Your New Way to Experience the Italian Riviera

Cinque Terre, Genoa and Portofino with a special day in Milan at Expò Universal Exhibition!

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**Why to choose it**

A trip thought for those who would like to visit the best places of the Italian Riviera, its authentic corners and taste its real flavors, but without missing a visit to the Universal Event hold in Milan, Expò!
Sunday June 14 – Day 1 - **Arrival Day. Welcome to Genoa and relax!**

Today is your arrival day, you’ll **meet your local insider** at Genoa railway station. Together you’ll reach your boutique accommodation in Genoa historical center and take some time to relax.

Welcome dinner in a typical trattoria in Genoa historical center.

**Monday June 15 – DAY 2 – Cinque Terre Tour with a lovely wine tasting among terraced vineyards**

After breakfast you’ll meet your private guide and transfer by train to Cinque Terre.

Tour of Cinque Terre: five small colored fishing villages carved out of the rocky hillsides above the Mediterranean Sea, these are The Cinque Terre. Connected only by paths, boats or trains these lands haven’t changed their traditional architecture and are as they were in past times. They are far away from the traffic and the stress of the cities. Here Mediterranean trees and plants grow up spontaneously representing one of the best preserved natural areas of the Mediterranean, a Unesco World Heritage Site since 1997.
The Cinque Terre are not an “all inclusive paradise” tourist resort, we’d like to accompany you in an authentic experience through this area and its people. You will visit the two iconic villages of Cinque Terre: Manarola and Vernazza. You’ll wander among the tiny squares and side alleys of the villages, you’ll walk among the famous terraced vineyards of Manarola, and reach the picturesque Vernazza with a romantic walk till the capuchin cloister.

Your day continues with a wine tasting experience in Monterosso. You’ll be welcomed by a local producer who will show you his amazing vineyards protected by Unesco and you’ll hear more about the history of this unique wine, how is produced and you’ll have the possibility to taste it with some typical specialities handmade just for you. You will be immediately captured by the breathtaking beauty of the terraced vineyards overlooking the crystalline sea! These vineyards, hard worked by local people since ancient times, offer a great wine.

The wine in this area speaks about The Cinque Terre, the local people who hardly work this land from centuries with passion and fondness. Tasting it is an experience that can’t be missed.

In the late afternoon you will return to Genoa by train and have dinner on your own with our restaurants suggestions.

**Tuesday June 17 - DAY 4 - Let’s discover Genoa historical center, the ultra-centenarian food shops and enjoy a pesto experience!**

After breakfast, you’ll meet your local insider and you’ll have a walking tour of the historical center of Genoa discovering the town and its ancient food shops!
Wandering through the “Carrugi” alleys is a unique experience and we believe that by just walking through these maze of historical streets, you’ll find the “real” Genoa essence. You’ll discover the largest medieval old town in Europe, walk along its authentic medieval alleyways, stop in the squares and in the renaissance streets of the historical town and discover the ultra-centenarian food shops of the historical center: the old “friggitorie” serving friscieu (fried croquettes filled with herbs), farinata, fried fresh seafood eaten at the counter or to take away, the prestigious old pastry café where the famous composer Giuseppe Verdi loved to spend his time tasting the pastries, the 200 years old “Pietro Romanengo fu Stefano” shop, but there’s more, including tasting all the typical products during your private tour!

In the afternoon you will have some free time to relax or to continue your visit to Genoa independently: you could visit the Royal Palace or visit a museum or take the typical funicular and enjoy the amazing view from a terrace overlooking the city.

But the day is not finished. In the late afternoon you’ll be welcomed to enjoy a pesto lesson as the tradition wants, with mortar and pestle in a typical house in Genoa historical center with a local chef. He will show you how to make the famous pesto sauce and together you’ll enjoy what you have prepared!

After that we’ll suggest you the best place to taste a fantastic gelato!

Wednesday June 16 – DAY 3 – A special private day at the Universal Exhibition
Expò in Milan

Italy, will host from May 1 to October 31, 2015 a Universal Exhibition where more than 140 participating countries will show the best of their technology that offers a concrete answer to a vital need: being able to guarantee healthy, safe and sufficient food for everyone, respecting the Earth Planet equilibrium. This important event will
welcome over 20 million visitors from all over the world and since Liguria is very close to Milan, we have created a special day for travelers who are visiting Liguria, but don’t want to miss to visit the Exhibition.

After breakfast, you’ll take the train from Genoa to arrive at the Expò in Milan. Here you’ll meet your private guide and together you’ll enter the Exhibition for a guided tour among the best pavilions to know more about them, their concept, their architecture and more!

In the afternoon you’ll have the possibility to wander among the Exhibition by yourself and at the end you’ll take the train back to Liguria.

For dinner, we’ll give you our suggested list of favorite places where to eat.

**Thursday June 18 – DAY 5 - A day strolling in Santa Margherita and Portofino village ending discovering aromatic herbs and extra-vergin olive oil in a unique place!**

After breakfast, you’ll meet your local insider. Tour of the picturesque villages in the heart of Portofino Natural Park: Santa Margherita and Portofino. The tour starts in the picturesque village of Santa Margherita Ligure, once called the “salotto” of the entire Gulf with its troup d’oeil painted palaces, will fascinate you. You’ll live “la dolce vita” walking among charming villas surrounded by elegant gardens and parks. From Santa Margherita you’ll reach Portofino with a panoramic trip by public boat (weather and sea conditions permitting; otherwise you’ll take the public bus). Portofino is a small fishing village which is now the center of élite tourism. You’ll visit the tiny village with its spectacular castle, the church perched on the cliff and the luxury
boutiques. Here you can taste the famous focaccia or have a light lunch in a typical trattoria (not included).

Your day continues with an exclusive experience in Portofino: you will reach a private terraced garden just above the village. From there you will enjoy an amazing view of the village and its bay. Among olive and lemon trees, herbs and vines, you’ll meet a local skillful lady who will tell you about the typical aromatic herbs that grow spontaneously in Portofino gardens, such as basil, rosemary and sage. You will see, touch and smell the herbs and learn the way local people have been using them for centuries to prepare traditional recipes. You will also taste the local, precious extra-virgin olive oil and discover how it is mixed with herbs to prepare delicious sauces that you will taste with a glass of local wine.

In the late afternoon you will return to Santa Margherita by taxi and from there to Genoa by train and have dinner on your own with our restaurants suggestions.

Friday June 19 - DAY 6 - **Arrivederci day!**

After breakfast, check-out. Today it’s the “**arrivederci**” day. We will look forward to meeting you again and hope that you enjoyed your trip! Departure from Genoa railway station or we can assist you if you need any transfer.

**For those who want to explore more of the Italian Riviera and enjoy a seaside luxury resort there’s the possibility to add an extension of 5 nights and 6 days.**

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Rates are based on double occupancy. Single supplement on request.

As we usually work with small accommodation, we have to check availability at the moment of booking and price could consequently vary slightly. Final price will
be communicated at the moment of your request, once we have checked availability and chosen the best accommodations according to your needs.

* Minimum participants 2

* Private transfers can be arranged for those coming to any airport (not included in the trip).

WHAT’S INCLUDED:

- 5 nights accommodation in a top class charming accommodation in Genoa with breakfast included
- 1 welcome dinner
- Tastings during your tour in Genoa
- Pesto lesson and tasting of what you have prepared including wine
- Private herbs and oil tasting in Portofino
- Private wine tasting in Cinque Terre
- Train tickets round trip for Milan Expo/Genoa
- Entrance ticket for Milan Expò
- Private tour guide in Cinque Terre, Genoa and Portofino
- Private tour guide in Expo Milan
- Private driver from Portofino to Santa Margherita Ligure at the end of your herbs and oil experience.

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare to/from Italy
- transfers beyond those mentioned above
- travel insurance, meals and beverages other than those mentioned above
- personal spending money
- room upgrades and extras
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Discover more of Liguria and relax in a luxury seaside resort

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Day by day Itinerary

Friday June 19 – DAY 6 - Hamlets and Tastes of the West Riviera
After breakfast in your Genoa accommodation, meeting with your private guide.

With a comfortable minivan private transfer you will do a tour of the four medieval villages of Finalborgo, Noli, Varigotti and Verezzi to discover this secret side of the Italian Riviera rich in fortified hamlets, gardens and beaches. The day continues with the visit of a chinotto (citrus) grove and tasting: our insider will bring you to discover one of the most rare and precious citrus found in nature, the Chinotto. A bitter orange that grows just in this area of the Italian Riviera and was used in past by sailors for its rich vitamin contents. It is under the wings of the Slow Food Presidia and few producers in the area transform it in delicious jam, candied and liquors, following ancient recipes. The producer Roberto will show you his citrus grove, garden and you’ll hear about his family story and taste its products made in his small laboratory thanks to the expert hands of his wife and daughter in law.

During your tour you can have a bath in the crystal clear water of one of the sandy beaches of this part of coast, the Riviera delle Palme.

In the evening return to Genoa and dinner on your own with our restaurants’ suggestions.

**Saturday June 20 – Day 7 – Genoa’s art and culture**
After breakfast you’ll meet our insider and you will start an amazing tour in the heart of Genoa, discovering narrow alleys, tiny squares, medieval churches and magnificent noble palaces.

Walking along the medieval alleyways “carrugi”, stopping in the squares and in the renaissance streets of the historical town, together with our genoese guide you will discover how the richest medieval merchant families have been transformed into families of important bankers during the sixteenth century.

That period was said to be “The century of the Genoese”. In fact, it was said that “Gold was born in America, died in Spain, but was buried in Genoa”. Then, visiting the districts of the main noble families you’ll discover odd stories, virtues and vices of men and women who have made the great history of Genoa. On the route you will also discover the most famous part of the city: Via Garibaldi, the Cathedral of San Lorenzo, the House of Columbus, Porta Soprana, the Porto Antico, Palazzo Ducale and more!

In the afternoon you will have free time to visit museums or to continue to discover the secret corners of this multilayered town and in the evening we can reserve for you a table in a fantastic restaurant on the sea in Boccadasse, a fishermen village now part of the city. You’ll love it.

Sunday June 21 – DAY 8 – Relax in Sestri Levante luxury seaside resort
In the morning check-out at your Genoa accommodation. Private transfer to Sestri Levante.

Sestri Levante is a hidden gem of the Italian Riviera: a small town with a fairy-tale atmosphere located on an isthmus between two romantic bays: The Bay of Silence” and the “Bay of Fables”, so named as a tribute to Hans Christian Anderson, who lived in this village.

Check-in at your special accommodation in Sestri Levante, a beautiful historical hotel right in the center of the old town, with a beautiful private beach.

You will have time at your disposal to settle down, relax and enjoy this beautiful resort.

In the evening you can have dinner at the beautiful restaurant of the hotel or choose one of the many cozy restaurants of Sestri Levante.

Monday June 22 – DAY 9 – Portovenere and the Poets’ Gulf
Meeting with your private guide in Sestri Levante railway station. You will reach La Spezia by train and from there you will take a public boat (weather permitting, otherwise you will take a bus) till the ancient town of Portovenere. It is a hidden treasure with its breathtaking landscapes naturally architected by mother nature and mankind together over time. In fact, it is a town rich in history as Doria Castle, St. Peter Church and St. Lawrence Church.

This town is surrounded by the mediterranean vegetation, rocky horizons and a crystalline sea. Your private guide will lead you to discover its beauties and history together with the wonderful strip of homes that lay across the shoreline of the marina.

In the afternoon you will take a private boat tour of the famous “Gulf of Poets”, so called to remember how the beauty of these places has been celebrated by poets, writers and artists, who have long been attracted by this coast and the savage sweetness of its landscape and climate. Leaving from Portovenere, you will reach Lerici, a fortified village on the other side of the gulf: a labyrinth of row houses, alleyways, scenic islands views, a charming harbour, breathtaking cliffs and a majestic castle. The tour continues and you will admire from the sea the amazing Tellaro, a sea village of old origin built on the rocks with strong fortifications which role was to control potential invaders coming from the sea. Tellaro has been selected and included in the “Club of the Most beautiful Villages of Italia”. In case of bad weather conditions you will do the tour with a private driver. At the end of the private boat trip, you will return by boat to La Spezia and from there to Sestri Levante by train.

In the evening dinner on your own in Sestri Levante with our suggestions.
Tuesday June 23 – DAY 10 - Discover Camogli and San Fruttuoso

After breakfast you will meet our insider in Sestri Levante railway station and from there you’ll reach Camogli by train.

Camogli is a very picturesque hamlet. It is still an authentic fishing village and you’ll fall in love with this place! You’ll be fascinated by the infinite line of colorful houses built along the bay. Our insider will lead you through its alleys discovering its beauties.

From Camogli you will take a public boat (weather permitting) to San Fruttuoso, an amazing cove with a medieval abbey built right on the pebble beach, restored and protected by FAI, the Italian National Trust. It’s a magic place, accessible only by boat or on foot and it didn’t change during centuries (the visit of San Fruttuoso will not be possible in case of bad weather or sea conditions).

Return to Camogli by boat and from Camogli to Sestri Levante by train. Time to relax in the late afternoon and dinner on your own with our suggestions.

Wednesday June 24 – DAY 11 – Arrivederci day!
After breakfast, check-out. Today it’s the "arrivederci" day. We will look forward to meeting you again and hope that you enjoyed your trip! Departure from Sestri Levante railway station or we can assist you if you need any transfer.

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* Minimum participants 2

* Private transfers can be arranged for those coming to any airport (not included in the trip).

**WHAT’S INCLUDED:**

- 2 nights accommodation in a top class charming accommodation in Genoa with breakfast included
- 3 nights accommodation in a luxury resort with private beach in Sestri Levante. Deluxe room with sea view
- Private tour guide in Genoa, West Riviera, Portovenere and Camogli
- Private transfer from Genoa to Sestri Levante
- Train tickets from Sestri Levante to La Spezia and return
- Train Tickets from Sestri Levante to Camogli and return
• Pubblic boat tickets from La Spezia to Portovenere and from Camogli to San Fruttuoso and return
• Private boat tour in the Poet’s Gulf

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED:

• Airfare to/from Italy
• transfers beyond those mentioned above
• travel insurance, meals and beverages other than those mentioned above
• personal spending money
• room upgrades and extras

Some words and some pictures of BeautifulLiguria accommodations

DETAILS We handpick every accommodation for their quality and authenticity to create just the right experience: it could be their architecture, historical significance, location, traditional charm. We also look at the simple details to give the right taste at your vacation: the smell of jasmine flowers coming directly from the terrace, the embroidered linen towels on your bed, the romantic olive trees view from the window of your bedroom. BeautifulLiguria accommodations are dedicated to those who do not want to feel just as customers but as guests.

STYLE Our accommodations are selected for their style: carefully decorated by their owners with an attention to the authentic aspects of each place and where you can breathe the spirit of genuine hospitality, starting for example from breakfast which is often the occasion to talk and share experiences tasting cappuccino and focaccia together.

QUALITY Not conventional interiors or impersonal services, but quality accommodations to relax and enjoy your vacation in the Italian Riviera just as a local. Our accommodations are selected personally by BeautifulLiguria staff.

SUSTAINABILITY We have decided to select for you mainly small structures, owned and managed by passionate people, respectful of their territory. We think this is the best way to preserve and develop our magnificent region.
PAYMENTS:

We accept payments:

- By bank transfer
- By credit card through Paypal secure payment system

Please note that we don’t apply any other cross border transaction fee

TERMS OF PAYMENT:

Payment shall be done as follows:

- 50% deposit at the moment of booking
- balance within 60 days before departure

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY
Cancellations are subject to the following fees without exception:

- Before 120 days to 90 days prior to the departure date: the deposit of 20% is not refundable
- Between 90 to 60 days prior to the departure date: the deposit of 50% is not refundable
- Between 60 to 30 days prior to the departure date: 80% of all sums paid are not refundable
- 30 days or less prior the departure date: no refund

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