



# ITALIAN RIVIERA & CHIANTI

Groups are limited to 28 travelers to maximize your travel experience.

**September 3-12, 2017**

**\$3,195**

VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include the AHI FlexAir (unless otherwise stated). Single accommodations are an additional cost (limited availability).

Liguria and Tuscany both are endowed with mild Mediterranean weather, but uncover the unique characteristics of these neighboring regions on this exciting journey. In Liguria, the beauty of seaside towns have turned a coastline of fishing villages into the glamorous Italian Riviera. Admire the harbors that erupt into an elegant jumble of pastel-colored homes. By contrast, shimmering olive groves and verdant vineyards blanket the Chianti region of Tuscany, where agriculture continues to support a 3,000-year-old legacy of savory cuisine and extraordinary wine. Embrace the differences that have created the Italian Riviera and Chianti's distinctive personalities and the similarities that make them two of Italy's most beloved regions.



## INCLUDED FEATURES

### Accommodations

- **Four nights** in Sestri Levante, Italy, at the first-class **Hotel Vis à Vis**.
- **Four nights** in Radda in Chianti at the first-class **Palazzo Leopoldo**.

### Transportation

- All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

### Activities and Events

- **Informative educational programs** presented by **local experts** will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- **Personal VOX listening device** to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- Attend a **Welcome Reception & Dinner**, gather for a **Farewell Reception** and **Graduation Ceremony** followed by **Dinner**.

### Extensive Meal Program

- Enjoy eight breakfasts, three lunches and five dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

### MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides & drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Groups are limited to 28 travelers** to maximize your travel experience.
- Experience two of Italy's best-loved regions, the **Italian Riviera**, the jewel of Liguria, and **Chianti**, Tuscany's famous wine region.
- **Visit three UNESCO World Heritage sites:** the Cinque Terre and the historic centers of Florence, San Gimignano and Siena.
- Stroll through seaside resorts of **Portofino**, nestled in a picturesque harbor, and equally charming **Camogli**.
- Savor the flavors of Tuscany during a visit to a **Chianti winery** and a **countryside barbecue**.
- Visit the medieval Tuscan hill towns of **Colle di Val d'Elsa** and **Castellina**.
- Walk in the footsteps of Renaissance sculptors at a **Carrara marble quarry**.

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## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT

Depart for Genoa, Italy.<sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup> Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

### DAY 2 ~ GENOA/SESTRI LEVANTE

Upon arrival, transfer<sup>†</sup> to Sestri

Levante and the Hotel Vis à Vis.

Tonight, attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

### DAY 3 ~ ITALIAN RIVIERA

**Educational Focus:** *The Italian Riviera, a Painter's Palette.*

**Excursion:** *The Riviera.* Travel to the coastal town of Rapallo. From there, cruise to Portofino, the iconic Riviera resort town, and stroll along the harbor.

Admire the sparkling bay from the Church of San Giorgio, and see the medieval Castello di San Giorgio and the Punta del Capo lighthouse.

Continue on your Riviera cruise to pretty Santa Margherita, another of the exclusive coastal resorts. Continue to Camogli for a guided walk.

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy free time in Camogli for lunch and exploring on your own.

**Educational Focus:** *Flavors of the Cinque Terre.*

### DAY 4 ~ CINQUE TERRE

**Excursion:** *Cinque Terre.* Journey to Porto Venere. Take a walk through the town before continuing through the scenic Cinque Terre National Park en route to Manarola, where pastel-colored houses hug the edge of a rocky cliff. Take a guided walk before cruising to Vernazza. Return to Sestri Levante by train.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy lunch in Vernazza.

### DAY 5 ~ SESTRI LEVANTE

**Independent Exploration:** Spend the morning and afternoon at leisure.

**Educational Focus:** *Contemporary Italy.*

**Educational Focus:** *Meet the People.*

### DAY 6 ~ CARRARA/RADDA IN CHIANTI

Depart for Radda in Chianti and the Palazzo Leopoldo via Carrara.

**Excursion:** *Carrara Marble.*

Journey to Carrara for a look at Italy's famous marble industry. Visit the

Fantiscritti quarry to learn about the marble industry.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy lunch in Carrara.

**Excursion:** *Radda in Chianti.*

Explore the medieval town of Radda in Chianti.

### DAY 7 ~ SIENA/CASTELLINA

**Educational Focus:** *The History of Chianti.*

**Excursion:** *Siena.* Explore Siena, center of the powerful Republic of Siena during the Middle Ages. See its artistic and architectural legacy.

**Independent Exploration:** Spend some free time in Siena.

**Excursion:** *Castellina.* Visit Castellina, a historic town surrounded by Chianti vineyards.

**Local Flavor:** Head to the countryside for a barbecue at a restaurant that is a restored 15th-century water mill.

### DAY 8 ~ FLORENCE

**Educational Focus:** *Renaissance Art.*

**Excursion:** *Cradle of the Renaissance.* Explore the city center. See the Old Palace, the Ponte Vecchio, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the Piazza della Signoria.

**Independent Exploration:** Enjoy lunch and sightseeing on your own. You can visit the Galleria dell'Accademia, home to Michelangelo's David.

### DAY 9 ~ SAN GIMIGNANO/ COLLE DI VAL D'ELSA/RADDA

**Excursion:** *Life in Chianti.* Visit San Gimignano, the hilltown known for its medieval tower houses, and Colle di Val d'Elsa. Today, this historic town is famous for its crystal production. Tour the crystal factory.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy lunch in Colle di Val d'Elsa. Visit a Chianti winery and enjoy a wine tasting.

Tonight, attend a Farewell Reception, Graduation Ceremony and a Farewell Dinner.

### DAY 10 ~ IN TRANSIT

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.<sup>†</sup>

**NOTE:** *The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.*

## ACCOMMODATIONS



### HOTEL VIS À VIS Sestri Levante

Perched on the stunning Gulf of Tigullio, the first-class Hotel Vis à Vis is ideally located near many shops and eateries. This intimate hotel offers lovely guest rooms with balcony views overlooking the water or hills. Enjoy Ligurian dishes at the hotel's restaurant, and stop for a drink and a view of the sea at the bar. Walk through the garden, or swim in the outdoor pool nestled among olive trees. The hotel has a spa and a Turkish bath. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



### PALAZZO LEOPOLDO Radda in Chianti

Enjoy the ambiance of a Tuscan villa in the heart of Chianti. This inviting hotel was built in the 14th century as a way station for pilgrims. It wasn't long before the property was converted into a manor house, the control hub for 24 nearby farms. Today, the hotel has retained much of its Old World charm, which is enhanced by modern amenities, including an indoor pool, fitness center and spa. Wi-Fi is complimentary.

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