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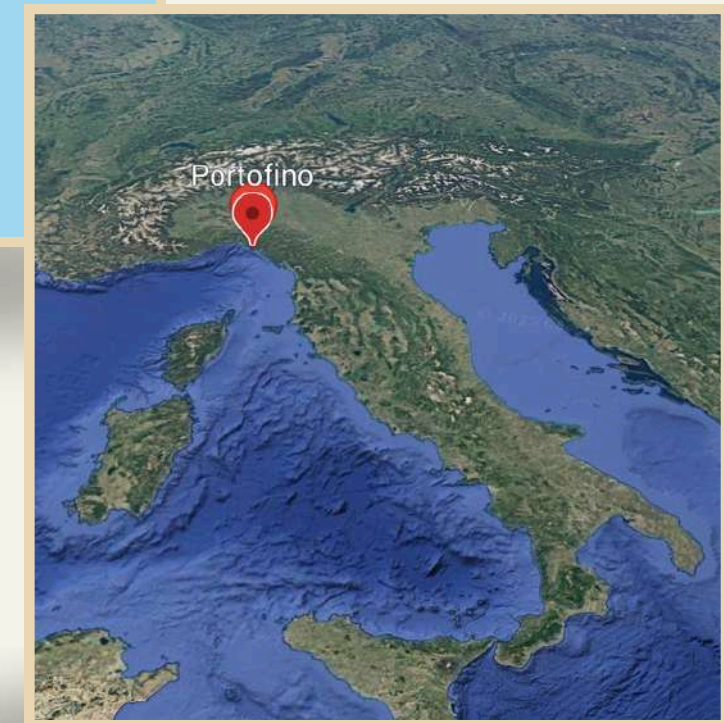
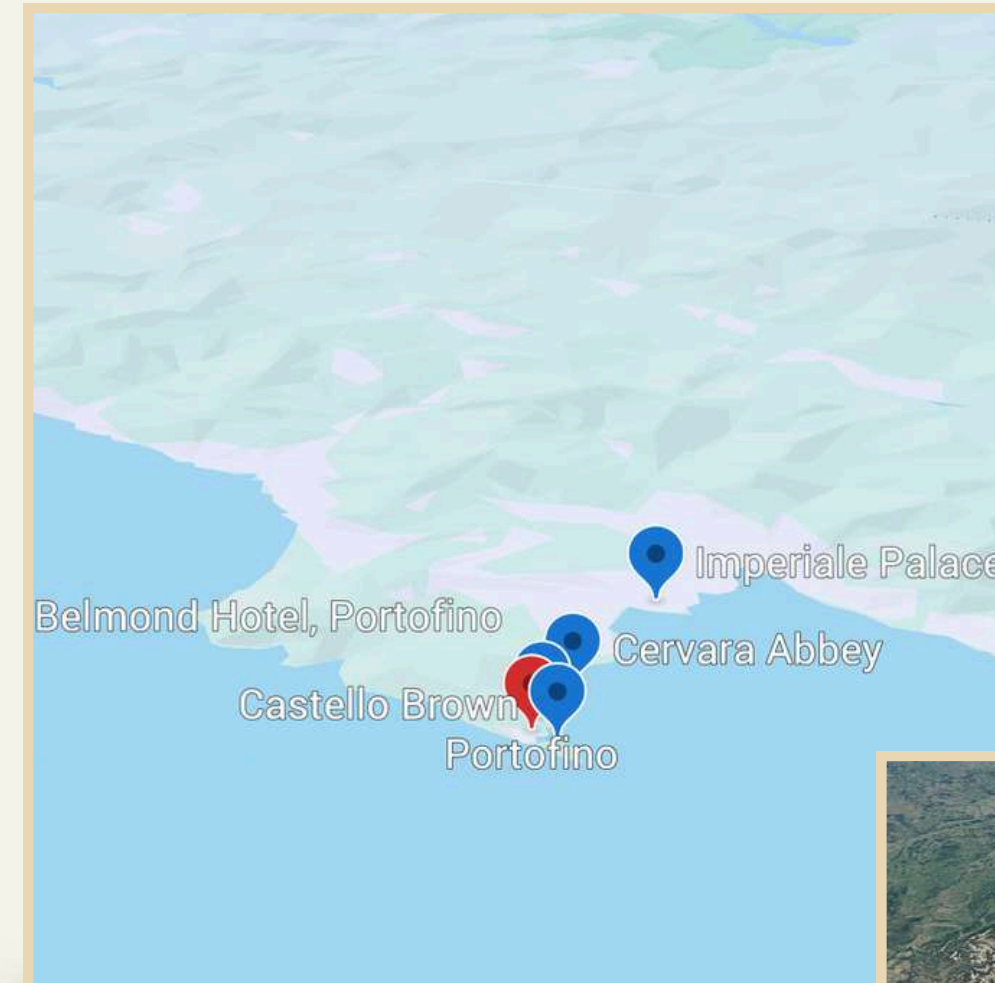
YOUR WEDDING GUIDE TO:

PORTOFINO  
VENUES

# WHAT MAKES PORTOFINO SO UNIQUE?

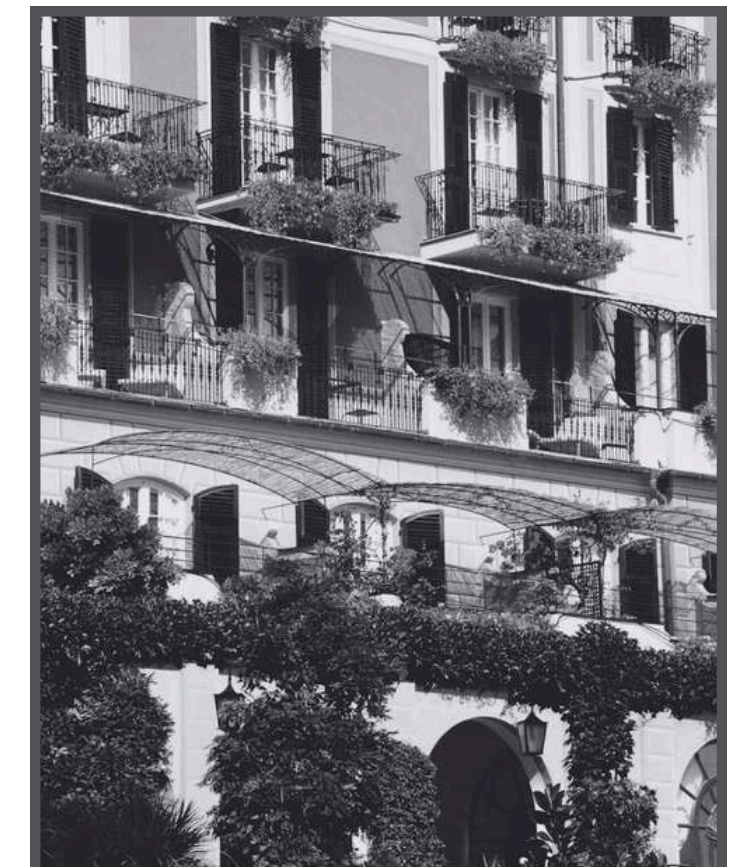
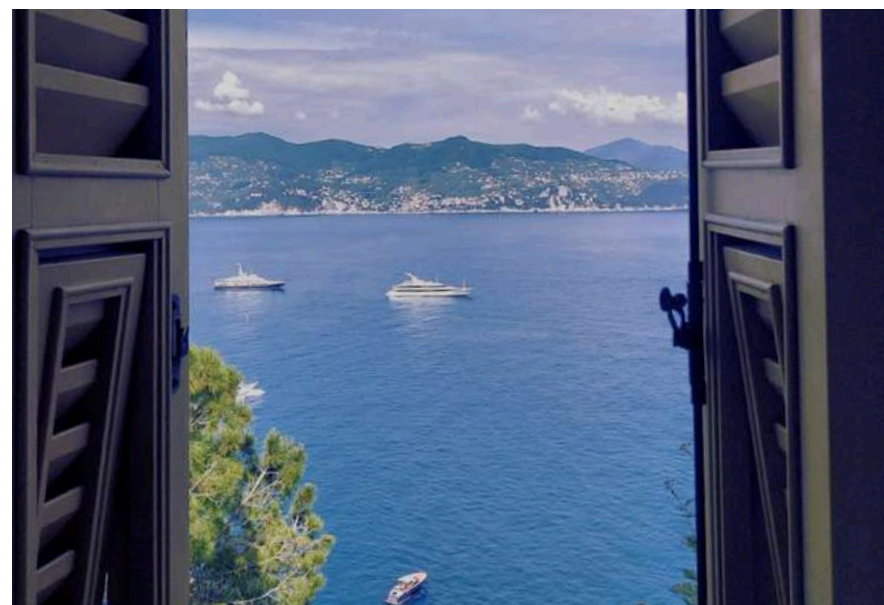


Portofino is one of Italy's most exclusive and picturesque seaside villages, celebrated for its colorful harbor, lush hillside scenery, and refined coastal charm. Nestled within a protected natural park along the Ligurian coast, it offers an intimate blend of natural beauty and quiet luxury, making it an exceptional wedding destination for couples seeking a romantic, elegant, and truly unforgettable Italian setting.





SELECTED CURATED  
PORTOFINO VENUES  
FOR YOU



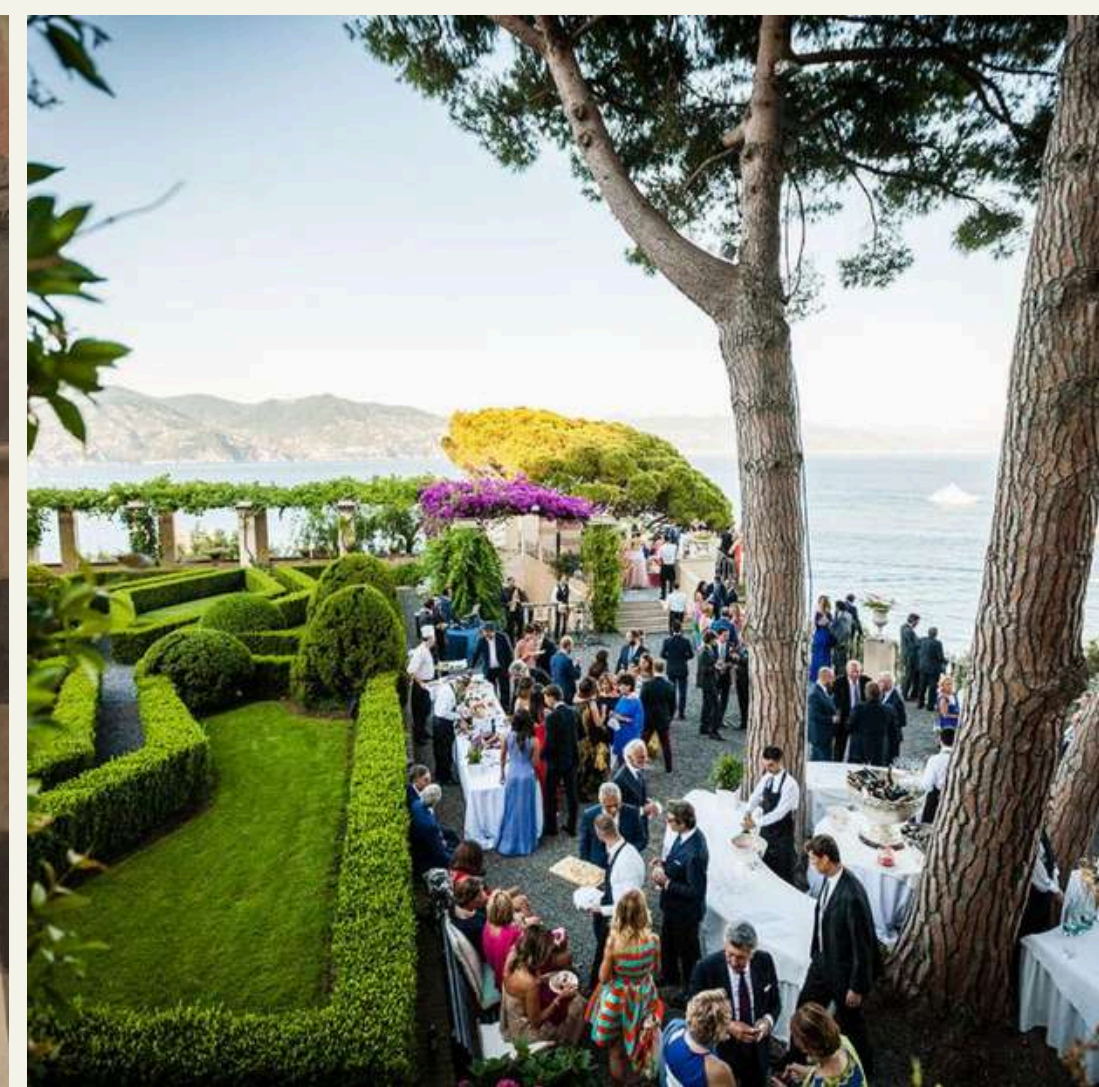
# LA CERVARA

SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE, LIGURIA

Rising above the Mediterranean between Portofino and Santa Margherita Ligure, La Cervara is a former Benedictine abbey whose origins date back to the 14th century.

Designed as a place of contemplation and spiritual retreat, the abbey's stone cloisters, vaulted corridors, and ancient walls retain a profound sense of stillness and reverence. Its Italian gardens, meticulously restored in Renaissance symmetry, cascade toward the sea, creating one of the most breathtaking vantage points along the Ligurian coast. Over the centuries, La Cervara has welcomed scholars, artists, and statesmen, each drawn to its unique blend of seclusion and grandeur.

Today, its architecture and setting lend themselves to weddings defined by serenity, depth, and timeless elegance, where history, nature, and ritual converge in a setting of extraordinary beauty.





### **THE HOTEL AND ITS GROUNDS:**

The property includes manicured Italian gardens, panoramic terraces, cloistered courtyards, and private sea-view viewpoints. Overnight accommodations are available in the Noble floor, a huge apartment with 4 exclusive suites, a large living room, and a private kitchen. The Suite for the Bride and Groom is separated from the main building and set in a special position with a private terrace and sea view. Other exclusive rooms are in the Tower. The total number of rooms available is 11.

### **INDOOR & OUTDOOR SPACES:**

Indoor spaces include historic halls with arched ceilings, refined salons, and former monastic rooms adapted for private events. Outdoors, the garden is decorated with elegantly refined hedges of boxwood, surrounding a 17th-century marble fountain. The gardens and terraces cascade toward the sea, offering multiple levels for gatherings, aperitifs, and open-air dining, each with unobstructed coastal views.

### **CEREMONY + RECEPTION AREAS:**

The monastic complex includes a consecrated church, the tower, the main building, and a monumental Italian garden for religious and symbolic weddings. Other ceremonies are also often held in the terraced gardens or cloisters. Receptions can also take place on panoramic terraces or within the grand indoor halls. La Cervara is ideal for refined celebrations of approximately 80–200 guests, depending on layout and use of indoor versus outdoor areas.



### AIRPORTS

- GENOA CRISTOFORO COLOMBO AIRPORT (GOA) - APPROX. 45-60 MINUTES BY CAR



### BOOKING POLICY

- WEDDINGS TYPICALLY REQUIRE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE VENUE
- ADVANCE BOOKING STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

TYPICAL WAITING TIME: 12-18 MONTHS

### WHERE TO STAY

WEDDING GUESTS TYPICALLY STAY IN:  
 SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE  
 PORTOFINO  
 RAPALLO

• THESE TOWNS OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF LUXURY HOTELS AND BOUTIQUE PROPERTIES WITHIN 10-20 MINUTES OF LA CERVARA.



### ACCOMMODATION

LA CERVARA IS A HISTORIC FORMER BENEDICTINE ABBEY AND DOES NOT OPERATE AS A TRADITIONAL HOTEL.

- TOTAL ROOMS ON SITE: APPROX. 11 EXCLUSIVE ACCOMMODATIONS
- INCLUDES:
- NOBLE FLOOR APARTMENT
- BRIDE & GROOM SUITE WITH PRIVATE TERRACE AND SEA VIEWS
- SELECT GUEST ROOMS IN THE TOWER
- BEST SUITED FOR INTIMATE DESTINATION WEDDINGS WITH MOST GUESTS STAYING NEARBY.



### WET WEATHER

GOOD WET-WEATHER FLEXIBILITY FOR A HISTORIC VENUE.

- INDOOR OPTIONS INCLUDE:
- FORMER MONASTIC HALLS
- HISTORIC CLOISTERS
- CONSECRATED CHURCH
- OUTDOOR TERRACES CAN BE PAIRED WITH INDOOR RECEPTIONS IF WEATHER SHIFTS.



### ACCESSIBILITY

- ACCESSIBILITY IS MODERATE
- VENUE INCLUDES:
- HISTORIC STONE PATHWAYS
- STEPS AND UNEVEN SURFACES
- MULTIPLE LEVELS AND TERRACES
- NOT FULLY WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE DUE TO PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS
- COMFORTABLE FOOTWEAR RECOMMENDED FOR GUESTS.

IDEAL SEASON: MAY - OCTOBER

### CATERING

- APPROVED CATERERS ONLY
- CATERING MUST COMPLY WITH VENUE PRESERVATION AND HERITAGE GUIDELINES
- MENUS ARE FULLY CUSTOMIZABLE AND TYPICALLY FEATURE:
- LIGURIAN CUISINE
- HIGH-END ITALIAN FINE DINING
- MULTI-COURSE SEATED DINNERS OR ELEGANT APERITIVO RECEPTIONS



### MAX WEDDING GUESTS

LA CERVARA IS IDEAL FOR REFINED, MEDIUM-SIZED CELEBRATIONS:

- CEREMONIES & RECEPTIONS: APPROX. 80-200 GUESTS
- CAPACITY DEPENDS ON:
- INDOOR VS OUTDOOR LAYOUT
- USE OF TERRACES, CLOISTERS, AND GARDENS

### SUPPLIER POLICY

- EXTERNAL VENDORS ARE ALLOWED WITH PRIOR APPROVAL
- APPLIES TO:
- FLORALS
- ENTERTAINMENT
- PRODUCTION & LIGHTING
- ALL SUPPLIERS MUST MEET VENUE REGULATIONS AND RESPECT THE HISTORIC SITE.



### CHURCH

YES

- THE PROPERTY INCLUDES A CONSECRATED HISTORIC CHURCH
- SUITABLE FOR CATHOLIC WEDDING CEREMONIES
- SYMBOLIC CEREMONIES MAY ALSO TAKE PLACE IN GARDENS OR TERRACES





# CASTELLO BROWN

PORTOFINO, LIGURIA

Castello Brown stands watch above Portofino harbor, its commanding position offering sweeping views across the coastline and open sea. Originally constructed as a military fortress, the castle's thick stone walls and terraced grounds reflect centuries of strategic importance and transformation.

Over time, defensive structures gave way to refined gardens and scenic overlooks, softening the fortress into a place of romance and reflection. Cypress trees line the pathways, and each terrace reveals a new perspective of the Riviera below.

Within this elevated setting, weddings take on a sense of drama and legacy, framed by medieval architecture and one of Italy's most iconic panoramas, where history and spectacle feel inseparable.





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### **THE HOTEL AND ITS GROUNDS:**

Castello Brown is a historic hilltop fortress surrounded by expansive botanical gardens and scenic walking paths. While it does not offer overnight accommodations, its grounds include lush lawns, shaded terraces, and elevated viewpoints overlooking Portofino harbor to enjoy during the day, and a selection of villas and hotels within minutes of the location for overnight stays.

### **INDOOR & OUTDOOR SPACES:**

The castle is surrounded by a Mediterranean garden full of flowers, rose gardens, and pergolas. The breathtaking view of the gardens and terraces provides dramatic open-air views that will accompany you inside the castle. Once you enter the castle, you can see numerous bas-reliefs and furnishings of fine workmanship and atmospheric stone rooms, historic salons, and vaulted spaces ideal for intimate gatherings.

### **CEREMONY + RECEPTION AREAS:**

Ceremonies are typically held in the gardens or on panoramic terraces, while receptions are often hosted outdoors or partially indoors depending on guest count. Castello Brown is best suited for 60–100 guests, with logistics coordinated through nearby luxury hotels.



### AIRPORTS

- GENOA CRISTOFORO COLOMBO AIRPORT (GOA) - APPROX. 45 MINUTES BY CAR TO SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE, FOLLOWED BY BOAT OR CAR TRANSFER TO PORTOFINO



### BOOKING POLICY

- VENUE RENTAL ONLY (NO ACCOMMODATION)
  - ADVANCE BOOKING STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
- TYPICAL WAITING TIME: 18+ MONTHS



### ACCOMMODATION

- CASTELLO BROWN DOES NOT OFFER OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION. GUESTS TYPICALLY STAY AT NEARBY LUXURY HOTELS IN PORTOFINO OR SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE, WITH TRANSFERS COORDINATED FOR THE WEDDING DAY.



### WHERE TO STAY

- RECOMMENDED NEARBY ACCOMMODATIONS:
  - BELMOND HOTEL SPLENDIDO
  - BELMOND SPLENDIDO MARE
  - EIGHT HOTEL PORTOFINO
  - LUXURY VILLAS IN SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE
- GUESTS ARE USUALLY TRANSPORTED VIA BOAT OR SHUTTLE.



### WET WEATHER

- LIMITED INDOOR BACKUP OPTIONS
- SMALL HISTORIC INTERIOR ROOMS CAN BE USED FOR INTIMATE CEREMONIES OR COCKTAIL-STYLE MOMENTS
- RECEPTIONS ARE BEST PLANNED OUTDOORS, WITH TENTING RECOMMENDED IF WEATHER IS A CONCERN



### ACCESSIBILITY

- MODERATE TO LIMITED ACCESSIBILITY
- STEEP PATHS, STAIRS, AND UNEVEN HISTORIC SURFACES
- NOT IDEAL FOR GUESTS WITH LIMITED MOBILITY

IDEAL SEASON: MAY - SEPTEMBER

### CATERING



- EXTERNAL CATERING REQUIRED
- CATERERS MUST BE EXPERIENCED WITH HISTORIC VENUES AND OUTDOOR LOGISTICS
- MENU AND SERVICE STYLE SUBJECT TO VENUE APPROVAL AND PRESERVATION RULES



### MAX WEDDING GUESTS

- BEST SUITED FOR 60-100 GUESTS
- CAPACITY DEPENDS ON LAYOUT AND USE OF TERRACES VS. GARDEN SPACES
- IDEAL FOR ELEGANT, INTIMATE CELEBRATIONS RATHER THAN LARGE-SCALE RECEPTIONS

### SUPPLIER POLICY



- EXTERNAL VENDORS ALLOWED (CATERING, FLORALS, PRODUCTION, ENTERTAINMENT)
- ALL SUPPLIERS MUST BE PRE-APPROVED
- STRICT SETUP, BREAKDOWN, AND PRESERVATION GUIDELINES APPLY DUE TO HISTORIC STATUS



### CHURCH

- NO CHURCH ON SITE
- CATHOLIC CEREMONIES TYPICALLY HELD AT SAN MARTINO CHURCH (PORTOFINO) OR NEARBY CHURCHES IN SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE, FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION AT CASTELLO BROWN



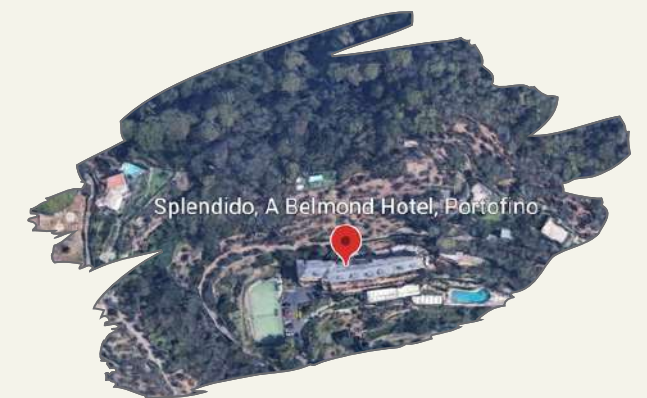
# BELMOND HOTEL SPLENIDO

PORTOFINO, LIGURIA

Belmond Hotel Splendido occupies a privileged position above Portofino, housed within a former 16th-century monastery that has long embodied Riviera refinement.

Over decades, it has become a symbol of discreet luxury, known for its terraced gardens, sun-drenched façades, and interiors that reflect classic Ligurian elegance. The hotel's architectural character balances monastic origins with polished sophistication, offering spaces that feel both intimate and grand. Its elevated terraces open to sweeping harbor views, creating a sense of calm and exclusivity above the village below.

Within this setting, weddings unfold with effortless grace, shaped by impeccable service, historic character, and an atmosphere steeped in timeless glamour.





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### **THE HOTEL AND ITS GROUNDS:**

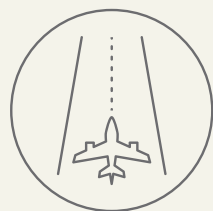
perch in the Portofino hills, where sophistication is woven into a fabric of rich history, is Belmond Hotel Splendido, a luxury hotel set within lush hillside gardens, featuring a spa, swimming pool, fine dining restaurants, and private terraces. Overnight accommodations are available across its fabulous rooms and signature suites, allowing for approximately 120–140 overnight guests when fully reserved.

### **INDOOR & OUTDOOR SPACES:**

Indoor spaces include elegant salons, private dining rooms, and refined interiors designed for intimate events. Outdoors, the hotel offers panoramic terraces, garden lawns, and poolside areas overlooking the harbor, ideal for multi-day celebrations.

### **CEREMONY + RECEPTION AREAS:**

Ceremonies are often held on garden terraces or scenic viewpoints, while receptions may take place on panoramic terraces or in private dining spaces. Wedding celebrations typically accommodate 60–250 guests, depending on exclusivity and event layout.



### AIRPORTS

- GENOA CRISTOFORO COLOMBO AIRPORT (GOA) - APPROX. 45 MINUTES BY CAR TO SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE, THEN BOAT OR HOTEL SHUTTLE TO PORTOFINO

### ACCOMMODATION



- BELMOND HOTEL SPLENDIDO IS A FIVE-STAR LUXURY HOTEL PERCHED ABOVE PORTOFINO, OFFERING ELEGANT OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION ON SITE.

THE HOTEL FEATURES REFINED ROOMS AND SUITES WITH GARDEN OR HARBOR VIEWS, ALLOWING COUPLES TO HOST DESTINATION WEDDINGS WITH GUESTS STAYING TOGETHER IN A PRIVATE, EXCLUSIVE SETTING.

WHEN FULLY RESERVED, THE PROPERTY ACCOMMODATES APPROXIMATELY 120-140 OVERNIGHT GUESTS, DEPENDING ON ROOM CONFIGURATION.

### WET WEATHER



- GOOD WET-WEATHER FLEXIBILITY
- INDOOR SALONS AND PRIVATE DINING ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR CEREMONIES OR RECEPTIONS
- COVERED TERRACES AND INTERIOR LOUNGES ALLOW EVENTS TO PROCEED COMFORTABLY IN CHANGING CONDITIONS

IDEAL SEASON: MAY - SEPT

### CATERING



- IN-HOUSE CATERING REQUIRED
- CUISINE PROVIDED BY BELMOND'S CULINARY TEAM
- MENUS ARE FULLY CUSTOMIZABLE AND WELL SUITED FOR REFINED MULTI-COURSE DINNERS, COCKTAIL RECEPTIONS, AND MULTI-DAY CELEBRATIONS

### SUPPLIER POLICY



- EXTERNAL VENDORS PERMITTED (FLORALS, ENTERTAINMENT, PRODUCTION)
- ALL SUPPLIERS MUST BE PRE-APPROVED
- VENDORS MUST COMPLY WITH HOTEL LOGISTICS, NOISE REGULATIONS, AND PRESERVATION STANDARDS



### BOOKING POLICY

- WEDDINGS TYPICALLY REQUIRE A PARTIAL OR FULL BUYOUT, ESPECIALLY DURING PEAK SEASON
- MINIMUM SPEND AND MINIMUM NIGHT STAYS APPLY
- TYPICAL WAITING TIME: 12-18 MONTHS

TYPICAL WAITING TIME:

### WHERE TO STAY



- GUESTS STAY ON SITE AT BELMOND HOTEL SPLENDIDO
- OVERFLOW ACCOMMODATIONS OFTEN ARRANGED AT BELMOND SPLENDIDO MARE OR NEARBY LUXURY HOTELS IN PORTOFINO AND SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE

### ACCESSIBILITY



- MODERATE ACCESSIBILITY
- PROPERTY IS BUILT ON A HILLSIDE WITH MULTIPLE LEVELS AND STAIRS
- ASSISTANCE AND SHUTTLES AVAILABLE, BUT NOT IDEAL FOR GUESTS WITH LIMITED MOBILITY

### MAX WEDDING GUESTS



- IDEAL FOR 60-150 GUESTS
- LARGER CELEBRATIONS POSSIBLE WITH PARTIAL OR FULL BUYOUT
- CAPACITY DEPENDS ON TERRACE USAGE, INDOOR VS OUTDOOR LAYOUT, AND EXCLUSIVITY LEVEL

### CHURCH



- NO CHURCH ON SITE
- CATHOLIC CEREMONIES TYPICALLY HELD AT SAN MARTINO CHURCH (PORTOFINO), FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION AT THE HOTEL



# IMPERIALE PALACE HOTEL

SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE, LIGURIA

The Imperiale Palace Hotel is a majestic example of early 20th-century Italian grandeur, originally built as an aristocratic seaside residence overlooking the Ligurian Sea.

Its Art Nouveau architecture, ornate façades, and frescoed interiors reflect the elegance and optimism of the Belle Époque, an era defined by refined social life and architectural splendor. Manicured gardens descend toward the water, while grand salons and terraces create a natural rhythm between indoor and outdoor celebration.

The hotel's stately presence and historical depth imbue weddings with a sense of ceremony and permanence, where elegance feels inherited rather than styled.





### **THE HOTEL AND ITS GROUNDS:**

Imperiale Palace Hotel is a grand seaside property amidst elegant surroundings, and the sparkle of the sea, where wellness unfolds into genuine emotion. It features landscaped gardens, a private beach club, a swimming pool, and elegant common areas. Overnight accommodations are available in its classic suites and its more imperial-like floors, for approximately 90–110 guests, making it suitable for hosting wedding parties on-site.

### **INDOOR & OUTDOOR SPACES:**

Indoors, the hotel offers classic ballrooms, refined salons, restaurants and bars, and sea-facing event rooms. Outdoors, the gardens, terraces, and beachfront areas provide versatile settings for ceremonies, receptions, and cocktail hours.

### **CEREMONY + RECEPTION AREAS:**

The elegant Terrazza Paraggi is the ideal setting for the day's most beautiful photographs or to savor an exquisite Italian aperitif: an open-air panoramic space where you can relax before dinner while gazing over the Portofino bay horizon. Wedding ceremonies may also be held in the gardens or on sea-view terraces. Receptions may be hosted in the ballroom or outdoors. The venue comfortably accommodates 100–180 guests, depending on the chosen spaces.



### AIRPORTS

- GENOA CRISTOFORO COLOMBO AIRPORT (GOA) - APPROX. 45-50 MINUTES BY CAR



### BOOKING POLICY

- WEDDINGS TYPICALLY REQUIRE A PARTIAL OR FULL PROPERTY BUYOUT, DEPENDING ON EVENT SIZE AND SEASON. MINIMUM SPEND AND MINIMUM NIGHT STAY REQUIREMENTS APPLY, ESPECIALLY DURING PEAK SUMMER MONTHS.

TYPICAL WAITING TIME: 12-18 MONTHS

### ACCOMMODATION



- IMPERIALE PALACE HOTEL IS A GRAND, HISTORIC SEASIDE HOTEL OFFERING ELEGANT OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS ON SITE. THE PROPERTY FEATURES APPROXIMATELY 90-110 GUEST ROOMS AND SUITES, MANY WITH SEA VIEWS OR PRIVATE TERRACES, ALLOWING COUPLES TO HOST DESTINATION WEDDINGS WITH GUESTS STAYING TOGETHER UNDER ONE ROOF.



### WHERE TO STAY

- GUESTS STAY ON-SITE AT IMPERIALE PALACE HOTEL
- ADDITIONAL NEARBY HOTELS AVAILABLE IN SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE FOR OVERFLOW GUESTS



### WET WEATHER

- STRONG WET-WEATHER FLEXIBILITY
- ELEGANT INDOOR SALONS, BALLROOMS, AND COVERED TERRACES AVAILABLE
- SEAMLESS TRANSITIONS BETWEEN INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SPACES IF NEEDED



### ACCESSIBILITY

- ACCESSIBILITY IS MODERATE
- ELEVATOR ACCESS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE HOTEL
- OUTDOOR GARDEN AND TERRACE AREAS MAY INCLUDE STEPS DUE TO HISTORIC DESIGN

IDEAL SEASON: MAY - SEPT

### CATERING



- IN-HOUSE CATERING REQUIRED
- SEASONAL ITALIAN MENUS WITH LIGURIAN INFLUENCE
- CUSTOMIZABLE FOR SEATED DINNERS, COCKTAIL RECEPTIONS, AND MULTI-COURSE BANQUETS



### MAX WEDDING GUESTS

- INDOOR RECEPTIONS: APPROX. 100-180 GUESTS
- OUTDOOR TERRACES & GARDENS: APPROX. 120-180 GUESTS
- GUEST COUNT DEPENDS ON LAYOUT, WEATHER PLAN, AND CHOSEN SPACES

### SUPPLIER POLICY



- IN-HOUSE CATERING MANDATORY
- EXTERNAL VENDORS (FLORAL, MUSIC, PRODUCTION, LIGHTING) ALLOWED WITH PRIOR APPROVAL
- ALL SUPPLIERS MUST COMPLY WITH VENUE AND PRESERVATION GUIDELINES



### CHURCH

- NO CHURCH ON SITE
- CATHOLIC CEREMONIES TYPICALLY HELD AT NEARBY CHURCHES IN SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE OR PORTOFINO, FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION AT THE HOTEL



## Contact

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