

Join me on
The Italian Riviera

September 5-10 2022



Join us for 6 days and 5 nights on the Ligurian Coast!

The Italian Riviera is a stretch of coastline with an enchanting mix of history, pristine beaches, panoramic views, vibrantly colored homes, and mouthwatering regional cuisine, in fact, lovers of la dolce vita and artists, writers, celebrities and royalty have been flocking to this glamorous destination since the 1800s—and it's easy to see why!

We'll explore by boat, visit an Abbey, learn to cook local dishes, shop, taste wine and tour our favorite small town.

There will be LOTS of time for relaxing and Cinque Terre is a train ride away!

PRICE PER PERSON STARTS AT \$2895

(DEPENDING ON HOTEL CHOICE)

THIS INCLUDES:

- Welcome dinner at a seaside restaurant
- Focaccia making with wine tasting
- Private boat to Portofino including lunch, wine, snorkels and towels
- Transportation to and from Florence
- 5 nights at the Hotel including breakfast
- Lots of easy outing at your fingertips
- Fun, sun and great company!

Mostly, this trip will include fun, chit-chat, relaxing, long dinners and wading in the sea

SOME FACTS:

- We are planning to pick up in Florence at noon on the 5th. Remember, it's an overnight flight so we recommend leaving a day early if possible to give yourself some wiggle room. As usual, you could fly into any airport in Italy and take a train to Florence for the pickup. We will be returning to Florence on the 10th so don't schedule your flight that day, we'd hate to get in a pinch! We will talk more about this.
- Private boat tour with lunch, wine, snorkels and towels
- There will be 2 choices of the hotel, one is a two-star, very nice and right on the beach with a great breakfast-right next door to the 4 star
- The other is a four-star which is **NICE**, has a pool, spa, beautiful restaurant, a private beach, and great service
- A welcome dinner and lunch on the boat will be included, "cooking night" will lend plenty of food!
- Schedule can be changed as some activities are weather dependant

Possible Itinerary

Subject to change based on group input

Monday 9/5

- Shuttle will pick up at approximately noon in Florence
- Arrive at destination, check-in, unpack relax
- Group Dinner
- Walk around town, sip and chat

Tuesday 9/6

- Breakfast
- Check out the shops in our small host town
- Relax and Pooltime

Wednesday 9/7

- Breakfast
- Possibilities...a quick train ride to shop and lunch in Santa Margherita?
- Evening Focaccia making with wine tasting at the end included

Thursday 9/8

- Breakfast
- Private boat tour to see Portofino by sea, lunch, wine and snorkeling
- Cocktail pairing possible?

Friday 9/9

- Breakfast and a hike?
- Afternoon relax, spa or shop
- Evening dinner on your own

Saturday 9/10

- Breakfast/10:00 a.m. Depart for Florence via Private Bus

So much to do in this area!

COST:

Per Person Double Occupancy: \$2895 approx.

Based on Double Occupancy and 2 star hotel choice

For 4-star hotel - Add \$350 Single Occupancy Available

Deposit will be \$800

Some Questions Answered

- **Our Stay in Italy:** We have private shuttle pick up and drop-off in Florence, we can suggest hotels for you. You can arrive and depart at any location in Italy as long as you are in Florence at the time of pickup. I always recommend that you give yourself AT LEAST one full day on either end of your trip in case of flight delays etc. Besides, you are in ITALY! You might as well see some other sights while you are there. Our shuttle is a courtesy to our guests, if you miss the pickup or choose not to take it, we can suggest private car service that will get you to our location.
- **How do I get on the list or contact you?** You will see a link for an application above, the payments can be made using check or PayPal /Venmo. This trip has limited space. <https://theinspiredtourist.com/trip-application/>
- **What is the rooming situation and what is the current situation with COVID?** GREAT QUESTION: The trip is priced at double occupancy but we will be able to book single rooms on a limited basis for an extra cost (see above) One of the reasons that we have chosen to spend time in a small town is for the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful coast while still making the most of the outdoors. Because travel restrictions have finally loosened and most have been eliminated, the deposit and final trip payment are non-refundable
- **We now require trip insurance to make sure you are covered!** We learned a little something in 2020 didn't we? As you know, the airlines have also made it much easier to cancel your flight without penalty. There will be many opportunities to paint, take photos, write and explore, always do what makes

you feel comfortable. Based on the current state of things, everyone is welcome to travel to Italy! Unvaccinated travelers must test prior to arrival.

- **Does this location accommodate the handicapped or those with physical limitations?** Unfortunately, Italy has LOTS of cobblestone streets, stairs and hills. We would love to have you join us but please know your enjoyment or the experience would be limited.

Andiamo!