

# Strolling through Livorno



## Walking through History

### PIAZZA GRANDE

- 1 • **VIA GRANDE**  
This is the main city street and dates back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is the heart of the city and is full of fine shops.
- 2 • **THE FOUR MOORS STATUE**  
This statue by Pietro Tacca is dedicated to Ferdinando I de' Medici. At its base there are four chained Moors who symbolize victory against pirates.
- 3 • **THE MEDICI BASTIONS**  
The many bastions around the city formed the perimeter of the pentagon-shaped town designed by Buontalenti for the Medici.
- 4 • **THE OLD FORTRESS**  
The Medici had this fortress built in 1521 to defend the port. It is one of the symbols of Livorno. Matilde's Keep, the tower inside the fort, dates back to 1077. Inside the Fortress you will find the Livorno Port Center, a collection of interactive tools explaining the port activities.
- 5 • **PIAZZA DEL MUNICIPIO**  
This is the town square with the Town Hall flanked by the Chamber of Commerce (formerly the old customs house) and the Grand Ducal Palace that today houses the Provincial government.
- 6 • **VIA DELLA VENEZIA**  
This is one of city's oldest city streets and runs through the Venezia district which is intersected at various points by picturesque canals known as "fossi".
- 7 • **SCALI ROSCIANO**  
On this road, which runs alongside one of the city's canals, is Palazzo Rosciano. It was built in 1672 for Giuseppe di Pietro Rossano, a wealthy trader from Liguria, and now houses the Livorno Port Authority.
- 8 • **PIAZZA DEI DOMENICANI**  
This square is the site of the Church of S. Caterina da Siena designed by the architect Giovanni del Fantasia and built between 1720 and 1753. The baroque church with its tall cupola is one of the landmarks of the historic "Venezia" district. Alongside it you can still see the remains of the old San Pietro fort.

- 9 • **PIAZZA DEL LUOGO PIO**  
Going back along via degli Avvalorati we return to Piazza del Municipio. Taking Via del Porticciolo and Via della Venezia we come to Piazza del Luogo Pio and the Chiesa dell'Assunzione della Vergine di San Giuseppe designed by Giovanni del Fantasia and built in 1716. On one side of the square is Viale Caprera with a newly restored canal and a number of trattorias.
- 10 • **BOTTINI DELL'OLIO**  
Built in 1698, it is one of the most distinctive buildings in the "Venezia" district. Originally used as oil warehouses, they nowadays host the City Museum of Livorno.
- 11 • **VIA BORRA**  
Built at the beginning of the 1700s, it was lined with the most beautiful period buildings in the heart of "Venezia". Via Borra is named after the Governor Alessandro Dal Borro.
- 12 • **SCALI DEL PONTINO**  
This busy neighbourhood lying between "Venezia" and Piazza della Repubblica contains numerous old small warehouses that have been converted into stores and craft workshops.
- 13 • **PIAZZA DELLA REPUBBLICA**  
Walking along Scali Bettarini behind the Mercato delle Vettovaglie, we come to Piazza della Repubblica, built in 1847 by the architect Bettarini. It is known as Il Voltone as it forms a huge vault over the Fosso Reale or Royal Canal. At the end on the right are Piazza and Via Garibaldi.
- 14 • **FORTEZZA NUOVA**  
This fortress dates back to 1591, when the architect Buontalenti was commissioned by the Grand Duke to design a new urban plan for the city of Livorno.
- 15 • **PIETRO MASCAGNI MUSIC CONSERVATORY**  
Founded in 1953, since 1978 it has acquired status as an official State conservatory. It is a higher education institution for arts and music. It is housed in Palazzo della Gherardesca, which was built between 1845 and 1861 to plans by Tuscan architect, Alessandro Gherardesca.

## Strolling around Shops and Markets

### PIAZZA GRANDE

Three of the city's most important buildings can be found in this central square: the Duomo, Palazzo Grande and behind these, the City Hall. The square's beauty and harmony were an inspiration to Inigo Jones, the father of English Renaissance architecture, when he designed London's Covent Garden.

- 16 • **VIA CAIROLI**  
This road leads from Piazza Grande to Piazza Cavour, and contains several banks, the imposing post office building and Palazzo della Galleria.
- 17 • **PIAZZA CAVOUR**  
It was designed by Luigi De Cambray Digny in 1828. It is located on the Fosso Reale, [Royal Canal] half way between Piazza Grande and Piazza Attias to which it is connected by the bustling Via Ricasoli and Via Cairoli.
- 18 • **VIA RICASOLI**  
With its fashionable shops stocking leading Italian brands, it is the favourite street of Livorno's young window shoppers.
- 19 • **PIAZZA ATTIAS**  
Built as recently as the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it is one of the favourite meeting places for Livorno's youngsters. There are large department stores and shops near and around the square.
- 20 • **VIA GOLDONI**  
You can reach Via Goldoni from Piazza Attias or Corso Amedeo. Halfway down the road is the beautiful Teatro Goldoni, which has become the city's main venue for cultural events.

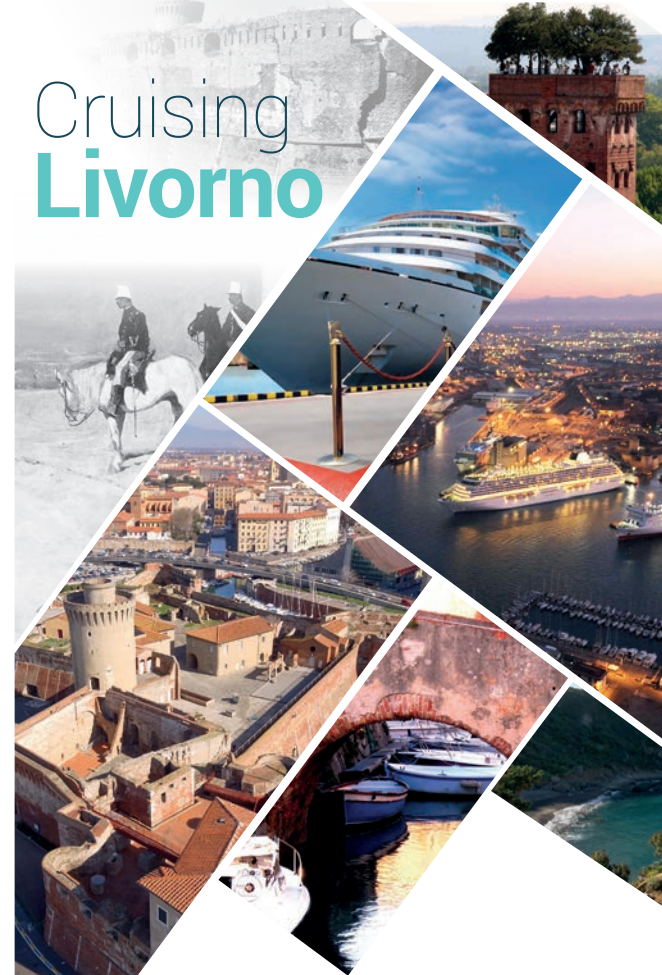


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Heading in the direction of Piazza della Repubblica, a short way down Via degli Avvalorati next to the canal that skirts the New Fortress, is Via della Madonna, a pedestrian area with boutiques, restaurants, craft shops and markets.

- 21 • **VIA DELLA MADONNA**  
The street gets its name from the Church of the Madonna built in 1607 by the architect Alessandro Pieroni. A short distance away is the Greek United Church and the remains of the Armenian Church. This is a pedestrian area with boutiques, restaurants, shops and the central market.
- 22 • **PIAZZA CAVALLOTTI**  
It is home to the bustling outdoor market with specialist stores and fruit and vegetable stalls. This is one of the city's most charming, colourful markets.
- 23 • **VIA BUONTALENTI**  
Livorno's central food market, Mercato delle Vettovaglie, a large Art Nouveau-style building, designed by Angiolo Badaloni, was first opened to the public in 1894. In front of the market are numerous stalls with clothes and household products.
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- 27 • **AMERICAN MARKET**  
Returning to the port, in front of the Stazione Marittima terminal is the market that was set up after the Second World War to sell sought-after military and imported goods.

## Cruising Livorno



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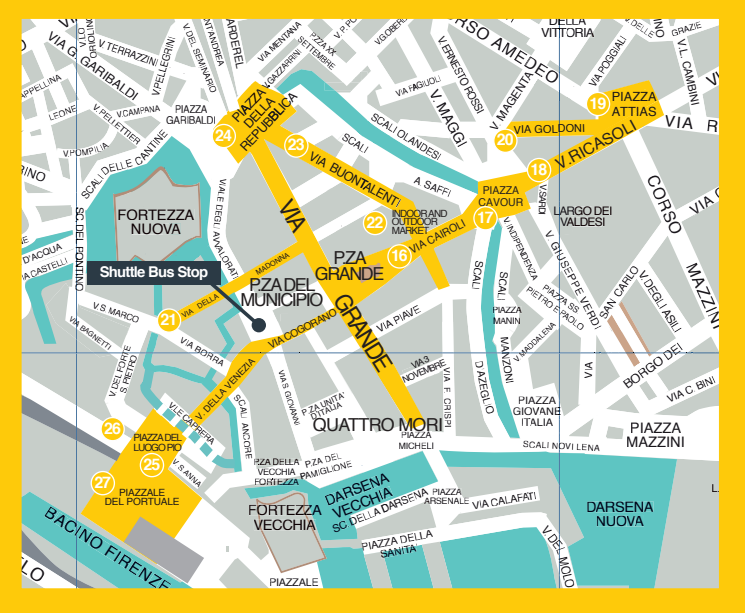


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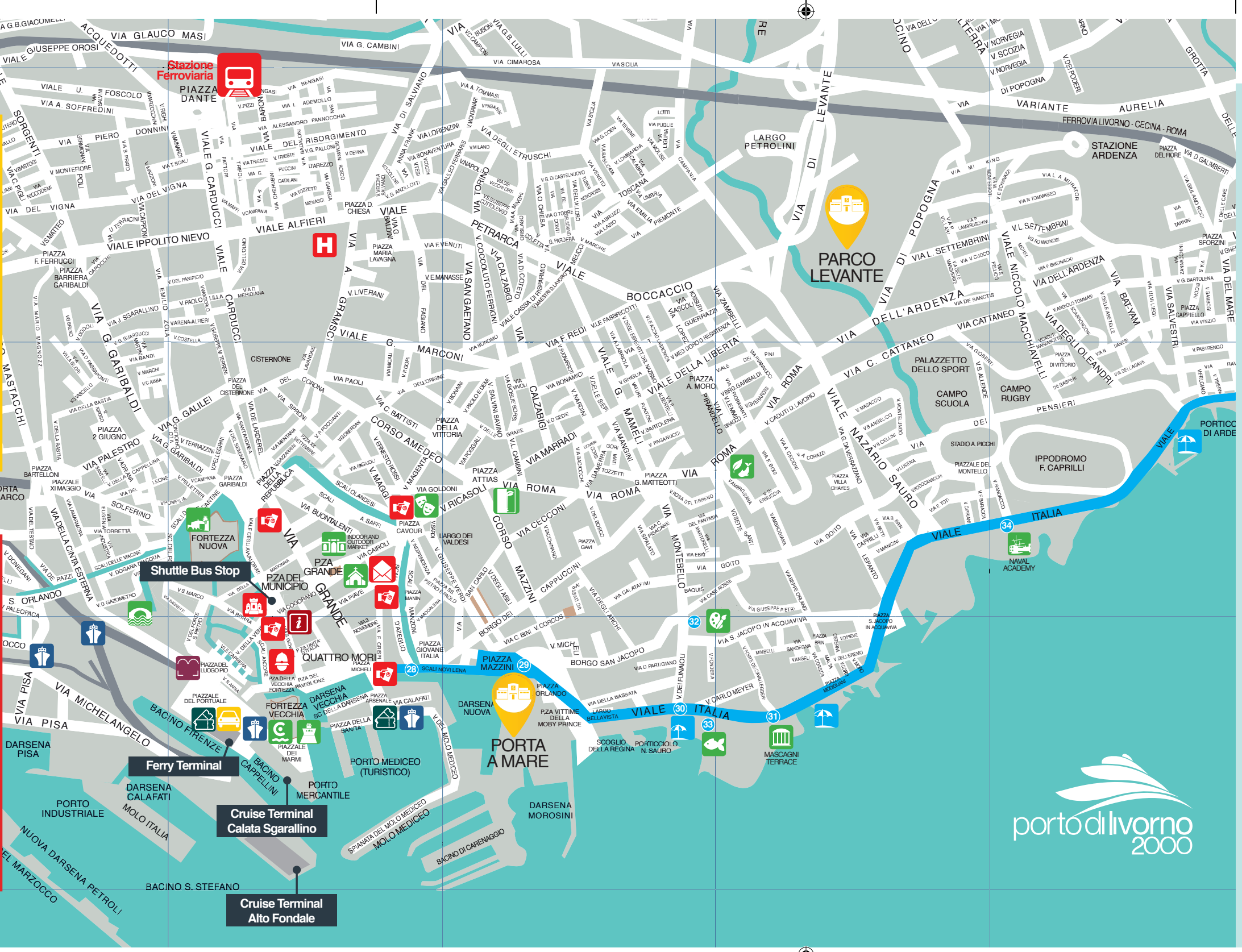
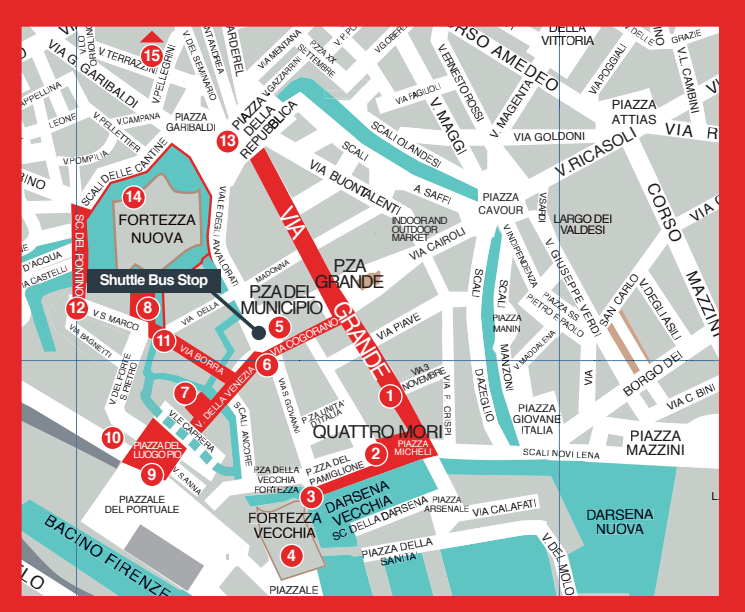




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## Amenities

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|--|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
|  | Mascagni Terrace           |  | Tourist information         |
|  | Aquarium                   |  | Beach resorts               |
|  | Natural History Museum     |  | Car rental                  |
|  | Fattori Museum             |  | Port gates                  |
|  | Goldoni Theatre            |  | Town Hall                   |
|  | Little Venice              |  | Police Headquarters         |
|  | Indoor and outdoor markets |  | Post Office                 |
|  | Modigliani's House         |  | Hospital                    |
|  | Naval Academy              |  | Railway station             |
|  | Cathedral                  |  | Banks and currency Exchange |
|  | Old Fortress               |  | City Museum of Livorno      |
|  | New Fortress               |  | Shopping centres            |
|  | Port Center                |  |                             |

## Walking along the Seafront

- PIAZZA GRANDE**
- 28 • SCALI NOVI LENA**  
Walk along the fishing port with its small fish market and trawlers up to the Porta a Mare, a harbour for pleasure craft and luxury yachts.
- 29 • PIAZZA MAZZINI**  
Opposite Porta a Mare is a shady green park flanked by restaurants and shops.
- 30 • VIALE ITALIA**  
Livorno's seafront promenade with palm trees, beach resorts and restaurants - this is where locals love to spend their free time.
- 31 • TERRAZZA MASCAGNI**  
One of Livorno's most elegant and attractive sites overlooking the sea. Just across the road is the magnificent Hotel Palazzo built in the first half of the 1800s.
- 32 • GIOVANNI FATTORI MUSEUM**  
The museum is located in Villa Mimbelli, a 19th century residence, that now houses works of art by painters from Livorno and Tuscany including large paintings by Giovanni Fattori and other Macchiaioli as well as leading exponents of post-Macchiaioli and Divisionism.
- 33 • LIVORNO AQUARIUM**  
This is the largest aquarium in Tuscany. Here you can explore various ecosystems, art and science.
- 34 • THE NAVAL ACADEMY**  
This military university, established in 1881, is responsible for the technical training of Italian Navy officers. The impressive complex is located on the seafront in Viale Italia.

