

7 days/6 nights from \$1,649*

DAY 1:

Arrive at Pisa airport and pick up your rental car. Depart for the sheer rocky coastline of northern Italy, and reach Rapallo for check-in at the Excelsior Palace Hotel.

DAY 2:

After breakfast, take off for a ride along the Portofino Coast or catch the boat to reach Santa Margherita. The small hill dominating the town's waterfront is an interesting place to explore. Further up the slope is the interesting church of San Giacomo in Corte, which contains the illuminated Madonna in a rocky niche. Continue to Portofino, where the "Piazzetta" is lined with cafés; a lovely place to relax with a drink and watch the boats go by. Return to Rapallo.

DAY 3:

After breakfast, drive down or take the train to Cinque Terre. Spend your day exploring the five little villages built into the rocks between the beach and the hills. You can hike, swim, or drink red wine & watch blazing Mediterranean sunsets.

DAY 4:

After breakfast, head to Pietrasanta, a small medieval town with Roman origins, where mountains and sea blend together beautifully. Spend a magical time discovering the town's monuments, meandering through the medieval square in the surrounding landscape. Accommodation at the Alberto Pietransanta Hotel.

DAY 5:

After breakfast, relax all day at a beautiful Tuscan beach or drive to the marble mountains of Carrara to see the workshops of the local artisans.

DAY 6:

After breakfast, explore the artistic and architectural treasures of Lucca surrounded by Renaissance walls. Stroll through this ancient town and see the cathedral and the church of San Michele. Nearby, visit the Royal villa of Marlia, with its wonderful gardens of the 17th century, and the villa of Camilliano of the 16th century with its gardens full of waterworks, caves and water lilies.

DAY 7:

After breakfast, departure from Pisa airport or continue on to Florence.

Package Price Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation at the Exelsior Palace in Rapallo
- 3 nights accommodation at Alberto Pietrasanta in Pietrasanta
- Daily breakfast
- 7-day car rental, economy, manual, insurance
- VAT and hotel service charges

*Rate is based on double occupancy for low season (01 Jan - 31 March 2005). Mid-season rate is \$2149 (01 Apr - 30 June 2005 & 10 Sept - 31 Oct 2005). High season rate is \$2349 (01 July - 09 Sept 2005). Prices are subject to change due to currency exchange rate.