

# NORTHERN TUSCANY & THE ITALIAN RIVIERA

May 15-26, 2024





## Dear Compass Traveler,

When Michaelangelo sculpted his David, he used nothing but the best marble he could find—Carrara. On this trip to Italy, we will walk in the great artist's footsteps and visit the quarries ourselves. Along the way, we will dine on world renowned food and drink, discover great artists, and experience some of Italy's most iconic sites in northern Tuscany and along the famed Italian Riviera. We hope you will join us on this cultural and gastronomic adventure.

*Holly & Luigi*

# ITINERARY

## Wednesday, May 15

Our trip begins with a private transfer from New London, New Hampshire to Boston's Logan Airport and our flight to Tuscany.

## Thursday, May 16

Upon our arrival in Tuscany, we are met by our tour guide and transferred to Pietrasanta, our home for the next five nights. This evening we enjoy a welcome dinner.

**Overnight:** Pietrasanta—Albergo Pietrasanta (D)

## Friday, May 17

The fascinating medieval city of Pietrasanta is considered the historical capital of Versilia and the capital of marble

processing. After a guided tour of the city, we visit Forte dei Marmi, a pleasant town overlooking the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and a perfect spot for lunch. After free time for shopping, we return to Pietrasanta—perhaps sip a Campari or Aperol Spritz this evening in the lovely Piazza del Duomo.

**Overnight:** Pietrasanta—Albergo Pietrasanta (B,L)

## Saturday, May 18

Today we explore the marble quarries of the Apuan Alps. The world-wide famous Carrara marble comes from these mountains and has been used over the centuries to produce great sculptures. We

continue on to Colonatta for lunch. Inhabited by fewer than 400 people, it preserves its historical heritage as a village of quarrymen with artistic, structural, and everyday works scattered throughout the village.

**Overnight:** Pietrasanta—Albergo Pietrasanta (B,L)

## Sunday, May 19

Today we discover one of Tuscany's most beloved artistic cities, Lucca. The historic center is still entirely encircled by its thick, imposing medieval walls.

**Overnight:** Pietrasanta—Albergo Pietrasanta (B,L)

## Monday, May 20

Food always brings people together and a hands-on cooking experience is in store for us today!

**Overnight:** Pietrasanta—Albergo Pietrasanta (B,D)

## Tuesday, May 21

Today we embark on a visit of the Cinque Terre, a string of centuries-old seaside villages on the rugged Italian Riviera coastline. Colorful houses and vineyards cling to steep terraces, harbors are filled with fishing boats, and trattorias turn



out seafood specialties along with the Liguria region's famous sauce, pesto. We continue on to Camogli, a fishing village and resort located on the west side of the peninsula of Portofino—and our home for the next five nights.

**Overnight:** Camogli–Hotel Cenobio dei Dogi (B,L)

### Wednesday, May 22

Enjoy a free day—perhaps go fishing with the local fishermen or visit Sestri Levante by train.

**Overnight:** Camogli–Hotel Cenobio dei Dogi (B)

### Thursday, May 23

Today we discover the Tigullio Gulf, a combination of beaches, coves, and cliffs. We'll visit exclusive Portofino with its amazing villas and beautiful harbor. Afterwards we enjoy lunch by the sea.

**Overnight:** Camogli–Hotel Cenobio dei Dogi (B,L)

### Friday, May 24

Rapallo is a little known gastronomic destination in



Liguria. We are fortunate today to discover its bounty with a food expert.

**Overnight:** Camogli–Hotel Cenobio dei Dogi (B,L)

### Saturday, May 25

Genoa, the capital of Liguria, is our destination today. Once a powerful maritime republic, the city is the birthplace of Christopher Columbus. We enjoy the city's historical center and museums that showcase fantastic works by Caravaggio, Van Dyck, and Rubens. This



evening we gather for our farewell dinner enjoying the delicious food and drink of the region.

**Overnight:** Camogli–Hotel Cenobio dei Dogi (B,D)

### Sunday, May 26

We bid “arrivederci” to Italy as we transfer to the Genoa Airport for our flight back to Boston. Our private transfer returns us to New London. (B)

*Photos: (left page) Carrara marble quarry in the Apuan Alps; (this page): Rooftop view of the town of Lucca; Aperol spritz, a favorite cocktail in Italy; Fishing village of Portofino.*





Portofino, Liguria, Italy

## INCLUDED FEATURES:

- Escorted by Holly Walker & Luigi Minoletti
- Private motorcoach from New London, NH to Logan Airport and return
- Accommodations for 10 nights in first class hotels
- Meals: 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 2 dinners (noted in itinerary as B,L,D)
- Wine included with meals
- Sightseeing as outlined in the day-to-day itinerary
- Services of a professional, English-speaking tour guide throughout
- Transportation by private motorcoach
- Portage of one suitcase per person at hotels

*Compass Travel reserves the right to adjust the itinerary due to weather and other circumstances beyond our control.*

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## PRICE

\$6,900.00 per person based on  
double occupancy  
(Single supplement upon request)

***Airfare Not Included***

***TOUR LIMITED TO 20 PARTICIPANTS***

*Note: The tour price is subject to change  
due to currency fluctuation.*



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