

Livorno, Italy

City Introduction

Livorno, the Tuscan gateway to the Mediterranean Sea, is crossed by canals and situated by the seaside.

Planned as an ideal town in the 16th century, Livorno reveals its history through its districts characterised by the Medicean canals, which are still navigable, and through its port, overlooked by towers and fortresses, leading to the town centre.

Around the middle of the 19th century, the first bathing establishments of Italy appeared in Livorno. This tradition still continues thanks to the town's bathing establishments, hospitable and welcoming, situated along the shoreline promenade that stretches for many kilometres among impressive 19th-century buildings, villas in the Liberty style and the green vegetation: pine trees, tamarisks and oleanders.

Port Information

Language: Italian. English is not widely spoken but is often understood.

Currency: Euro. Foreign exchange is available from reception on deck 5. Major credit cards are accepted in most shops, cafes and restaurants.

Arrival' & 'All aboard' times: Please check on your Island Chat.

Transportation

Walking: It is a 20 minute walk in to the Town Centre.

Taxis: Taxis are available in the port area and mainly offer trips to Pisa and Florence. Please ensure that you agree a rate with the taxi driver before making your journey.

Shuttle Buses: Dependent on the ships berth there will be a shuttle bus that is operated by the port to the Town Centre. They will drop you at the Piazza Grande square and the cost is approx. 5€ return per person.

Other transport: The Fossi or boat trip along the Fosse Royale (Royal Canal) will give you an interesting perspective of Livorno. There is a train station which is approximately 10 minutes taxi drive away from the town centre. Train tickets can be purchased from tobacconists and please remember to validate your tickets any tickets not validated will receive an on the spot fine.

Local Services

Banks: ATM machines and banks are available in the town centre.

Shopping: The shuttle bus drop off point is Piazza Grande in the town centre. Livorno is a small town which has boutiques, cafes and restaurants. Shops generally close for siesta at 13.30.

Places of Interest

Piazza Della Repubblica: is the most attractive square in the town. It contains the statues of 2 famous politicians, Ferdinand III & Leopold II.

Cathedral of San Francesco d'Assisi: was built between 1595 & 1606 and rebuilt in 1943 to the original form after the destruction during WWII.

Market: is situated in the main town area. 10 minute walk from the shuttle bus drop off point.

Lucca: is the birth place of Puccini, you can get to Lucca by train from Livorno but you will have to change at Pisa.

Beaches: Pancaldi is a private beach area equipped with sunbeds, umbrellas and shower facilities and is approximately a 40 minute drive from the port area. There are no other beaches close by.

Shore Excursions: Visit the team at the Shore Excursions desk, Deck 5, if you prefer to let us organise a trip for you.

Safety Notices

With large numbers of tourists always watch your valuables, as there may be pickpockets. Walking around this city is relatively problem free but please be vigilant. Smart casual is considered appropriate. Please remember to cover up if you intend to visit any religious buildings.