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# Taranto, Italy

### Port information

Currency

The currency in Taranto is the Euro. Foreign exchange is available from reception on Deck 4. Major credit cards are accepted in most shops, cafés and restaurants.

Language

The language in Taranto is Italian.

### Getting around

| Distance to town centre | 2.5km from the port area and approximately a 30 minute walk   | Main highlights   | The Archaeological Museum of Taranto houses a<br>treasure trove of archaeological finds from prehistoric<br>times to the classical period.<br>From Via Duomo, you will reach the Doric columns,<br>testimony of Greek foundation, and the Aragonese<br>Castle, the Sea Sentinel and the fairway with stunning<br>views of the Swing Bridge.<br>The Swing Bridge (The Ponte Girevole), built in 1887,<br>runs across the navigable ship canal that joins Mar<br>Piccolo (Little Sea) with Mar Grande (Big Sea) and<br>stretches along 89.9 metres (295 ft). When the bridge is<br>open, the two ends of the city are disconnected. |  |
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| Taxis                   | Taxis can be found within the port area. The fare's will vary based on the distance; €10 for Aragonese Castle and the Old City; €20 for the City Mall.  | onese Castle and the Old<br>Ind do not run very<br>i <b>ll be operating a</b> |   |  |
| Local buses             | Local buses are limited in Taranto and do not run very<br>frequently. The port authorities will be operating a<br>complimentary shuttle bus service for guests wishing to go<br>ashore independently.     |   |   |  |
| Main highlights         | Taranto Old Town starts from <b>Piazza Fontana</b> and continues<br>in a maze of streets and alleys with the stories of fisherman,<br>craftsmen and labourers. Taranto is the capital of Magna<br>Grecia. |   |   |  |
|                         | Houses, palaces, convents frame the <b>Cathedral Basilica</b> with<br>the baroque splendour of the <b>Chapel of San Cataldo</b> , the   |   |   |  |

#### **Essential information**

patron of the city who comes from Ireland.

| Fourist information | Inside the port area close to the ship and also within the Old<br>Town and Downtown.<br>Wi-Fi is available in most bars and cafes. |                                | Shopping  | Just a short walk from the dockside there are many<br>cafes, bars, shops and restaurants. There are a selection  |
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| Internet access     |  |                                | PLEASE NOTE:<br>As with all tourist<br>destinations,        | of local shops in the town centre selling a range of souvenirs and handmade produces.  |
| Nearest beaches     | There are no sandy beaches within easy walking distance in Taranto.  |                                | always ensure you<br>keep a close eye<br>on your valuables. | Don't miss the opportunity to taste a good 'espresso'<br>and be seduced by the shop windows in the shopping<br>streets of the <b>Umbertino Quarter</b> . |
| Useful phrases      | Yes  | Si                             |   |  |
|                     | No   | No                             |   |  |
|                     | Hello  | Ciao                           |   |  |
|                     | How are you?   | Come stai?                     |   |  |
|                     | Fine   | Fine                           |   |  |
|                     | Thank you  | Grazie                         |   |  |
|                     | Please   | <ul> <li>Por favore</li> </ul> |   |  |
|                     | Good morning   | Buongiorno                     |   |  |
|                     | Good day   | Buonasera                      |   |  |
|                     | Goodbye  | Arrivederci                    |   |  |
|                     | Where is the toilet?   | Dove si trova la toilette?     |   |  |
|                     | I don't understand   | Non capisco                    |   |  |
|                     | Bus  | Autobus                        |   |  |
|                     | Train  | Treno                          |   |  |
|                     | Car  | Car                            |   |  |
|                     | Olive oil  | Olio d'oliva                   |   |  |
|                     | Wine (red/white)   | Vino (Rosso/ Bianco)           |   |  |
|                     | Beer   | Birra                          |   |  |

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in Taranto

There can be last minute changes. Please check Cruise News for the latest information before you go ashore.