



TOUR LEISURE LIGURIA & MILAN

Day 1 – ARRIVAL DAY

Morning arrival at the airport where we will be met by our tour Manager. Transfer to our hotel in Genoa. Rest of the day is at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 2 – GENOA

Breakfast at the hotel. Today full day guided tour. During the walking we will visit The Porto Antico, Columbus House (outside), Palazzo Rosso, Palazzo Bianco and Palazzo Tursi, St. Laurence Cathedral (built in the typical black-and-white Genoese style, dates back to the year 1000). At the end of our sightseeing day we will visit the magnificent Aquarium. In the afternoon oil tasting and visit to a typical oil mill. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 3 – LE CINQUE TERRE

Early departure from our hotel to the village of Manarola. From Manarola it is possible to go to Rio Maggiore by ferry or on foot (through the famous path known as “Via dell’Amore” which is only 2 km long). Once in Rio Maggiore, we continue by boat to Vernazza, a beautiful village set around a picturesque harbour. Free time in Vernazza for lunch on your own. After lunch, continue by boat to Portovenere, the treasure of Eastern Liguria. It stretches out over a rocky spur with the church of S.Pietro on its top: the church is built in Genoese Gothic style and dominated by an impressive castle. Portovenere offers a succession of tall nicely painted houses overlooking the sea and the attraction of many medieval corners. Then, boat to La Spezia. Return by bus to Genova. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 4 – SANTA MARGHERITA - PORTOFINO - RAPALLO

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure by bus from the hotel in Genoa. Set on the Eastern part of the Tigullio bay, the town of Rapallo is a famous tourist resort thanks to a well-deserved fame as an exclusive health resort. Once a free town, it became part of the Genoese republic in 1229 and Rapallo’s Castle is the symbol of that period. Departure from Rapallo to Santa Margherita Ligure, a beautiful city in the East Riviera; visit and free time for lunch. Continue by boat to Portofino. Set in a stupendous bay, it is a fisherman village with houses overlooking the harbour and its square. Portofino is one of the favourite resorts for VIP’s. The history of this village starts when it entered the dominion of the Republic of Genoa and St George’s fort and castle are a symbol of that period. The fishermen’s boats were a sign of the predominantly seafaring activity of its men, which was linked, to that of its women: the creation of an extremely fine lace, which can still be bought here. Then departure from Portofino to San Fruttuoso by boat. In San Fruttuoso there is a beautiful monastery, once pantheon of a powerful Genoese family, the Doria. Return by boat to Santa Margherita Ligure and continue to Genoa by bus. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.



Day 5 – PAVIA - MILAN

This morning we depart Genoa and head towards Pavia. In the morning stop to a cheese factory near Pavia. Visit at the well-known cheese factory Cademartori . We then proceed to one of the most magnificent of all monastic structures and one of the most spectacular monuments in Italy: the Certosa of Pavia. After the visit, departure for Pavia city centre. Lunch on your own. Half day tour of Pavia and free time for shopping and personal adventure. Departure for Milan. Check in at our hotel, dinner and overnight.

Day 6 – MILAN

Breakfast at the hotel. Half day guided tour to admire the highlights of Milan, arguably the most important city in northern Italy and the capital of fashion. We start with a visit to Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece 'The Last Supper' in the refectory beside Santa Maria delle Grazie church, continue past La Scala opera house [Theatre Hall can be seen from the boxes excepted when rehearsals or performances are in progress] and walk through the graceful Galleria to Piazza del Duomo to see the famed Cathedral, bristling with 135 pinnacles and 2245 white marble statues. While building started in 1386, the façade was only completed by order of Napoleon in 1809. Continue with a panoramic tour of the Navigli area. Afterwards we will have an opportunity to enjoy Italy's fashion capital with a tour of its main shopping district. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 7 - MILAN - LAKE DISTRICT - MILAN

This morning we depart Milan on our way to Lake Como and the town of Bellagio. Bellagio lies at the tip of the headland that splits Lake Como's two branches (the west branch toward the town of Como, and the east branch toward Lecco). One of the "prettiest towns in Europe," it is home to the rich and famous. Continue to Cernobbio where we will have some free time for lunch on our own. We then proceed to Stresa situated on the western arm of Lake Maggiore. From the promenade, sprinkled with grand hotels, villas, parks and gardens, you can have a magnificent view of the Borromean Islands which we will visit with a short ferry ride. Return to Milan for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Day 8 –FREE DAY

Free day in Milan for personal adventure.

If interested, you can buy our tour manager extra excursions.

Trains and buses are readily available. Farewell dinner in a typical local restaurant.

Overnight at our hotel.

Day 9 –DEPARTURE DAY

Arrivederci Italia- Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Malpensa airport. End of the tour