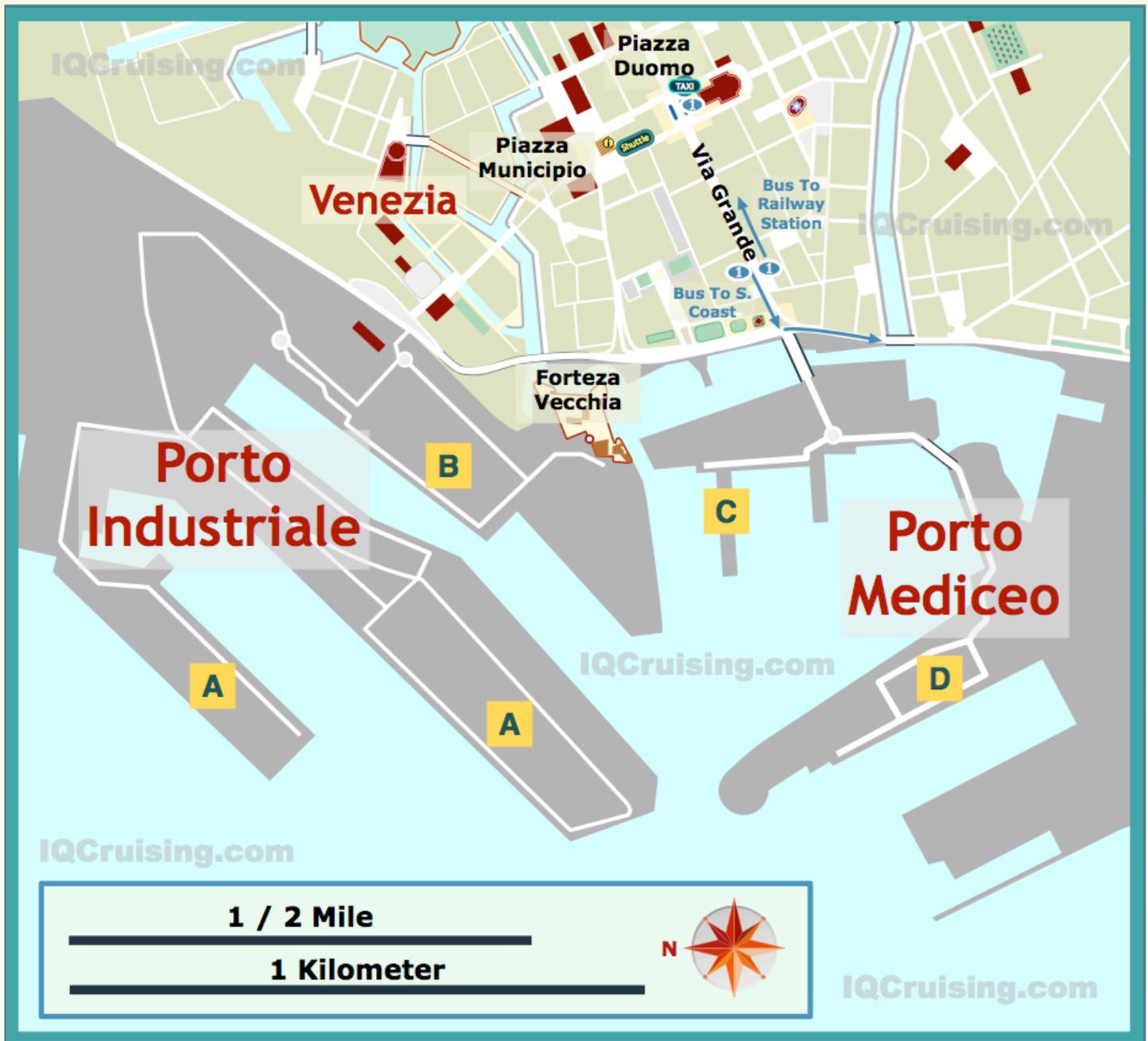


**LIVORNO - AT THE PIER GUIDE**

**WHERE SHIPS DOCK**

Depending on the size of the ship but also on how many ships are calling at Livorno there are two main docking areas. As a rule of thumb most ships over 60.000 tons will dock at the Porto Industriale (**A** and **B** on Map) whilst the smaller ones will dock at the Porto Mediceo (**C** and **D** on Map).



But don't have for granted that your small ship will always dock at Porto Mediceo as there are a few events and/or eventualities that may force her to dock at Porto Industriale. A regatta that takes place every year between April and May is one of those events that will close the Porto Mediceo and cruise ships (large or small) will have to dock at the Porto Industriale. It can also happen, specially in the early spring or late fall, that due too strong winds the Porto Mediceo may be closed and the smaller ships will have to dock at the Porto Industriale.

### **Porto Industriale - A and B (on Map)**

As the name suggests the *Porto Industriale* is far from attractive and doesn't have much as far as amenities - there aren't restrooms, ATMs, phones or any kind of shops - but there will be a Tourist Information Representative close to the gangway as well as Rent-a-Car services. However, all cruise lines provide a shuttle bus directly to *Piazza Municipio*. You will also see a few taxis parked by the gangway but be aware that drivers are there waiting for passengers that wish to go as far as Pisa, Lucca or Florence. Even so, some taxis will be willing to accept a ride to the Railway Station for € 25 euros. Although the Porto Industriale is not far from the city centre, port authorities forbid walking from the farthest area (**A** on Map). This said, if your ship docks on the pier closest to Venezia and Forteza Vecchia - **B on the map** - the 15-minute walk may be an alternative.

### **Porto Mediceo - C**

At walking distance to the city centre, the old Porto Mediceo named after the famous Florentine family that ruled Tuscany (and Livorno) in Renaissance times, is only used by the small luxury ships of cruise lines like Regent, Silverseas, Seabourne, Oceania or Azamara. The Port Mediceo occupies a large area and there are two main docking spots. The closest docking spot to the city - **C on the map** - is no more than a 10 minutes walk from the start of **Via Grande**. At the pier you will not find restrooms, ATMs or shops but there is always a Tourist Information Representative, major Rent-a-Car reps and a few taxis.

Considering the proximity to the city, cruise lines do not provide shuttle buses. Be also aware that Taxis drivers are there looking out for passengers that wish to do one-day-tours to the cities close by and will plainly refuse (or ask exorbitant amounts) for the fare to the city center or even to the train station - if a driver agrees to it, don't expect to pay less than € 25.00(euros) to get to the railway station. However, on Piazza Grande (less than 1/2 mile from the

port) there is a taxi stand that will charge 'normal' prices - around € 8.00 (euros).

The walk to the **Piazza Grande** (the heart of the city) is pleasant; as you cross the bridge that separates the port from the city do not miss the view of the **Fortezza Vecchia** on your left; once in the large square that borders the port (Piazza Pantaglione) you will see the famous '**Quattro Mori**' statue - one of the monumental highlights of Livorno next to the start of **Via Grande**. If you are planning to get on a bus - either to the Railway Station (to travel to Florence, Lucca or Pisa) or to explore the coast as far as Montenero, the bus stops are at the beginning of Via Grande.

If heading to the **Railway Station** the **Bus #1** stop will be on your right - heading East. If you wish to venture as far as Montenero, or just go south to the Aquarium or the Passagiata Mascagni, the Bus #1 stop will be on the left of Via Grande heading south. Regardless of where you heading make sure you buy a bus ticket at the newsstand (Kiosk) right before the start of Via Grande (English is widely understood in Livorno) - we strongly advise the purchase of two tickets straight away so that you don't need to look out for newsstands to buy tickets for your return.

Once on Via Grande, you will find all sorts of shops, cafes, pharmacies and services under the arcades of the this main avenue that connects the Port Mediceo to the Piazza Repubblica - a landmark of the city. More or less half way through the avenue opens up into the **Piazza Grande** - the Cathedral Square.

### **Porto Mediceo - D**

Very seldom it will happen that cruise ships will dock at farther spot in the Port Mediceo - **D on map**. Like the other pier in the Porto Mediceo - C on map - only small luxury ships dock here and only in special occasions. However, in this case, cruise lines do usually provide **Shuttle Buses** to **Piazza Municipio**.

The walk to the city center (**Piazza Grande**) is almost a mile long but once passed the pier gates it becomes quite pleasant as it borders the port and offers a nice seafront view.

Like in all other docking spots in the Port of Livorno, you will not find restrooms, ATM's or shops. Don't count on finding a Tourist Information Representative or major Rent-a-Car services. A handful of taxis maybe be available in the morning but, like on the other piers, drivers will be looking out for 'day-tours' not for short ride to the city center.

## AROUND PIAZZA MUNICIPIO

In **Piazza Municipio** or just around the corner in **Piazza Grande** (Cathedral Square) you will find pretty much all that you may need to explore the historical attractions of the city. Next to the **Shuttle** bus stop in Piazza Municipio there is a **Tourist Information** Kiosk; on the street that leads to Piazza Grande you will find ATM's, a cafe with Wi-Fi and an Exchange Office. Close to Piazza Municipio you will also find the stop for the '**City Sightseeing**' buses that will take you all around the city and as far as Montenero. **Via Borra**, the main street at the heart of the **Venezia** quarter is just around the corner and so is **Via Madonna** with its famous churches.



Buses to the Railway Station depart from Piazza Grande if you wish to travel by train to Pisa, Lucca or Florence. Make sure you buy bus tickets at the newsstands on the Piazza (strongly advisable to buy two tickets so that you don't have to look for another kiosk on the way back). **Bus #1** to the Railway Station stops in front of the Duomo (Cathedral) - heading left (East) when facing the Duomo. On the opposite side, traveling West and towards the sea, Bus #1 is ideal if you wish to explore **Montenero**, the **Acquario** or the **Passagiatta Mascagini** in the south coast. Behind the Duomo (**P on map**) you will find the bus stop to **Pisa** and **Tirrenia**. East of the Duomo there is a taxi stand.

## PIERS AT A GLANCE

PORTO INDUSTRIALE		
WHERE WHAT	PIER A	PIER B
TOURIST INFORMATION	YES	YES
WALK TO TOWN	NO	1/2 MILE
SHUTTLE	YES	YES
TAXIS	YES	YES
RENT-A-CAR	YES	YES
ATM	NO	NO
PHONES	NO	NO
RESTROOMS	NO	NO
SHOPPING	NO	NO

PORTO MEDICEO		
WHERE WHAT	PIER C	PIER D
TOURIST INFORMATION	YES	MAYBE
WALK TO TOWN	1/2 MILE	OVER 1 MILE
SHUTTLE	NO	YES
TAXIS	YES	YES
RENT-A-CAR	YES	NO
ATM	NO	NO
PHONES	NO	NO
RESTROOMS	NO	NO
SHOPPING	NO	NO

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