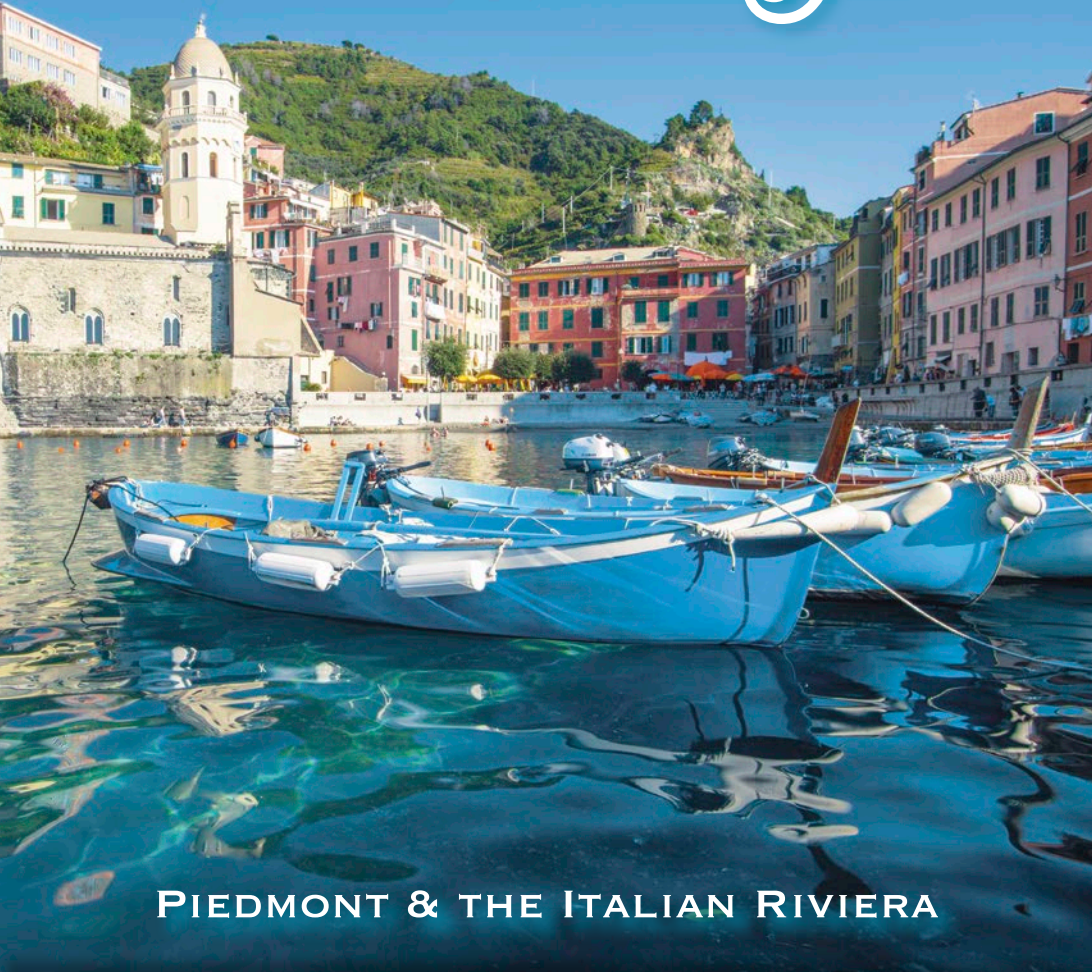




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# Italy



PIEDMONT & THE ITALIAN RIVIERA



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## Dear Curious Travelers,

Set off with us to Italy on a marvelous, seven-night journey that reveals the incredible beauty and cultural riches of captivating Piedmont and the Italian Riviera! Meander through splendid Turin, unique among Italian cities for its French-influenced baroque architecture, and marvel at the opulence of the House of Savoy's royal palace. Delight in a leisurely tour through the sublime scenery of the Langhe wine region, and linger over lunch and a tasting at a premier winery. Venture along Genoa's famous carrugi, narrow streets filled with handsome noble homes that reflect its heyday as a medieval Mediterranean powerhouse. Then, settle into cozy Sestri Levante for outings on the sensational Italian Riviera, including Cinque Terre National Park and Portofino. Plus, hone your cooking skills during a hands-on demonstration.

On this exciting exploration, you'll enjoy first-class hotels, the services of a dedicated Travel Director, and the camaraderie that only comes with small-group travel. Your thoughtfully planned itinerary also features fascinating insights from local experts and ample free time for personal discovery. This well-rounded program is guaranteed to be popular, so confirm your place today. We'll see you soon in Italy!

Sincerely,

Andrew Haught  
Director of Travel  
World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

### UNESCO World Heritage

1. Residences of the Royal House of Savoy
2. Vineyard Landscape of Piedmont: Langhe-Roero
3. Genoa: Le Strade Nuove and the system of the Palazzi dei Rolli
4. Porto Venere & Cinque Terre

*Porto Venere*



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# Discovery begins here



Italy's stunning Piedmont region and its glamorous Riviera are yours to discover! From Turin's refined beauty and Piedmont's world-class wines to magnificent Cinque Terre and fresh, tempting Italian cuisine, each day brims with gorgeous scenery, historic treasures and gastronomic pleasures. Explore storied destinations with enrichment from local experts while enjoying carefree stays at handpicked, boutique hotels in the heart of Turin and along the Ligurian coast in serene Sestri Levante.

Top: Castle of Grinzane Cavour | Above: Winery visit and tasting, Barolo

Cover: Vernazza, Cinque Terre | Mail panel: Vineyards of the Langhe-Roero region

## Inspiring Moments



- Appreciate **elegant Turin**, Italy's original capital, adorned with French-influenced baroque buildings and stately arcades.
- Step inside the sumptuous **Royal Palace of Turin**, home to the kings of Savoy.
- Take in the beautiful, vineyard-lined **Langhe landscape** from the Castle of Grinzane Cavour.
- Sample **Barolo** and **Barbaresco** wines, Piedmont's renowned varietals.
- Be awed by the breathtaking panorama of **Cinque Terre's colorful towns** clinging to rocky cliffs high over the sea.
- Soak up the coastal charms of **Portofino** and **Santa Margherita** on the picturesque Italian Riviera.
- Relish the lovely bayside scenery and laid-back vibe of **Sestri Levante**.
- Experience four **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Piazza San Carlo, Turin

### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Turin, Italy. 🌐

### Day 2 | Turin, Italy

Arrive and transfer 🚗 to the Turin Palace Hotel. Gather this evening for a Welcome Reception and Dinner at the hotel.

### Day 3 | Turin

**Enrichment: History of Piedmont & the Risorgimento (Unification of Italy).** Gain insights about Piedmont and its key role in the 19th-century movement for Italy's unification.

**Turin Tour.** Admire the highlights of this regal city framed by the majestic Alps. On a guided walk, see the Mole Antonelliana with its iconic spire; Porta Palatina, a Roman-era gate; and the arcaded buildings and baroque churches of Santa Cristina and San Carlo Borromeo in Piazza San Carlo. At a historic cafe, savor a glass of bicerin, Turin's signature drink layered with espresso, dark chocolate and frothed milk. Next, tour the lavish royal apartments and the remarkable armory inside the Royal Palace of Turin, a UNESCO-listed Residence of the Royal House of Savoy. Later, in the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, visit the baroque Chapel of the Holy Shroud, built to house the linen cloth believed by some to be imprinted with Christ's face. It features an intricate dome with six levels of overlapping arches. Lunch with your group follows. *Note: The Shroud of Turin is not displayed to the public.*

**Free Time:** Explore more of Turin on your own. Your Travel Director can offer suggestions.

### Day 4 | Alba | Grinzane Cavour | Barolo

**Alba.** Today, head into Piedmont's enchanting Langhe-Roero region, a vision of rolling hills blanketed with verdant vineyards and dotted with medieval castles, where winegrowing and winemaking traditions run deep with archaeological evidence from as early as the fifth century B.C. The region produces two of Italy's most prestigious wines, Barbaresco and Barolo, from the Nebbiolo grape, along with other acclaimed wines. Get acquainted with inviting Alba, the Langhe's largest town, known for its wines, white truffles and chocolate. Stroll with your guide on Via Vittorio Emanuele in the charming old town lined with medieval towers.

**Castle of Grinzane Cavour.** Fantastic views of the open Langhe countryside await you at this grand hilltop castle. During your visit, learn about viticulture and the historic production of Piedmontese wines at the castle's museum.

**Barolo Winery & Lunch.** Indulge in a tasting and lunch at a premier Barolo estate.

**Free Time:** Return to Turin for time at leisure.

### Day 5 | Genoa | Sestri Levante

After breakfast this morning, check out and depart by motor coach for Genoa.

**Genoa.** From the 11th to the 17th centuries, Genoa was one of Italy's most powerful maritime republics, dominating trade and banking. Begin with views of Genoa and its port, one of Italy's busiest, from Spianata Castelletto. Pause for lunch, then take a guided walk through the medieval old town, where



a special highlight is Via Garibaldi, lined with Renaissance and baroque palazzi that once housed Genoa's most illustrious families. See other landmarks such as the Cathedral of San Lorenzo with its black-and-white striped façade and the Christopher Columbus House, believed to be the birthplace of the famed navigator. Afterward, tour the 14th-century Palazzo Ducale, the residence of the Doges who ruled the Republic of Genoa.

Travel to Sestri Levante, a seaside gem tucked in a curve of the Riviera di Levante along the Italian Riviera. Check in to the Hotel Vis à Vis.

### Day 6 | Sestri Levante

**Enrichment: Riviera di Levante: A Painter's Palette.** An expert delves into how artists have endeavored to capture this alluring landscape.

**Sestri Levante.** This resort town entices with sandy beaches along two bays, a vibrant dining scene and an easygoing vibe. On a guided walk, see its delightful architecture, which includes façades painted with trompe l'oeil effects that create ornate illusions.

*Bicerin tasting, Turin*



### **AHI Connects | Italian Cooking Lesson.**

Roll up your sleeves and make authentic pesto alla Genovese sauce! A chef also shows you how to prepare focaccia bread. Then, tuck into your tasty pasta lunch. Buon appetito!

**Free Time:** Make dinner plans of your own.

### Day 7 | Porto Venere | Cinque Terre National Park

**Cinque Terre National Park.** In a country celebrated for its scenic beauty, the coastal Cinque Terre villages stand apart for their arresting grandeur. Once so remote that they were accessible only by boat or a network of mule trails, these five pastel-hued villages hug steep cliffs and ravine slopes at the very edge of the Ligurian Sea. For centuries, residents cultivated grapes, olives and lemons in this challenging terrain by hand-building walled terraces into the mountainsides. Start with a walk in Porto Venere, often considered the sixth village, then continue to Manarola

*Pesto cooking lesson*





## Included Features



### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **3 nights** in Turin, Italy, at the first-class Turin Palace Hotel.
- **4 nights** in Sestri Levante at the first-class Hotel Vis à Vis.

### Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers and train during the Land Program.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 2 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

for a winding walk through the village down to its lively marina popular with sunbathers and swimmers. Next, marvel at the spectacular coastline from the water on a short cruise from Manarola, passing hilltop Corniglia and Vernazza. After disembarking in Vernazza, sit down for lunch at a waterfront trattoria, then return to Sestri Levante by train.

**Free Time:** The rest of the day is at leisure.

### Day 8 | Santa Margherita | Portofino

**The Italian Riviera.** Journey along the coast to pretty Santa Margherita, filled with brightly painted buildings and the gleaming yachts of visiting jetsetters. Then, cruise from there to Portofino, once a tiny fishing village and now a chic playground for the rich and famous. Enjoy a walk on the harbor promenade, followed by free time there. Return to Santa Margherita and find a nice spot for lunch on your own.

In Sestri Levante this evening, toast to your wonderful Italian sojourn during a Farewell Reception and Dinner at the hotel's restaurant, which affords fabulous views over the bays.

### Day 9 | In Transit

Transfer to the Genoa airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

### Activity Level

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

#### Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Cathedral of San Lorenzo, Genoa





*Manarola, Cinque Terre*



*Above: Piazza Risorgimento, Alba | Below: Portofino*



# 2027 | Departure Details

## Program Dates

**Travel dates** † **May 26 – June 3, 2027**

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

**Tour dates\*** **May 27 – June 3, 2027**

\* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

## Land Program

**Full Price** **\$5,845**

**Special Savings** **\$500**

**Special Savings Price\*** **\$5,345**

**\*This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is \$1,000 per person.

Final Payment is due at least 150 days prior to departure.

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single accommodations are an additional \$1,495 (limited availability).

**Please note:** Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://worlda.ahitravel.com/destinations/2027A?schoold=235>.

## AHI FlexAir

### Let us arrange your flights

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

## AHI Travel Expertise

**Travel Consultants** guide you through the reservation process.

**Travel & Air Coordinators** offer assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

**Travel Information** provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

**Your Travel Director**, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

**Handpicked Expert Guides and Knowledgeable Lecturers** deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



# Accommodations

Our travel experts have carefully selected these intimate, first-class hotels for their optimal locations and the superior quality of their amenities. Blending sophisticated style and comfort, the spacious and light-filled guest rooms offer a calm, relaxing environment in which to unwind each night. Receive a warm welcome from the professional staff, who provide pleasant, thoughtful and attentive service to ensure that your stay is truly exceptional.



**Turin Palace Hotel** | Turin



**Hotel Vis à Vis** | Sestri Levante



*View of Hotel Vis à Vis, Sestri Levante*

*Barolo in the vineyards of Langhe-Roero*



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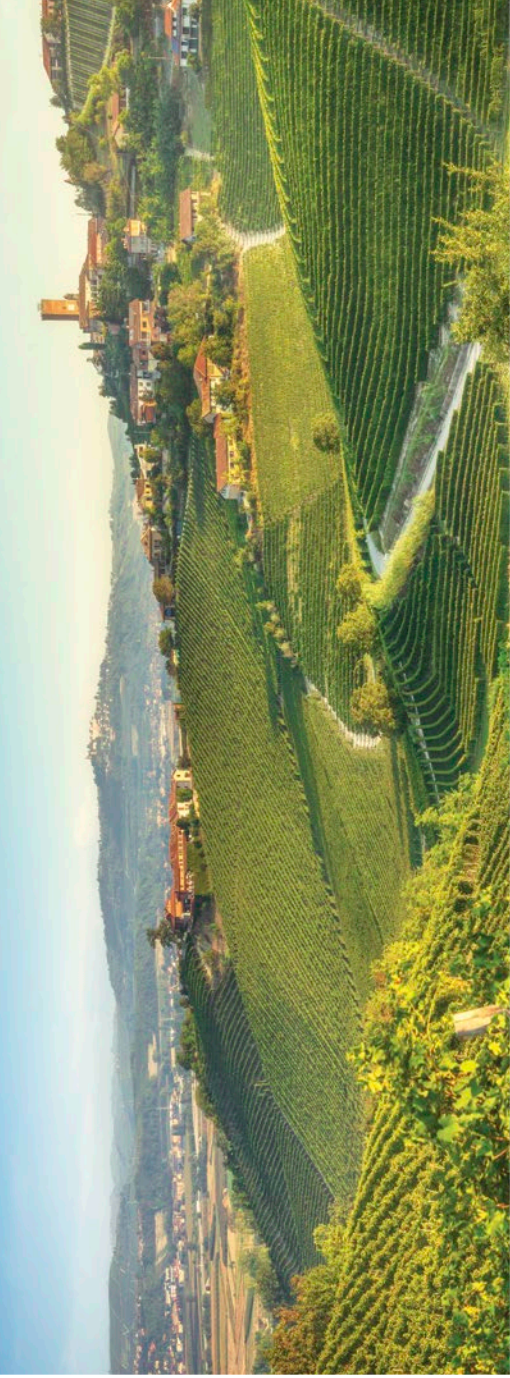
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