Portofino Walking Tour & Wine Tasting at Brown Castle

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: STRENUOUS** 

The tour starts from the landing pier where your guide will share information as you pass through the narrow streets surrounded by beautiful villas with gardens full of tropical plants and Mediterranean olive trees. Walk up to the church of St. George and on past Castle Brown to the "faro" (lighthouse) at the far end of the promontory. From the lighthouse you will return to Castle Brown for a wine tasting. You will be served three high-quality wines to taste as well as appetizers. At the end of the tasting you will have time to walk through the Castle and onto the terraces that overlook Portofino Bay. Return to Portofino where you will be free to walk around and do some shopping or return to your waiting yacht.

<u>Please note</u>: Wear comfortable shoes and attire. Bring sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses. This tour is not recommended for those with mobility issues as it is a strenuous walk with many steps.

### PRICF<sup>\$</sup>149

Portofino, Concierge Collection - Cinque Terre by Private Boat

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: STRENUOUS** 

Cinque Terre, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** is also a National Park and Protected Marine Area. You will board your private boat and head to **Monterosso** whose medieval center has remained perfectly preserved with its tower-houses and "carrugi" (narrow alleys). As Monterosso was subject to continuous sea battles, defense structures were built, the Castle, overlooking the sea and the Aurora Tower which is the only one standing out of the 13 towers that used to surround the village. After your guided tour of Monterosso and some free time spent at your leisure, you will re-board the boat to**Vernazza**, a tiny resort located at the mouth of a river and naturally protected from the threat of the sea by a rocky promontory. It has always been the only safe landing point in the Cinque Terre. Vernazza has also always had strong political and economic importance which is witnessed by the style of its houses and streets, decorated with loggias and refined arcades. Even nowadays, in fact, it appears as a noble and elegant village, located on a steep cliff. After a short guided tour you will have free time. In the afternoon you will board your boat to go back to Portofino.

<u>Please note</u>: This tour may be cancelled at the last minute due to sea conditions. The order of this tour may vary

#### PRICE\$499

Portofino, Full Day Private CAR + Guide

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY** 

Explore at your leisure with a private vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. This exclusive tour will allow you to **customize your time ashore** and explore the most interesting sites in the comfort and privacy of your own car. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore. See the iconic sites of Portofino, or create your own personal stops to make the experience your own.

<u>Please note</u>: Capacity: 1-2 guests. Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person). This tour includes transport in a private car, driver and English Speaking Guide. Itinerary can be adjusted with tour guide as long as it's in the area and does not exceed the duration of 8 hours. Recommended for physically challenged guests.

## PRICE\$2299

Portofino, Full Day Private VAN + Guide

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY** 

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PRICE\$2399

Portofino, Half Day Private CAR + Guide

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY** 

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### PRICE\$1349

Portofino, Half Day Private VAN + Guide

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PRICE<sup>\$</sup>1599

Portofino, Hiking to Santa Margherita

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: STRENUOUS** 

Start your walk from the pier with your guide, viewing the elegant shops and boutiques that surround the **charming piazzetta** along the way. You will walk by the church to the hiking path. The itinerary of the hike can vary depending on your guide, on the weather and path conditions and on the tourists in your group. The first half of the tour is mostly an uphill walk if your tour goes towards Cappelletta, San Sebastiano and Olmi, to reach Molini. You will pass elegant villas nestled among rich tropical vegetation and olive trees. If your tour starts heading towards Paraggi, you will walk along the coastline and then hike up towards Acquaviva and Molini, where an old olive oil mill has been restored, now housing a little museum, a café, and toilets. The path leads the way through the Mediterranean flora, vineyards and olive groves. Vegetation hugs the medieval dwellings and the cliffs drop off to the crystal-clear sea, making this one of the most fascinating locations of the Riviera. Continue walking on to S. Anna and Nozarego and finally you will arrive at the main promenade of Santa Margherita Ligure. Santa Margherita's colors, the arrangement of its characteristic houses, its rich villas and great hotels have painted around its bay something similar to a magical reflection. Pause for refreshment at a café and then you will return to Portofino by minivan, or you may choose to remain in Santa Margherita to stroll around on your own and go back to Portofino by taxi, public ferry or public bus.

<u>Please note</u>: Wear a hat and comfortable walking/hiking shoes. Bring a bottle of water.

# PRICE<sup>\$</sup>99

Portofino, San Fruttuoso & Camogli by Private Boat

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE** 

Here's a tempting opportunity to visit charming and remote Italian coastal fishing villages that are not easily accessible other than by boat. After a 20-minute cruise, your first stop will be in the little bay of San Fruttuoso Village, the ancient residence of the Doria family. Its splendid natural surroundings are enhanced by the architectural beauty of its church and 10th century abbey. The imposing cliffs encircling the inlet, a small beach and lush Mediterranean vegetation, combined with the almost unreal absence of vehicles, creates a truly unique and enjoyable ambiance. Pause to savor the enchanting views as your boat remains in the bay for 10 minutes. Heading further up the coast you will reach Camogli, a typical small fishing village that was formerly the site of bustling shipyards that helped build one of the world's greatest merchant fleets. Camogli's original medieval setting was centered around a local parish church constructed on an island that was once completely detached from the mainland. Today, it is connected to the mainland by a square surrounded by colorful buildings including one of the Italian coast's most beautiful Baroque churches. During your 1½-hour stay, there will be time

for a guided tour followed by free time. Back aboard your private boat, **tasty focaccia bread and local wine**will be served during the 45-minute return cruise to Portofino.

<u>Please note</u>: Wear comfortable walking shoes and comfortable clothes. Don't forget sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses! This tour is a more unique visit to some of the more charming and remote fishing villages in the area and offers a cultural excursion difficult to do on your own. This tour will operate or not depending on sea conditions.

PRICF<sup>\$</sup>99

Portofino, Splendido Olive Oil & Lunch

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY** 

Walk with your guide to the main square of Portofino, and then board the **Splendido minivan shuttle**for the drive to the **Splendido Hotel**. Experience the cuisine of this world-famous hotel—a magnificent landmark that overlooks the picturesque harbor of this tiny resort enclave. Favored by the rich and famous, the hotel is known for its superb Italian cuisine. Windstar has arranged for the maître d'hotel to meet with you privately and explain the many uses and varieties of olive oil. Each guest will have a chance to **try the difference kinds of olive oil presented** (2 or 3 types) during the explanation, and learn how each is used in the preparation of delicious Italian dishes. **Bruschetta** will be served at the table, then a **lunch of traditional trofie** with pesto sauce, olive oil, sorbet , and coffee. White wine and mineral water will be offered, and coffee is served before you return by minivan Splendido shuttle to the harbor to enjoy the rest of your day. Those who prefer may enjoy the relaxing 15- to 20-minute walk down to Portofino.

<u>Please note</u>: The walk from the pier to the square is cobblestone. There are a few steps at the hotel and the restaurant is at the same level as the entrance to the hotel.

PRICF\$149