

# Italy's Riviera

## Ligurian Coast & Cinque Terre

April 19th - 26th, 2023

(Florence-Lucca Extension: April 26th- 29th)

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Fall in Love with these charming, medieval villages along this crystalline sea. Explore this unique culture & terrain, unlike any other part of Italy.

“Five lands” in the feudal era communities were watched from the towers in the castles.

The five towns are in a six mile span, in a traffic free zone & due to the rugged terrain, are isolated, connected by trains which run every half hour. Pure Italy with the vineyards and olive groves, sun, sea and pure seaside air. People are for the most part, happy & relaxed here.

Each village has its own Italian dialect and personality and close-knit community, proud of their heritage. In 1997, it became a UNESCO site.

**April 19:** arrive in Genoa. Transportation will be arranged to Levanto. Our hotel is a one minute walk to the beach, Sea of Liguria, and a five minute walk to the train. We are a five minute train ride from the next Cinque Terre town, Monterosso del Mar.



Levanto, a lovely town, is easy flat while the Cinque Terre towns are all hilly. There is a bike & walking path along the sea to Bonassola & Framura. Bikes are rented for \$10 euros a day. We will explore two towns per day, leaving time for shopping and optional hiking. A boat ride to Portovenere to the south gives a perspective of Cinque Terre from the sea.

**Depart for home April 27.**



**Or For those who choose the extension to Lucca & Florence:**

**April 26:** One night in the historical center in Lucca, on the Serchio river in Tuscany, known for its well-preserved Renaissance city walls that encircle the historic old town & its cobblestone streets. These massive walls are tree-lined with pathways for strolling around the city. It was founded by the Etruscans in 180 BC then became a Roman colony. It is a true haven of Medieval architecture, museums, lovely public squares & wonderful restaurants & bars.

**April 27-29:** Two nights in Florence. Our exclusive Private Guide (skip the line) to Uffizi Gallery will share fascinating stories about the masterpieces & the master artists who changed art for all time. Then to the Accademia Gallery to view the majestic sculpture of David by Michelangelo as well as a vast collection of masterpieces.



We have a privately guided tour learning about the fascinating history of Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance: Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, Giotto's Bell Tower, Palazzo Vecchio & historic streets.

#### **April 29 : Depart for home from Florence's International Airport.**

**Trip Details:** Max of 8 travelers. (Does not include airfare). See website: Travel Insurance

**Cinque Terre Fee:** \$1125/double. \$1413/single occupancy

**Includes:** 7 nights lodging with Breakfasts; transportation (all trains & shuttles to & from airport Coastline Boat tour.

**Optional Extension to Lucca & Florence Additional Fee: \$576/double. \$716/single occupancy.**

**Includes:** 3 nights Lodging, Trains, Tours, Airport Shuttle.

**\$300 deposit to reserve space. Final payment due: Feb 15, 2023. Last date for refunds.**

**Payment Methods:** Checks to Tours by Sierra. P.O. Box 912, Green Valley, AZ 85622. Zelle or Credit cards add 3%)

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