

Northern Italy including Cinque Terre

8 Days

1 Country

10 Meals

The Italian Riviera meets Italy's beautiful Lake District on a gourmet-filled encounter with the north and its many treasures. All you need to do is live the high life on this most epic of Northern Italy trips, filled with the flavours of prosciutto and parmigiano.

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Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Milan, Parma, Cinque Terre and Genoa with a Local Specialist
- **Visit** a prosciutto factory near Langhirano, cheese factory in Montechiarugolo and Cinque Terre
- **View** the Cathedral and La Scala Opera House in Milan and the Renaissance Palaces in Genoa
- **Scenic Cruise** to Cinque Terre

Day

1 Welcome to Milan Embrace the glamour of Milan, your introduction to the sights and sounds of northern Italy. Spend the day exploring this stylish city, home to many of the most renowned fashion houses in the world. Later, join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception, evening orientation drive and hint of the friendship and adventures to come. **(WR) Hotel: Starhotels Tourist**

2 Discover Fashionable Milan Wander through the sophisticated streets of Milan joining your *Local Specialist* on a tour that will reveal the city's iconic and unexpected highlights. See the Gothic Cathedral, glass-domed Galleria and La Scala Opera House, one of the finest opera houses in the world. Then it's time to pound the pavements and see Milan your way. Your Travel Director will share their personal favourites. Don't miss an opportunity to join today's Optional Experience visit to Lake Como for a cruise past some of the region's most glamorous lakeside properties. **(B)**

3 Journey to Parma Leaving sophisticated Milan behind, today is the day to treat your taste buds. Gourmands will adore our *Dive Into Culture* visit to a *prosciutto* (ham) factory near Langhirano. There's time for a photo stop at Torrechiarra fortress, perched high above the Parma Valley, before arriving at a family-run *caseificio* where we'll learn the ancient craft of *Parmigiano Reggiano* cheese production – perfected since the 1600s. On arrival in Parma, continue your day of tasting and feasting, deepening your knowledge of Parma's foodie heritage at an Optional Experience dinner of local specialties paired with Italian wine. **(B, 🍴) Hotel: Novotel Centro**



Savour the best Italian flavours.

Experience first-hand the legendary cheeses and hams for which the beloved Italian gastronomic hotspot of Parma is world-renowned. Discover more at trafalgar.com.

4 Onwards to the Italian Riviera Beyond its obvious attraction as a haven for foodies, Parma is also a fascinating historic centre which you'll come to discover this morning with your *Local Specialist*. Learn all about its history as a Roman settlement and medieval trading hub, including such sights as the Piazza Garibaldi, the site of a Roman Forum 2,000 years ago. You'll have some free time for lunch perhaps indulging one last time in the city's legendary cuisine, before heading to La Spezia on the Italian Riviera. Slow it right down this evening, taking in the tranquil seaside setting as you walk along its pretty promenade, with an evening to do as you wish. **(B) Hotel: Firenze & Continentale**

5 Admire Colourful Cinque Terre Today we explore the dramatic coastal setting of UNESCO-listed Cinque Terre on an included full-day excursion. The deep blue Ligurian Sea provides a stunning backdrop for the expanse of pastel pinks, yellows and oranges that cling to the rugged seaside cliffs. Starting in Porto Venere, we'll travel along the coast by boat, joining a *Local Specialist* who will share how the region's isolated position protected it from pirates in years gone by. Returning to our hotel in La Spezia, we'll enjoy dinner with our fellow travellers, sharing stories of the magnificent cliffside villages we've spent the day admiring. **(B, RD)**

6 Off to Genoa and Lake Maggiore The maritime city of Genoa and birthplace of Columbus is your first stop today as you join a *Local Specialist* for a guided walking tour to view the city's majestic Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Visit Via Garibaldi, the historic centre of Genoa lined by ancient palaces, and enjoy time for lunch in the city centre, perhaps sampling some of the local *focaccia* before continuing to Lake Maggiore. Set against the backdrop of the Southern Alps, the quiet shores of this lake are your home for the next two nights, as they are for many well-heeled locals. Later, you could choose to join an Optional Experience to one of the Borromeo Islands – Isola Bella, which includes a visit inside the aristocratic Borromeo Palace and its gorgeous terraced gardens. **(B) Hotel: Simplon**

7 Lake Maggiore Your Way Lap up gentle lakeside living during a full day spent at leisure in this picture-perfect setting. Spend the day relaxing or take an alpine train journey to see the magnificent panoramic views of the north. This evening, *Connect With Locals* at a *Be My Guest* experience. Join the Cinque family and hear all about the intriguing history of Villa Toscanini situated on a tiny romantic island which was the hideaway of the great Italian conductor Arturo Toscanini one of the most influential musicians of the 19th century. **(B, BMG, 🍴)**

8 Farewell Italy While your holiday has come to an end, the special memories made with new friends will linger long after you return home. Say farewell to your Travel Director as you prepare to take your transfer from your hotel in Baveno to Milan Malpensa airport for your onward journey home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)**

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2023

Apr	15	22	29	Aug	05	12	19	26
May	06	13	20	Sep	02	09	16	23
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Jul	01	08	15	22				
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2024

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- Stays With Stories
- Dive Into Culture
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- WR** Welcome Reception
- L** Lunch
- RD** Regional Dinner
- BMG** Be My Guest
- B** Breakfast
- D** Dinner
- FD** Farewell Dinner