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# PORTOFINO & THE RIVIERA

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ROLLING VINEYARDS AND EXCEPTIONAL BLENDS

# CINQUE TERRE WINE TOUR

Spend a memorable day discovering the fabulous Cinque Terre, one of the world's most spectacular coastal areas, and its sensational local wines with the comfort of private transportation and led by knowledgeable private local guide. Set amid some of the most dramatic coastal scenery on the planet these five fishing villages, Unesco World Heritage site since 1997, and still today look very much like a seafront garden of Eden. Learn all about the area's unique feature from your guide: the steeply terraced cliffs bisected by a system of gardens and vineyards chiseled, shaped and layered over nearly two millennia. Just think, some scholars have compared the local extensive "muretti" (low stone walls) to the Great Wall of China! And all enhanced by the charming villages - Riomaggiore, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Monterosso - which look onto the gleaming pristine waters of the sea. Admire the rich grapevines which yield the area's typical light, refreshing white wines, see how many are planted on steep slopes so close to the sea that the waves seem to touch them! Visit a charming winery along the way, for a genuine insider's view and wine tasting. Explore the grounds and cellars escorted by the friendly in-house staff, hear about the estate's unique history, and learn all about the techniques and secrets which lead to great wines. At the end of the visit savor the finest of the estate blends, then on across the cliffs to discover a charming typical town, the perfect spot to experience the genuine local lifestyle. Enjoy some time at leisure and a stroll before heading off to another lovely winery, one of the area's gems. Admire the views and fascinating aging cellars, and crown your visit with the heavenly estate blends... a perfect crescendo finale to a postcard-perfect day!

**DURATION:** 8 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 8 hours
- Private transportation from/to your hotel and throughout the day as needed
- Visit and Wine Tasting at 2 wineries
- Time at leisure for a stroll in one of the Cinque Terre's most charming villages





THE PERFECT RECIPE FROM A PROFESSIONAL CHEF

# COOKING CLASS CINQUE TERRE

Private Cooking Class is held by a professional chef who will share her secret techniques to preparing wonderful dishes using fresh, organic ingredients. Dive into the local gastronomic tradition, savor luscious typical specialties and master the art of preparing the best dishes in a charming location. Enjoy a memorable hands-on culinary experience, discover the variety of typical fresh produce and learn to make delicious dishes according to centuries-old recipes from the best teacher you can get, a talented local chef. Enjoy the journey, traveling comfortably by private transport, and admire splendid views on the way to your destination, a delightful typical place. Aprons on, uncover the rich culinary legacy of the area and follow your dedicated chef's skilled instructions to learn the tips and secrets which lie behind the mouth-watering typical dishes. Mince, measure, mix and knead according to tradition and... have fun! Finally sit down and relax, relishing the view and the unique flavors of the best meal ever: the one you made yourself in the heart of the Liguria!

**DURATION:** 4 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private transportation from/to your hotel
- Private chef and kitchen
- All ingredients for cooking
- Use of apron and cooking utensils
- Lunch or dinner



THE PERFECT RECIPE FROM A PROFESSIONAL CHEF

# COOKING CLASS IN ITALIAN RIVIERA

Food is as important as art and history to get to know thoroughly Italy and the Italian lifestyle. "A tavola non si invecchia" it is an old Italian proverb "At the table you never grow old", in other words "The good food and good company keep you young". What we organize it's not a formal cooking class, with us the food making is just an excuse to spend time together, drink, chat, eat, laugh and learn about making the Ligurian specialties. Every Italian region has its own food specialties, here learn how to make some of the most famous Ligurian food specialties. This cooking-class will be able to involve not only taste but also sight and smell, and to make you live a truly immersive experience, engaging and rich in content. The food making will be followed by a tasty lunch, during which will be tasted your own foods and served other Ligurian specialties like: vegetable tarts, pasta al pesto, vegetable soup genoise style, stuffed ravioli and many other specialties of Ligurian cuisine.

**DURATION:** 4 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private transportation from/to your hotel
- Private chef and kitchen
- All ingredients for cooking
- Use of apron and cooking utensils
- Lunch or dinner



ONE OF ITALY'S LESS-RENOWNED GEMS

# DISCOVERING GENOA

Step off the beaten track, spend an unusual half day exploring Genoa! World famous birthplace of Christopher Columbus and pesto, and Italy's largest sea port, this unique city lies somewhat off the tourist radar, offering the chance to experience real authentic Italian lifestyle and tradition. Discover this vast sprawling city's history, diversity, architectural magnificence and luxurious aristocratic palaces led by a knowledgeable local private guide, learn all about its eventful history. Called "La Superba", i.e. "the haughty" by the great poet Petrarca, Genoa was one of Italy's maritime republics (together with Venice, Amalfi and Pisa) that enjoyed enormous power and prestige in the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Unveil its charm following your guide through the narrow mysterious historic center's streets ("caruggi"), admire the impressive fortified walls, the longest defensive city walls in Italy, and the striking "vertical" way the whole town climbs up the hill. Discover the fascinating ancient port and the splendid Strade Nuove built by the most powerful Genoese families to show off their prestige during the city's Golden Age and lined by a magnificent sequel of sumptuous late-Renaissance and Baroque buildings. Just think: the neighborhood boasts 120 historical palaces, many of which feature spectacular staircases, courtyards and loggias overlooking gardens! Journey back in time visiting one of the most remarkable examples of this centuries-old grandeur, follow your guide through the striking halls and salons and learn all about the lavish feasts once held within these ancient walls.

**DURATION:** 3 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 3 hours
- Entrance fees to a historical Genoese palace



AN ENCHANTING DOLCE VITA DAY

# PORTOFINO, CAMOGLI AND RAPALLO

Admire the sights, taste the best, savor the local Dolce Vita of the Ligurian Riviera, an enchanting blend of history, beaches, heavenly views all “seasoned” with scrumptious typical cuisine. Discover a kingdom of brightly-colored homes, glamor, music, poetry and quaint waterfront towns enjoying the privilege of full freedom to explore and comfort of private transportation throughout the day, and unveil the history and centuries-old traditions of a realm of beauty beloved by artists, writers, celebrities and royalty since the 1800s. Discover Portofino, the most fashionable of all the Italian Riviera towns, a delightfully painted village with an unspoiled atmosphere and peaceful air. Wander through the picturesque alleys that lead up from the harbour, see glamorous designer shops and pretty cafès and learn about the town’s history while gazing at the blue sea beyond the glitzy boats and yachts. Journey on to Camogli, namely “house of the wives”, a thriving fishing village famous for its splendid trompe l’oeil villas. Admire the umbrella pines, olive groves and superb views of the sea, have a gelato and liaise with the locals discovering local traditions. Travel on to delightful Rapallo, where Europe’s first international hotels were created in the early 1900s, a town with an eventful history, legends of pirates and rich in poetic reminiscences... WB Yeats and Hemingway loved it! Stroll along the evocative palm-lined beach framed by bright blue changing cabins leisurely, roam the picturesque center’s attractive promenades, peek into the beckoning boutiques and nostalgic cafés, and experience the unique atmosphere of a golden-age resort.

**DURATION:** 7 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private transportation throughout the day (7 hours)

Lunch is not included. The area offers a wide selection of typical restaurants and trattorias; we recommend you select your preference on site directly. Your driver is at your disposal for suggestions and, if needed, assist with booking.



THE RIVIERA ON FOOT AND ON SEA

# PORTOFINO, CAMOGLI AND SAN FRUTTUOSO

A dazzling landscape studded by villages and terraced gardens, where the Alps and the Apennines cascade into the sea. Fabulous, rich in history and tradition the Italian Riviera is a real-life watercolor! Spend a memorable day exploring one of the world's most spectacular coastal areas and discover its most alluring towns with the privilege of a dedicated private guide and private motorboat cruise. Discover Portofino, the most fashionable of all the Italian Riviera towns, a delightfully painted village with an unspoiled atmosphere and peaceful air. Follow your guide through the picturesque alleys that lead up from the harbor, peek into the glamorous designer shops and pretty cafés and learn about the town's history while gazing at the blue sea beyond the glitzy boats and yachts. Journey on to Camogli, namely "house of the wives", a thriving fishing village famous for its splendid trompe l'oeil villas. Explore, admire the umbrella pines, olive groves and superb views of the sea, and hear about local traditions from your guide. Crown your visit with the aromas and flavors of the luscious typical fare and travel on to San Fruttuoso, for a marvelous surprise... there are no roads here! Incredibly preserved this captivating town-that-is-not-a-town is a haven of centuries-old tranquility with a bewitching attraction, the ancient Benedictine monastery. Learn all about this lovely stone building with a small dome that houses the burial vaults of the aristocratic Genoese Doria family and admire the diversified architecture. See the nearby evocative 16th century watch tower and a replica of the famed Christ of the Abyss, a bronze statue which lies offshore at about 15mt under the sea, housed in the church next to the monastery.

**DURATION:** full day

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Professional licensed English-speaking guide for the tour
- Private boat for the cruise
- Entrance fees to the San Fruttuoso Abbey

Lunch is not included. Camogli offers a wide selection of typical restaurants and trattorias; we recommend you select your preference on site directly. Your guide is at your disposal for suggestions and, if needed, assist with booking. Ground transportation from/to your hotel are not included. We will be pleased to provide upon specific request.



COLORS, FLAVORS AND POSTCARD-PERFECT VIEWS

# THE ULTIMATE CINQUE TERRE EXPERIENCE

A fairytale-like destination where land and sea meet and authentic flavors, aromas and traditions live on. Spend an unforgettable day exploring one of the world's most spectacular coastal areas, the famed Cinque Terre, unveil the area's secrets, history and traditional legacy traveling comfortably by train led by the charisma and knowledge of your private guide. Set amid some of the most dramatic coastal scenery on the planet le Cinque Terre, five ingeniously constructed fishing villages, are a Unesco World Heritage site since 1997, and still today look very much like a version of a seafront garden of Eden. Sinuous paths run across stunning cliffs, and a 19th-century railway line cut through a series of coastal tunnels ferries the footsore from village to village. Learn all about the Cinque Terre's unique feature from your guide: the steeply terraced cliffs bisected by a complicated system of fields and gardens hacked, chiseled, shaped and layered over the course of nearly two millennia. So marked are these artificial contours that some scholars have compared the extensive "muretti" (low stone walls) to the Great Wall of China! And all enhanced by the charming villages - Riomaggiore, founded in the 8th century by Greek settlers fleeing persecution in Byzantium, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Monterosso - which look onto the gleaming pristine waters of the sea. Lose yourself in the gorgeous scenery, explore a few of the fascinating villages and treat yourself to a memorable typical Ligurian lunch (and exquisite regional wines!) in a lovely restaurant. Escape the maddening crowds, roam the coast, discover paradise on earth in le Cinque Terre!

**DURATION:** 8 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 8 hours
- Train tickets as needed

Lunch is not included and to be settled directly on site. We will be pleased to recommend, and book, a lovely typical restaurant on your behalf.



# TOUR OF THE TWO GULFS

The tour of the Two Gulfs owes its name to the privileged position of the Portofino promontory with respect to the Gulf of Tigullio – to which it belongs and constitutes the extreme western cape – and the nearby Gulf Paradiso which extends from Bogliasco to Camogli. The tour will reach several points of interest relevant for short excursions or refreshment breaks, as well as excellent marine areas where to stop and swim in tranquility or snorkel in unique natural contexts, admiring the beauties of the underwater world. By choosing this tour, you will have the opportunity to discover many of the villages from the Two Gulfs and the Portofino Park, unveiling the beauties, traditions, and even the flavours of our local cuisine.

**DURATION:** 7 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private boat throughout the day (7 hours), with skipper, restroom on board, snorkeling equipment, towels, basic drinks and snacks.

Lunch is not included. There are numerous delightful restaurants, cafés and trattorias; we recommend you select your preference on site directly

