

Summer Study Program
Studies in Traditional Italian Culture
Cinque Terre & Levanto, Italy

This program gives you the chance to spend an unforgettable summer study program studying traditional Italian culture in an environment that lends itself to experiential learning and inspiration in one of the most beautiful places on Earth: the Cinque Terre.

The program is designed to be an introduction into one facet of Italian culture, and is available to students of all academic backgrounds who are interested in Italy, traditional cultures, history, and the Mediterranean.

While the course focuses on traditional forms of culture, you will also have the opportunity to dive into other, more contemporary aspects of Italian life simply through the experience of studying abroad. You will live in shared, fully-furnished apartments in the very lively town of Levanto, built up around a natural harbor and just 4 minutes by train from the first town of the Cinque Terre. You will partake in 8 hours of Survival Italian lessons which will make you more comfortable and savvy during your summer studies. And the program also offers three tours during your stay: a hiking tour of the Cinque Terre, a marine excursion through the protected waters along the coast in a large traditional Ligurian wooden boat, and a day in the extraordinarily beautiful and historically-important city of Genoa.

This course offers 3 university credits.

SCHEDULE

Week 1:

<u>Monday:</u>	Arrival, Check In, and Settling In
<u>Tuesday:</u>	Program Orientation and <i>Survival Italian</i> lesson Guided Tour of Levanto and Group Dinner
<u>Wednesday:</u>	<i>Survival Italian</i> The Cinque Terre: a delicate environmental and tourism balance
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<u>Friday:</u>	Exploration of the Cinque Terre along the old footpaths, including visits to vineyards and olive groves for on-site learning about the fragile environmental balance of the region

Week 2:

<u>Monday:</u>	The Mediterranean and its role in forming modern Italy
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<u>Wednesday:</u>	<i>Survival Italian</i>

Exploration of the Cinque Terre coastline in a traditional Ligurian fishing boat

Thursday: **Vernazza: a case-study of environmental disaster and rebuilding**

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Guided visit of Vernazza and surrounding hillsides with Daniele Moggia of *Vernazza Futura*, expert on debris flow and first-hand witness of the flooding

Week 3:

Monday: **The Republic of Genoa**

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Tour of Genoa, including art historical visits of the Doria Palace and the Red Palace

Thursday: **The Poetry of Montale**

Readings:

Selections from Eugenio Montale, Cuttlefish Bones and The Occasions

Friday: Exploration of Monterosso, longtime home and inspiration of Eugenio Montale

Saturday: Check out