

Levanto – Cinque Terre - Portovenere

In a western part of the Liguria Riviera region, the Cinque Terre as well as the two communities north and south of the villages are hemmed in by a setting of outstanding splendor. The delightful scenery of sea, nature, deep and colors is stunning. Do visit this wonderful, easy to reach National Nature Park! We flew into Pisa and took the train up to Cinque Terre. No need for a car, the train works perfectly, also between the villages. We stayed in Corniglia, the smallest and the least touristic of the villages as we thought it would be a perfect starting point for the walks. Next time though, we will pick Levanto as base camp. In Levanto the range of grocery stores and affordable restaurants are excellent. In Cinque Terre we had great difficulty to stock up on food for the day hikes. The food served in most of the restaurants in the villages was mainly fast food quality unless you chose the most exclusive ones. The coastal path between Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore was closed due to repair (June 2013) so we used other paths higher up.

Some sites include trails that are not necessarily bound to remain well maintained. Therefore conditions may change on the trail and access may vary. The suggested walks are intended for competent walkers who accept the inherent and sometimes unpredictable risks associated with outdoor activities such as trekking. The user assumes all risks.

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Riomaggiore-Portovenere 13,3K The suggested starting point; Riomaggiore train station; Train to Riomaggiore; Riomaggiore-Portovenere via sentieri 3 and 1; The hike is undulating, serene, less frequented than any of the others; like an unknown gem. On the contrary, Portovenere is a famous, busy tourist destination with fortifications and a bastion situated at the gulf of La Spezia. From the walls visitors can enjoy a magnificent outlook over the area. Ferry back all the way to Monterosso is recommended (21K). There is no harbor in Corniglia, so from Monterosso you may want to go back by train.

