



Italian Riviera

Aug 2025

Tue 26 Aug

GENOA

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Arrive in **Genoa** this morning. In the afternoon we'll take a stroll along the narrow alleys of the historical centre with a local guide and discover the real heart of the city with its old shops, Noble palaces and Churches from the XVIII C that preserve incredible works of art. Learn about flavours and traditions woven into the vast heritage of Genoa's historic shops and immerse yourself in the world of *botteghe storiche* - longstanding establishments and artisan workshops with roots stretching back centuries. Enjoy **authentic Ligurian cuisine** in a traditional *osteria* this evening.

Accommodation Hotel Continental, Genoa - 1 night

Wed 27 Aug

GENOA - LEVANTO

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In the morning, we'll have some fun and put our hands to work in a ceramic workshop where you can create something like the Laggione glazed ceramic tiles that adorn the walls of Genoa's historic churches and palaces, or with the help of the craftsman, you can make your own coffee cup.

In the afternoon, we journey across to the gateway of the **Cinque Terre** and check-in to our boutique hotel located in charming town of Levanto. Unpack and relax – we're here for 5 blissful nights. Our hotel combines traditional elegance, contemporary design and modern comforts and has been run by women of the same family for 3 generations 😊 The attentive staff provide a personalized service and make you feel at home in a relaxed atmosphere. We're right in the Old Town and a few minutes' walk to the beach.

Levanto is the gateway to the Cinque Terre but is far more "local" than its touristy neighbours. A pebble beach fronts the old part of town which is mostly car-free and flat. Colourful houses grace attractive small streets and there are plenty of bars and authentic restaurants to choose from. You will love it!

Accommodation: Hotel Nazionale, Levanto – 5 nights



Thu 28 Aug

CAMOGLI & PORTOFINO

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After breakfast, we'll head down to the train station and meet our local guide. By train we travel to the picturesque town of **Camogli**. Roam through the beautiful promenade facing the Ligurian sea and admire the tall, thin houses. This colourful fishing village is part of the area called **Golfo Paradiso** (Paradise Gulf). We'll indulge in a **true Italian cappuccino** in the Piazzetta before we reach the little harbour. By ferry we embark on a public boat to get to the small cove of **San Fruttuoso** which can only be reached by sea or on foot. Here we'll have time to visit **the ancient abbey** which has an interesting history from monastery to pirate's den to the residence of Princess of Doria. Afterwards, enjoy a delicious lunch in a local restaurant overlooking the bay.

In the afternoon, we take a scenic boat journey to **Portofino** – a chance to admire the much-photographed Portofino Promontory from the sea. We'll make a stop in the famous Piazzetta where the international jet set meets during summertime, before heading to the tiny **San Giorgio Church** to admire the breathtaking panorama and on to the **Portofino lighthouse** where your climbing efforts will be rewarded with a drink in the small bar right on the cliff facing the sea. Later we take the ferry to Santa Margherita and train back to Levanto.

Fri 29 Aug

CINQUE TERRE WALKING

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Cinque Terre means Five Lands, and comprises the five small coastal villages of Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza and Monterosso. After breakfast, we'll journey by train from Levanto and meet our guide in Riomaggiore.

The hiking trail **Via dell'Amore - the Path of Love**, is the most famous and romantic stretch of the Cinque Terre coastline - a 1 km paved path connecting the picturesque villages of **Riomaggiore and Manarola**. With spectacular views of the cliffs and the sea, the trail has a magical atmosphere and winds along the rock-face overhanging the sea.

From Manarola, we take a local bus to **Volastra**, a small village located at 350 meters above sea level. At a family-run winery that has been following the tradition of winemaking for seven generations, we'll admire the typical cultivation methods of the Cinque Terre that have shaped the area over the last 2000 years. In the middle of the vineyard overlooking the sea, taste the family's wine accompanied by a dish of bruschette with pesto, tomatoes and anchovies.

We return to **Manarola** on foot along a 2 km panoramic path and enjoy a light lunch in the village before boarding a boat to **Vernazza**. Acclaimed as one of Liguria's most picturesque villages, Vernazza is a gem nestled between the sea and the rugged cliffs. It offers a unique landscape made up of dry-stone walls and fields overlooking the sea which characterize its beauty. The town is crossed by steep and narrow streets, full of valuable architectural elements such as loggias, porticoes, and portals, that descend towards the main road and end in a small square in front of the marina. Free time in Vernazza, before returning to Levanto by train.

Sat 30 Aug

LEVANTO TO MONTEROSSO ON FOOT

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Today's walk is along a 7 km easy undulating path. It is a wonderful walk away from the busy villages and crosses stony paths, remote farmhouses, olive and fig trees, cacti and typical Mediterranean vegetation. Free time in bustling Monterosso for lunch.

In the afternoon we visit a farmhouse producing **olive oil, wine, and honey**, and meet a local winemaker to discover the vineyard and cellar of this family run estate. Time to **taste these unique Cinque Terre wines** together with a meal of local **fish specialities**. After the dinner, we train back to Levanto.

Sun 31 Aug

THE ART OF MAKING PESTO

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Free morning to relax at the hotel or explore Levanto town. If you're feeling energetic, you might like to **walk or cycle** the 6 km carless trail from Levanto to **Bonassola** through disused rail tunnels and along the sea edge to the gorgeous little village of **Framura**. Train or walk/cycle back.

A **Pesto Making Workshop** is planned for later this afternoon. Delve into the essence of preparing pesto the old-fashioned way with a mortar and pestle and lots of love. Afterwards, taste your own homemade pesto together with a glass of white wine and some tasty local products such as olives, bruschetta with anchovies. A fun way to end out time in this gorgeous part of the world.

Mon 01 Sep

END LEVANTO OR PISA

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We say *arrivederci* this morning. Option to make your own way from Levanto. Or you can join those who are heading on to Tuscany and be dropped off in Pisa for your onward journey. Enroute to Tuscany we have a **marble quarry** tour. Marble has been mined in this region for centuries and on our tour, we will learn about the history, the blood sweat & tears of the past, and how modern technology is now used. By 4WD, we'll ascend steep roads stopping enroute to view active quarries and see the different systems of excavation. On reaching the highest quarry at 1000 mt. altitude we'll toast this amazing industry with a glass of Prosecco inside a cave.

Date

Departs Genoa - 26 Aug 2025

Ends Levanto or Pisa - 01 Sep 2025

Price

NZ\$6,360 per person twin share

NZ\$7,600 single

If you are travelling solo and would like to twin share, let us know and we'll find you a room-mate (subject to availability)



Includes

- Arrival & Departure transfer
- Transportation by minivan, boat, train
- 6 nights accommodation
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Sightseeing entry and local guides as specified
- Marble Quarry tour
- Ligurian pesto making lesson with snacks
- Wine tasting
- Ceramic workshop
- Escorted by Marie from Roam Travel Adventures (minimum 6 guests)

Excludes

- Airfares
- Travel Insurance
- Personal spending
- Refreshments & any meals not included
- Optional tours

Group Size

Minimum 6, maximum 10

Important Notes

Daily itinerary may change due to availability or local conditions. Price is subject to change until confirmed and paid in full. \$700 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place. Travel Insurance is compulsory and should be taken out at the time of booking to cover you for cancellation leading up to the tour, and to cover you whilst you are travelling in Europe.

