

NORTHERN ITALY INCLUDING CINQUE TERRE

9 Days — 1 Country

**COUNTRY
EXPLORER**

Scents of magnolia and lemons linger along the quaint cobblestone roads and promenades of Italy's northern lake villages on this jaunt from Milan to Genoa, and the foodie city of Parma. See the layers of pastel pinks, yellows and blues that cling to the dramatic sea cliffs of Cinque Terre, enjoying the flavors of prosciutto and parmigiano along the way.

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DAY 1 Arrive Milan

Embrace the glamour of Milan and be introduced to the fascinating sights and sounds of northern Italy. Spend the day exploring this trendy city before meeting your fellow travelers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and evening orientation drive.
Meal(s): Welcome Reception

DAY 2 Milan Sightseeing

Wander through the sophisticated streets of Milan on a walking tour of the city with a Local Specialist to view the city's most magnificent sites, including the Gothic Cathedral, glass-domed Galleria and La Scala Opera House. Then it's your free time, exploring Italy's fashion capital or visiting the medieval fortress of Sforza Castle to admire magnificent artistry by da Vinci and Michelangelo.

Meal(s): Breakfast

DAY 3 Milan ▶ Baveno

The vacation hotspot of Italy's picturesque Lake District, and beautiful Lake Maggiore, set against the backdrop of the Southern Alps, is the next stop on our northern Italian journey. Enjoy a Cultural Insight into the exquisite flora of the local area during a visit to the magical Villa Taranto botanical gardens. Then it's on to our home for the next two nights and the gateway to the three Borromean islands, the picturesque lakeside village of Stresa.

Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 4 Baveno

Lap up gentle lakeside living and la dolce vita during a full day spent at leisure in this picture perfect setting. Spend the day relaxing or embark on the alpine train to see the magnificent panoramic views of the north. This evening, we cross the tranquil waters of Maggiore to one of the Borromean islands for an unforgettable Be My Guest dining experience.

Meal(s): Breakfast and Be My Guest Dinner

DAY 5 Baveno ▶ Genoa ▶ Santa Margherita

The maritime city of Genoa is our first stop today as we join a Local Specialist for an included guided walking tour to view the city's majestic Renaissance and Baroque architecture, and visit Via Garibaldi, the historic center of Genoa lined by ancient palaces. This afternoon, we arrive in the seaside town of Santa Margherita, where we will stay overnight, spending the rest of the day free to soak up the vacation atmosphere.

Meal(s): Breakfast

DAY 6 Santa Margherita ▶ Full-Day Porto Venere and Cinque Terre Excursion

Today we explore the dramatic setting of the five coastal villages of the UNESCO World Heritage Cinque Terre (Five Lands) on an included full-day excursion. The deep blue Ligurian Sea provides a stunning backdrop for the expanse of pastel pinks, yellows and oranges that cling to the rugged seaside cliffs in this beautiful area that can only be reached by boat or train from La Spezia. We join a Local Specialist to visit two of the five picturesque fishing villages.

Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 7 Santa Margherita ▶ Langhirano ▶ Parma

Crossing the scenic Apennine mountains, we venture towards Parma, renowned for its famous Parma ham and cheese. Gain a Cultural Insight into the gourmet delights of this region during a visit to a working prosciutto factory near the town of Langhirano and a brief photo stop at Torrechiara before learning the process of making real parmigiano Reggiano cheese at a family-run caseificio.

Meal(s): Breakfast

DAY 8 Parma ▶ Milan

Delight in the gastronomic and architectural splendor of the Emilia-Romagna region during a guided tour of Parma with a Local Specialist. See the 12th century Piazza Duomo with its Romanesque Cathedral and Baptistery, and Garibaldi Square, home to the Palazzo del Governatore with its ornate astronomical clock. We leave the flavors of Parma behind and embark on a scenic drive back to Milan where we'll enjoy a Farewell Dinner tonight with our travel companions and Travel Director.

Meal(s): Breakfast and Farewell Dinner

DAY 9 Depart Milan

Our sumptuous encounter with the landscapes of Northern Italy has sadly come to an end. Transfers are available. Conditions apply.

Meal(s): Breakfast



THE DETAILS

THE ESSENTIALS



8 NIGHTS

Hotel Accomodation



13 MEALS

8 breakfasts and 5 dinners including Be My Guest



HIGHLIGHTS

Enjoy our hand picked Trafalgar Insider Experiences.



ON-TRIP TRANSPORT

All transport shown