

Italy- Cinque Terre



Trip Summary

Explore one of the world's most stunning and dramatic seaside retreats. The Cinque Terre will charm you with its abundant viewpoints, rich cultural heritage, and mouth-watering cuisine. We'll hike through the famed five villages; you'll cycle through vineyards and olive groves with plenty of time to appreciate the region's timeless beauty and historic art treasures. Paddle through a UNESCO world heritage site, discover your favorite wine, and discover the beauty that is the five villages (Cinque Terre). Prior to the trip, be sure to visit Florence: famous for its art, history, science and shopping... Florence is truly a Tuscan jewel.

Itinerary

Day 1: Levanto

This morning we meet in stunning Florence, Italy and after transferring to Levanto we begin a short warm up bike ride along the coast • We'll stop for lunch and have some time to dip your toes into the inviting Mediterranean sea • After we transfer you to the Mira-mare apartments and Suites where you'll refresh seaside tonight's welcome dinner with spectacular views • *Overnight at Mira-mare apartments and Suites (L, D)*

Day 2: Manarola / Riomaggiore

This morning we'll make a transfer by boat to Manarola where we'll hike from there to Riomaggiore (1.5 hours) • You'll enjoy an unforgettable seaside lunch in this picturesque village • Before our transfer back to La Spezia by train, you'll have some free time in the village to take a swim, or to do some shopping • Tonight, we'll take a short walk to the restaurant Osteria la Tortuga • *Overnight at Mira-mare apartments and Suites (L, D)*

Day 3: Porto Venere / Palmaria

Today we choose to kayak along the memorable coastline of Porto Venere to the UNESCO world heritage island of Palmaria • We'll enjoy some beach time after our time on the water, and perhaps a gelato as well? • Tonight, you'll have a free evening to explore the restaurant scene in La Spezia • *Overnight at Mira-mare apartments and Suites (L)*

Day 4: Corniglia / Vernazza

This morning we'll transfer by boat to Manarola, from there our hike to Corniglia begins, you'll have some free time to explore this cozy village after another great Italian lunch • Afterwards, we'll start our hike to Vernazza, there you'll have time to explore the Castello Doria, or just sip some wine before dinner • *Overnight at Mira-mare apartments and Suites (L,D)*

Day 5: Levanto / Monterosso al Mare

Today we'll take the train to Levanto, where we'll embark on a boat adventure to caves and coves hidden along the magical coastline • We'll cross off the last of our five villages today as we stop in Monterosso al Mare • This evening, explore Levanto during your free time before tonight's dinner • *Overnight at Mira-mare apartments and Suites (L, D)*

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Day 6: La Palmaria

Lounge around this morning as you relax by the pool, taking it easy on this last full day • During the afternoon, we'll head out to explore Doria castle and La Palmaria island for scenic coastal hike • Toast to a superb week before the grand farewell dinner along the coast • *Overnight at Mira-mare apartments and Suites (D)*

Day 7: Florence

Say arrivederci to la dolce vita, and shuttle to Florence after enjoying one last breakfast • Your guide will drop you off at the Florence airport or your hotel at the appropriate times for your departure home or the beginning of your trip extension • *No overnight (B)*

**Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.*

Activities

Cycling:

Day 1 bicycle mileage options: 5

Hiking:

Day 2 Hiking 1.5 miles

Day 4 Hiking 2.5 miles

Day 6 Hiking 1.5 miles

Kayaking / Sailing:

Day 3, 2-3 hours

Day 5 Boat tour with snorkeling/swimming (most of the day)

Discovery:

Ciao Bella! No place brings out the romantic in you like Italy. Learn all about the dolce vita of Italy as you explore one of the most picture-perfect regions of the Mediterranean. Evenings we'll relax at your superb apartments perfectly situated for enjoying inspirational views, gourmet meals and fine local wines, as we embrace the people and the lust for life that makes Italy so unique.

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They take the time to explain the local history and daily sightseeing and route options. Each route has been carefully planned to include options to please each traveler's interests. Austin Adventures guides are available to help you select the distance that's right for you and to offer advice and assistance as you desire.

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Distinctive Accommodation

Night 1-7: Mira-Mare apartments and Suites or similar

Enjoy your luxury apartment with views you will not soon forget. Enjoy the wonderful pool, basking in the region's famous sunlight, peaceful and traditional setting is ideal for relaxing the mind and superbly furnished, with ensuite bathrooms. All apartments have a breathtaking view of the Gulf of La Spezia, known as "Golfo dei Poeti" (the Poet's Gulf).

All the apartments have satellite TV, equipped kitchen (fridge, freezer, cooking hot plates, microwave, tableware), king size or queen size beds and of course a sea view. Breakfast can be arranged at a local restaurant a few steps from the property, or we'll take you to the market to choose the breakfast items you prefer.



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Arrival and Departures

Prior to the trip, arrive at your own convenience in Florence. On Day 1, we will meet you in the lobby of Grand Hotel Minerva in Florence at 8:30 a.m. After a briefing and a transfer to Levanto, the biking begins. After breakfast on Day 7, we take you to the airport, train station, or the hotel of your choice in Florence (one-hour transfer).

Trip Price

\$3,598 (\$780 single supplement)

Trip Length

7 days/6 night

2021 Dates

May 30 – June 5

July 11 – 17

July 18 – 24

September 19 – 25

Host City:

Florence, Italy

(Airport Code: FLR)

Reservations & Availability

1.800.575.1540

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that can't be beat*

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$500 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800-575-1540

Phone: 406-655-4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- Meals as listed in detailed daily itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Any necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, water bottle, luggage tags and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local partner and expert gratuities and national park entrance and permit fees.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides.
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.

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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Solo Travelers

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement". If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. We at Austin Adventures will do our best to match you with a suitable roommate of the same gender before departure. If you book 90 days or more before the trip and we cannot find you a roommate, 50% of the private room cost will be due at final payment time. If you book within 90 days of departure and we cannot find you a roommate, the full private room charge will be applied. If we do find you a roommate between final payment and before the trip departs, we will refund the single supplement amount paid. Some exceptions apply.

Minimum Age

The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.

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