



## Cinque Terre & Elba

7 days / 6 nights

Drive and walk around two of the most beautiful regions in Italy: Tuscany and the Ligurian Coast. During this wonderful trip, you will discover two contrasting Natural Parks. While the Cinque Terre consists of very steep rugged hillsides, terraced vineyards and enchanting pastel-coloured houses, the island of Elba offers a marvellous variety of scenery from indented coastline coves to long cliffs and vast tracts of scrublands.

### YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - Arriving in the Cinque Terre

Arrival in Riomaggiore. To give you a real taste of local life, you will be staying in a studio or apartment dotted about the colourful coastal village of Riomaggiore, one of the five villages in the Cinque Terre.

You will be free to spend the rest of the day discovering this vibrant village. Its narrow streets often lead to fantastic views out to sea or towards vineyards. Spend time unwinding and soaking up the local atmosphere, or go for a swim in the sea.

Night in a studio/apartment.



#### Day 2 - From Porto Venere to Riomaggiore

Today, you will start the day with a fun boat journey to Porto Venere (also accessible by train). Porto Venere is a beautiful and lively village with an impressive fortress which faces out to sea towards some islands. From here, you will walk high up above the village and then back to Riomaggiore.

Night in apartment.

Duration: approximately 4h45.

Height gain: 600m.

Height loss: 600m.



### Day 3 - From Vernazza to Riomaggiore

Today, you will go on a wonderful walk with splendid views over Vernazza and its towers before climbing up to the beautiful church of San Bernadino. After leaving a shaded pine tree forest, you will follow a narrow path among vineyards which overlook the sea. The panorama is simply breathtaking. From Volastra, you will walk downhill through olive groves to Manarola. From there, you will continue on the easy and popular lower coastal path called the "Via del Amore" and get back to Riomaggiore.

Night in apartment.

Duration: 4h30.

Height gain: 700m.

Height loss: 700m.



### Day 4 - Tuscany's coastline and the island of Elba

After breakfast, take your car and drive for 192km towards Piombino. You can either choose to drive on national roads or on motorways in order to enjoy the views over the island of Elba.

Once in Piombino, you will take the ferry to the island of Elba and drive to your 3 star hotel in the afternoon. Enjoy exploring your surroundings.

Night in a 3 star hotel.



### **Day 5 - Walking along the coastline - between scrubland and sea waters**

After a substantial buffet breakfast, you will be able to choose between two different itineraries.

- 1- You will walk on a path which runs along beaches and their crystal-clear waters, with superb panoramic views of the surrounding hills.
- 2- You will walk amidst tracts of scrubland in order to enjoy Elba's numerous fragrant plant species. You will also walk along mountain paths.

Night in a 3 star hotel.

Duration: 4h30. Height gain: 600m. Height loss: 600m.

Duration: 4h45. Height gain: 560m. Height loss: 560m.



### **Day 6 - The highest summit of the island and its 360° panorama**

After breakfast and a short drive to get to the starting point of today's walk, you will reach a superb little village. Travellers often get lost in its maze of charming backstreets.

The path goes up gently and leads to a beautiful forest of chestnut trees. It will also take you to another coastline path with marvellous panoramic views over the North Coast. During the last few meters, the uneven rocky terrain will progressively change into lush green landscapes. The many scenic viewpoints looking out onto the rest of the island will undoubtedly take



your breath away. After all, this itinerary is one of the best on the island of Elba.

Duration: 5h20.

Height gain: 872m.

Height loss: 872m.



#### **Day 7 - Back to mainland Italy**

After breakfast, you will take the ferry back to mainland Italy.

Your trip ends here.

### **Additional information**

#### **TARIFFS**

Price from 990 euros per person.

#### **OPTIONS**

Supplement for single bedroom : 400 euros per person.

#### **INCLUDED**

Accommodation in 3-star hotels, breakfasts, information package with maps and road-books on our app (a smartphone is required), ferry crossings to and from the island of Elba, train passes for 2 days in the Cinque Terre.

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

Transport options to the meeting point and from the point of dispersal, car rental, personal travel insurance, fines and speed tickets, repair costs, personal expenses, lunches and dinners.

#### **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

Medium. Duration: from 4 and up to 6 hours, depending on which level of difficulty you choose.

#### **CARRYING**

No luggage transfers needed.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**



In 3-star hotels.

**SIZE OF GROUP**

From 2.

**DEPARTURES**

Every day.

**DEPARTURE**

Riomaggiore.

**DISPERSION**

Piombino, after your ferry crossing from the island of Elba to mainland Italy.