

WELCOME TO GENOVA



WHAT IS GENOVA?



Genova is an historical city situated on the Mediterranean sea, in the northwest part of Italy. It was built "in a continual struggle with the mountain". Since its very birth Genova has always been a sea port. Today Genova is still one of the major ports of Mediterranean sea.

GENOVA: LA SUPERBA

The epithet "La Superba" (proud) that the city has carried down through the centuries was first given by the poet Francesco Petrarca in 1358: "you will see a regal city on the side of a rugged hill, proud in its menfolk and city walls. The aspect of the place alone tells you this city in its mistress of the seas." The city merited the term "Superba" (and still does to a certain extent) because, seen from the sea, it presents an extraordinary spectacle. Towers, palaces, churches do not look on to a harmonious urban centre but out to sea. The whole city as on a stage, with the waves its auditorium." Proud", in fact.

THE OLD CITY HARBOUR

The city old harbour has been completely renovated, with the new convention centre in the Cotton Warehouses forming a splendid centre-piece. Besides cinemas, restaurants, bars and commercial outlets, the old harbour area hosts the greatest aquarium in Europe and the touristic harbour.



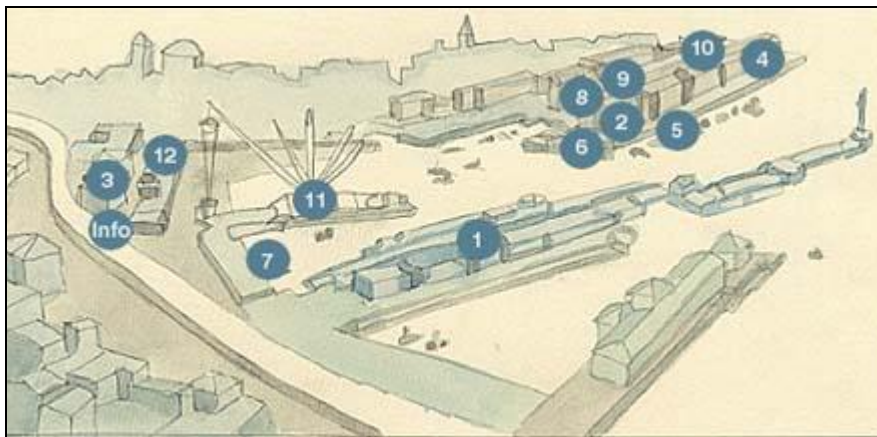
FAMOUS PEOPLE FROM GENOVA

- Cristoforo Colombo
- Nicolò Paganini
- Giuseppe Mazzini
- Eugenio Montale
- Bernardo Strozzi

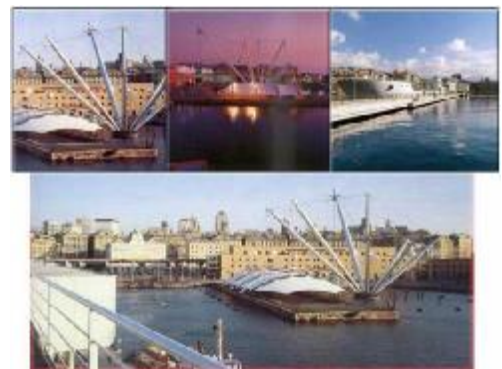
IMPORTANT MONUMENS, CHURCHES AND PALACES

The entire historical center is worth a visit. In particular: Palazzo Principe, Palazzo Ducale, Piazza San Matteo, the Cathedral of S. Lorenzo, Chiesa del Gesù, di San Siro, e della Santissima Annunziata, Palazzo Balbi, Palazzo Doria, Palazzo Bianco, Palazzo Rosso, Piazza De Ferrari, Via XX Settembre.

THE OLD PORT



- **Cotton warehouses(12):** They were industrial buildings, but now they give hospitality to a multi-cinema, stores and entertainment halls
- **Bigo(11):** it's a strange elevator, about 30 meters high, which permits to see the whole port and a great part of the city.
- **Aquarius(1):** 9,400 sq metres exhibition , 5,000 animals from more than 500 different species - stands unrivalled in Europe and is the most important tourist attraction in Genoa - more than six million tickets sold over these past five years. Originally there were 39 tanks, but in June 1998 expansion came in the form of a further 2,400 sq metre space. A ship was placed prowside leading into the Aquarium creating the area for the reconstruction of the Madagascar forest. With its team of researchers and



scientists, the Aquarium acts as national reference point for assistance when any sea animals are washed onto beaches, injured or in general difficulty.

GENOA – CENTRE OF THE TOWN



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