

Welcome to Splendido, a Belmond Hotel, Portofino

Experience
the glamour of
la dolce vita
in our romantic
Italian Riviera
retreats.

Discover the Italian Riviera

The crescent-shaped shore curving between the Côte d'Azur and Tuscany is a sparkling playground for the soul

Splashed with colour, oozing with style, the picturesque region of Liguria - also known as the Italian Riviera - has been leaving visitors smitten for centuries. Medieval poet Dante was inspired by the landscapes, Lord Byron swam across the Gulf of La Spezia (later christened the Gulf of Poets) to visit the Shelleys, and Rex Harrison triggered a rush of Hollywood stars to the region in the hedonistic 1950s.

Who couldn't fall in love with Liguria, where rainbow-hued houses and medieval streets overlook bewitching seascapes of craggy coves and azure water? Most jewel-like of all is Portofino, the pretty fishing village that lured Elizabeth Taylor, Ava Gardner and Cary Grant in the 1960s and retains its unspoilt charm to this day. Cypress- and palm-clad hills back a jumble of ochre and terracotta houses by the waterfront. Beautiful villas dot the green hillsides. Dolphins can be glimpsed playing in the waters beyond the gleaming yachts. It's here in this idyllic enclave that you'll find the Splendido nestled in the hillside, and Belmond Splendido Mare down at the water's edge. Welcome to our duo of dream hideaways.





"Italia! Oh Italia! Thou who "Italia! Oh Italia! Thou who hast the fatal gift of beauty."

— Lord Byron



A Warm Welcome

Live out your own dolce vita in our Portofino retreats, perched high in the cliffs

Grab your wide-brimmed sunhat, don your shades, it's time to embrace life Portofino-style. You'll find the essence of Ligurian romance and glamour encapsulated in our hotel.

Join us in the rugged hills at the Splendido, a former monastery renowned for its wisteria-draped façade and lush terraced gardens.

Hop on our convenient shuttle bus and ride to the Piazzetta, try out two decadent restaurants, a fabulous bar, our fitness and wellness facilities, or sailing off on a sunset cruise aboard our beautiful boat.



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A Living Legend

Monks, pirates, an aristocrat and a retired fisherman have all played their part in the history of our Portofino retreats

Benedictine monks had a knack for choosing divine settings for their monasteries. They had the perfect plan when they envisioned the 16th-century building that now houses the Splendido. Set high on a cliff to capture the breathtaking sea views, it was also angled to catch the sun all day long. However, it proved an easy target for Saracen pirates and before long the monks were forced to abandon the building to the sheep.

Fast forward to the 19th century, when local aristocrat Baron Baratta saw the ruin's potential and converted it into a summer retreat. This, in turn, was purchased by pioneer of Portofino tourism, Ruggero Valentini, who in 1901 transformed it into the Grand Hotel Splendid. Soon illustrious guests, from royalty to celebrities, were enjoying the unique setting.

In the 1950s, the hotel began a new chapter as one of the most glamorous hideouts in Europe, attracting Hollywood stars as well as dignitaries, including the Duke of Windsor and Winston Churchill. Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton played out episodes of their passionate love story here – indeed, our signature dish, Spaghetti alla Elizabeth Taylor, was created in the *Cleopatra* star's honour.

Belmond took the reins in 1985 and we've been busy keeping the magic alive ever since.



Double Rooms

Bright and inviting, our Double Rooms capture the warmth of Liguria. Choose from Double Garden View Rooms, tastefully designed in fresh pastels with vistas over the lush gardens, or Double Sea View Rooms, light, airy spaces from which to absorb the ocean vistas. Some have balconies overlooking the glistening bay, as well as vibrant fresco paintings created by local artists. Each features a king-size or twin beds, an elegant marble bathroom and writing desk.

Junior Suites

Our sun-filled Superior Junior Suites are decorated in warm pastel tones with plush furniture and most benefit from a charming balcony. Catch the gentle sea breeze from the balcony or terrace of your Deluxe Junior Suite, soaking up the captivating views of Portofino harbour and the cerulean sea. Polished hardwood floors and luxurious fabrics set the tone in our Executive Junior Suites, whose generous terraces are perfect for an alfresco breakfast. Inside, the elegant hues recall the Mediterranean's distinct palette.









Suites

With décor capturing the vibrant aquamarines and sun-splashed colour scheme of the Ligurian Riviera and private balconies or terraces overlooking enchanting panoramas, these suites are havens of relaxation. Choose our spacious Deluxe Suites with breathtaking sea views or our Exclusive Suites overlooking the Tigullio Gulf.

Presidential Suites

For extra indulgence, opt for our Presidential Suites, which include a separate spacious living area, master bedroom and lavish marble bathroom. Expansive balconies bring the stunning vistas into the rooms. Connect to a Junior Suite for a true home-from-home experience.

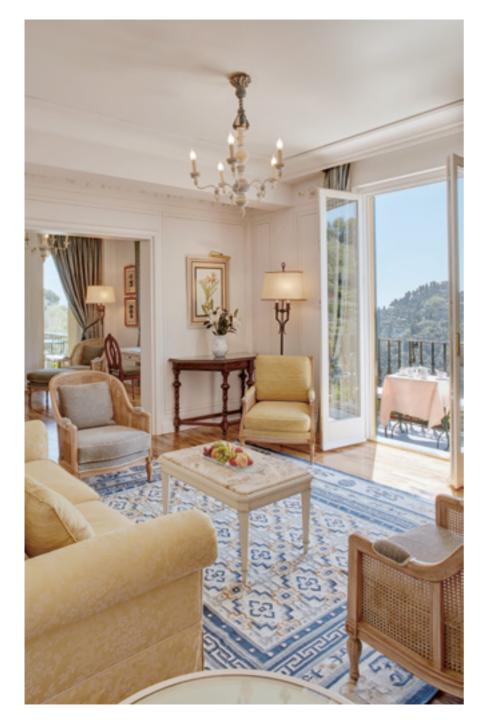
Dolce Vita Suite

Located on the tranquil hillside away from the main hotel, our Dolce Vita Suite offers delightful seclusion. Nestling just above the main swimming pool, with a generous private garden, it boasts mesmerising sea views. Four people can be accommodated in the beautiful space as two single sofa beds are available.

Bougainvillea, Wisteria and Ginepro Suites

Recently unveiled, our stunning, sea-view Executive Junior Suite (Ginepro) and Presidential Suites (Wisteria and Boungainvillea) pay homage to the 1960s with a fresh twist. Soothing shades and marine-hued fabrics are offset by dazzling antique Murano chandeliers and decadent black-and-white marble bathrooms.









Within Our Walls

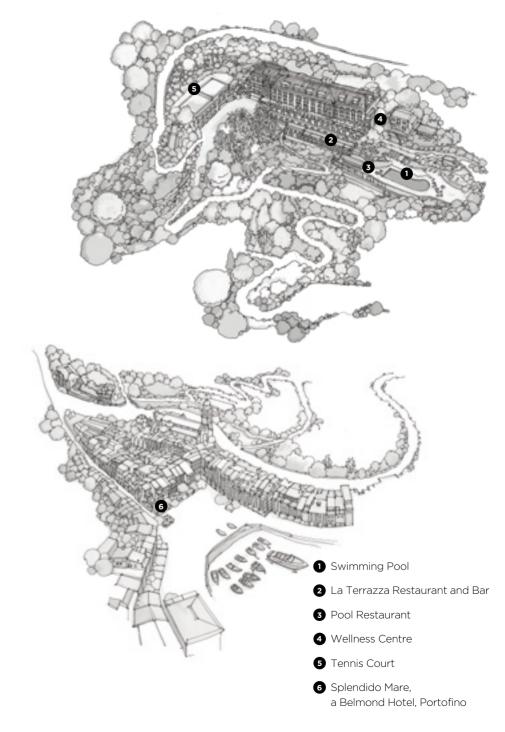
From lazy lunches on our panoramic terrace to cooling dips in the saltwater pool, we're all about embracing the sweet life

Throw open the shutters of your room and welcome in the Ligurian sun: today is going to be wonderful. After breakfast on your balcony you might have a game of tennis or an alfresco spa treatment. Gather with fellow guests for a cruise along the coast or entrust your little ones to our Smile Club for fun and games galore. If you're feeling energetic, let our personal trainer tailor a workout for you in our gym or even outdoors on the Mount of Portofino.

There's ample time for a dip and a lounge by the pool before dressing for cocktails in one of our stylish bars. You might discover our chef demonstrating how to make Ligurian pesto or offering olive oil tastings. Then choose your venue for a sublime dinner, indulging in local delicacies such as beetroot risotto with sea bass or anchovies fried three ways as you gaze out over Portofino's captivating vistas. Now's the chance to try some excellent wines – perhaps treat yourself to a highly prized label from the Cinque Terre, just along the coast.



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Memorable Dining

Take a seat at La Terrazza for simply mesmerising views over the bay

La Terrazza

From infinite cerulean sea by day to moonlight glimmering on the water at night, the views from Belmond Hotel Splendido's celebrated restaurant could hardly be more enchanting. Chef Corrado Corti conjures up dishes to match. Indulge in authentic Italian classics and Ligurian specialities, either on the lofty terrace surrounded by climbing vines or in the elegant dining room. Finish with an amaro under the stars to complete your magical evening.

Pool Restaurant

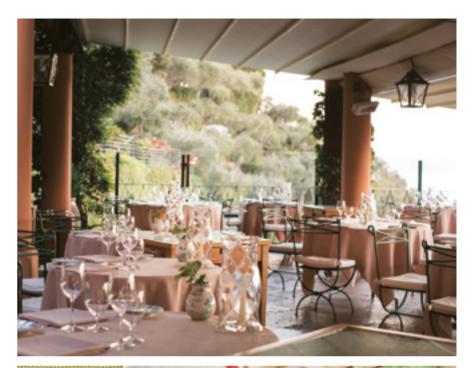
For a delicious lunch by the pool, choose from our tantalising buffet selection or request a pizza cooked to crisp perfection before your eyes. Sip a refreshing Gavi or return for a poolside aperitif in the cool evening.

Cocktail Bar

Open from 10.00 until the early hours, our stylish bar is a convivial meeting place at any time of day. Stop by for an energising morning espresso and admire the hand-painted murals of Italian flora. Don your finery and gather for cocktails, enjoying live piano music late into the night.









Celebrate in Style

Our extraordinary location sets the stage for showstopping events, from luxurious banquets to inspiring business gatherings

Plan a wedding with wow factor. Begin with a luscious aperitif in the gorgeous gardens overlooking the Bay of Portofino. Dance the night away by the moonlit pool. Let our expert teams arrange beautiful design details inspired by the dreamy surroundings and menus exploding with authentic flavours.

For intimate celebrations, reserve a special table at La Terrazza, decorated with ravishing flowers, or host a party aboard a private boat.

If you're looking for great ways to inspire your team, our choice of incentives ranges from culinary and cultural to sporting experiences. Kayak along the Italian Riviera, learn how to make traditional pesto or embark on an exciting tour of Genoa's rooftops.

For the event of a lifetime, pull out all the stops and hire the entire hotel. Focus on your guests while we take care of every last detail.



Fun & Relaxation

Lay back and indulge in the charming view of Portofino

Swimming pool

Feel like you're in a movie in our stunning heated, saltwater pool with panoramas that will leave you wonderstruck. Relax on comfortable loungers, order an Aperol spritz from the bar and gaze out over palm trees and sparkling sea.

Wellness Centre

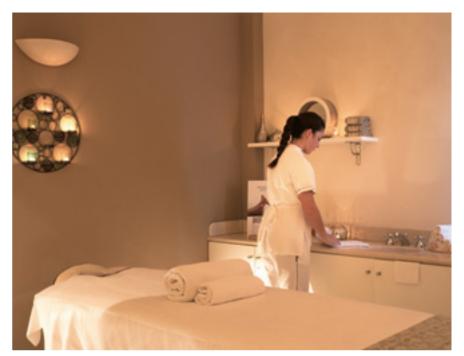
Our expert therapists are waiting to soothe your mind, body and soul with rituals rich in botanicals and health-giving essential oils. Recline for a massage among wildflowers in the balmy open air or unwind in the sauna in the shade of our Mediterranean gardens.

Tennis

Enjoy a game on our all-weather court, set on the hillside next to Belmond Hotel Splendido. A professional coach is available for group or one-to-one lessons.

Fitness Centre

Work out on the latest gym equipment, motivated – or pleasingly distracted – by the views through the spectacular glass wall. Enlist the help of our personal trainer to reach new fitness goals.





Fun & Relaxation

Motorboat

Conquer the waves on a nautical adventure. Rent our spacious and elegant Chris-Craft Corsair 36 motorboat for a fabulous excursion around the Gulf of Tigullio.

Smile Club

Let our professional tutors keep your little ones entertained. They'll learn to make mosaics, set off on scavenger hunts or play fun games. Join them for ice cream tastings at the local gelateria or a family picnic on the Mount of Portofino.

Signature Boutique

Search no further for your chic Portofino look. Browse our selection of exclusive clothing and accessories, all exuding inimitable Italian flair.



Out & About

Take advantage of our tailor-made activities to enjoy the very best of Liguria by land or sea

To the Lighthouse

Enjoy a scenic stroll to the lighthouse at the end of the promontory. We'll lay out an enticing spread of local specialities in a private spot overlooking the sea. Treat family and friends or arrange a romantic date for two.

Natural Treasures

Discover La Portofinese, a sustainable farm set on the peaceful peninsula. Trek with donkeys, visit the hop plantation, aviary and honey lab, and enjoy tastings of exclusive produce from craft beer to succulent olives.

Divine Music

Let us arrange a private concert for you in the magical surroundings of San Fruttuoso Abbey. Visit by private boat after the day's visitors have gone and enjoy the performance of your choice in the atmospheric courtyard.



CHAPTER FOUR

Cinque Terre

Uncover the gems of the five UNESCO-listed villages linked by a scenic coastal path. We'll tailor a tour to your interests, be it gravity-defying vineyards, medieval churches or secluded beaches.

Genoa Aquarium

Head into the city to explore one of the largest aquaria in Europe. We offer customised activities such as a private Ligurian brunch in front of the shark tank or a chance to feed the penguins. Fabulous family fun.

Nature Walks

What enhances a great walk? Delicious nibbles along the way. Our gourmet tasting tours lead you through the leafy hills around the hotel sampling olive oil, focaccia and fresh lemonade, all with a side helping of sensational views.

Kayak along the Riviera

Paddle to Portofino's lighthouse by the light of the moon or venture along the coast to picnic in sylvan scenery. We can suggest a variety of tours and provide expert guides and equipment.



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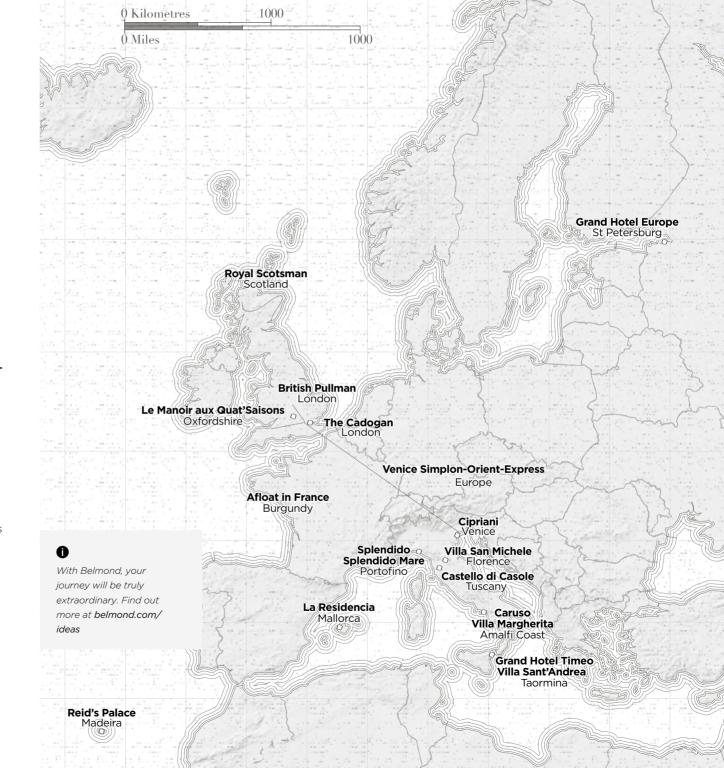


Continue Your Adventure

Now you've fallen in love with our Portofino retreats, 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 **Cipriani**, on Giudecca Island, now celebrating 60 years. The finest way to reach La Serenissima? Aboard the iconic **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**, 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 our barges in France 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

Embark on a seven-night journey, staying at two or more of our Southern European hotels. Enjoy total flexibility with our Grand Tour package. Why not plan your stay to coincide with one of our enticing new activities?

Venice

CIPRIANI

Explore the Venetian lagoon aboard Edipo Re, the historic boat where Maria Callas and Pier Paolo Pasolini developed a profound love.

Portofino

SPLENDIDO
SPLENDIDO MARE
Let us stage a private concert for
you at secluded San Fruttuoso
Abbey, an ancient monastery
reached by boat from our Italian
Riviera hideaway.

Amalfi Coast

CARUSO
VILLA MARGHERITA
Savour a picnic high above
the Amalfi Coast in the ruins of
Sant'Eustachio church, then plunge
into the Ferriere Valley to discover a
landscape lost in time.

Florence and Tuscany

VILLA SAN MICHELE CASTELLO DI CASOLE

Immerse yourself in new Tuscan art on thrilling contemporary sculpture tours from our Florentine retreat. Or embrace rustic traditions at our 10th-century castle hotel, master authentic Tuscan cuisine or cycle through the vineyards and olive groves.

Sicily

GRAND HOTEL TIMEO VILLA SANT'ANDREA

Find out why Sicily is renowned for its fabulous food. Taste specialities on the slopes of Mount Etna and join a cookery class in a local home, or sail to the magical island of Filicudi to enjoy hospitality from three enterprising locals.

Mallorca

LA RESIDENCIA

Embark on a tailor-made tour from Deià to seek out talented artisans in Palma, from Spain's most celebrated guitar maker to a cutting-edge textile designer.

Madeira

REID'S PALACE

Join a jaunt to the island's vertiginous south coast to discover a hidden paradise where a family of vintners has brought luscious malmsey wine back to life.





Our Belmond World

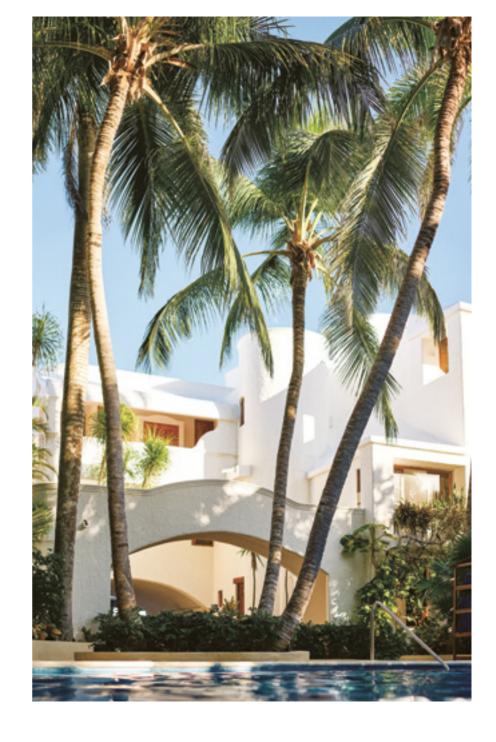
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The seahorse has been a symbol of the hotel since the former Benedictine monastery first began welcoming guests over a century ago. This delightful creature can be spotted when diving in the nationally protected waters that encircle Portofino. It appears on this booklet in the traditional dusky pink of the façades of Ligurian houses reflected in the bay.