

RAVENNA ITALY

CRUISE PORT GUIDE

Byzantine Mosaics • History • Food • Coastal Charm

PORT AT A GLANCE

- Cruise ships normally berth at Porto Corsini Cruise Terminal (on the Adriatic coast).
- About 15 km (9 miles) from Ravenna city center (~30 minutes by road, traffic depending).
- Not within walking distance of the historic center.
- Use ship-arranged services, public transport, taxis or private transfers. Check your ship's arrival instructions for options and timings.
- Currency: Euro (€). Cards are widely accepted.
- Check your ship's arrival instructions and all onboard times for departure.

SCHEMATIC PLANNING OVERVIEW

NOT FOR NAVIGATION



GETTING AROUND

CRUISE SHUTTLE / TRANSFER

- Provided by your cruise line (availability, price and times vary).
- Check your ship's arrival instructions for the latest information.
- Book early, especially for popular sites.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- Buses connect Porto Corsini and Ravenna.
- Services, routes, stops, prices and timetables vary by date and season.
- May not start at the gangway.
- Check VisitRavenna and StartRomagna for up-to-date information.

TAXI / PRIVATE TRANSFER

- Taxis are available at the port.
- Journey time about 30 minutes to the city center (traffic depending).
- Private transfers and guided tours are also available.

ORGANIZED TOURS

- A great option to see Ravenna and/or combine with nearby towns (e.g. Bologna).

1 SAN VITALE



- Stunning 6th-century basilica.
- Famous Byzantine mosaics (Emperor Justinian & Empress Theodora).
- One of the crown jewels of Ravenna.
- Located in the historic center.

2 GALLA PLACIDIA



- Small mausoleum with extraordinary mosaics.
- Famous blue starry vaulted ceiling.
- Intimate and atmospheric.
- **Book timed admission in advance.**

3 DANTE'S TOMB



- Final resting place of Dante Alighieri.
- Author of The Divine Comedy.
- Located near Piazza San Francesco.
- Often paired with other nearby sites on a walking route.

4 SANT'APOLLINARE NUOVO



- Beautiful mosaic processions.
- 6th-century basilica.
- Easy stop in the city center.
- A must-see for mosaic lovers.

5 MAUSOLEUM OF THEODORIC



- Impressive 6th-century structure.
- Built by King Theodoric the Great.
- UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Located on the edge of the city.
- Best reached by transport.

6 SANT'APOLLINARE IN CLASSE



- Magnificent 6th-century basilica with stunning mosaics.
- UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Located outside the city center (in the Classe area).
- Best reached by transport.

7 HISTORIC CENTER



- Easy and walkable.
- Charming piazzas, shops and cafés.
- Flat terrain (great for most travelers).
- Beautiful architecture and local vibe.
- Combine multiple sites in one area.

8 BEACHES NEAR THE PORT



- Marina di Ravenna and Marina Romea are near the cruise terminal.
- Great for a relaxing beach day.
- Beach clubs, dining and seaside walks.
- Marina di Ravenna is across the canal (via separate connection).
- A good option if you've already visited the city.

LOCAL FOOD & DRINK



- Piadina (local flatbread)
- Cappelletti (stuffed pasta)
- Passatelli
- Ragù (Emilia-Romagna style)
- Fresh seafood
- Parmigiano Reggiano
- Gelato meats
- Sonido

GOOD TO KNOW

- Ravenna is NOT Venice.
- Airport transfers are long – check options and timings (Bologna, Forlì or Rimini are common).
- Check your ship's arrival instructions.
- Use VisitRavenna and StartRomagna for the latest transport options, pickup points, prices and dates.
- Book mosaic site tickets in advance (especially Galla Placidia).
- Shuttle, bus and taxi times are not guaranteed – allow time for return.

SAMPLE ITINERARIES

1. **HALF DAY (3–4 HOURS)**
   San Vitale → Galla Placidia → Dante's Tomb → explore the historic center
2. **FULL DAY (RAVENNA CITY)**
   San Vitale → Galla Placidia → Sant'Apollinare Nuovo → Dante's Tomb → lunch → more time in the historic center
3. **EXTENDED DAY**
   Add Mausoleum of Theodoric and/or Sant'Apollinare in Classe
4. **COAST DAY**
   Enjoy the beaches near Porto Corsini (Marina di Ravenna or Marina Romea)

PERFECT FOR

- History and culture lovers
- Mosaic enthusiasts
- Foodies and wine lovers
- Families (great mix of options)
- Couples and honeymooners
- Easy day trips
- Beach lovers
- Repeat Mediterranean cruisers
- Anyone wanting a unique and authentic Italian experience

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