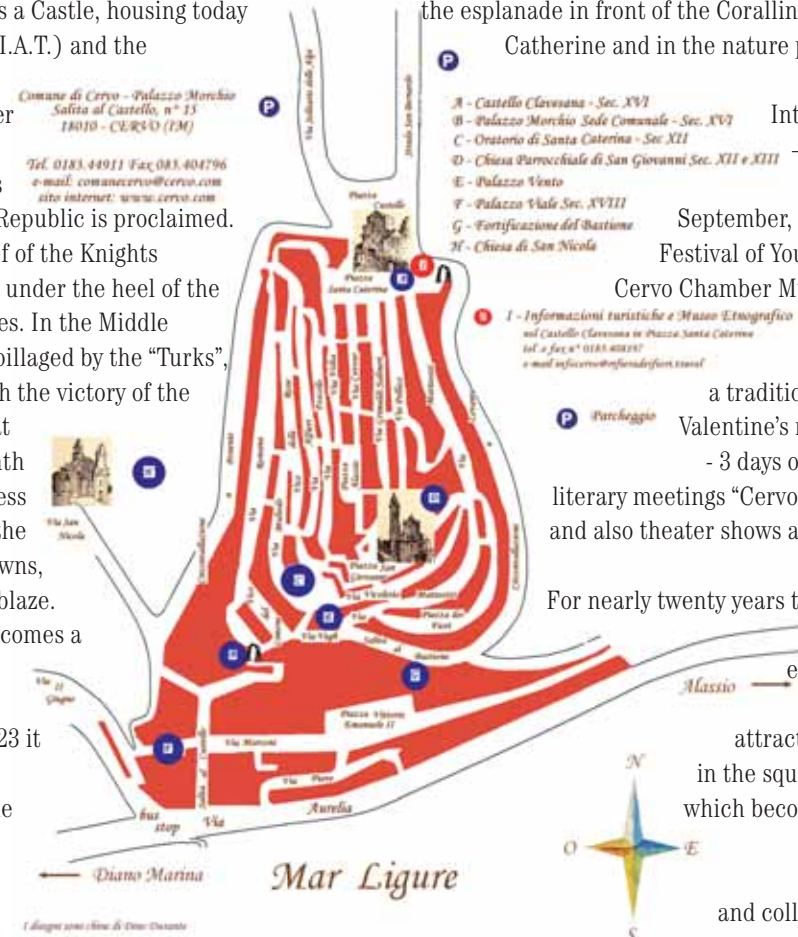


A pre-Roman settlement, Cervo's territory is conquered by the Romans in 181 b.C., who establish a mansio, a resting and provision site, along the via Iulia Augusta, known today as via Aurelia. In the dark ages it is a susceptio, that is a hospice for travellers. Around 1100 the site becomes a fief of the marquess of Clavesana who builds a Castle, housing today the Tourist Information Bureau (I.A.T.) and the Folk Museum. In 1204 Cervo proclaims itself a Free Town under the protection of the Genoese Republic, whose destiny it follows until 1797, the year the Ligurian Republic is proclaimed. In the meantime, it becomes a fief of the Knights Hospitaller and eventually it falls under the heel of the Doria and the Del Carretto families. In the Middle Ages it is continually raided and pillaged by the "Turks", but this comes to a final head with the victory of the Christian over the Muslim ships at Lepanto (1571). In the seventeenth century, a period marked by endless skirmishes between Genova and the House of Savoy, like all coastal towns, Cervo is also ransacked and set ablaze. With the arrival of Napoleon it becomes a Commune of the French empire and in 1814 it is annexed to the Savoy Kingdom of Sardinia. In 1923 it is amalgamated with eight other neighbouring towns into the single municipality of Diano Marina. However, after WW2, with a 1947 decree, Cervo constitutes again an independent town within its original area.

Cervo Il Borgo Medievale



Art in all its forms permeates Cervo, and there is a rich choice of events for both the locals and the guests. First and foremost the International Festival of Chamber Music, which, every summer since 1964, welcomes the prestigious performances of internationally celebrated artists on the esplanade in front of the Corallini church, in the Oratory of St. Catherine and in the nature park of Ciapà. Still within the field of music, there is the International Summer Academy – master classes and concerts during the first fortnight in September, the Easter Academy in April, Festival of Young Musicians in May and the Cervo Chamber Music in June, with concerts in the Oratory of St. Catherine. Furthermore Cervo hosts: a traditional "Children's Carnival", the Valentine's night of lovers, "Nuovamente" - 3 days of ecological festival in spring, literary meetings "Cervo Ti Strega" and "Cervo in Blu" and also theater shows and guided tours of the village and the nature park. For nearly twenty years the first Sunday in September has been devoted to extemporary painting with the "Golden Paintbrush" show, attracting numerous artists at work in the squares and the carrugi (alleys), which become an open-air art gallery for the day. Throughout the year Cervo hosts individual and collective shows of paintings and sculptures in the Oratory of St. Catherine and "Ca' da Nonna Teresa".

Cervo is in Liguria, in the province of Imperia, half-way between Sanremo and Alassio in the heart of the Riviera of Flowers.

You can reach us:

- **on motorway (Autostrada A10):** exit San Bartolomeo al Mare (about 100 kilometres West of Genova), continue on the Aurelia SP (provincial road) for about 1 km. toward Genova;
- **by railway:** on the Genova-Ventimiglia line, the station is "Cervo-San Bartolomeo" (very few trains stop here). It is therefore advisable to get off at Diano Marina and from there reach Cervo (3 Km.) by bus or taxi;
- **by boat:** you can dock at the marinas in San Bartolomeo al Mare (500 metres from Cervo), Diano Marina (3 km.), Andora (4 km.), Imperia (10 Km.) or Alassio (23 Km.);
- **by plane:** the closest airports are Villanova di Albenga (45 km.), Genova (108 km.) and Nice (95 km.).



CERVO

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Emergenza

112 { Carabinieri
Police
Fire Brigade
Ambulance

Croce d'Oro Cervo	0183 408926
Red Cross Diano Marina	0183 494112
Hospital Imperia	0183 5361
Local Health District Diano Marina	0183 498800
First Aid Station	800 554 400
Dental Emergency Station	0183 299908
Italian Automobile Club ACI	803 116
ACI Diano Marina	0183 496452
Coast Guard	1530
Forest Rangers	1515
Town Police Cervo	0183 408178

Services

Town Hall (exchange)	0183 406462
Post Office	0183 408080
Chemist's Santi	0183 400045
Taxi San Bartolomeo	0183 402232
Taxi Diano Marina	0183 495210
FolkMuseum and Tourist Information	0183 406462-int 3
Tennis Club & 5-a-side	0183 402392

Weekly Market

Thurs. morning – Station car park

Lidos

Bagni LINO - Via N. Sauro	0183 752390
Bagni TOSCO - Via ai Bagni	0183 408223
Bagni RESTANO - Via ai Bagni	0183 408259
Bagni L'ANGOLO - loc. Pilone	338 8544889
Bagni AL PILONE - Via alla Marina	0183 408026
Solarium PORTEGHETTO - Via Aurelia	0183 403342



One of the "Most Beautiful Villages in Italy", Cervo has preserved intact its highly original characteristics of a medieval coastal town, protected by sixteenth century towers and walls against a backdrop of green hills. The historic centre is a pedestrian area and is preserved with its age-old buildings, and its cobbled alleys with craftsman and artist workshops.

The coast is punctuated by small lidos; the rest, beaches and reefs, are free and unobtrusive and the only voice to be heard is the sea's. And the water is always crystal clear, its seabed teeming with fish and seaweed.

Beyond the village, around the ruins of past eras, the hills are covered in pine woods and olive trees, criss-crossed by quiet paths, and the air one breathes is salubrious and clean.

Cervo's table has remained peacefully true to the Mediterranean tradition: oil obtained from cold-pressed Taggiasca olives, wine produced with local grapes (pigato and vermentino) and dishes with freshly caught fish accompanied by home-grown vegetables and herbs.



Accommodation

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 LOCANDA BELLAVISTA*** - P.zza Castello tel. 0183 408094
 Camping CAPO MIMOSA - Via Aurelia tel. 0183 408155
 Camping DEL MARE - Via alla Foce tel. 0183 400130
 Camping LINO - Via N. Sauro tel. 0183 752390
 Camping MIRAMARE - Via N. Sauro tel. 0183 400285
 Camping ONDINA - Via alla Foce tel. 0183 400332
 Bungalows MIRACERVO - Via N. Sauro tel. 0183 408383
 LE NOTTI MEDITERRANEE - Via Cavour
 SAN GIORGIO - Piazza S. Caterina tel. 0183 400175
 ECO DEL MARE - Piazza S. Caterina cell. 347 0340093
 B&B CAMERA CON VISTA - Via S. Pellico cell. 339 5479455
 B&B TRA I CARRUGGI - Via Cavour cell. 338 7474820
 B&B TRA IL BORGO E IL MARE - Via Aurelia cell. 389 9453713
 B&B CORALLINI - Via Volta cell. 333 2079429

Holiday Accommodation

I GABBIANI - Via Solitario delle Alpi cell. 331 6426059
 LINO - Via N. Sauro tel. 0183 752390
 U MARIN - Via S. Nicola cell. 392 0995379
 U MAXEU - Via S. Nicola cell. 340 7964359
 DURELLO - Via Aurelia tel. 0183 753202

Restaurants

Ristorante SAN GIORGIO - Via Volta tel. 0183 400175
 Ristorante SERAFINO - Viale Matteotti tel. 0183 408185
 Ristorante LE NEREIDI - Via alla Foce tel. 0183 400982
 Ristorante BELLAVISTA - Piazza Castello tel. 0183 408094
 Ristorante Pizzeria VEGGIA BARACCA
 Circ. Ponente tel. 0183 408322
 Taverna LA MANDRAGOLA - Via Marconi tel. 0183 417000
 Ristorante AL PILONE - Via alla Marina tel. 0183 408026
 Ristorante RESTANO - Via ai Bagni tel. 0183 408259
 Ristorante IL PORTEGHETTO - Via Aurelia tel. 0183 403342
 Pizza al taglio LA PIZZACCIA - Via Aurelia cell. 334 8150573
 Bar Ristorante CIRCOLO TENNIS - Via Steria tel. 0183 402392

Pubs

Bar GIADA - Via Aurelia tel. 0183 403611
 Bar CIT PARIS - Via Aurelia tel. 0183 408309
 Bar BORGO ANTICO - Piazza S. Caterina
 Bar MEDITERRANEO - Salita S. Vegh cell. 339 2669978
 Cafè ARIEL - Via S. Pellico cell. 345 1438204

