourism, events and traditions

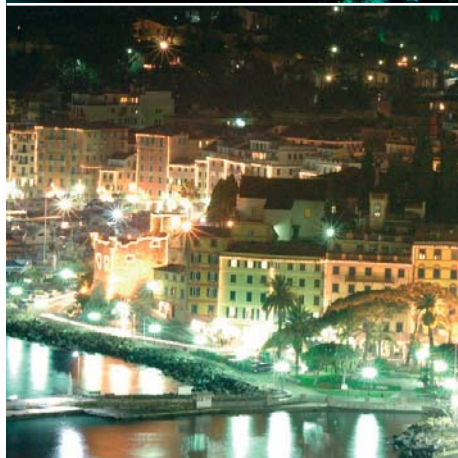
SANTA MARGHERITA HAS ALWAYS BEEN CHOSEN AS PREFERRED DESTINATION BY TOURISTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, THANKS TO THE ELEGANT AND ROMANTIC ATMOSPHERE OF THE TOWN, THE CLEARNESS OF ITS EMERALD GREEN SEA, ITS NATURAL AND ARCHITECTURAL BEAUTIES. WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO STAY FOR A WEEKEND OR FOR LONGER HOLIDAY, RELAX AND ENTERTAINMENT ARE GUARANTEED IN EVERY SEASON: NIGHTLIFE LOVERS CAN CHOOSE BETWEEN EXCELLENT RESTAURANTS AND EXCLUSIVE CLUBS, WHILE SPORTSMEN CAN ENJOY TENNIS, CYCLING AND ROWING FACILITIES.

EVEN IN SPORT THE SEA PLAYS A PREDOMINANT ROLE: WINDSURFING, DIVING AND SAILING CERTAINLY OFFER FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO GET TO KNOW THE WATERS AND FLOORS OF THIS WORLD-FAMOUS EXPANSE OF SEA. THE MARINA, PROTECTED BY THE NEW WHARF ON THE SOUTH-EASTERN SIDE, OFFERS ABOUT 450 BOAT PLACES.

FROM THE NORTHERN WHARF YOU CAN CATCH THE FERRY FOR EXCURSIONS TO PORTOFINO, SAN FRUTTUOSO, CAMOGLI AND CINQUE TERRE.

THE HISTORIC CENTRE AND THE AREA AROUND THE MARINA HOST SOCIAL, RELIGIOUS AND FOLKLORE EVENTS, THE MOST INTERESTING AMONG WHICH ARE THE SPRING FEAST AT THE END OF MARCH, THE PIRELLI REGATTAS IN APRIL/MAY, THE BINDI AWARD FOR ART SONGS IN JULY. ON JULY 20TH WE CELEBRATE SANTA MARGHERITA D'ANTIOCHIA, THE TOWN'S PATRON; OTHER TOWN FEASTS ARE DEVOTED TO THE MADONNA OF THE ROSE, ON THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, AND TO SAN GIACOMO, ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF JULY.

CONCERTS, LITERARY CONTESTS, THEATRE SHOWS AND MANY OTHER EVENTS ENLIVEN THE CULTURAL LIFE OF THE TOWN.



Gastronomy

LOCAL GASTRONOMY OFFERS DISHES BASED ON THE FRESH FISHES SUPPLIED EVERY MORNING BY LOCAL FISHES; ALSO EXCELLENT ARE THE CRAYFISHES, ONE OF THE MOST DESIRED AND SAVOURY PREYS OF THIS COAST SECTION. YOU ALSO MUST NOT MISS TASTING THE "TROFIE", LITTLE "GNOCCHI" OF DRY PASTRY WITH AN UNMISTAKABLE SHAPE, ALWAYS SEASONED WITH THE INCOMPARABLE GENOESE PESTO.

ACCORDING TO THE TRADITIONAL RECIPE, THE INGREDIENTS OF PESTO - BASIL, PINE SEEDS, GRATED PARMESAN, "PECORINO" CHEESE, GARLIC, COARSE SALT AND OLIVE OIL - MUST BE POUNDED IN A MORTAR UNTIL THEY ARE FINELY GROUND, SO THAT THEY PRESERVE THE TASTE AND THE FRAGRANCE THAT MAKE THE "PESTO" UNIQUE.

IN A VARIANT OF THE PREPARATION VERY POPULAR IN THE TIGULLIO, THE PARMESAN AND THE "PECORINO" CHEESE ARE REPLACED BY THE "PRESCINSEUA", A PARTICULAR KIND OF CHEESE TYPICAL OF THE GENOESE AREA. MOVING TO THE MAINLAND YOU CAN TASTE THE DISHES TYPICAL OF THE TRADITIONAL COOKERY, LIKE THE BRAISED RABBIT, THE STUFFED VEGETABLES, THE EASTER PIE (MADE WITH CHARDS OR ARTICHOKE ACCORDING TO THE SEASON), THE "PANSOTI" WITH THE WALNUT SAUCE, THE CHICKPEAS "A ZEMINO", THE "PANISSA", THE "FARINATA", THE "FOCACCIA", SIMPLE OR SCENTED WITH KITCHEN GARDEN AROMATIC HERBS, THE "CIMA" AND THE GENOESE "MINISTRONE".

TYPICAL OF SANTA MARGHERITA ARE THE "FRISCEU", TASTY FRITTERS FLAVOURED WITH STOCKFISH AND SPRING ONIONS OR SWEETENED WITH HONEY AND RAISINS, TASTED DURING THE SPRING FEAST, ACCOMPANIED BY WHITE OR ROSÉ DOC WINES OF THE TIGULLIO GULF.

*The Ligurian
cooking, jealously
transmitted
along the centuries
in family recipes,
is a delicate union
between taste and
lightness, sea and
mainland.*



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THE STREETS OF SANTA MARGHERITA'S HISTORIC CENTRE,
WITH THE PAINTED FAÇADES.



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- H** Hospital - Casualty ward
- P** Parking
- 1** Villa Durazzo
- 2** Promenade of Cervara
- 3** Abbey Complex of San Girolamo della Cervara
- 4** Magic Flute Park
- 5** Castle



How to reach Santa Margherita

SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE IS IN THE NORTH-WEST OF ITALY, IN LIGURIA, IN THE PROVINCE OF GENOA, ABOUT 25 KM FROM THE CHIEF TOWN.

REACHING SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE IS EASY:

- BY HIGHWAY: MOTORWAY A12 GENOVA-LIVORNO, EXIT RAPALLO
- OTHER MAIN ROADS: FROM GENOVA SS N 1 AURELIA, FROM RAPALLO SS N 227 TO PORTOFINO
- BY TRAIN: RAILWAY GENOVA-LA SPEZIA; SANTA MARGHERITA STATION
- BY BUS: FROM RAPALLO RAILWAY STATION - LINE 73
- NEAREST AIRPORT: CRISTOFORO COLOMBO, GENOVA SESTRI PONENTE

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