



# French & Italian Rivieras

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## Howdy, Ags!

Join us on a spectacular nine-night journey to the French and Italian Rivieras! From stunning, scenic coastlines to undulating landscapes, elegant villas to antique marinas, this classic program delivers a tapestry of living history and beauty.

Enjoy stays in Nice, France and Sestri Levante, Italy, world-famous cities with distinct personalities. Set out each day to find inspiration in Portofino, Villefranche-sur-Mer, Genoa, medieval Èze and other iconic destinations. Spend time in sun-drenched seaside communities and the lavish city-nation of Monaco, and discover the simple pleasures of Mediterranean sunsets and long, leisurely meals. Plus, hone your cooking skills during a hands-on cooking demonstration and enjoy a special cruise along the rugged coastline of Cinque Terre, bursting with vibrant color.

You'll enjoy comfortable accommodations, ample meals, engaging insights from expert local guides and speakers, as well as worry-free travel, thanks to a dedicated Travel Director. With all these fantastic elements, this trip is sure to be popular. Act now to make your dream a reality!

Gig 'em!



Julie Scamardo

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### UNESCO World Heritage

1. Nice, Winter Resort  
Town of the Riviera,  
France
2. Genoa: *Le Strade Nuove*  
and the system of the  
*Palazzi dei Rolli*, Italy
3. Portovenere, Cinque  
Terre, and the Islands,  
Italy

*Palazzo Doria-Tursi,  
Palazzi dei Rolli (Palaces of the Lists),  
Genoa*







# A World of Discovery



The glamorous French and Italian Rivas are yours to discover! From decadent beach towns to intriguing museums, cliff-top villages to stunning scenery, each day brims with culture, beauty and memorable moments. With expert guides, explore storied destinations hugged by dazzling azure seas and savor delicious regional food and wine. You'll also gain fresh insights at engaging lectures that range from famous artists to modern culture.

*Top: Spectacular views from Èze | Above: Santa Margherita*  
*Cover: Villefranche-sur-Mer, Côte d'Azur*  
*Mail panel: Streets of medieval Èze | Cathedral of San Lorenzo, Genoa*

## Inspiring Moments



- Discover the sun-splashed cities of Nice, Èze, Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat and more as you explore the alluring **Côte d'Azur**.
- Witness the glamour and extravagance that defines **Monaco** and **Monte Carlo**.
- Uncover the wealth of the French Riviera at the magnificent **Villa Ephrussi**.
- Wander along the romantic seafronts of Portofino and Santa Margherita on **Italy's Ligurian coast**.
- Savor **regional cuisine** and sea views while dining along the **Bay of Silence**.
- Sail on sea breezes past the captivating cliffside villages and rugged coastline of the dramatic **Cinque Terre**.
- Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

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Cours Saleya, Nice

### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Nice, France. 🌐

### Day 2 | Nice, France

Upon arrival, transfer 🚗 and check in to the Hotel Aston La Scala. Later, join us for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

### Day 3 | Nice

**Enrichment: Matisse & Chagall on the Côte d'Azur.** Gain insight into the fascinating lives of painters Henri Émile Benoît Matisse and Marc Chagall. These celebrated artists produced many of their masterpieces in this enchanting region.

**Nice—Capital of the French Riviera.** Nice captivates visitors with its waterfront setting and vivacious Mediterranean energy. Admire Chagall's biblical-themed works at the Musée Marc Chagall. Follow shaded cobblestones through Vieille Ville, Nice's colorful old town, a mesh of shops, cafes, churches and

crêperies. Stroll along the Promenade des Anglais, a legendary seaside road that was originally designed as a footpath, and visit the Cours Saleya, Nice's longest-running market.

**Free Time:** The balance of the day is at your leisure to craft your own path.

### Day 4 | Èze | Monaco | Monte Carlo

**Èze, Monaco & Monte Carlo.** Begin in the medieval village of Èze. After an orientation tour, discover this picture-perfect town at your own pace. You may wish to visit the Exotic Garden, an oasis with succulents, waterfalls and extraordinary vistas. Continue to Monaco, perched on a rocky cliff jutting into the sea. Monaco exudes extravagance at every turn! After visiting Monaco's neo-Byzantine church, continue to the Palais du Prince to watch the Changing of the Guard. Next, visit glamorous Monte Carlo, Monaco's wealthiest district, and pass by the famous Casino de Monte-Carlo designed by Charles Garnier.

Monaco







Portofino

**Enrichment: Contemporary France.** A local expert discusses the modern French family, how French traditions and culture are preserved, and other compelling topics.

#### Day 5 | Villefranche-sur-Mer | Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat

##### **Villefranche-sur-Mer & Villa Ephrussi.**

Scenic views abound today! Get a taste of small-town Mediterranean life on your own in Villefranche-sur-Mer, an idyllic corner of paradise with candy-colored buildings and a harbor filled with sleek yachts. Continue to the tiny peninsula of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat for a visit to the palatial Villa Ephrussi. Built for Baroness Béatrice de Rothschild, the villa is decorated with sumptuous furnishings and boasts a remarkable art collection. You'll soon see why this area casts a spell on visitors.

**Free Time:** Take advantage of leisure time during your final afternoon in the lauded French Riviera.

#### Day 6 | Genoa | Sestri Levante

**Journey from Riv to Riv.** Depart the Côte d'Azur for Genoa, Italy's leading port city. Sit down to a group lunch, then set off on a walking tour. Admire panoramic city views from Spianata Castelletto and walk along the grand Via Garibaldi, lined with the elegant façades of Renaissance palaces. Continue down bygone streets to witness the Columbus House, the black-and-white striped Cathedral of San Lorenzo and Palazzo Ducale.

Cap off your excursion in Genoa with some delicious gelato; then continue to Sestri

Levante. Check in to the Hotel Vis a Vis and savor a traditional dinner.

#### Day 7 | Sestri Levante

**Enrichment: The Riviera di Levante.** Delve into the area's illuminating history and culture.

**Sestri Levante Walking Tour.** Sestri Levante brims with cheerful squares and buildings featuring the unique *trompe l'oeil*. This artistic style creates fascinating three-dimensional designs and is one of the region's highlights.

##### **AHI Connects | Italian Cooking Lesson.**

A local chef demonstrates how to make authentic *pesto alla genovese*, a delectable basil sauce, and *focaccia*, a classic savory bread. After this eye-opening lesson, settle in for lunch overlooking the Bay of Silence.

#### Day 8 | Portovenere | Manarola | Vernazza

**Cinque Terre.** Few places will touch your heart like this patchwork of villages tumbling to the

Italian cooking lesson





sea. Begin in Portovenere, overlooking the Bay of Poets. Continue to romantic Manarola, surrounded by vineyards. Next, marvel at the coastline on a cruise, passing clifftop Corniglia and Vernazza. Cap off the excursion with lunch in Vernazza at a waterside eatery.

## Day 9 | Sestri Levante

**Free Time:** The day is yours to design!

**🕒 Elective | Carrara.** Venture out to see the legendary marble quarries used by sculptors through the centuries. Tour a quarry and see local artisans in their studios.

**Enrichment: Contemporary Italy.** Explore the current events shaping contemporary Italy.

## Day 10 | Rapallo | Santa Margherita | Portofino

**Italian Riviera Discovery.** Drive by seaside Rapallo to Santa Margherita, filled with colorful cottages and gleaming yachts. Cruise to glamorous Portofino, tucked in an exquisite cove. Stroll by the harbor and spend time at leisure. Return to Santa Margherita and find a special spot to enjoy lunch on your own. Gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

## Day 9 | In Transit

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

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

✈️ Flights and 🚗 transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

🕒 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

### Note About Activity Levels

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

**Excursions on this itinerary require:**

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

## Included Features



### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **4 nights** in Nice, France, at the first-class Hotel Aston La Scala.
- **5 nights** in Sestri Levante, Italy, at the first-class Hotel Vis a Vis.

### Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance plan** covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **🕒 Electives** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- **🌱 AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- **🌍 AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

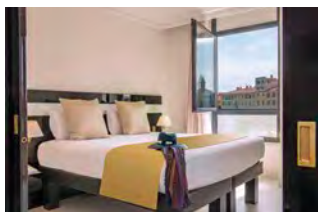
Seaside dining in Vernazza





## Accommodations

Our travel experts have carefully selected these first-class properties for their prime locations. They are ideally located for exploring the region's renowned landmarks, while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to fully enjoy your stay.



**Hotel Aston La Scala | Nice**



**Hotel Vis a Vis | Sestri Levante**



# Reserve your trip today!

To book your journey,  
please call our AHI Travel Experts  
at **800-323-7373** or  
visit **AggieNetwork.com/Travel**.

## Program Dates

### Travel dates ✈

**Oct. 8-18, 2024**

✈ Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

### Tour dates\*

**Oct. 9-18, 2024**

\* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

## Land Program

Full Price	\$4,645
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Special Savings	\$250
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\*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

**Receive Bonus Savings when you Pay in Full at booking.**  
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VAT is an additional \$395 per person.

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

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single accommodations are an additional \$995 (limited availability).

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## AHI FlexAir

### Let us arrange your flights

**Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:**

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays





Manarola, Cinque Terre

## AHI Travel Expertise



From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

### *Before you go:*

**Travel Consultants** stand ready to answer your questions as they guide you through the reservation process.

**Your Travel Coordinator** is on hand to assist with flights, electives and special requests.

**Travel Information** provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

### *Once you arrive:*

**Your Travel Director**, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

**Handpicked Expert Guides** offer fascinating insights and share their passion for their country with you.

**Knowledgeable Lecturers** deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



View of the Côte d'Azur  
from Villa Ephrussi



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- Flexibility and customization.
- Safety and security.



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