

FREE BEACHES

If you would like to spend a relaxing day at the sea, not so far from Loano, we can suggest you some charming free beaches, where also families with kids can relax and have fun.

Beach Capo San Donato Beach – Finale Ligure (distance: 9 km)



Coming from Loano along the Via Aurelia, after the tunnel at the end of Finale Ligure, you find the Beach **Capo San Donato**.

We suggest you to park the car before the tunnel and walk along the promenade to reach the free beach close to the clear and gleaming sea.

Close to the beach you will find huge rocks plunging into the sea, over which two towers, Tower Caviglia and Castelletto stand.

In the beach you can have a shower and refresh yourself at one of the bars nearby (opened in the summertime).

The new wooden **panoramic promenade** stretches along all the Cape and reaches the little tourist Harbour of Finale Ligure.

Baia dei Saraceni – Varigotti (distance: 13 km)



Defilata dalle più affollate spiagge di Finale Ligure, la piccola spiaggetta di **Punta Crena** è da sempre una delle mete più ambite per chi decide di godersi una giornata di mare cullati dalle onde di un mare dalla purezza **crystalina** e incastonato tra falesie a strapiombo. Una meta ambita, ma che solo pochi possono condividere. *Off limits* per ogni imbarcazione a motore, è raggiungibile solo **via mare** in materassino, canoa e pedalò o a nuoto per i più abili. E' sconsigliato scendere per l'unico sentiero scosceso e di non sicura accessibilità che taglia il promontorio.

Baia dei Saraceni – Varigotti (distanza: 13 km)



Baia dei Saraceni is a fantastic natural bay between **Punta Crena** and **Capo Noli**. It is very appreciated for its particularly shallow and very sandy depth, for its crystal clear water and for the rocks falling sheer to the sea. In the eastern part of the coast the seabed is rocky.

The beach is very small in front of the colourful small houses of the village. To the westside the Baia dei Saraceni is closed by a 10 mt high rock: here the water is crystal clear, on the sandy depth you can walk towards the open sea.

You can reach the beach just from a little path from the main road Via Aurelia, after the tunnel of Varigotti. On the other side of the Via Aurelia, you will find a big parking place by payment.

Before Capo Noli, another wonderful beach stretches for hundreds metres.

Beach Malpasso – Varigotti (distance: 14 km)



The **free equipped beach of Malpasso**, between Varigotti and Capo Noli, is one of the most attractive place of the Riviera.

It is very similar to the close beach of Saraceni, but here the beach is wider, between two big cliffs. The seabed is soft and sandy.

On the other side of the main road, via Aurelia, you can park the car in a big parking place with fee.

You can also reach the beach by bus (bus stop of Malpasso).

You can have a break in the bar on the beach (open in summertime).

La Baia delle Sirene - Bergeggi (distance: 25 km)



Lido delle Sirene - Sirens Bay - Clear sea in a beautiful blue colour and a **fine dark sandy beach** from where you can enjoy an excellent view of the **Bergeggi Island**; a few square meters of paradise surrounded by high cliffs covered by Mediterranean flora. This area is a **Protected Marine Park** and a popular destination for **diving** and **snorkeling** lovers. With fins, mask and snorkel you can admire the beautiful backdrops along the cliff and the most skilled swimmers can reach the deep waters of the Bergeggi Island with an extraordinary marine world. In summer, the beach is equipped with umbrellas and sun-chairs, a free beach is available as well. There is also a bar and a restaurant located in a cave. You can reach this paradise via 300 step steps, but the sacrifice is well rewarded by the beauty of the bay.



Transylvania beach

This small bay is located just after **Punta Predani**; at the top of the promontory is located a white cross in memory of the victims of the British Transylvania transatlantic, which sunk in front of these coast during the First World War and whose wreck was recently found in a depth of about 600 m. You can reach the beach by a ladder beyond the guard rail on the mountain side or along the short path in the little park located above the **Marine Cave** (Grotta Marina).



Alassio-Laigueglia: 4 km long golden beach. (distance: 16 km)



Alassio beach is definitely among the most popular beaches of the Italian Riviera, and it is also one of the longest. This golden beach with a natural fine sand is ideal for playing and making sand castles; kids can run barefoot for hundreds of meters. The water is shallow and the sandy seabed is very suitable for children. In summer most of the beach is equipped with sun-beds and umbrellas, against payment. The largest free beach is located between Alassio and Laigueglia and another one is located after the Port of Alassio towards Albenga (you need to park near the port and walk towards Albenga, under the rocky coastline there is a beautiful free beach).

Going to the west, along a beautiful promenade connecting Alassio to **Laigueglia**, you will reach this small picturesque medieval fishing village, one of the most beautiful in Italy. The beach in Laigueglia is made of a fine natural sand and the water level rises gently. In **summer** you can find some **free beaches**: the central beach between the pier and the Saracen tower (a little bit crowded in summer) and the area in front of the rock of Tontonara (scoglio della Tontonara), after Bagni Capo Mele.

