

Pietra, *unhurried.*

A very practical guide to the home,
the sea and everything around it.

00 / FINDING YOUR WAY

The home is where *every journey starts.*

The sea is about **150 metres** away. At a normal pace, the old town and station are **15-25 minutes** on foot. Distances in this guide start from the home and are deliberately rounded: in Liguria, traffic, parking and steep roads matter more than decimal points.



PIETRA LIGURE - THE CENTRAL BEACHES

01 On foot

For the beach, promenade, centre and San Nicolò Basilica, walking is simplest. Pietra is easy to explore on foot; the best days begin with a short stroll.

02 By train

It is the easiest and most affordable way to travel along the coast: Finale, Borgio, Loano, Albenga, Alassio and Ventimiglia. Some villages then require a bus or a walk.

03 By bicycle

Nearby distances are manageable and the coastal roads are often beautiful. On the Aurelia, use lights and ride with care.

04 By car

It is probably still the most practical choice for complete freedom, especially inland and towards France.

THE SIMPLEST ADVICE

In Pietra: walk. Along the coast: check the train first. For a day of detours, climbs and villages: take the car.

01 / JUST ARRIVED

Everything useful, *without wasting time.*

Everything for everyday shopping is within walking distance, and on Saturday morning the market changes the rhythm of the neighbourhood.

5-10 min on foot
QUICK SHOP

about 15 min
BASKO

Saturday morning
MARKET

01 Close to home

Da Bianca has fruit, vegetables and essentials; opposite is the excellent **Pescheria F.lli Cervetto**. A little farther on are **La Convenienza** - a small market - and a **CRAI** with a deli counter. These are the right places for everyday supplies.

02 Larger grocery shop

Basko, at viale della Repubblica 188, is the most practical supermarket on foot. **Lidl**, on viale Riviera, is farther away: allow about 35-40 minutes each way on foot, or drive. With a car, the **Coop in Finale Ligure** is large, well stocked and has a good fresh-fish counter. Esselunga delivery may be an option; check coverage when ordering.

TWO THINGS TO KNOW

Market. On Saturday morning, a few steps from home, the weekly market sells groceries, fruit, vegetables, fish and even second-hand books for a few euros.

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Pharmacy. It is on via Cesare Battisti, only a few metres from home: about two minutes on foot. For opening hours and duty pharmacies, use the official ASL2 list.

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02 / PRIORITIES FIRST

Focaccia, *before anything else.*

Four places, four good reasons to step outside. These are personal recommendations, not a ranking: tasting and deciding for yourself is still best.

01 Fermenta

Via Torino 35. A polished, contemporary bakery and focacceria with excellent dough and prices that are not exactly those of an old village bakery. About five minutes from home on foot.

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02 Rune

Piazza Martiri della Libertà. A high-quality artisan bakery in the centre with plenty of choice. A good stop while wandering the lanes or before heading back to the sea.

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03 Tracce di Pizza

Via Giacomo Matteotti 43. Straightforward, reliable pizza and focaccia in the centre: one of those places to remember when you want something good without overthinking it.

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04 Da Capo

Via della Libertà 25. For us, this is the place of pure bliss: pizza and focaccia in the lanes, mainly to take away. Opening hours can be rather creative, so always check before going.

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In Pietra, opening hours change greatly between summer and winter. A call or same-day check prevents the only real disappointment: finding the shutters down.

03 / KEEP IT SIMPLE

A glass of wine, *a pizza, something at home.*

From our aperitivo by the sea to pizza with the children and a Ligurian dinner to take home: different places for different moments, all chosen without sponsorship.

01 Bar Bagni Grifone

On the seafront, in the centre. The terrace sits directly above the beach: our favourite place for a drink before dinner while looking at the sea, in every season.

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02 U Gunfia Gagge

Via Giacomo Matteotti 14. A wine bar and café with a particular interest in sparkling wines. It has moved: this is the current address.

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03 Antica Liguria

Via Vittorio Veneto 12. A place in the old lanes for wine and aperitivo, with a few outdoor tables and an intimate atmosphere.

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04 Roxi

Via Ugo Foscolo 10. Excellent pizza, plus a handful of pasta and main dishes. An easy, dependable choice when dining with children, a few steps from Quelli da Pria.

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05 Da Ercole

Piazza Nicolò Castellino 24. A classic, straightforward pizzeria with plenty of outdoor tables: the right choice when you want dinner in the square.

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06 Al Castello

Piazza Franchelli 6. The sciamadda is a little doorway in the lanes where you can collect the restaurant's Ligurian dishes to take home.

[THE SCIAMADDA >](#)

NO PLACE HERE IS SPONSORED

Opening hours and closing days change greatly between summer and winter: always check on the day.

04 / AT THE TABLE

Three places, *three ways to dine.*



Three places we know and return to for different reasons: unshowy Ligurian food, cooking that tries a few new ideas, and a dinner for a special occasion.

01 Oride

We have eaten here many times. Ligurian cooking, an easy atmosphere and a few outdoor tables. A favourite for an honest dinner without a performance.

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02 Quelli da Pria

One of our favourite places. In the old lanes, fairly traditional Ligurian seafood cooking meets a few contemporary ideas. Along with Oride, it is one of Pietra's most interesting restaurants.

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03 Machettö

For a special occasion. Contemporary cooking, more ambitious service and a bill to match the experience. It is listed in the Michelin Guide, but does not have a star.

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05 / STAYING CLOSE

Pietra makes sense *when you walk it.*



OLD TOWN



SAN NICOLÒ BASILICA

01 Churches and lanes

The pedestrian centre is made of narrow lanes, small squares and harmless detours. **San Nicolò Basilica** is worth visiting; nearby, the more intimate **Oratorio dei Bianchi** is, to us, even lovelier.

02 The sea

The beach is close enough to come home for lunch, change your mind or collect something you forgot. Out of season, the simplest pleasure remains walking the promenade when the town returns to its natural rhythm. In 2026, Ponente beach holds the Blue Flag.

A green detour

The **Pietro Toesca Botanical Garden** is small, peaceful and well kept. It is not a grand excursion, but a green walk to fit between the centre and the sea, especially when you want shade.

The joy of central Pietra is wandering at random. Getting lost here almost always means finding the sea again.

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06 / JUST BEYOND PIETRA

Two villages, *one perfect detour.*



about 3 km
BORGIO

about 7 km
VEREZZI

15-25 min
FROM THE HOME

01 Borgoio

It is Pietra's natural continuation: sea, a compact centre and the caves, which can even be reached on foot from home. Visits are guided and at fixed times. The municipality holds the 2026 Blue Flag.

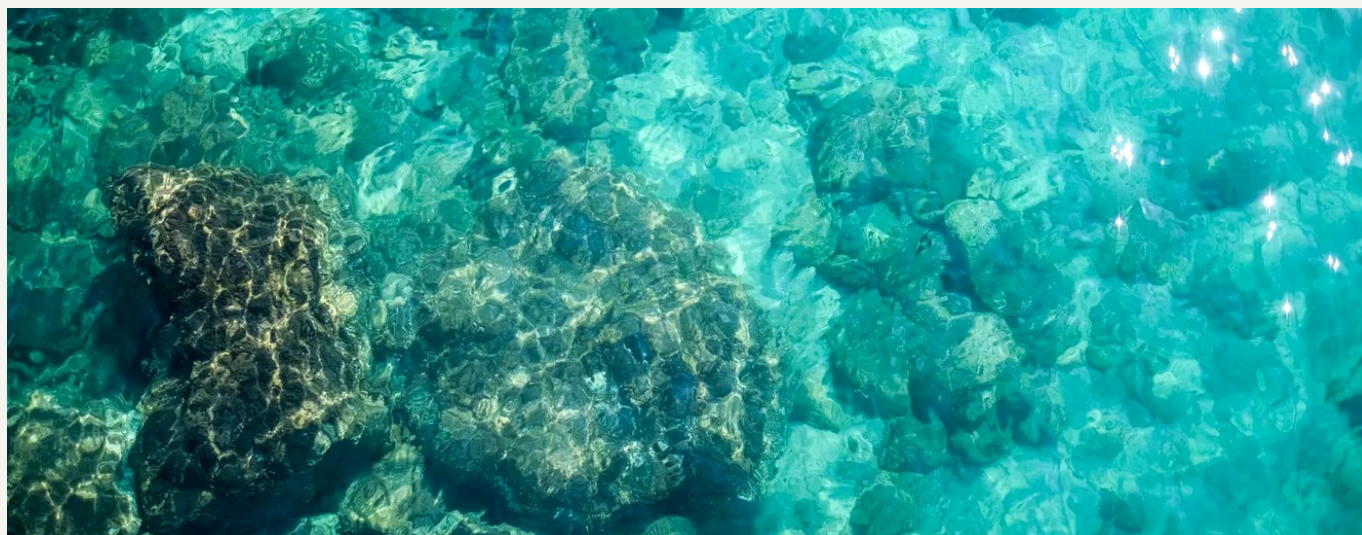
02 Verezzi

Four stone hamlets, arches, climbs and Piazza Sant'Agostino suspended above the gulf. It belongs to I Borghi più belli d'Italia; going towards evening is almost always the right choice.

[VISIT BORGIO VEREZZI](#)[BORGIO CAVES >](#)

07 / EAST ALONG THE COAST

Three different ways *to experience the coast.*



6-7 km
FINALBORGO

about 10 km
VARIGOTTI

about 15 km
NOLI

01 Finalborgo

One of I Borghi più belli d'Italia. Walls, cloisters, doorways and workshops. Enter without a list: a wander, a coffee, perhaps then a path behind the village.

02 Varigotti

Blue Flag 2026. Colourful houses and sheltered bays. The beach draws you in, but the Pilgrim's Path changes the view.

03 Noli

One of I Borghi più belli d'Italia and Blue Flag 2026. Towers, a medieval centre and the sea just beyond the walls. Perfect together with Varigotti.

The Blue Flag considers bathing water, beaches, wastewater treatment, waste and environmental management; in 2026 Savona province has 15, the highest total in Italy. I Borghi più belli d'Italia instead protects and promotes small towns of historic and artistic interest.

[BLUE FLAG 2026 >](#)[I BORCHI PIÙ BELLI D'ITALIA >](#)

08 / A CHANGE OF SCENERY

The Liguria that does not *end at the beach.*

A few kilometres are enough for the sea to vanish around a bend and olive groves, woods and quieter villages to begin.

5-6 km
BARDINO VECCHIO

about 10 km
TOIRANO

01 Bardino Vecchio

A small, quiet village. In Piazza San Carlo, the **Albergo Ristorante Bergallo** began in a simple house in the early twentieth century: genuinely authentic and good for an aperitivo or a traditional Ligurian dinner.

02 Toirano

The village and, above all, the caves: a guided route through chambers, formations and prehistoric traces. Booking is required; check times and availability on the official website.

ALBERGO RISTORANTE BERGALLO



03 On foot or by bicycle

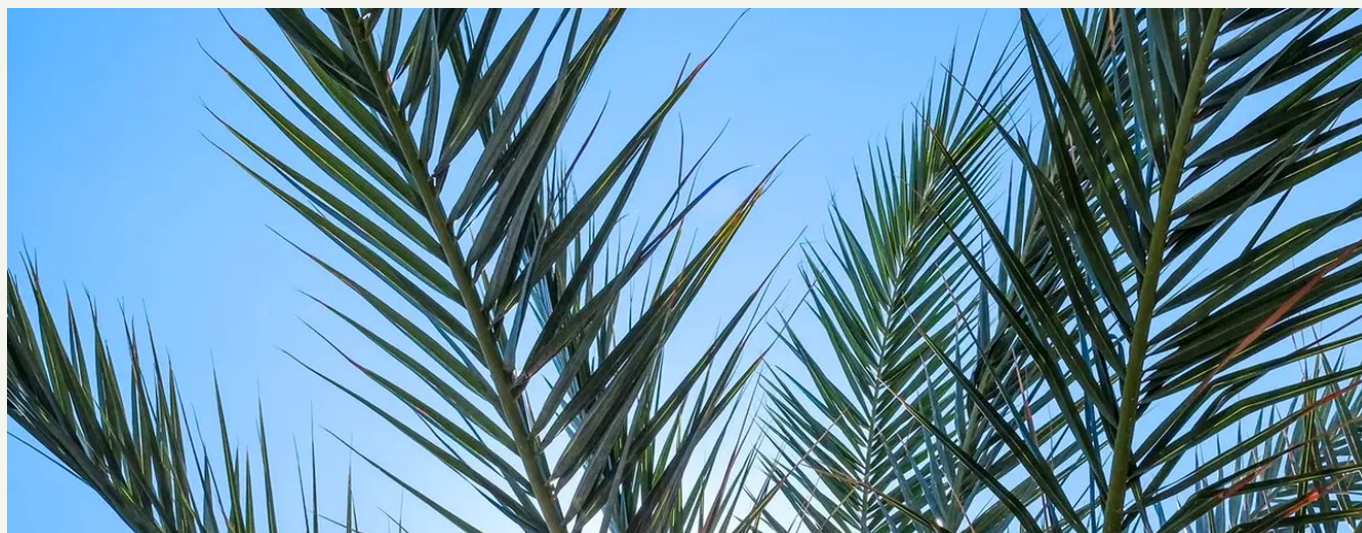
A remarkable network of trails crosses the Finale area. Do not improvise: choose a suitable route, check the weather and elevation, and carry water. In the hills, map distances tell only half the story.

TOIRANO CAVES



09 / GET MOVING

Beyond the beach. *And into the sea.*



01 Outdoor Pietra

The tourism website gathers hikes, cycling and local activities. It is the right place to see what is available in the season of your stay.

[VISIT PIETRA · OUTDOORS >](#)

02 Finale Outdoor

Finalborgo is the gateway to a vast network of trails, cliffs and MTB routes. Choose a suitable trail and do not underestimate elevation or terrain.

[FINALE OUTDOOR >](#)

03 Snorkelling

The seabed between Pietra and the Finale area is enjoyable to explore. Ask a local operator about guided outings, equipment or diving.

[SALTO NEL BLU >](#)

10 / A LITTLE FARTHER

A change of view. *And even country.*



about 25 km
BERGEGGI

about 100 km
MENTON

about 124 km
NICE

01 Bergeggi

Blue Flag 2026, coves, cliffs and the island just offshore. A place for swimming and snorkelling, but also for looking down at the sea out of season.

02 France

Menton is close enough for an outing; Nice needs a full day. Between Monaco and Nice, **Èze** and **Beaulieu-sur-Mer** are two memorable detours: a hilltop village and an elegant bay.

The train avoids parking and traffic; by car you can combine several stops. Travel times vary greatly at the border and on weekends: the distance is fixed, the arrival time much less so.

FRENCH RIVIERA



11 / CHOOSING WELL

Train, bicycle or car?

The right answer is: it depends.

THE NEAREST STATION TO THE HOME

Borgio Verezzi · about 20 minutes on foot

Pietra Ligure has its own station, but from our home Borgio Verezzi is generally the closer choice.

01 Train

Along the coast, it saves you from parking. It works well for Finale, Loano, Albenga, Alassio, Imperia and Ventimiglia; hilltop villages then require a bus, taxi or walk uphill.

02 Bicycle

Pietra, Borgio and Finale are at reasonable cycling distances. The Aurelia is still a busy road: wear a helmet, use lights, stay visible and take care in tunnels. Inland, always watch the elevation.

03 Car

It is the easiest choice for complete freedom and for climbing towards Verezzi, Bardino and Toirano. In high season, leave early: allow time to park, and remember that old-town parking is usually paid.

ONE USEFUL THING TO REMEMBER

Noli and Varigotti have no station: take the train to **Finale Ligure Marina** and continue by bus. Trains to Albenga and Imperia are direct; Imperia's Parasio then requires a climb to the upper town.

[TRENITALIA TIMETABLES >](#)[BORGHI MARINARI SERVICE >](#)

12 / KEEP THIS WITHIN REACH

If you truly need them,
these are the numbers.

EUROPEAN EMERGENCY NUMBER

112

For medical emergencies, fires or dangerous situations. In a genuine emergency, call 112 first.

01 Emergency department

Santa Corona Hospital

via XXV Aprile 38, Pietra Ligure

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Emergency department: 019 623 4488

Switchboard: 019 623 01

02 Out-of-hours medical care

For urgent problems that do not require 112, when your regular doctor is unavailable.

ASL2 OUT-OF-HOURS CARE

800 556 688

Weeknights 20:00-08:00; holidays and days before holidays according to the rota.

DUTY PHARMACIES

To find a pharmacy open outside normal hours, consult the official ASL2 rota.

[OPEN ASL2 ROTA](#)

Information checked on 27 September 2026. Numbers and services may change; when in doubt, call 112.

[LIVE EMERGENCY-DEPARTMENT STATUS](#)



You do not need to see it all.
You only need to feel good.

PRACTICAL NOTE

Timetables, opening hours and transport change. Before an outing, always check official websites. All photographs are ours; recommendations are personal and unsponsored.