

ITINERARY

Accommodations may vary based on departure date.

6 Days Casual & Casual Plus Hotels

DAY 1

Hike across a dramatic landscape to Portovenere, taking in expansive vistas of the Golfo della Spezia | Walk along coastal trails past terraced vineyards and olive groves | Splendid views await at our waterfront hotel | Savor fresh frutti di mare at a seaside restaurant.

Accommodations

Hotel della Baia

Portovenere

Experience Italian warmth and hospitality at this tranquil waterfront hotel, complete with sweeping views of the Golfo Dei Poeti.

DAYS 2-3

Get to know the Cinque Terre's majestic coastline, a World Heritage site, by hiking and by train | Well-groomed paths lined with ancient stone walls lead from stunning Riomaggiore through cliffside Manarola, quiet Corniglia and vibrant Vernazza to inviting Monterosso al Mare | Pass elegant villas en route to posh Portofino | A walk along Portofino's postcard-perfect waterfront is a must | Explore Santa Margherita Ligure, the childhood home of Christopher Columbus | Enjoy Mediterranean flavors and dinners by the sea.

Accommodations

Hotel Continental

Santa Margherita Ligure

Just steps from the bay of Santa Margherita, this art nouveau-style hotel is set atop a promontory, surrounded by oak, pine and palm trees.

DAYS 4-6

Head inland to Chianti's quintessential Tuscan villages, vineyards and cypress-flanked lanes | Hike through the medieval villages of Greve in Chianti and Panzano | Stroll through the narrow streets of the historic ridgetop Radda, the epicenter of Chianti Classico | Walk to Volpaia and its 1,000-year-old Castelvechi wine cellars to enjoy a signature Backroads picnic with a glass of local wine | Soak up grand pastoral panoramas from the strada bianca (white road), surrounded by vineyards and olive groves | Sip regional wines at a fun and informative tasting | Extend your walking tour in Cinque Terre and Tuscany with a visit to Florence, birthplace of the Italian Renaissance and our magnificent gateway city.

Accommodations

Villa Le Barone

Panzano in Chianti

Owned by the same family since the 1500s, this former manor house offers vistas of the countryside, olive groves and vineyards of Chianti Classico. (pool)