

GENOVA

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Genoa (Genova) is a **port city** and the capital of northwest Italy's Liguria region. It's known for its central role in maritime trade over many centuries.

Genoa is the **state capital of Liguria** and is bordered with the **Mar Ligure**.

Population of **565 752 residents**.

Our flag is represented by a **red cross in a white background**.(Saint George's cross)



The origin of the name

There are different explanations why Genova is called this way.

- some say the name comes from the Greek word “**xenos**” (foreigner), meaning that the city was founded by foreign people coming from the sea
- some say it has a Latin origin, with reference to the Roman god **Giano** who was famous for his two faces. Genova has one face towards the sea and a second face towards the hills
- the last theory connects the origin of the name to the Latin word “**janua**”, which mean “door” because Genova has always been a door connecting the Mediterranean Sea and the mainland

Acquario di Genova

The Aquarium of Genoa is an aquarium located in Ponte Spinola.

At the time of its inauguration it was the **largest in Europe** and the **second in the world**.

The total area is 27 000 square meters. The tanks are home to about 15 000 animals of 400 different species including fish, marine mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates.



Focaccia

The focaccia in Genoa is a real must, a myth, something sacred! **Fugassa** in Genoa is an important food: the Genoese are proud of it, love it and are also a bit jealous of it.

The focaccia in Genoa is an important part of the day and still maintains a strong relationship with the story of the city.

During this week we will try to explain why this food is so important for the Genoese.



Pesto

Pesto alla Genovese is a typical traditional dressing for pasta in Liguria.

The main ingredient of Genoese pesto is **basil** with salt, pine nuts and garlic, all seasoned with Parmigiano Reggiano, Pecorino Sardo cheese and extra virgin olive oil.

The first recipe of Genoese pesto dates back to the nineteenth century, based on garlic and walnuts, and the French pistou.



Cinque Terre and Portofino

The Cinque Terre are five little towns near La Spezia, they are one of the most beautiful Ligurian places you can visit, they are called “Monterosso”, “Vernazza”, “Riomaggiore”, “Manarola” and “Corniglia”.

Another famous place you can visit is **Portofino**, it is one of the most popular and beautiful Ligurian sites.

The Disney movie “**Luca**” is set in “Porto Rosso”, an imaginary town near the Cinque Terre, it received a lot of attention because of its background.



Boccadasse

Boccadasse is an **ancient fishing village** of the municipality of Genoa. It is a UNESCO heritage site. It was founded in the year 1000. Also it is a meeting **place for people**.



Lanterna

The Lanterna is the **symbol** of the city and it is the **lighthouse** of the city. It is 117 meters tall and it is located in the port.



Piazza De Ferrari

Piazza De Ferrari is the main square of Genoa. Situated in the heart of the city between the historical and the modern center, Piazza De Ferrari is renowned for its fountain, which was restored in recent years along with a major restyling of the square. The square is dedicated to the Italian banker and politician Raffaele De Ferrari, duke of Galliera.



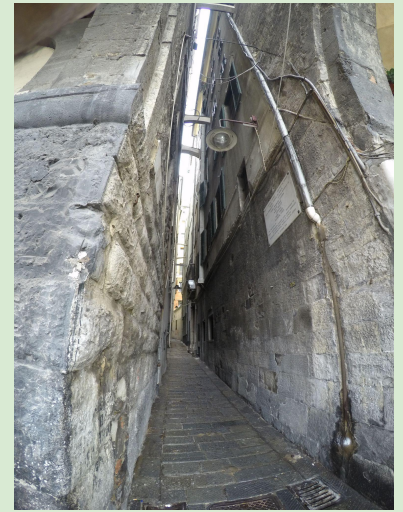
Nervi

Nervi is the last district on the eastern side of Genoa, it has a little port and a beautiful walk on the sea. It has some big museums like the modern art museum.



Vicoli

In our dialect, they are called “**Caruggi**”, that means “alleys or lanes”. They are the typical streets of the whole historical centre, they are very narrow and we have them because, during the Middle Ages, when there was a war or a battle, the enemy soldiers couldn't go all together and they had to split in smaller groups, which was easier to defeat them. Nowadays they only have an historical function but they are a big part of our culture.



Via Garibaldi

Via Garibaldi is a street which is near Piazza de Ferrari. It has 12 palaces in it, and in 2006 it became one of **UNESCO** Heritage Sites. Originally they wanted it to be a new district for the most important families of the city, the project ended in 1550 and it was called “Via Aurea” until 1882.

