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Portofino, Santa Margherita & Rapallo

Enjoy a guided walking tour and refreshments at a local café in Rapallo This village will surprise you with its 16th-century castle built as a defense against the Saracen raids. It is connected to the land by a single-span Roman bridge over which, according to the legend, Hannibal crossed during his invasion of Italy. In the early 20th century, Rapallo attracted a circle of literary artists. Between 1925 and 1930, Ezra Pound wrote the first thirty of his Cantos here and both D.H. Lawrence and Hemingway visited the area. The resort-like village is punctuated by striking landmarks such as the large marina and the castle. Enjoy free time to explore the shopping area after a guided walking tour of this lovely town. Then, board a bus to Santa Margherita. Here you'll stroll along the seaside promenade and explore the charming shops and cafes. Visit a gelateria for a scrumptious treat and admire the luxury yachts and quaint fishing vessels that dot the harbor. Santa Margherita rose to prominence with the arrival of the English in the 19th century. Your guided tour takes you past historical sites but includes time for independent exploration. Board the motorboat and travel to Portofino. Today this ancient fishing village of Roman origin is one of the most famous resorts in the world with its tall and colorful houses facing the Piazzetta and the harbor. From the heart of the village, you may choose to take a small path to reach the lighthouse for panoramic views. Walk with your guide to visit the church of Saint George and find the preserved Saint's relics, which were brought to Portofino by returning sailors from the crusades. Take in the superb panoramic views over the Piazzetta before returning to the harbor. At the completion of your day in Portofino, return to Santa Margherita via motorboat, then board the motorcoach for the return drive to Genoa.

SPECIAL NOTES

TOUR INCLUDES

DRIVER & GUIDE