



MARINA - BERTHING GUIDE

Marina di Portofino

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Yacht Charter Guide to Marina di Portofino

Destination: Italy

Ecosystem: Italy

Gateway: GOA - 60-90 min from GOA

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Overview

Marina di Portofino occupies one of the most recognisable natural harbours in the Mediterranean, tucked into a small, steep-sided cove on the eastern Ligurian coast. Arriving by sea is part of the experience: the Portofino promontory rises in folds of pine, olive and holm oak, the church and Castello Brown appear above the entrance, and the waterfront piazzetta slowly resolves into a theatre of ochre, terracotta and Ligurian shutters. Yachts come for the setting as much as the berthing, using Portofino as a polished pause between Genoa, the Riviera di Levante, Cinque Terre and Tuscany. Space is limited and the harbour has a village scale, so many larger yachts work with agents, tenders and nearby anchorages while guests step straight into one of Italy's most photographed watersides. It is elegant rather than expansive, highly seasonal, and best approached with planning, patience and a good understanding of local harbour practice.

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QUAY FACTS

Specifications

INDICATIVE MAX LOA approx. 40 m	INDICATIVE MAX DRAFT approx. 4.5 m
BERTHS 14	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
GATEWAY GOA	TRANSFER 60-90 min from GOA
PEAK LEAD TIME 8-16 weeks peak	

PILOTAGE NOTES

Approach

Tiny Portofino quay - LOA limits; Santa Margherita overflow.

HOLDS & LEAD TIMES

Berthing

Peak berths typically need 8-16 weeks peak. We hold anchorage fallbacks before you fly.

TRANSFERS

Door to deck

Typical GOA quay timing: 60-90 min from GOA. Timed to embarkation, not a taxi scramble.

AIRPORT

GOA

TYPICAL TRANSFER

60-90 min from GOA

EMBARK UTILITY

Embark at Marina di Portofino

Door-to-deck for Italy: 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: Marina di Portofino - 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.

PEAK LEAD TIME

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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.

GOA

Typical GOA quay: 60-90 min from GOA. Typical transfer: 60-90 min from GOA

[Draft] Indicative seasonal berth ranges are shared on request - confirm with the marina agent before contract. We never publish unverified nightly rates as fact.

SHORE TABLES

Nearby dining

DaV Mare

Set at Splendido Mare on the piazzetta, DaV Mare offers polished service and a refined take on coastal ingredients. It is one of the most convenient high-end choices from the marina.

Puny

A long-standing Portofino address on the main square, known for its social history and harbour views. Book well ahead for prime outdoor tables.

Ristorante Delfino

A traditional waterfront option with pasta, seafood and a front-row view of the harbour. It suits guests wanting a recognisably Portofino lunch or dinner.

Taverna del Marinaio

Close to the water and informal by Portofino standards, this is useful for classic fish dishes and local specialities. Reservations are still sensible in season.

Ö Magazín

A smaller, characterful restaurant near the harbour with an appealing sense of place. It is a good choice when guests want atmosphere without the busiest piazzetta tables.

La Terrazza at Belmond Hotel Splendido

High above the harbour, La Terrazza is the grand Portofino meal, with views, gardens and formal service. Arrange transfers and timings in advance.

FALLBACKS

Nearby anchorages

Paraggi Bay

Yachts use Paraggi for clear water, beach-club lunches and a very short tender run back to Portofino.

San Fruttuoso

This cove offers abbey views, swimming and a dramatic promontory backdrop in suitable settled conditions.

Punta Chiappa

A scenic rocky stop near Camogli, favoured for swimming, snorkelling and a wilder feel than the harbour.

Santa Margherita Ligure roadstead

A practical nearby option when Portofino is full, with easier access to services, taxis and provisioning.

Baia del Silenzio, Sestri Levante

Yachts head east for a beautiful Ligurian bay, evening light and a different village atmosphere.

Monterosso al Mare

A gateway to the Cinque Terre coastline, useful for longer cruising days in settled weather.

TIMING

Seasonal note

Portofino's yachting season runs broadly from May to October, with July and August bringing the heaviest demand, highest visitor numbers and most challenging berth availability. Prime berthing requests, restaurant tables and beach-club lunches should be made well in advance, particularly around Italian holidays, regattas and major private events. The Ligurian Sea is generally more benign than exposed offshore passages, but local planning still matters. Summer afternoons often bring sea breezes, while mistral or maestrale conditions can affect comfort offshore, and libeccio from the south-west can make some anchorages and tender landings uncomfortable. Scirocco and tramontana patterns also deserve attention during shoulder months. May, June, September and early October are often the most rewarding periods for charter: the light is softer, water remains inviting later in the season, restaurants are open, and the village is less pressured. Shoulder season also improves access to walks, cultural excursions and harbour photography without the peak-summer crush.

INDICATIVE DRAFT

Berth fees

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BEFORE YOU FLY

Berthing FAQ

How do I embark at Marina di Portofino?

Confirm quay / pontoon with the captain the morning of embarkation after your GOA arrival. We brief the chauffeur on the correct marina gate - not a generic harbour drop.

Can I berth a yacht at Marina di Portofino?

Yes when LOA, draft and event weeks allow. 8-16 weeks peak Blue Ocean Club opens the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist for Italy.

What does berthing cost at Marina di Portofino?

Berthing at Marina di Portofino is quoted by LOA, season and events - we share indicative ranges labelled as draft, then confirm in writing before deposit. Never treat a published nightly figure as a hard fact.

Is yacht charter available from Marina di Portofino?

Yes - Marina di Portofino is a practical embarkation for crewed yacht charter in Italy. We sequence the berth, transfers and first-night plan before you fly.

How far ahead should we book a berth at Marina di Portofino?

8-16 weeks peak

What is the practical embarkation airport for Marina di Portofino?

Typical GOA quay timing: 60-90 min from GOA. Timed to embarkation, not a taxi scramble.

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

Paraggi Bay is a common alternative when the quay is full - captains confirm holding and shelter before committing.

What services should we expect at Marina di Portofino?

Marina di Portofino typically offers fuel, shore power, water, waste/pump-out, harbour Wi-Fi. Confirm amp rating and pump-out against your LOA before arrival.

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.

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