



ITALY

GENOA AND CINQUE TERRE RAIL JOURNEY (TOUR CODE: 11601)

STARTS AND ENDS

 Genoa to
 Cinque Terre

TRAVEL PERIODS

28 Mar 2022 - 31 Oct 2023

EXPERIENCE

 Cultural
 Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Discover Genoa, a medieval city in the heart of Liguria and Cinque Terre, Italy's most idyllic seaside cluster of villages.

Highlights

- Discover **Genoa** with your private guide, one of the most extended medieval Historic Centre of Europe
- Stay in one of the **Cinque Terre villages**
- Between Punta Cavo di Montenero and Punta Mesco there are the **famous Cinque Terre**, a unique geographical area, rich in tiny peninsulas and bay and awarded **World Heritage status by UNESCO**.
- Reach **Portovenere by boat**, a village that inspired many poets including Lord Byron, in love with the rocky outcrop dominated by the famous Church of San Pietro!
- **Wine tasting** at a Monterosso Farm
- **Cinque Terre train card**

Revel in the spectacular scenery of Cinque Terre, Genoa and Portovenere on this fascinating 8-day rail journey. Explore the port of Genoa, Italy's largest seaport and the capital of the Liguria region. The city is brimming with stunning art and notable architecture. Visit the oldtown, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, including the opulent Royal Palace and Palazzo Rosso.

From Genoa, board your train to Monterosso and your gateway to the famous Cinque Terre. Cinque Terre on the Italian Riviera includes the five beautiful hillside villages of Corniglia, Manarola, Monterosso, Riomaggiore and Vernazza which are all part of the Cinque Terre National Park, also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The national park encompasses about 11 miles of the rocky coastline from north to south: Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore. You will also visit the picturesque village of Porto Venere by boat, which will provides an opportunity to admire the breathtaking Ligurian coastline from the sea.



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- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
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- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Genoa
- 5 nights in Monterosso or Manarola
- Private transfer from Genoa Airport to Genoa Hotel
- Private transfer from Cinque Terre Hotel to Genoa Airport
- Private transfer from Monterosso Train Station to Cinque Terre Hotel
- 1st class fast train from Genoa to Cinque Terre
- Return boat Cinque Terre to Portovenere
- Daily breakfast
- Walking tour with private guide in Genoa
- Private excursion of Cinque Terre with Guide
- Private tour of Portovenere with Guide
- Visit of Monterosso with wine tasting at a farm

ITINERARY

Day

1

Genoa Airport Genoa

Arrival at Genoa Airport and transfer to your hotel in Genoa. After check-in, the rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Genoa at **Starhotel President** or Similar.



Day **2**

Genoa

After breakfast at the hotel, your tour of discovery begins with a **private city tour**.

The 113 hectare historical centre of Genoa is the core of the Old Town and is the biggest historic centre in Europe. It is also the most densely populated. The Genoese Historic Centre is a maze of alleys (caruggi) that unexpectedly end up in small squares, that, as well as the churches that dominate them, belonged to important noble families. In the afternoon, you'll have free time to relax and perhaps do some shopping.

Overnight stay in Genoa at **Starhotel President** or Similar.

Breakfast



Day **3**

Genoa Cinque Terre

After breakfast, make your own way to the train station and board your train to the Cinque Terre.

Take a private transfer from the train station to your hotel and check-in. In the afternoon, free time to spend in the beautiful Cinque Terre area.

Overnight stay in the **Cinque Terre** area in a Boutique Hotel.

Breakfast



Day
4

Cinque Terre

After breakfast, meet with your private guide for your **full day excursion**.

Between Punta Cavo di Montenero and Punta Mesco there are the famous Cinque Terre, a unique geographical area, rich in tiny peninsulas and bays. In 1997 the area was awarded World Heritage status by UNESCO.

Take a train from Monterosso Train Station to **Riomaggiore**. This village is characterised by its colourful homes, winding alleys and tiny squares

Travel to Vernazza by the Cinque Terre Express Train. Visit "La Perla" of the Cinque Terre, the village is located in a splendid position, perched on one spur surrounded by the sea. With its colourful houses, the medieval fortifications and the church of Santa Margherita di Antiochia, Vernazza is probably the most characteristic of the Cinque Terre villages and is known as one of the most beautiful villages in Italy.

Continue by train to **Manarola**, the oldest of the Cinque Terre villages known for its brightly painted houses set among the green of the nearby vineyards.

Return to your hotel by train.

Overnight stay in the **Cinque Terre** area in a Boutique Hotel.

Breakfast



VERNAZZA, CINQUE TERRE

Day 5

Cinque Terre

After breakfast, meet with the **guide at your Hotel and visit the "biggest" of the Terre**. The station is located on the seafront of the "new" country called "Fegina" through a beautiful promenade along the seafront it arrives in the country "**Vecchio**", from here after a short ascent of 5 minutes we arrive at the estate of one of the most active farms in the area, where you will be **tasting some DOC wines** while enjoying typical products of the area.

In the afternoon, visit the Convent of the Cappuccini Friars, that was awarded the 1st place in the FAI ranking "Places of the heart" 2015 edition. Return to your hotel and spend the rest of the evening at leisure.

Overnight stay in the **Cinque Terre** area in a Boutique Hotel.

Breakfast



CORNIGLIA, CINQUE TERRE

Day 6

Cinque Terre Portovenere Cinque Terre

After meeting your guide at the hotel, take a boat to **Portovenere**.

Approximately 13 kilometres away, this scenic trip lets you admire the entire coast of the Cinque Terre. On arrival in Portovenere, visit one of the villages that has inspired many poets, including Lord Byron, who was in love with the rocky outcrop dominated by the famous Church of San Pietro, regarded today as one of the most magical places in the whole Liguria.

Return by boat to your hotel.

Overnight stay in the **Cinque Terre** area in a Boutique Hotel.

Breakfast



Day **7**

Cinque Terre

A day at leisure to relax or continue to explore this marvellous area.

Overnight stay in the **Cinque Terre** area in a Boutique Hotel.

Breakfast



After breakfast, check out and meet your private transfer back to Genoa Airport.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Villa Steno

Manarola

Villa Steno is a 3-star boutique and family-run hotel with 16 rooms, located in the heart of Monterosso old town. It is a 4 minutes walk from the beach and the hiking path to the other Cinque Terre towns.

Guests at Hotel Villa Steno can enjoy wonderful view of the sea and of the old town of Monterosso and relax into the tranquillity of its location surrounded by lemon, orange and olive trees.



Hotel Marina Piccola

Manarola

The Hotel Marina Piccola is located in Manarola, an old village on the Ligurian east coast. Furnished with taste and classic elegance, the 13 rooms of the hotel are bright and quiet and from some you can enjoy a fantastic panoramic view of the sea. Located in via Birolli, the main road leading to the sea, it is easy to reach both the train station (5 minutes on foot) and the parking lot (10 minutes on foot).

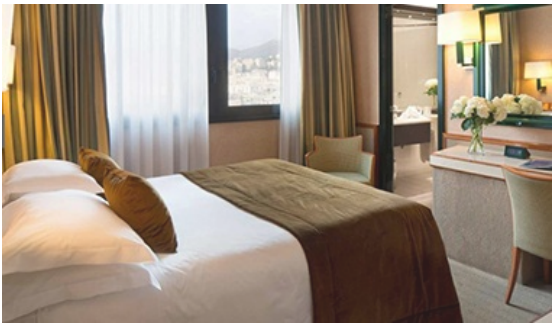


Starhotels President

Genoa

In the heart of Genoa, opposite to the railway station, the Starhotels President reflects the refined elegance of the city that is its home.

- All of the 188 rooms provide guests with comfort, spacious interiors and refined décor.
- La Corte by Eataly restaurant delights diners with dishes inspired by the culinary traditions of Liguria.
- The lounge-like atmosphere of La corte by Eataly restaurant creates the ideal venue to enjoy a good coffee, a quick lunch or a cocktail.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Italian	EURO

- This package is excluded from the **"CHANGE OF MIND"** Portion of our Peace of Mind Booking Plan.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means we may need to offer an alternative hotel of equivalent or better quality. Our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package