

Northern Italy's Highlights & Cinque Terre

10 Day Tour from Milan to Milan

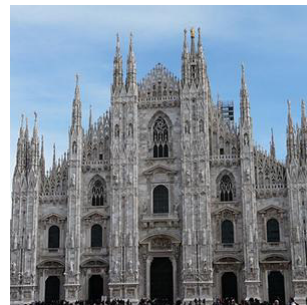
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Vacation Overview

This is the perfect “off the beaten path” vacation for travelers who want to learn more about the culture, food, and traditions of Northern Italy. Spend two nights in Milan, Parma, Rapallo, and Turin, and an overnight in Lucca. Enjoy guided sightseeing in Milan, Parma, and Turin, and an orientation of Lucca, a quaint medieval town with ramparts.

But that's not all... this Northern Italy & Cinque Terre tour offers much more! Globus has arranged out-of-the-ordinary experiences, so you can truly enjoy some of Italy's gastronomic delights. You'll partake in a balsamic vinegar tasting in Modena, a parmesan cheese tasting in Busseto, a risotto lunch at a rice factory in Vercelli, and a wine tasting with lunch in Gabiano. Stop in Maranello, the birthplace of the Ferrari automobile, and visit the Ferrari Museum.

A tour highlight is the excursion to Cinque Terre, the name given to five medieval villages by the sea. The area is noted for its natural beauty with terraces built into the rocky cliffs that drop down into the sea and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Delight in the unique charm of the area and take in the breathtaking views while enjoying the included ride by boat (weather permitting) and train. Words cannot describe the magic and spectacular scenery—you must witness it in person. You're sure to arrive back home from this Northern Italy and Cinque Terre tour with lots of photos and stories—an unforgettable and unique vacation experience!



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Day 1 **ARRIVE IN MILAN, ITALY**

Welcome to Milan! At 5 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions and leave the hotel for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

 Dinner



Day 2 **MILAN–BUSSETO–PARMA**

Follow your Local Guide for a walking tour. Visit the SFORZESCO CASTLE GROUNDS and MUSEUM. Then, visit PIAZZA DUOMO with its magnificent gothic cathedral, the glass-domed GALLERIA, and admire the famous La Scala Opera House. Leave Milan and stop at Busseto to see Giuseppe Verdi's birthplace. On your way to Parma, world-famous for its ham and cheese,  a PARMESAN CHEESE TASTING at a local caseificio awaits.

Today's Distance: 99 mi / 160 km

 Breakfast

Day 3 **PARMA. EXCURSION TO MODENA & MARANELLO**

Your guided sightseeing will focus on the romanesque cathedral, the bell tower, and the octagonal baptistry, made of pink Verona marble. Near Modena,  enjoy a BALSAMIC VINEGAR TASTING, and learn all about this traditional Italian product. Continue to Maranello, birthplace of the Ferrari automobile, for  a visit to the FERRARI MUSEUM. Balance of the day at leisure.

Today's Distance: 112 mi / 180 km

 Breakfast

Day 4 **PARMA–LUCCA**

In Lucca, enjoy a walk through this quaint medieval town with its ramparts, and explore the center at your own pace. To enhance your stay, an optional dinner outing to an agriturismo is available to try out Tuscan specialties.

Today's Distance: 99 mi / 160 km

 Breakfast

Day 5 **LUCCA–CINQUE TERRE–RAPALLO**

A scenic day! Drive to La Spezia on the Mediterranean Coast for a fascinating excursion to CINQUE TERRE, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, including a BOAT RIDE (weather permitting) with a Local Guide. The name dates back to the 15th century and is derived from five medieval little villages standing on stony spurs along five miles of the rocky coastline: Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza, and Monterosso. From here, enjoy a TRAIN RIDE to the beautiful seaside resort of Rapallo.

Today's Distance: 124 mi / 200 km


 Breakfast

Day 6 **RAPALLO. EXCURSION TO PORTOFINO**

Today's highlight is a BOAT CRUISE to nearby Portofino, a small fishing village with brightly colored houses that became home to the "rich and famous." Later, back in Rapallo, time to relax and to browse through the attractive little shops.

 Breakfast

Day 7 **RAPALLO–GABIANO–TURIN**

Enter the Monferrato area and drive through the vineyards to Gabiano, where  a WINE TASTING, followed by lunch, awaits at Castello di Gabiano. Continue to Turin, capital of Piedmont and birthplace of the Fiat automobile. This evening you may wish to try out one of

Turin's fine restaurants.

Today's Distance: 143 mi / 230 km


 Breakfast  Lunch

Day 8 **TURIN**

Admire the amazing 548-foot-high Mole Antonelliana, symbol of Turin, during your guided sightseeing, and walk through the historic center to visit the CATHEDRAL that houses the Holy Shroud.

 Breakfast

Day 9 **TURIN-VERCELLI-MILAN**

Stop in Vercelli  to visit an original RICE FACTORY, followed by a traditional risotto lunch, before returning to Milan. This evening, a farewell dinner has been prepared at a local restaurant to celebrate your Italian vacation.

Today's Distance: 130 mi / 210 km

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 10 **MILAN**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

Vacation Highlights

MILAN

Welcome and farewell dinners at a local restaurant; guided walking tour, visit the Sforzesco Castle grounds and museum, and admire Duomo Square and the Galleria

BUSSETO

See the birthplace of Verdi; [LF] parmesan cheese tasting at a local caseificio

PARMA

Guided sightseeing

MODENA

[LF] Balsamic vinegar tasting

MARANELLO

[LF] Visit the Ferrari Museum

LUCCA

Orientation

CINQUE TERRE

By boat (weather permitting) with a Local Guide and by train

RAPALLO

Boat cruise to Portofino

GABIANO

[LF] Wine tasting and lunch

TURIN

Guided sightseeing, admire the Mole Antonelliana, walk through the historic center, and visit the cathedral that houses the Holy Shroud

VERCELLI

[LF] Visit a rice factory and enjoy a risotto lunch

Headsets throughout the tour.

Free Wi-Fi available on your motorcoach and in most hotel lobbies.

Meals

Full buffet breakfast daily; 2 lunches in Gabiano and Vercelli; 2 three-course dinners at a local restaurant in Milan

Hotels

Milan



Leonardo Milan Center

Hotel as shown or similar
First-Class

Leonardo Hotel Hermitage is located 2 km from City Center, 1 km from Porta Garibaldi train and Metro station, in an area characterized by its historical shops, bars, restaurants. Easily reachable from the motorway. Well connected to the city center by subway and tram.

Parma



Starhotels Du Parc

Hotel as shown or similar
Superior First-Class

Contemporary 8-story hotel in the Liberty style; located in the heart of Parma, adjacent to the Parco Ducale; multilingual staff.

Lucca

Grand Hotel Guinigi

Hotel as shown or similar
First-Class



Modern hotel located near the historic center, offers tasteful decor, meeting facilities, restaurant & bar; staff is multilingual.

Rapallo



Grand Hotel Bristol

Hotel as shown or similar
First-Class

Dating back to 1908, this elegant 83-room property is characterized by its Liberty-style façade and sits on a hillside overlooking the Italian Riviera surrounded by fragrant plants. An exclusive rooftop restaurant offers al fresco dining on its terrace and the seasonal outdoor pool area with sun deck and bar offers stunning views of Portofino's Promontory. Other facilities include a Retro American bar and a wellness area with fitness room, Finnish Sauna, Turkish bath and Jacuzzi. Free Wi-Fi access is available in the lobby; access in the rooms is subject to a fee (payable locally).

Turin



Starhotels Majestic

Hotel as shown or similar
First-Class

Modern Hotel in traditional 5-story building in corner location across from central train station & bus terminal.



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