



**CINQUE TERRE & LAKE COMO TOUR  
DAILY ITINERARY  
OCTOBER 6-15, 2017**

**DAY 1/OCT 6 - BOSTON~ROME~GENOA:** We depart **Boston's Logan International Airport** aboard our transatlantic flight to Genoa (via Rome ).

**DAY 2/OCT 7 - GENOA~SESTRI LEVANTE:** "*Benvenuti in Italia!*" Upon arrival at **Genoa's Cristoforo Colombo Airport**, we will meet our **Tour Escort** and transfer to Sestri Levante, where we will check into our hotel for **4 nights**. The day is at your leisure to relax and get accustomed to your surroundings in this beautiful former fishing village. This location that has become quite the hotspot among European vacationers. We will enjoy a **Welcome Dinner**. Overnight.

**\* PLEASE REFER TO THE ENCLOSED HOTEL SHEET FOR DETAILS ON THE HOTELS**  
**\* A PORTION OF WINE & MINERAL WATER IS INCLUDED WITH ALL DINNERS**

**DAY 3/OCT 8 - CINQUE TERRE:** After **breakfast**, we will spend the entire day touring the picturesque Cinque Terre peninsula. We will travel by ferry from Sestri Levante to the cliffside town of Riomaggiore and visit there for approximately one hour. Then we will continue on to Monterosso for **lunch** and have time to explore that village. Following lunch in Monterosso, we will visit Vernazza, a true Italian fishing village named after the famous local wine. After an amazing day of exploring this UNESCO World Heritage site, we will return to our hotel in Sestri Levante for **dinner** and overnight.

**DAY 4/OCT 9 - PORTOFINO~RAPALLO~SANTA MARGHERITA:** After **breakfast**, we are off to Portofino, a seaside resort of international renown, situated on a small gulf of unique beauty. Then it's on to Rapallo, another beautiful coastal town that was a favorite of poet Ezra Pound and philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. We will also visit Santa Margherita Ligure, one of the "newer" resorts on the Riviera (developed post-World War II) and then return to our hotel. **Dinner** and overnight.

**DAY 5/OCT 10 - LERICI & PORTOVENERE:** After **breakfast**, we will depart for Portovenere, a scenic commune comprised of three small villages and part of Cinque Terre. After our visit here, **we will have a local wine tasting (with snack included)** before heading on to Lerici on the eastern side of La Spezia Bay. Here, we will visit the castle, and then have time at leisure before returning to the hotel for **dinner** at our hotel. Overnight.

**DAY 6/OCT 11 - MILAN:** After **breakfast** at our hotel, please check out, paying any incidentals you may have incurred. We will head to stylish Milan for a tour. Milan is a city with some of the world's most stunning art and architecture. Our sightseeing includes the flamboyant 14<sup>th</sup> century Gothic Duomo ("defended" by the marble statues of 2,224 saints and nearly 100 gargoyles), the legendary Teatro alla Scala Opera House-from the outside, and the beautiful Renaissance Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie and its rectory, where we will view Da Vinci's 15<sup>th</sup> century "*Last Supper*" masterpiece. We will continue on to Lake Como and check into our hotel for **the remainder of the trip**. **Dinner** and overnight.

**DAY 7/OCT 12-COMO-BELLAGIO:** After **breakfast** at the hotel, we will depart our hotel by motorcoach for a guided morning tour of the beautiful town of Como, which has kept much of its ancient Roman street plan.

This is illustrated by the lovely Piazza Cavour, which is surrounded by quaint cafés, colorful houses, and stately hotels. In the afternoon, we will travel by boat on a cruise from the town of Como, up the lake past gorgeous villas, to the picturesque town of Bellagio. Here, we can wander through the peaceful, narrow lanes and covered walkways lined with pastel-colored houses typical of the area. We will return by boat and motorcoach to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

**DAY 8/OCT 13 - VILLA CARLOTTA:** After **breakfast** at our hotel, we will head just south on the lake and visit the Villa Carlotta in neighboring Tremezzo. The villa was built by a Milanese marquis and beyond being an amazing visit in and of itself; it is today home to a great art collection and features a botanical garden as well. We will return to our hotel for time at leisure, **dinner** and overnight.

**\* PLEASE NOTE: There will be 5 people (3 - Prindeville and 2 - Bourque) taking part in a COOKING CLASS TODAY that will begin at 10:30 until 4:30. A taxi will be arranged by your land operator and you will be taking a ferry to the class. Your tour guide will provide all details.**

**DAY 9/OCT 14 - BERGAMO:** **Breakfast** is at our hotel. Today's excursion will take us to Bergamo, which against the backdrop of the Bergamese Alps is one of the most beautifully situated cities in Lombardy. Bergamo's Old Town is perched on a hill above, enclosed by ancient Venetian walls, while the modern city center sprawls across the plains below. Our walking tour begins in the Piazza Vecchia - the heart of the Old Town - and we will have the opportunity to view many of its most significant civic and religious monuments. This includes the Palazzo del Comune, Palazzo della Ragione, the magnificent Cathedral, St. Maria Maggiore, the Colleoni Chapel, with its frescoed dome by Tiepolo, and the beautiful Baptistery. We will have **lunch in Bergamo with wine tasting**. We will return to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

**DAY 10/OCT 15 - MILAN~ROME~BOSTON:** After **breakfast**, please check out, paying any incidentals you may have incurred. We will transfer to **Linate Airport in Milan** where we will board our return flight to Boston (via Rome)

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL SCHEDULING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**