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isit ancient fishing villages perched between rugged mountains and the sparkling sea. Feel the warmth of the day ebb as the sky ignites in a dazzling sunset. Skim your feet along silky sand as you walk down beautiful beaches. Stroll the well-worn docks that stretch out into picturesque harbors lined with yachts. Your senses will savor the natural beauty of the land and sea, the art, the architecture and the cuisine of that romantic ribbon of coastline called the Riviera di Levante, the Italian Riviera.



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YOU MAY HAVE THE UNIVERSE,
IF I MAY HAVE ITALY.

~ GIUSEPPE VERDI,
ITALIAN OPERA COMPOSER, 1813-1901

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Stroll through **Portofino**, nestled in a picturesque harbor, and the seaside resort of **Santa Margherita**.
- Journey to the Tuscan town of **Lucca** to see its magnificent medieval monuments.
- Explore **Genoa**, the medieval city-state and maritime republic.
- Discover the secret of making gelato.
- Visit the charming coastal villages of the famous **Cinque Terre**.
- See a sculptor at work in **Carrara** and marvel at the transformation of the famous white marble into art.
- **Single supplement waived** for solo travelers (limited availability).

Alumni Campus Abroad® Advantages

The unique, value-added features of Alumni Campus Abroad® programs deliver an outstanding educational travel experience.

- **A carefully selected hotel** with comfortable accommodations is the perfect base for exploring the region's renowned landmarks and off-the-beaten-path treasures while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in the local culture and lifestyle.
- **Groups are limited to 36 travelers** to maximize your travel experience.
- **An extensive meal plan** is seasoned with traditional specialties.
- **Meet the People** opportunities allow you to interact with local residents and gain personal insight into their everyday lives.
- **Knowledgeable guides** lead your excursions and **local experts** present insightful educational lectures.
- **An experienced Campus Director** ensures attentive service for the duration of your stay.
- **All gratuities** for excursion guides and drivers are included.



Portofino

Howdy, Ags!

We invite you to explore the Italian Riviera, where nature and culture coexist in harmony. Cruise over the bluest water, walk Sestri Levante's beaches, stroll through picturesque towns, visit vineyards and orchards on terraced cliffs, sip refreshing limoncello made from local lemons, and savor the delicious Mediterranean cuisine of Liguria.

Travel experts have meticulously planned this exciting program, which showcases the highlights of the magnificent Italian Riviera. Enjoy preferred access to popular attractions and an exclusive educational program that will enhance your appreciation of the people and the culture. Our educational program features expert local speakers and is the hallmark of our Alumni Campus Abroad® programs.

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. Space on this amazing journey is limited to 36 travelers. Make your reservations today!

Gig 'em!

Jennifer Bohac

Jennifer Bohac '87, Ph.D.
Director, Travel Programs
The Association of Former Students

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We experienced a first class trip. The Association of Former Students and AHI did a great job.

Dan '77 &
Lynda Kaspar

We went, we saw, we fell in love. It was the experience of a lifetime.

Richard '62 &
Marvel Love

Previously we have traveled independently. This trip was the first tour we have ever taken and it exceeded our expectations. The itinerary, the staff, and the arrangements made through the Traveling Aggies were all very positive experiences.

Wally '57 &
Punky Penberthy

We've always known Ags are the best. Traveling Ags know how to travel in style. We all felt as though we were pampered the entire trip.

David '80 &
Dawn Henderson

ITALIAN RIVIERA

THE JEWELS OF THE ITALIAN COAST



Sestri Levante



Portofino

Discover the Italian Riviera: breathtaking coastal villages, dramatic terraced cliffs draped in orchards and vineyards, treasures of art and feats of architecture. Explore it all from Sestri Levante, a gorgeous town of enticing beaches, lush gardens, converted castles and relaxed palazzos. Surrounded by ancient olive groves and overlooking the sea, Sestri Levante embodies the spirit of the Italian Riviera.

DAY ONE

Depart your gateway city for Florence, Italy.[†]
[†] Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

DAY TWO

SESTRI LEVANTE

Upon arrival, transfer[†] to the Hotel Vis à Vis in Sestri Levante.

This evening, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner at the hotel.

Lion, Cathedral of
San Lorenzo,
Genoa



UNESCO

Portovenere and the Cinque Terre are UNESCO World Heritage sites featured in this program.

DAY THREE

B I D

SANTA MARGHERITA | PORTOFINO

Educational Focus: *The Riviera del Levante ~ A Painter's Palette.* Trace the history and diversity of this enchanting region, home to artists, writers and explorers.

Excursion: *Santa Margherita and Portofino.* Travel the coastal road to Santa Margherita, a town of colorful flowers, swaying palm trees and hillside villas. Cruise to Portofino, playground of the rich and famous, and stroll the promenade between the harbor and the brightly colored shops and houses. Admire the sparkling bay from the Church of San Giorgio, and see the medieval fortress of Castello di San Giorgio and the Punta del Capo lighthouse.

DAY FOUR

B I L

LUCCA

Excursion: *Lucca.* Travel to the historic walled city of Lucca, birthplace of Puccini. Roam its ancient ramparts and visit the



Piazza Anfiteatro, Lucca



Portovenere



breathhtakingly grand Romanesque Duomo di San Martino, with carvings by Nicola Pisano. Admire the white marble, the art-filled chapels of the Church of San Frediano and the astounding Church of San Michele.

Local Flavor: Savor a taste of Tuscany during lunch in a local restaurant.

Educational Focus: *A Contemporary View of Italy.* Discuss Italy's role in the European Union and its political, economic and social status.

DAY FIVE

B I D

GENOA | CAMOGLI

Excursion: *Genoa.* Admire the view of the city from atop La Spianata di Castelletto. See the incredible Renaissance palazzi on the lovely Via Garibaldi. Wander labyrinthine streets past medieval churches to the Columbus House, believed to be the birthplace of navigator Christopher Columbus. Continue to the magnificent Piazza Mateo and visit the

superbly restored Palazzo Ducale, the impressive Church of Gesù and the majestic black-and-white striped façade of the Cathedral of San Lorenzo.

Cultural Event: *The Art of Gelato.*

Gelato is one of Italy's many famous foods. Learn how this sweet treat, which delights people around the world, is made.

Educational Focus: *Meet the People.* Participate in a panel discussion and learn about life on the Italian Riviera through the eyes of local residents.

DAY SIX

B

SESTRI LEVANTE

Independent Exploration: Enjoy the day at leisure to relax or explore independently.

Educational Focus: *The Cinque Terre ~ A Tasteful Encounter of Land and Sea.* Learn about the Cinque Terre through a lesson in its unusual geography, economy and society, then enjoy a tasting of local wine and food products.

DAY SEVEN

B I L I D

CINQUE TERRE

Excursion: *The Cinque Terre.* For centuries, rugged mountains separated the five villages of the Cinque Terre from the

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- Spend **seven nights** in **Sestri Levante** at the deluxe **Hotel Vis à Vis**.

Meals

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, including seven breakfasts, three lunches and five dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner. Take advantage of leisure time to try local cuisine independently.
- Sample authentic regional specialties at local restaurants.
- Attend a special Welcome Reception and Dinner.
- Gather for a Farewell Reception and Graduation Ceremony followed by a Farewell Dinner.

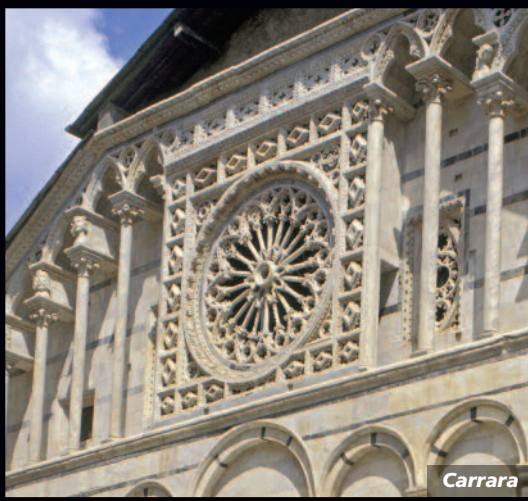
Your Exciting Travel Program

(For details, see the day-by-day itinerary.)

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **Personal VOX listening devices** allow you to hear every word from your expert, English-speaking guides.
- **All excursions:**
 - Experience the charms of Santa Margherita and Portofino.
 - Enjoy a guided visit to Lucca.
 - See the landmarks of Genoa. Enjoy a pasta demonstration in Camogli.
 - Visit the villages of the Cinque Terre.
 - Journey to Carrara and watch a marble sculptor at work.

Many Included Extras

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
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- Services of an experienced **Campus Director**.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel wallet.



surrounding area. Today, they remain accessible only by train, boat or on foot. Travel to Portovenere, and continue to Manarola, one of the beautiful Cinque Terre villages, as you drive through the Cinque Terre National Park. The region between Portovenere and the Cinque Terre is exceptional in beauty, culture and lifestyle. Enjoy a walk through the village, which sits atop a cliff nearly 230 feet above the sea, before taking a boat to Vernazza, an elegant village overlooking the azure water. Marvel at Genoese towers and the Gothic Church of Santa Margherita d'Antiochia. Return to Sestri Levante by train.

DAY EIGHT

B I L D

CARRARA

Excursion: When Marble Comes Alive.

Visit the quarry where Michelangelo chose his prized marble and a museum dedicated to Carrara's renowned marble industry. Watch a local sculptor's demonstration.

Local Flavor: Lunch is served in Carrara.

This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception, Graduation Ceremony and Farewell Dinner at the hotel.

DAY NINE

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After breakfast, transfer to the Florence airport for the return flight to your gateway city.✈

NOTE: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

Included meals indicated each day as

B/L/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner.

ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTEL VIS À VIS

Perched on the stunning Gulf of Tigullio, this deluxe hotel offers breathtaking views in addition to world-class amenities. The intimate Hotel Vis à Vis offers superb guest rooms with balcony views overlooking the water or hills. Enjoy a leisurely walk through the manicured garden, or swim in the outdoor pool nestled among olive trees. Sit on the terrace to take in the sunset, or unwind with a relaxing massage treatment. Enjoy Ligurian culinary delights at Olimpo, the hotel's restaurant. The hotel also has a fitness area, a Turkish bath and Wi-Fi. It is ideally located near many shops and eateries.



Sestri Levante



Santa Margherita



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Departure City

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Land Only Program

- I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.
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Genoa

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