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A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

From Genoa, the great medieval maritime power, to the picture-perfect hamlets of the Cinque Terre, the Italian Riviera tells its captivating story as you discover the unique heritage of this special area of Italy.

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Witness vistas of the **Cinque Terre** as you cruise the lapis waters of the Ligurian Sea.
- ▶ Watch the **Italian Riviera sunset** melt into the sea.
- ▶ Savor a special **seaside lunch** at a waterfront restaurant in Vernazza.
- ▶ Imagine life in the Middle Ages, when **Genoa** ruled the seas.
- ▶ Discover Michelangelo's favorite medium, **Carrara marble**, at its source.
- ▶ Step back in time in **Lucca**, a Tuscan Renaissance jewel.



Above: Manarola, Cinque Terre | Cover photo: Vernazza, Cinque Terre

Seaside lunch

Howdy, Ags!

Join us as we explore the Italian Riviera, one of the most beautiful coastlines in the world, on the Ligurian Sea. This beguiling region offers both soul-stirring vistas and scenes of daily life in charming seaside towns. Sip red wine, relax in medieval piazzas and take in the views that have inspired artists and writers for centuries.

Travel by land and sea to villages along the Ligurian coastline. Witness brightly colored towns that seem to spill down the sides of the steep hills and breathtaking panoramas in Cinque Terre National Park. Visit the storied city of Genoa, which boasts an architectural legacy borne from its days as a powerful maritime republic.

This trip combines the ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. Enjoy the camaraderie of the group and, during your free time, feel the thrill of making your own discoveries. Space is limited to ensure maximum traveling comfort, so we encourage you to make your reservation today!

Gig 'em!

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Corniglia, Cinque Terre





Lucca

Day One

In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Genoa, Italy. ✈

Day Two

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Genoa, Italy | Sestri Levante

Upon arrival, transfer ✈ to Sestri Levante and check in to Hotel Vis à Vis.

Celebrate the beginning of your adventure with a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day Three

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Rapallo | Portofino | Santa Margherita

Enrichment: *The Italian Riviera.* For centuries, this beautiful region has captivated artists, writers and explorers. Learn about its history and culture.

Discovery: *The Riviera.* Visit gorgeous towns along the Ligurian coastline. Travel the coastal road to Rapallo, a seaside resort adorned with swaying palm trees and hillside villas. Sail over sapphire waters to glamorous Portofino, one of the prettiest towns on the Italian Riviera and the playground of the rich and famous. Stroll along its yacht-filled harbor before continuing to Santa Margherita, another jewel along the coast.

Free Time: Take the opportunity to explore on your own in Portofino and Santa Margherita, where you also have time for lunch on your own. Savor a seaside dinner in Sestri Levante.

Day Four

B | L

Lucca

Discovery: *Lucca.* Venture into nearby Tuscany to the walled city of Lucca. Visit the grand Romanesque *Duomo di San Martino*. Admire the white marble, art-filled chapels of



Church of San Michele, Lucca

the Church of San Frediano and the Church of San Michele. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant during the excursion.

Free Time: Enjoy some time exploring Lucca on your own. Stretch your legs during a walk on the 16th-century city walls, a favorite local pastime. If you still have a lot of energy left, climb to the top of the Guigni Tower, which stands nearly 150 tall, for a 360-degree view of Lucca and its environs.

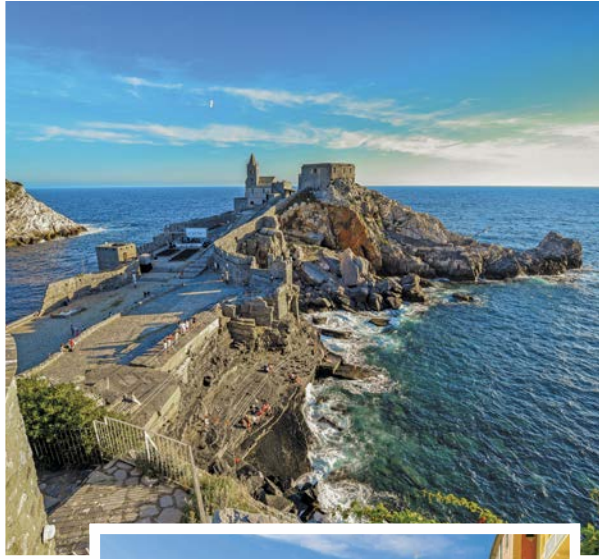
Enrichment: *Italy Today.* Explore the current events shaping life in contemporary Italy.

Day Five

B | D

Genoa | Camogli

Discovery: *Genoa.* Explore Genoa, the largest city along the Italian Riviera. Admire the view from atop *La Spianata di Castelletto*. See the Renaissance palazzi on lovely *Via Garibaldi*. Wander labyrinthine streets past medieval churches to the *Columbus House*, believed



to be the birthplace of navigator Christopher Columbus. Visit the Palazzo Ducale. See the striking black-and-white striped façade of the Cathedral of San Lorenzo.

Discovery: All About Gelato. Take a break for a sweet treat. See Italy's world-famous ice cream being made before indulging in a taste.

Continue to the picturesque fishing village of Camogli, a popular getaway destination among Italians on the Riviera.

Free Time: Discover Camogli at your own pace. Enjoy lunch on your own and take a stroll through town. Look carefully at the colorfully painted houses because the windows, shutters, cornices and other features may not be real! For centuries, people in Camogli have used the trompe l'oeil painting technique to embellish the façades of their homes.

Enrichment: Meet the People. Learn about daily Italian life and the local lifestyle during an engaging discussion with residents.

Gather with your fellow travelers for dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Day Six

B

Sestri Levante

Free Time: Enjoy a full day at leisure. Visit some shops in Sestri Levante and put together a picnic lunch to enjoy in one of the town's many parks or beaches, or explore the local museums. With the train station nearby, you can also venture further afield.

Enrichment: Flavors of the Cinque Terre. Learn about the Cinque Terre through a lesson in its unusual geography before enjoying a tasting of regional wine and foods.



Camogli, Italian Riviera

Day Seven

B | L

Cinque Terre

Discovery: The Cinque Terre. Journey to the dramatic terraced landscapes and colorful villages of Cinque Terre National Park. Visit the ancient Roman seaport of Portovenere and Manarola, center of the region's wine and olive oil production. Soak up Mediterranean views while sailing north to Vernazza, which has a pretty town square and the Cinque Terre's only natural harbor.

Discovery: A Seaside Lunch. Take a seat at a waterfront restaurant in Vernazza for a delicious lunch, featuring seafood just plucked from the sea! The Taverna del Capitano serves "cucina tipica," traditional cuisine prepared with time-honored methods.

Day Eight

B | L | D

Carrara

Discovery: Carrara Marble. Travel to Carrara, home of legendary marble quarries used for more than 2,000 years. Enjoy an informative tour of Fantiscritti Quarry. This is where Michelangelo chose the gleaming white blocks he transformed into masterpieces.

INCLUDED FEATURES

ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

- Seven nights in Sestri Levante, Italy, at the first-class Hotel Vis à Vis.

TRANSFERS

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the land program, including baggage handling.

EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM

- Seven breakfasts, three lunches and four dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Explore Rapallo, Portofino and Santa Margherita on the beautiful Italian Riviera.
 - Discover the treasures within the walled city of Lucca.
 - Enjoy visits to Genoa and Camogli.
 - Learn the secret of making creamy, delicious gelato.
 - Witness the dramatic Cinque Terre from the sea and visit its charming towns.
 - Tour a Carrara marble quarry to see the provenance of the stone favored by sculptors around the world.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Clearly hear your English-speaking guide with your own VOX headset.
- Tipping of guides and drivers
- Complimentary travel mementos



Marble quarry, Carrara



UNESCO World Heritage

1. Genoa: Le Strade Nuove and the system of the Palazzi dei Rolli
2. Portovenere and the Cinque Terre

Enjoy lunch in Carrara before returning to Sestri Levante.

Free Time: Take advantage of some free time this afternoon for a final jaunt in town.

Enjoy a stroll and pop into café for a leisurely glass of wine or shop for souvenirs for friends and family, as well as yourself!

Tonight, celebrate your journey with fellow travelers at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day Nine

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In Transit

Transfer✈ to the airport in Genoa for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

✈ Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants

B||D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

🕒 Elective experiences available at an additional cost



Terrace, Hotel Vis à Vis



Guest room, Hotel Vis à Vis

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Before you go:

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
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- ▶ **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ▶ **Travel Director** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

View of Sestri Levante from Hotel Vis à Vis



HOTEL VIS À VIS | SESTRI LEVANTE



Our travel experts have carefully selected this first-class property on the Italian Riviera for its prime location. It is ideally located for exploring the region's renowned landmarks, while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.

Reserve your trip to the Italian Riviera today!

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Two-Night Post-Trip Extension in Florence, Italy.

Please make _____ reservations for me/us on the Elective Post-Trip Extension in Florence. Single supplement applies.

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Land Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Genoa, Italy, to depart from:

Departure City

- Please contact me regarding air options.
- Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

Land Program

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

Single Accommodations

I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability). Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **March 26, 2018** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

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A nonrefundable service fee and additional air/land charges based on reservations apply.

PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: June 9-17, 2018

Land Program dates: June 10-17, 2018

LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$3,145	\$250	\$2,895

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.
VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

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Includes a transfer from Sestri Levante to Florence with baggage handling; two nights at Grand Hotel Baglioni with baggage handling; two breakfasts; a guided city tour; guide, driver and meal gratuities; an AHI Hospitality Desk; and all taxes and service charges.

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