

Genoa Aquarium and historic center.

Distance: 80 Km – Motorway-exit **Genova-Ovest** and then follow signs to “Porto Antico”.

The **Genoa Aquarium** is the largest in Italy and the second largest aquarium in Europe. It is located in the 5th-century Old Port (Porto Antico). The visit to the Aquarium lasts about 2 hours, you can admire many fishes and reptiles; of particular interest dolphins, sharks, seals, penguins and turtles.



The **historic center of Genoa** is the largest in Europe, the site is **protected by UNESCO** for its historical and cultural importance.

From the **Porto Antico**, walking up **Via San Lorenzo**, you will shortly reach **Piazza de Ferrari**, the symbolic center of the town with its large fountain. In **Via San Lorenzo** you can visit the majestic **Cathedral of San Lorenzo**, a masterpiece of *Gothic art* in black and white stone. The historic center is **a tangle of narrow old streets** (the famous **Caruggi**) and squares surrounded by ancient palaces and churches. The **Palazzi dei Rolli** are the most prestigious palaces, included in the **World Heritage List** by **UNESCO**; the *Rolli di Genova* formed an official list at the time of the Republic of Genoa, of public lodging palaces and mansions of eminent Genoese families, which aspired to host - from a public lottery - the persons in transit for visits of state. They are located especially along the oldest roads of the **Strade Nuove** (**Via Garibaldi** and **via Balbi**).

And for **shopping**, we recommend the central **Via XX Settembre** and **Via San Vincenzo** (connecting Via XX Settembre to the Brignole train station).

