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MARINA - BERTHING GUIDE

Cala del Forte

Berthing Guide

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Cala del Forte, Ventimiglia: Monaco's Italian Sister Port
Destination: french riviera yacht charter
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Overview

Cala del Forte sits on the Ligurian coast at Ventimiglia, the last Italian town before the French border and only a short run by sea from Monaco. Operated in close association with Monaco's port authority, it has become the Principality's practical sister port: a polished, modern marina where charter yachts can berth with space, service and a distinctly Italian landfall. The setting is useful as well as beautiful. To the east are Sanremo, Bordighera and the terraced valleys of inland Liguria; to the west lie Menton, Cap Martin, Monaco and the Côte d'Azur. Yachts come here for secure berthing near Monaco, less pressured provisioning than the Principality, fast road and rail links, and the pleasure of stepping ashore into a real border town with markets, trattorias, beaches and a medieval upper quarter. It is a marina for owners and guests who want Riviera convenience without losing Ligurian flavour.

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QUAY FACTS

Specifications

INDICATIVE MAX LOA **approx. 70 m**	INDICATIVE MAX DRAFT **approx. 5 m**
BERTHS **178**	FUEL **Available**
POWER **Shore power typical - confirm amp rating vs LOA**	WATER **Available**
WASTE **Pump-out on request / by arrangement**	WI-FI **Harbour Wi-Fi variable - starlink aboard preferred**

PILOTAGE NOTES

Approach

Approach Cala del Forte with local pilotage notes from the captain; high season berths book weeks ahead. Confirm fuel, shore power amp rating and waste before arrival.

HOLDS & LEAD TIMES

Berthing

Peak berths around Cala del Forte typically need 4-12 weeks for larger LOA. We hold anchorage fallbacks before you fly.

EMBARK UTILITY

Embark at Cala del Forte

Door-to-deck for french riviera yacht charter: fly into the gateway, transfer timed to the gangway, luggage aboard before guests. We choreograph the buffer - not a taxi scramble.

MEETING POINT	Meeting point: Cala del Forte - confirm quay / pontoon with the captain the morning of embarkation.
ARRIVAL BUFFER	Plan 60-90 minutes from wheels-down to passerelle for chauffeur corridors; helicopter windows are tighter when helipad access is confirmed.
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Captain notes

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Tender fallback

When berths are scarce we hold a sheltered anchorage + tender (or captain-only standby) plan before you fly - never a last-minute scramble at the mole.

Luggage / hotel

Night-before hotel near the gateway (or marina) when late arrivals risk missing the embarkation slot - we hold rooms against the transfer plan.

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SHORE TABLES

Nearby dining

Ristorante Marco Polo

A long-established Ventimiglia address for fish, pasta and polished coastal dining. Best booked for owner dinners or a relaxed but proper lunch ashore.

U Funtanin

Set in Ventimiglia Alta, this is a good choice for guests who want old-town atmosphere and regional cooking. Wear comfortable shoes for the walk through the lanes.

La Grotta

A practical Ventimiglia option for casual suppers, pizza and family-friendly Italian staples. Useful when the brief is easy, quick and informal.

La Caravella

A local restaurant suited to straightforward coastal cooking and a quieter evening away from Monaco's intensity. Check opening days before committing guest plans.

Ristorante Balzi Rossi

Near the prehistoric caves close to the French border, Balzi Rossi offers a more occasion-led meal with a memorable coastal setting. Reserve ahead in season.

Mirazur

Mauro Colagreco's celebrated Menton restaurant is a destination booking rather than a casual marina dinner. Plan well ahead and confirm transfer timing carefully.

FALLBACKS

Nearby anchorages

Baie de Garavan, Menton
Yachts use it for a quick French-side swim stop with Menton's old town and Italian border scenery close by.

Rade de Menton
A convenient fair-weather anchorage for lunch, swimming and easy tender access towards Les Sablettes in settled conditions.

Cap Martin
Clear water and a villa-lined headland make it a popular short-hop anchorage between Ventimiglia, Menton and Monaco.

Plage Mala, Cap d'Ail
Charter yachts head here for dramatic cliffs, beach restaurants and a glamorous swim stop just outside Monaco.

Rade de Villefranche
One of the Riviera's classic sheltered roadsteads, with deep water, colourful waterfronts and easy access to Cap Ferrat.

Anse des Fossettes, Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat
A scenic anchorage for clear-water swimming and a quieter Cap Ferrat feel when conditions are calm.

TIMING

Seasonal note

Cala del Forte follows the western Mediterranean charter rhythm. June to September is peak season, with the greatest pressure around Monaco events, the Grand Prix period, major yacht shows, Italian holidays and the August coastal shutdown. July and August bring hot days, busy roads, crowded markets and strong demand for berths, restaurants, taxis and technical support. The prevailing summer pattern is generally settled, but afternoon thermal breezes, easterly swell and the occasional mistral reaching down from the Gulf of Lion can affect comfort at anchor and timing for coastal passages. Spring and autumn are often excellent: May, early June, September and October offer softer light, cooler excursions, better restaurant availability and a more pleasant experience in Ventimiglia Alta and the inland villages. Book high-season berthing and Monaco transfers well ahead, especially for larger yachts. Shoulder season still requires planning, but it gives charter parties a more flexible, less pressured Riviera.

INDICATIVE DRAFT

Berth fees

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BEFORE YOU FLY

Berthing FAQ

How do I embark at Cala del Forte?
Confirm quay / pontoon with the captain the morning of embarkation. We brief the chauffeur on the correct marina gate - not a generic harbour drop.

Can I berth a yacht at Cala del Forte?

Yes when LOA, draft and event weeks allow. For peak season and event weeks, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger LOA; shoulder season is more flexible. Blue Ocean Club opens the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist for french riviera yacht charter.

What does berthing cost at Cala del Forte?

What berthing costs at Cala del Forte depends on length overall, peak weeks and power amp rating. Indicative seasonal berth ranges are shared on request - confirm with the marina agent before contract. We never publish unverified nightly rates as fact.

Is yacht charter available from Cala del Forte?

Private yacht charter from Cala del Forte is common for french riviera yacht charter weeks. Captains confirm approach and tender logistics; we hold the quay or an anchorage fallback.

How far ahead should we book a berth at Cala del Forte?

For peak season and event weeks, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger LOA; shoulder season is more flexible. We start the berth conversation when the yacht shortlist is open.

What is the practical embarkation airport for Cala del Forte?

We match the nearest suitable GA / commercial gateway to your LOA and embarkation slot.

Can we overnight at anchor instead of taking a quay night?

Baie de Garavan, Menton is a common alternative when the quay is full - captains confirm holding and shelter before committing.

What services should we expect at Cala del Forte?

We confirm fuel, shore power, water and waste against your LOA with the marina agent before contract.

Indicative guidance - some berth fee notes are labelled draft. Live rates move with LOA, season and events. Blue Ocean Club confirms in writing before deposit. No invented phone numbers or reviews. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

ENQUIRE

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