



SPLENDIDO MARE

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Welcome to the Splendido Mare

Discover a world of
relaxed, carefree
sophistication
in the heart of
Portofino harbour.

Discover Portofino

A destination that oozes international allure while staying true to its roots is a rare find. Portofino, a tiny jewel on the Italian Riviera, achieves the balance with panache

While its Piazzetta echoes with the footsteps of legendary stars, from Ava Gardner to Jackie O, and its harbour gleams with sleek yachts, somehow the gentle atmosphere of a Ligurian fishing village remains. One where the catch of the day is eagerly awaited by every charming trattoria, irresistible focaccia aromas seep out of family-run bakeries, and the locals have a cheery “Buongiorno” for passers-by.

Adding to the unspoilt charm are lush, villa-dotted hillsides tumbling down to pastel, weather-worn houses, boats jostling on the cobalt sea and dolphins playing in the waters beyond. Visitors alight from their yachts to soak up the atmosphere of the harbour and the bustling Piazzetta, maybe to indulge in a homemade gelato, a pesto Genovese or a coveted Cinque Terre wine. It's here in this idyllic enclave that you'll find the Splendido Mare, perfectly poised by the water's edge.





*“A small village, Portofino,
spreads like a crescent moon
around this calm basin.”
– Guy de Maupassant, 1889*



CHAPTER TWO

A Warm Welcome

Set on the iconic Piazzetta in the heart of Portofino, Splendido Mare began life as a charming guesthouse for fishermen and weary travellers. Today, it has evolved to become a gathering place for stylish Italians and international jet setters. Rich in personality, with winding corridors, multi-level spaces and hidden terraces, our intimate retreat captures the spirit of the harbour and reflects Portofino's kaleidoscopic views.

Step inside to be enchanted by a decor that embraces nautical heritage and artisanal detail. Murano glass lamps, understated fabrics by Loro Piana and Rubelli, and iconic vintage furniture by Gio Ponti and Paolo Buffa create a feeling of timeless sophistication with a hint of dolce vita.

Enjoying a privileged setting, the Mare offers an elegant yet casual retreat from which to explore the gems of Liguria. Hop aboard our traditional wooden "gozzo" to enjoy the slow pleasures of local life from an extraordinary perspective or dive into the emerald waters of Paraggi, a secluded bay just a short drive away by courtesy shuttle.

Guests are also welcome to use the shuttle to reach our celebrated sister property, Hotel Splendido, set on the hillside overlooking the bay. Take full advantage of its wonderful facilities, from the acclaimed La Terrazza restaurant to the saltwater heated swimming pool, to enjoy a truly extraordinary stay.



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A Living Legend

Ever since the Roman historian Plinius named it “Portus Delphini”, or Port of the Dolphin, Splendido Mare’s exceptionally central site has been an intrinsic part of Portofino. A charming cluster of houses, it was where visitors could be sure of a warm, unfussy welcome. As the village expanded around a community of Ligurian fishermen, the modest guesthouse became a hub for rest, relaxation and catching up with the news of the day.

By the 19th century, it was the residence of choice for aristocratic English and German visitors. In the 1950s, it witnessed affluent jet setters rub shoulders with legendary stars, from Aristotle Onassis and Maria Callas to Humphrey Bogart and Ava Gardner. All were under the spell of Portofino’s secluded beauty mixed with impeccable style.

The Mare’s journey towards its current incarnation began when the owners, two local brothers, decided to split the property. One half stayed as a hotel and the other was offered for sale. Seeing its potential, Belmond (formerly Orient-Express Hotels) purchased it in 1997.

When Splendido Mare launched a year later, it served as an extension to the celebrated Hotel Splendido on the hillside above Portofino. It gained rapt reviews from the start: bon vivant Michael Winner exhorted, “Go there, you won’t regret it”.

In 2021, following Belmond’s acquisition by luxury group LVMH, the Mare reopened. Shining with a strong and independent new personality, the stylish social hub still resounds with the nautical spirit and relaxed refinement of its roots.



Accommodation

Fourteen reimagined rooms and suites await, each one unique and named to reflect our connection with Hollywood icons, local wonders and nautical adventures.

Make your way through the whimsical corridors, and should you feel the urge to pause and admire the glittering ocean or the playful architecture, indulge. Then throw open the door of your decadent private space. Step in, kick back and soak up the rich Ligurian hues, artisanal detail and picture-perfect harbour views.

Mid-century antiques capture the essence of the dolce vita, the era when Portofino first drew the world's gaze. Elements such as rope, natural woods and brass reflect a seafaring heritage, while splashes of colour from Portofino's particular palette of amber, olive and coral enliven different rooms.

Double Rooms

Understated fabrics and iconic furniture create a feeling of timeless sophistication with a hint of dolce vita decadence in these enchanting rooms, which afford views of the vibrant houses of Portofino from the windows or balcony. They offer a comfortable king-size or twin beds and a bathroom with a separate shower. One room can be connected with a Junior Suite to create a lavish living space.

Junior Suites

Light, fresh and airy, our junior suites boast views either over the radiant village or the bustling harbour. Some feature a beautiful terrace on which to enjoy a morning coffee or unwind in a sunny spot to people-watch. Bathrooms have a separate tub and shower. Sleep soundly on a king-size or twin beds.





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Suites

With spellbinding vistas overlooking the magnificent harbour and stretching towards Castello Brown, these delightful suites are as individual as the stars they're named after: Lauren Bacall, Vittorio Gassman and Truman Capote, who all succumbed to Portofino's charm. Each suite features a king or twin beds, a stylish bathroom with a shower and/or bathtub and a fabulous balcony or terrace. Picture yourself sipping an aperitif with Portofino at your feet, just as Truman Capote might have done while writing his latest literary masterpiece.

Ava Gardner Suite

Stretching the entire length of Splendido Mare's top floor, this magnificent suite boasts a terrace measuring 35 square metres. A huge potted lemon tree and luxuriant Mediterranean plants make it a stunning outside space for relaxing, dining or hosting your own soirée. Incomparable views of the harbour, promontory and Castello Brown are visible from the bedroom and sitting room. The bedroom enjoys natural light from two windows and can be configured with either a king-size or twin beds. The sitting room features an almost wall-to-wall glass window that, when open, joins with the terrace to create an expansive, half-indoor, half-outdoor space. The main bathroom offers a bathtub and separate shower and there is a second, smaller bathroom.





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Within Our Walls

From sensational dining facing the picturesque harbour to stylish nautical decor, everything at Splendido Mare recalls a strong bond with the sea

Throw open your shutters and watch the village wake up beneath the sun's gentle rays. Head to our patio on the Piazzetta for a delicious breakfast as you consider how to spend your day. Perhaps start with a shopping spree in the boutiques a few steps from the hotel? Or jump on our courtesy shuttle to visit the idyllic Bay of Paraggi and plunge into its emerald waters. If you'd like to venture further out to sea, our traditional wooden gozzo is available to help you uncover local gems.

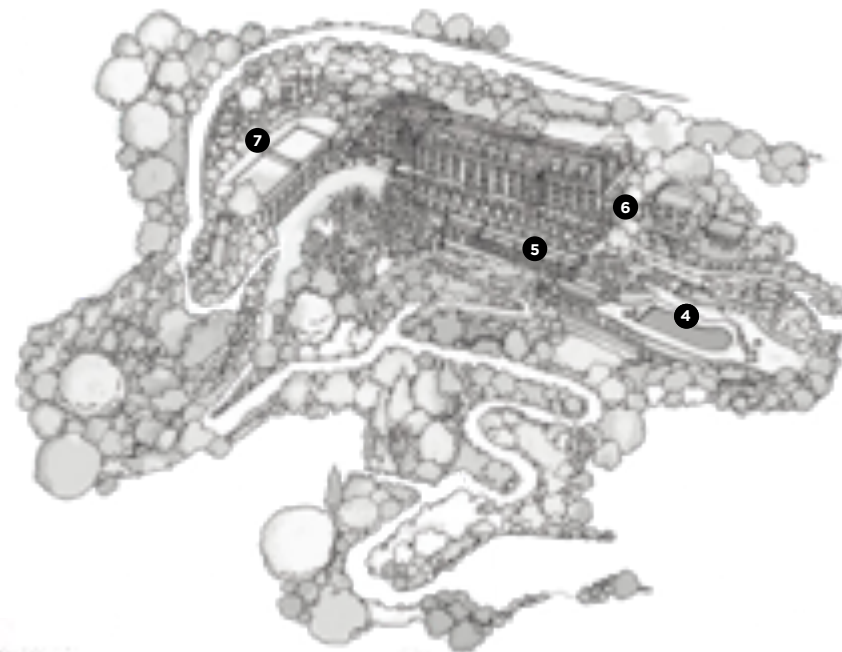
Next, perhaps some spa-inspired me-time or a game of tennis at our sister property, Hotel Splendido, just 10 minutes away by complimentary shuttle. While you're there, have lunch at our acclaimed La Terrazza restaurant and take in the dreamy views of the Gulf of Tigullio. There's time for a dip in the pool before returning to the Piazzetta for an ice cream from Gelateria San Giorgio or an engaging pesto cooking class.

Come evening, the Piazzetta transforms into a buzz of glamorous activity and there's no finer place to watch the action than Splendido Mare's restaurant. Dress up and relish time-honoured regional delicacies, such as trenette al pesto or the freshest fish from the gulf, as you become immersed in Portofino's irrepressible social scene.

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- 1** Splendido Mare Restaurant
- 2** Gelateria San Giorgio
- 3** Complimentary Boat Tours
- 4** Swimming Pool
- 5** La Terrazza Restaurant and Bar
- 6** Wellness Centre
- 7** Tennis Court

Memorable Dining

Splendido Mare Restaurant

Welcome to our new restaurant in the heart of the Piazzetta! Offering an authentic Ligurian experience, the menu includes traditional dishes and seasonal delicacies skillfully prepared by Executive Chef Roberto Villa and paired with excellent local and regional wines. Come and meet Roberto and learn the secrets of his recipes. Savour his signature pesto, made right in front of you, using his grandmother's pestle and mortar. Relax into the intimate, cosy yet glamorous atmosphere: the kind of gastronomic experience only Portofino can offer.

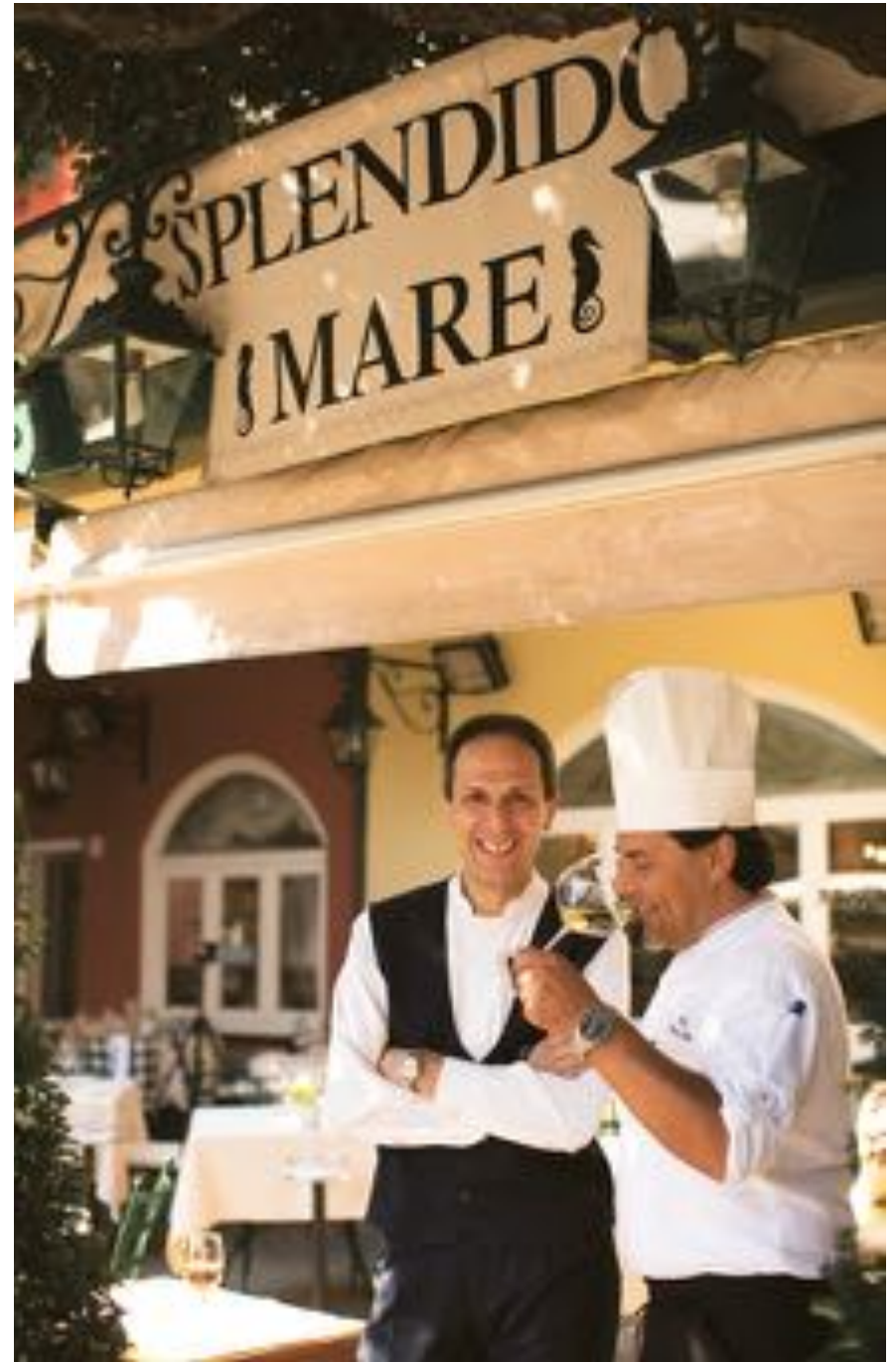


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Memorable Dining

Gelateria San Giorgio

Though it takes up just a small slice of the Piazzetta, the sweet delights on offer at this traditional gelateria are legendary. From a classic ice-cream cone to an indulgent local gelato, it's the perfect place to pause for a treat on a sun-splashed afternoon, or to order a "paciugo" (tub) and savour it as you seat at one of our tables by the charming harbour. Little ones are also invited to indulge in some flavourful fun at our tailored ice-cream tasting sessions.



Celebrate in Style

Splendido Mare's twin souls blending casual refinement with global glamour make it the perfect destination for a sensational celebration

Portofino has seen love bloom among a raft of Hollywood stars, Liz Taylor and Richard Burton among them. Romance still lingers in the air and around every corner you'll find a gorgeous spot for a proposal.

Next comes the dream wedding, and at Splendido Mare you can privatise the whole hotel with its 14 rooms and suites to stage an intimate, yet truly magnificent occasion. Our private terraces overlooking the Piazzetta lend themselves perfectly to special moments and four of them can be connected for extra space.

Or, if you'd prefer a sophisticated yet hassle-free wedding, let our expert staff organise an elopement. They'll look after all the arrangements, ensuring your day is seamlessly smooth and magically memorable. Just imagine saying "I do" on a beautiful terrace poised above Portofino!



Fun and Relaxation

Courtesy Shuttle

Guests of Splendido Mare are welcome to enjoy the facilities of Hotel Splendido, our hilltop retreat. Simply hop on our complimentary shuttle to take advantage of the pool, wellness centre, tennis courts, restaurant and more. The shuttle will also take you to Paraggi beach, just a few minutes from the Piazzetta.

Gozzo to Go

Take to the water for a complimentary two-hour excursion (upon availability), in our gorgeous wooden gozzo. These traditional fishing boats epitomise Portofino's golden-era charm. Drift dreamily along the Italian Riviera, exploring the coves and bays that dot the coast. There's no finer way to savour the slow pleasures of local life. Or rent our wooden boat for an exciting ride along the promontory to discover San Fruttuoso Abbey, spying the underwater Abyss wine at Cala degli Inglesi, and anchoring for a swim at Punta Chiappa. As you sip a glass of chilled local wine, the sun setting over Camogli is a sight to behold.

Paraggi Beach Lounging

A stay in Portofino calls for a day at the beach. This secluded bay nestles into the coastline just a short drive from Splendido Mare by courtesy shuttle. As our guest, you'll have your own private lounge waiting for you on the golden sands. Soak up the sun, swim in the warm aquamarine water and enjoy a light seafood lunch right by the water at La Langosteria.



Fun and Relaxation

Perfect Your Pesto

Discover the secrets of the timeless Genoese speciality during a hands-on lesson with our chef before feasting on a delicious dish of pasta tossed in the sauce you prepared. Fresh basil, pine nuts, parmesan, olive oil, garlic and our expert's helping hand are all you need for this aromatic activity.

Intimate Celebrations

Host your special event on the Ava Gardner Terrace. Set on the top floor of Splendido Mare, it commands enchanting panoramas of the marina, promontory and Castello Brown and is ideal for stylish family celebrations, romantic elopements and dinners with your most treasured circle of friends.



Out and About

Enhance your stay with one of our exclusive signature experiences

Vespa Style

Experience your own dolce vita aboard a bespoke Dior Vespa. In the company of a private guide, unveil some of the most scenic spots in Portofino – ideal for a fabulous photoshoot on the go.

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Experience your own dolce vita aboard an iconic Vespa scooter. In the company of a private guide, unveil some of the most scenic spots in Portofino – ideal for a fabulous photoshoot on the go.

Eco Farm

Head to the Mount of Portofino for a walk, or electric bicycle ride, along the Natural Park's trails. Explore the eco farm at La Portofinese and learn about olive oil production at their new olive mill. In this bountiful secret garden, framed by the sea, taste delicacies such as homemade farinata (chickpea bread), local honey and the famous Taggiasca olives.



Continue Your Adventure

Now you've fallen in love with our Portofino retreat, let us help you create a bespoke itinerary to discover our other European escapes

From Renaissance palaces to art deco trains, our travel adventures in Europe embrace a wealth of exceptional experiences. Why not start in Venice, where our own journey began. The first hotel in the Belmond family was the legendary **Hotel Cipriani**, on Giudecca Island. The finest way to reach La Serenissima? Aboard the **Venice Simplon-Orient-Express**, which also takes you to iconic cities, including Paris, Istanbul and Berlin. If your journey begins or ends in London, stay at the **Cadogan Hotel**, a landmark gem reopening in the heart of fashionable Chelsea. Fancy escaping to the country? Retreat to **Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons**, in leafy Oxfordshire, and indulge in Raymond Blanc's two-Michelin-starred cuisine.

Take to the water on an **Afloat in France** barge and glide through fabled winelands and sun-drenched landscapes in unparalleled luxury. Further scenic adventures are promised in Madeira where, on a peninsula lapped by Atlantic waves, you'll find magnificent **Reid's Palace**. Like all our beautiful hotels, trains and cruises, it has perfected the art of indulgence.



Design Your Own Grand Tour

Set off on a seven-night journey, staying at two or more of our Southern European hotels. With our flexible Grand Tour package, it's your choice – you're in control. Why not plan to include some of the activities below?

Venice

HOTEL CIPRIANI

Set sail on a slow, sustainable tour of the Venetian lagoon and meet a local family who make delicious honey unique to the incredible ecosystem.

Portofino

HOTEL SPLENDIDO & SPLENDIDO MARE

Let us arrange a romantic sunset cruise for you to atmospheric San Fruttuoso Abbey, set in a beautiful bay reached only by the sea.

Florence and Tuscany

VILLA SAN MICHELE & CASTELLO DI CASOLE

Embrace contemporary local art on excursions from our Florentine retreat. Or immerse yourself in the Tuscan countryside at our 10th-century castle, enjoying stargazing and vineyard cycle tours.

Amalfi Coast

HOTEL CARUSO

Sit down at our Chef's Table for an extraordinary journey through Mimmo's mouthwatering flavours and his inimitable culinary memories.

Sicily

GRAND HOTEL TIMEO & VILLA SANT'ANDREA

Give your taste buds a sensational flavour of Sicily, from produce grown on the fertile slopes of Mount Etna to delicacies prepared by a fascinating family in Catania.

Mallorca

LA RESIDENCIA

Step into Sa Bassa Blanca, a magical palace on Mallorca's north coast, and lose yourself in a magical mix of art, architecture, nature and spellbinding views.

Madeira

REID'S PALACE

Jump in a jeep and head up above the clouds to watch the sun rise from the top of Pico do Arieiro, Madeira's third highest mountain. Afterwards, a sparkling breakfast awaits.



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Knots are essential to nautical life, for centuries used by sailors to make fast their vessels. Our rope knot is a fitting symbol for Splendido Mare, recalling our retreat's seafaring roots and a design language that brings the glorious outside in.

The colour, sunburnt green, echoes a hue that decorates many of Portofino's iconic window shutters.

