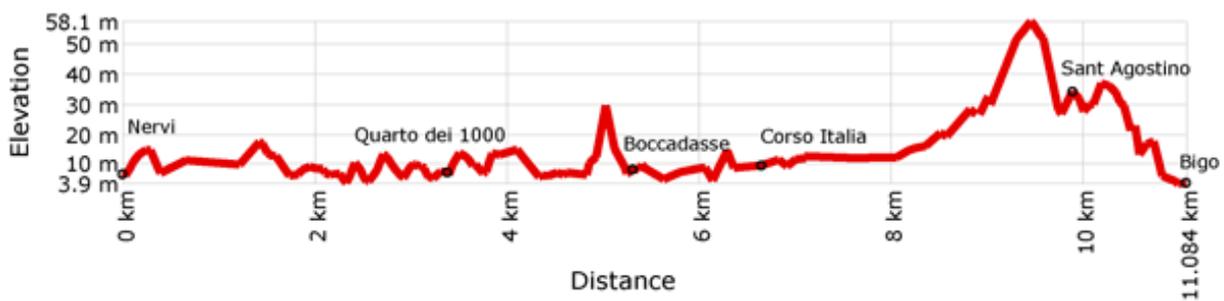




## Leg 12 from Nervi to Genova Porto Antico

Total length	11,1 km
Hiking time	4 h 20'
Cumulative elevation gain	90 m
Uphill percentage	18 %
Downhill percentage	18 %
Percentage of hike on natural earth	0 %
Percentage of hike on asphalt	98 %
Percentage of hike on paved surface	0%
Percentage of hike on other surface	2%

Profilo altimetrico



### General description:

The 12th leg of the Sentiero Liguria starts from the little marina of Genova Nervi and ends in the area of the Porto Antico (Old Port), after passing through the eastern neighborhoods of the Old City of Genova. Even if the itinerary has an urban development, it consists of many tracts of considerable interest in terms of landscape, history and culture. Worth seeing: the Monumento ai Mille in the neighborhood Quarto, the picturesque fishing village of Boccadasse, the promenade Corso Italia, the famous Palazzi dei Rolli of Genova, declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The "High Variant" starts in Nervi as well. It climbs up the slopes of Mount Moro and passes through the hamlet of Apparizione, before joining the main route at the mouth of the stream Sturla.



### Description of the itinerary

From the marina of Nervi the Sentiero Liguria offers different possible routes to the Old Port of Genova:

- Along the coast, through the neighborhoods of Quinto, Quarto dei Mille and Sturla, until Boccadasse;
- Along the slopes of Mount Moro, until the hamlet of Apparizione, from where the route descends again towards the sea to intersect the main route at the Sturla Stream;
- By public transportation: AMT line bus along the coastal Via Aurelia (n° 31) or along the internal road (n° 17), or with metro-train Genova Nervi - Quinto – Quarto – Sturla – Brignole.

Follow Via Giovanni Caboto westwards and take the paved alley on the right, Via Andrea Provana di Leyni, leaving the marina behind you. At the intersection with the Via Aurelia (which in this tract has the name Via Oberdan) continue westwards on the sidewalk. You will soon reach a scenic lookout terrace from where you can enjoy a wide view over the Promontory of Portofino.

Continue straight on Via Quinto first, and Via Quarto after (this are the names of the different sections of the main coastal road Via Aurelia), by walking on the seaside. The view over the sea and the different small inlets is beautiful. Heading on you will reach the monument of Quarto dei Mille. The rock where the monument was built is the place from where the mission of unification of Italy by Garibaldi started. The monument commemorates the sacrifice of the thousand soldiers captained by Garibaldi.

Continue on Via 5 Maggio; pass in front of the Paediatric Hospital “Giannina Gaslina” and reach the suburb of Sturla. Here the route joins the “High Variant” of the Sentiero Liguria. Crossed the bridge on the Sturla Stream you abandon the main road by turning left towards the beach. Take Via del Tritone and continue westwards on a paved alley until the hamlet of Vernazzola.

Cross Piazza Vernazzola and take the paved alley uphill (Via Urania) until the intersection with Via al Capo di Santa Chiara; turn left and reach the scenic lookout, surmounted by the Turcke Castle, built in 1903 on project of the architect Gino Coppedè. From here you can enjoy a wide view over the eastern coast until the Promontory of Portofino.

Descend to the picturesque hamlet of Boccadasse, with its typical bright coloured fisherman houses and the small marina.

Walk up to the Church of Boccadasse, devoted to S. Antonio da Padova and follow the 3 km long promenade of Corso Italia.

At the end of the promenade, at the mouth of the Bisagno Stream and the intersection with Via Marconi, you will face the buildings of the Fiera Internazionale di Genova, used for fairs. Take the staircase that leads you up to Corso Aurelio Saffi. The view over the infrastructures of the harbour and the shipyards is very interesting. For a good lookout you can walk up to Piazzale di San Francesco d’Assisi, on the right hand on top of Corso Aurelio Saffi, from where you continue straight on Via Corsica, leaving the sea behind you. Turn left in Via Bixio and walk up to Piazza Carignano, with the imposing Church of Santa Maria Assunta. Continue downwards on the other side of the church on Via Ravasco, to Piazza Sarzano, near the museum of Sant’Agostino. You are now in the heart of the old city of Genova.

From here there are many possibilities to reach the Old Port (Porto Antico), passing through the many narrow alleys flanked by beautiful palaces and Churches.