

# PORTOFINO

Set amid an enchanting bay among picturesque houses and stunning boats. Portofino is a must for anyone visiting Liguria, a jewel famous far beyond the borders of Italy and a stopping place for tourists and visitors from around the world. There are only three ways to get to it: Portofino can be reached by sea, on foot from over the mountains, by bus and car from Santa Margherita.



## *The sea.*

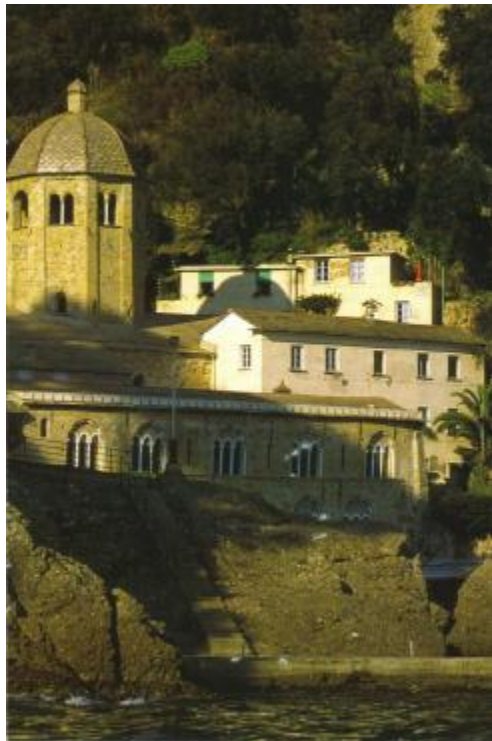
Spectacular waters, ideal for a refreshing swimming or sailing, not to mention diving, are one of Portofino's charms.

### ***The park (the mountain of Portofino).***

The mountain of Portofino, natural border between the Golfo Paradiso and the Golfo del Tigullio is another wonder of this bay. In this area of great natural interest, sea, rocks and vegetation merge perfectly to create an unforgettable scenery. A protected area since the 1930s, the Regional Park of Portofino, continues to defend and protect the surrounding environment.

### ***The ancient Abbey of San Fruttuoso di Capodimonte.***

Build towards the end of the 1200s and recently restored by the F.A.I (Italian Environmental Fund), the complex comprises the church, cloister and late 13<sup>th</sup> century tombs of the Doria family. The tombs stand out for their Gothic arches in white marble and grey slate. Many of them feature epigraphs. The abbey is dominated by the Torre dei Doria, built in 1562 to defend the village from pirates. At a depth of 17 metres in the waters off the abbey stands the statue of Christ of the Deep, a traditional and poignant stopping place for divers and snorkelers.



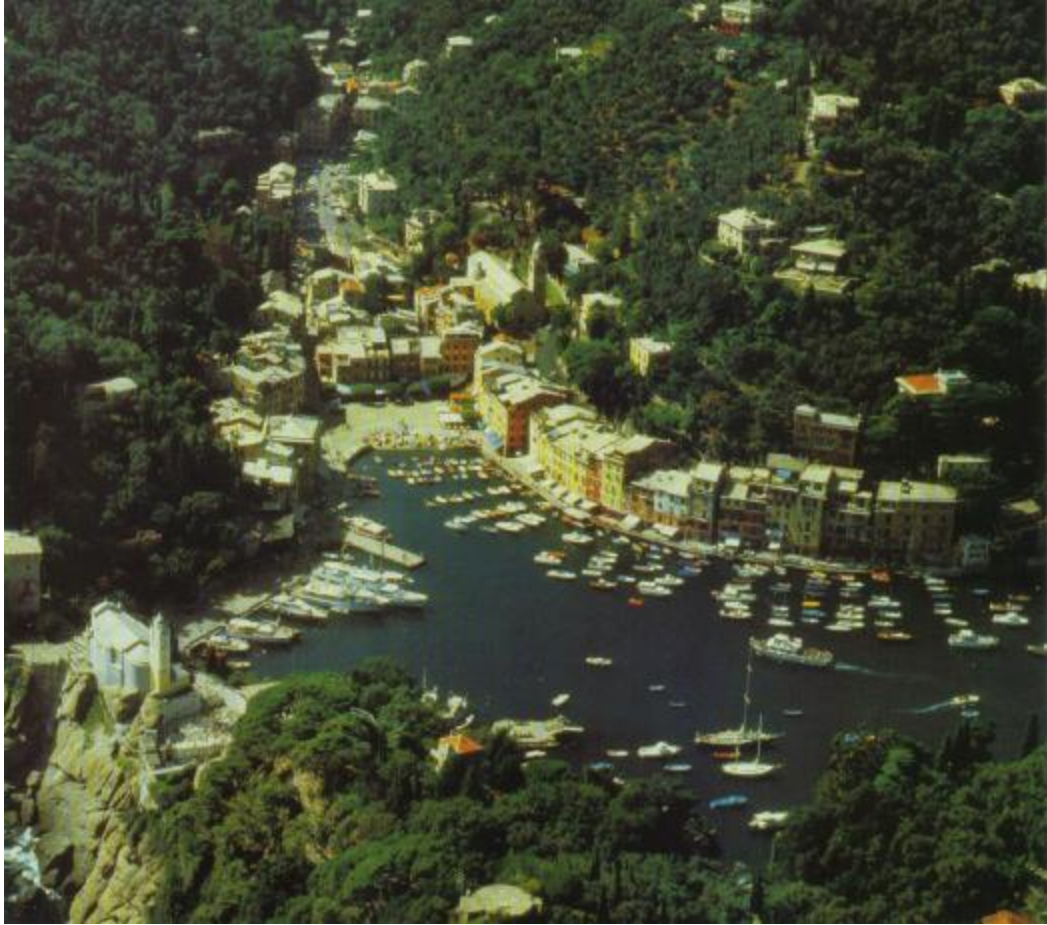
### ***“Vips in Portofino”***

It was in the swinging '60s that Portofino enjoyed its first real moment of stardom when Rex Harrison invited Richard Burton and Elisabeth Taylor there to recover from filming “Cleopatra”. Today this tiny fishing village continues to attract famous people, actors, singers, stylists, politicians, rich people.

### ***Where to eat:***

There are a lot of famous and very expensive restaurants where you can taste typical Ligurian dishes.





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