

# BASE GUIDE

DREAM YACHT  CHARTER

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENJOY YOUR NEXT DREAM DESTINATION!



MEDITERRANEAN | LA SPEZIA, ITALY

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## BASE ADDRESS

V.le San Bartolomeo 394  
 Porto Lotti  
 19126 La Spezia  
 Italy

**GPS POSITION:** 44° 05' 50" N 09° 51' 25" E  
**OPENING HOURS:** 9am- 13pm and 2.30pm-6.30pm

## BASE MAP

MARINA ENTRANCE

OUR OFFICE



- 1 RECEPTION
- 2 UFFICI AMMINISTRATIVI  
Harbour management office
- 3 PARKING & BOX
- 4 MINIMARKET
- 5 EDICOLA  
Newsstand
- 6 PARTENZA SHUTTLE  
Shuttle point
- 7 GOLF CARS
- 8 CANTIERE LOTTI SHIPYARD  
Shipyards area
- 9 UFFICIO CANTIERE  
Shipyards office
- 10 CAMPO DA TENNIS / CALCETTO  
Tennis / Mini soccer
- 11 SERVIZI BAGNO/DOCCIA/SPOGLIATOI  
Bathrooms
- 12 CALA ORMEGGIATORI / Mooring cove  
PUNTO DI PRIMO SOCCORSO / First aid
- 13 SALONE CONGRESSI (PIANO SUPERIORE)  
Conference room (upper floor)
- 14 AREA COMMERCIALE  
Shopping area
- 15 METEO
- 16 SOC. SERVIZI VARI  
Boat services
- 17 BANCOMAT / ATM Cash machine
- 18 SALA CINEMA / MEETING  
Movies / Meeting area

- 19 Ufficio Portof / Harbour office  
Tel/Ph 0187 532200
- 20 PALESTRA  
Gym
- 21 CORTE LOTTI MARINE  
YACHT BROKERAGE
- 22 SHIPCHANDLER
- 23 BAR
- 24 RISTORANTE  
Restaurant
- 25 PISCINA  
Swimming pool
- 26 BEAUTY FARM
- 27 TAXIBOAT
- 28 ATTERREGGIO ELICOTTERI  
Helipad
- 29 RIFORNIMENTO CARBURANTE,  
ACQUA, GHIACCIO  
Fuel, water, ice supply
- 30 AREA RIFIUTI  
Garbage area

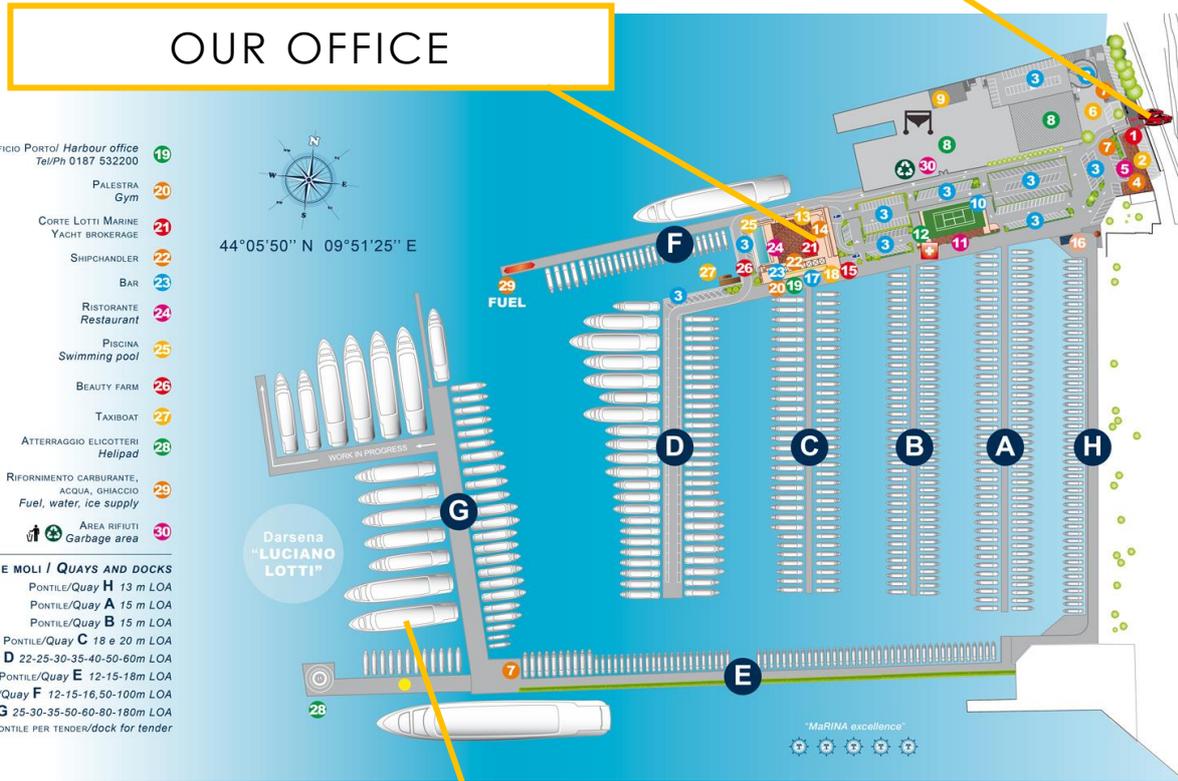
- BANCHINE E MOLI / QUAYS AND DOCKS**
- PONTILE/Quay H 13 m LOA
  - PONTILE/Quay A 15 m LOA
  - PONTILE/Quay B 15 m LOA
  - PONTILE/Quay C 18 e 20 m LOA
  - PONTILE/Quay D 22-25-30-35-40-50-60m LOA
  - PONTILE/Quay E 12-15-18m LOA
  - PONTILE/Quay F 12-15-16,50-100m LOA
  - PONTILE/Quay G 25-30-35-50-60-80-180m LOA
  - PONTILE PER TENDER/dock for tender

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OUR YACHTS AND CAR PARK



## BASE CONTACTS

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### BASE MANAGER

Silvano Botti (speaks Italian and French)

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Email: [silvano.botti@dreamyachtcharter.com](mailto:silvano.botti@dreamyachtcharter.com)

### CUSTOMER SERVICE:

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Telephone: +39 349 740 5353

Email: [marco.meleca@dreamyachtcharter.com](mailto:marco.meleca@dreamyachtcharter.com)

## BASE FACILITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luggage storage             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restaurant                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilets     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bar                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Showers     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supermarket / Grocery store |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATM                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post Office                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private parking             |

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### LICENSE

Sailing licence required:  Yes  No

Italian residents need an Italian sailing license while foreign citizens need a sailing license recognized by local port authorities.

### PAYMENT

The base can accept:  Visa  Mastercard  Amex  Cash

### EMBARKATION TIME

Embarkation is at 5pm.

### YACHT BRIEFING

Yacht briefing takes around 1h.

### DISEMBARKATION TIME

Disembarkation time will be 9am. It's compulsory that yachts return to our berths in Porto Lotti the evening before disembarking.

### BAGGAGE

Please only take soft bags and not suitcases, as they would be too cumbersome on-board. A luggage storage service is available upon request at your arrival.

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## **BASE AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

- Base emergency telephone number: +39 393 8676946
- Marina emergency telephone number: + 39 0187 5321
- Coastguard emergency telephone number: +39 1530
- VHF marina channel: 9
- VHF emergency channel: 16

## **HOW TO GET THERE?**

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### **ACCESS BY PLANE**

The nearest airport to our base in La Spezia is Pisa International Airport (PSA). You can fly to Rome and get a connecting flight or check flights to Genoa or Florence, which are 90 minutes car journey from La Spezia.

### **TRANSFERS FROM THE AIRPORT TO OUR BASE**

You can get a private minibus transfer service from all nearby airports. We can arrange this at competitive rates, we just need your flight number, hour of arrival and number of passengers. This is the fastest and most comfortable way to reach your boat.

### **ACCESS BY ROAD**

La Spezia is served by two motorways. The A12 runs along the coast from Genova to Livorno. The A15 connects to the A1, which runs north to south from Milan towards Bologna, Florence, Rome and Naples.

### **ACCESS BY TRAIN**

There is a regular train service available from Pisa Airport. Take the "[Pisa mover](#)" shuttle to reach the central railway station, Pisa Centrale. It's a one-hour journey from there to La Spezia Centrale. Check timetables and buy tickets on the [train operator website](#). You can get a taxi to the marina, which is a 10-minute drive from the station, or we can come to pick you up.

Journey times by train to La Spezia Centrale:

- Milan - 3.30 hours
- Venice - 6 hours
- Florence - 2.30 hours
- Rome - 4 hours
- Naples - 6 hours

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## **PROVISIONING & RECOMMENDATIONS**

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## BASE PROVISIONING SERVICE

This base provides a provisioning service:

- Yes       No

## LOCAL SUPERMARKET

### ESSELUNGA

Corso Nazionale, 578,

19125 La Spezia

Open: Monday – Saturday 7.30am-9pm and Sunday 9am-8pm

### COOP

Via Aurelio Saffi, 73

19126 La Spezia

Open: Monday-Sunday 8am-8pm

Opening hours may differ during public holidays and are subject to change without notice

## FUEL AND WATER

A fuel station is available in Porto Lotti at the entrance to the marina. Fresh water is available at the berth at no extra charge.

## HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:

- [Europa Grand Hotel](#)  
Via Carpanini 1, 19032 Lerici, Italia
- [NH HOTEL](#)  
Via XX Settembre, 2, 19124 La Spezia

## RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS:

- [La Rada](#)  
Porto Lotti Viale San Bartolomeo 394 La Spezia

# AREA GUIDE

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## LOCAL AREA INTRODUCTION

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The port city of La Spezia in the region of Liguria, north west Italy, is part of the renowned Italian Riviera, one of the most impressive stretches of coastline in the country. It's in the heart of the Gulf of La Spezia, between the ancient village of Portovenere and Lerici and the major cities of Genoa and Pisa.

A yacht charter from our base in Porto Lotti gives you the chance to sail Liguria's shoreline known as the Riviera di Levante. This special part of Italy is home to a magnificent rocky coast featuring beautiful fishing villages, sheltered waters, hidden coves and remote bays.

A highlight not to be missed is the UNESCO protected Cinque Terre National Park. Get to know the park's five medieval villages set into the rocks with colorful buildings snaking steeply up the cliff face. This area of outstanding natural beauty is where peregrine falcons take flight and wild boar roam.

## **TOP THINGS TO DO IN LA SPEZIA:**

1. Visit Cinque Terre. Carved into the hillside are the five villages of Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza and Monterosso al Mare with their pastel colored houses. Each has its own character and not to be missed while sailing La Spezia. Unfortunately, there are no comfortable berths or bays to anchor along Cinque Terre. Our suggestion is to go by train from the centre of La Spezia and passes through four of the five destinations, for a special day before or after your yacht charter.
2. Hike on Palmaria Island. The three islands of Palmaria, Tino and Tinetto are close to the gulf of La Spezia to the north side, part of the Porto Venere Natural Park. Make time to explore Terrizzo and Pozzale beaches too, discover the many caves or follow numerous hiking trails with amazing vistas. Before leaving, sail around Tino and Tinetto to see their magnificent caves and the partially submerged statue of Stella Maris.
3. Diving at Portofino and see the enchanting Camogli sea villages. Head down into the depths and work your way through an underwater world of shipwrecks and reefs off the Liguria coast. The marine life is sublime and you can swim with sunfish (Mola Mola). Anchor in front of this unique naturally sheltered bay and discover the pearl of Golfo del Tigullio. Visit Camogli, the castle of Dragonara, overlooking the cliff and rocks, and Museo Marinaro.
4. Feel the romance in Riomaggiore. Take the cliff top trail, known as Lover's Walk, between Riomaggiore and Manarola. Or head to the beach of Fossola for amazing views of the Mediterranean, it's one of our favorite things to do on a La Spezia yacht charter.
5. Explore Parco Naturale Regionale di Porto Venere. The narrow sea channel between Palmaria Island, a UNESCO heritage site, and the small port of Portovenere is perfect for laying at anchor. Behind this port you can climb the slopes and head to the

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clifftop Doria Castle at Portovenere for a great view of Palmaria Island and the gulf. When you reach the top, you may even spot whales and dolphins in the sea below, as well as the remains of the Forte del Muzzerone.

**CURRENCY** EURO

**VOLTAGE**

Electricity on land: 220 V

**DIALING CODE**

Area code: +39

**INTERNET**

There is a free WiFi in the area of the base in Porto Lotti.

**CUSTOMS CLEARANCE**

If you come from outside EU, you might need a visa or to pass custom controls in order to enter in Italian territory. Please check with your embassy.

**ENVIRONMENT**

- Respect your surroundings and leave only footprints in the sand
- Only use the engine or genset when needed (fill up your tanks for the water maker at the docks when you can)
- Respect regulations around marine reserves and private islands where disembarking is not permitted

**REGULATIONS**

Special sailing restriction apply in marine protected area of Cinque Terre. Please refer to the [website](#).

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## SAILING CONDITIONS

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**SAILING AREA**

For one week charter the sailing area is defined by Liguria and Tuscany mainland, Archipelago Toscano with Elba and Corsica.

Start with a sail around the Spezzino Archipelago with its islands of Palmaria, Tino and Tinetto. On the western shore of Palmaria, you will find a blue cave where you can watch the light dance around the walls and ceiling. The coast of this rugged island offers perfect spots for swimming and snorkeling, or to even watch the sunset.

You can head along the coast to Portofino, a coastal village popular among the chic Italians for summer vacations. Look up and spot the high-end villas on the cliffs as you sail the coast, or spend your time exploring Portofino Natural Park.

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Other stop-offs for your La Spezia one week itinerary could include Levanto, with its large beach loved by surfers, and the craft shops of Bonassola. Wherever you sail in La Spezia, this part of the Mediterranean has a long sailing season thanks to warm weather between spring and fall. It's also known for its cuisine, including delicious focaccia, pesto, sardo fresco salty cheese and Sant'Olcese salami, as well as anchovies, mussels and wine. So be sure to give them a try while sailing the Italian Riviera.

To sail La Spezia, you will need a sailing license that is recognized by the local port authorities, or you can hire a skipper.

If you wish to visit Corsica, a natural stop over, check the weather first. You can explore the west coast towards Ajaccio or east coast towards Bastia and Elba Island, or Capraia Island where a sheltered marina and bay will welcome you. Climb to the village to have a fantastic fish dinner. The passage is 60 miles heading straight south.

## **WEATHER**

The best time for La Spezia sailing is between spring and fall. The summer months are the warmest and also the most popular time to visit. Liguria has a long sailing season right up to October – you might want to consider the low season and enjoy the warm weather and fewer crowds.

## **TEMPERATURE**

The temperature in the Italian Riviera and Liguria region in summer averages 91°F with sea temperatures in summer as warm as 75°F. July is the driest month with 3 days of rain per month.

## **WIND SYSTEMS**

The sailing conditions for an Italian Riviera yacht charter along the sheltered Liguria coast are pleasant with warm weather and little wind during summer. The Gulf of La Spezia has a quite regular south east sea breeze up to 15 Kn. turning west in the afternoon.

Navigation in the sailing areas of the north Tyrrhenian Sea, between the mainland and the islands of Corsica and Archipelago Toscano, is relatively simple. The winds calm down at night and you can often anchor in open bays.

In North Corsica, challenging winds are the mistral, which blows from the northwest, and the Libeccio from the southwest, especially during spring and autumn. Since there are only a few protected harbors and bays on the west coast of Corsica, finding shelter can be a challenge. In a mistral, stopover in Macinaggio.

## **LOCAL FORECAST**

In Porto Lotti, there is a video weather station with Meteo Consult data or you can visit this [weather website](#). Weather forecasts are transmitted continuously on VHF Channel 68.