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TOUR NAME







Genoa: San Lorenzo, Chiesa del Gesu & Palace

Begin at Castelleto Hill and commence your guided walking tour through the enchanting streets of this historic Italian city. Your tour begins with a stroll through Caruggi, the medieval center, the largest of its kind in Europe. The cobblestone streets and alleys reveal hidden treasures around every turn. Historical sites abound and your tour includes photo stops at the most notable attractions. De Ferrari Square bustles with activity. It is the heart of the city, surrounded by public buildings, the 19th-century Stock Exchange, and the Neo-classical opera house, one of the largest in Italy. In front of this majestic columned building you will find a stately equestrian statue of Garibaldi. Continue on to the ancient harbor front, redesigned and modernized by renowned Genoese architect Renzo Piano. The newly renovated waterfront has been transformed into an exuberant center of shops, eateries and attractions. Proceed to Caricamento Square for views of the 13th-century St. George Palace, then follow along Piazza Dante to the little house known as Casa di Colombo. This is where Columbus spent his childhood and the site was restored as part of the White House Millennium Project "Save America's Treasures." Step inside the 16th-century Palazzo Ducale, once the residences of the Doges, and later used to house the courts. Located nearby is the local Chiesa del Gesu, a former Jesuit church constructed in the 16th century. Inside this richly decorated, baroque-style marble church you will find two paintings by renowned artist Peter Paul Rubens. As you approach the Cattedrale di San Lorenzo you'll be struck by its dramatic Gothic façade. At the completion of your guided walking tour you will have free time to browse through the shops and boutiques along the Sottoripa, which has the atmosphere of an old-world bazaar. Treat yourself to a cappuccino or traditional gelato before returning to the motorcoach for a relaxing drive back to port.

SPECIAL NOTES

TOUR INCLUDES

DRIVER & GUIDE

HALF DAY TOUR