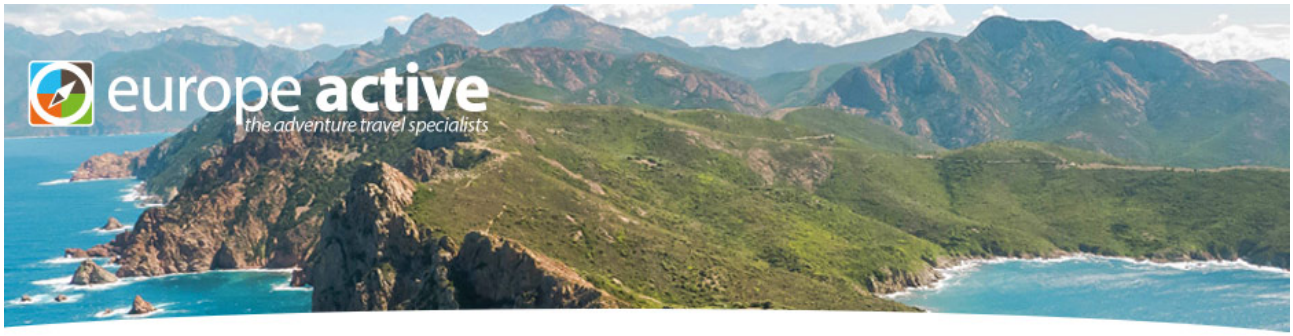

Nice and Tuscany on a motorbike

9 days / 8 nights

Starting from Nice, your motorbike adventure will lead you to ride along the Italian coastline to discover Tuscany and its hidden treasures. Immerse yourself in the Italian atmosphere: enjoy the sea, sun, Vespas and trattorias (or Italian restaurants).

This 9 day tour will enable you to start your holiday even before you reach Tuscany. Why rush to your destination point when you can enjoy panoramic views over Liguria, seaside hotels with swimming pools near San Remo, the hills of Tuscany, arts towns, Chianti, freshly baked focaccias and crostinis? So just relax and let yourself be tempted!

YOUR PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Nice - Genova

Starting from Nice, you will ride along the coastline through enchanting seaside towns. Riders, who enjoy luxurious holidays, will undoubtedly love stopping in Monaco and maybe get an adrenaline rush by riding along the Monaco F1 track.
After crossing the border, you will be able to explore the markets of Vintimille (on Fridays) and San Remo (on Tuesdays and Saturday mornings). Then, you will ride along a coastline road through little seaside towns and have the opportunity to go for a swim at the beach.

Night in an agriturismo with swimming pool in a village near Genova.

Distance: approximately 220km.

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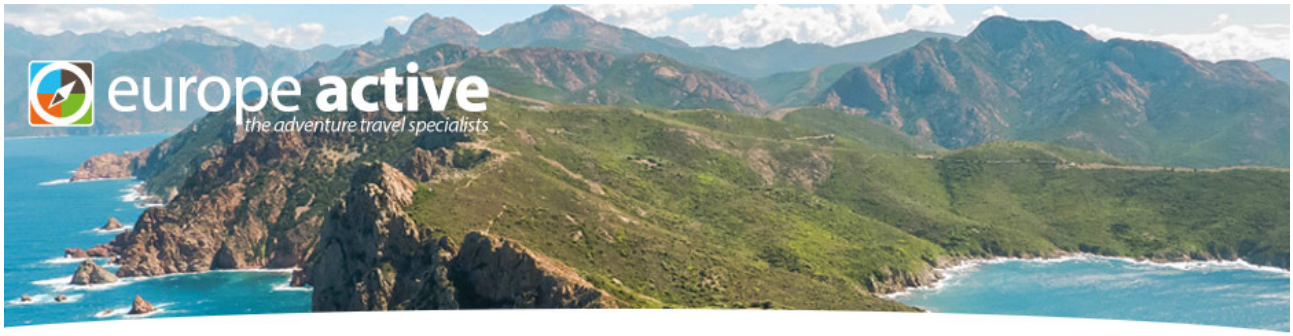

Day 2 - Genova - Lucca

Hop on your motorbike again and ride along another coastline road which will take you to La Spezia and Versilia. In this particular region, you will discover the most famous seaside villages in Tuscany (warning: you will need to pay to go to the beach, unless you know where to go. Cf. road book).
We also recommend that you explore the marble quarries of the region and climb uphill in order to get stunning panoramic views over the rest of the coastline. A swooping descent will then take you to Lucca and the Serchio River. While sitting in the beautiful Italian sunshine, enjoy drinking beer on the terrace of your hotel.

Night in a comfortable 2 star hotel in the centre of Lucca.

Distance: approximately 150 or 200km (depending on which option you choose).

Day 3 - Lucca - San Gimignano

After leaving Lucca, ride southwards along the road to San Gimignano, where you will be able to discover the Piazza del Miracoli, the famous leaning Tower of Pisa, panoramic views over the Monte Pisano and enchanting Tuscan villages. Once there, enjoy drinking a real Italian cappuccino. You will then return to the town of San Gimignano and your superb hotel with swimming pool in the evening.

Night in a 3 star hotel with swimming pool.

Distance: approximately 125km.

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Day 4 - Sienna and the Chianti

The words Sienna and Chianti are actually quite evocative already. Ride to Volterra which overlooks the rest of the valley and speed down to admire the magnificent medieval town of Sienna and its Piazza del Campo which hosts ‘Il Palio’ every summer. Curious spectators enjoy watching riders race each other in the streets of Sienna to be crowned champion for the day. A wonderful and unique experience! After leaving town, ride around the Italian countryside to get a real flavour of the bella vita. Ride to the Chianti region to admire vineyards perched on hillsides before reaching your hotel, located in a peaceful little village south of Florence. Enjoy spending a relaxing evening on the dreamy panoramic terrace of your hotel and eating famous Florentine delicacies. Architecture-lovers will also have the option to go on a 15 minute ride to Florence and admire its beautiful historical buildings.

Night in a 3 star hotel which serves Florentine delicacies.

Distance: approximately 145km.

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Day 5 - Garfagnana and the Appenines

Climb up a a hilly piece of road to reach the hilltops of Florence. Enjoy demonstrating or perfecting your motorcycling skills on uneven road surfaces.
Today's motorbike adventure will lead you to ride to Garfagnana and to discover the mountainscapes and local cuisine of the region. Go on to explore the old buildings of this enchanting village and to taste succulent Italian dishes such as the 'Tacconi del Babbo'.

Night in a 3 star hotel with swimming pool.

Distance: 165km.

Day 6 - Tuscan beaches

After visiting the most beautiful towns, riding along the green rolling hills of Italy and tasting the wines of the Chianti region, you will now get to see another side of Tuscany. You will have the opportunity to spend two days in a little seaside village.

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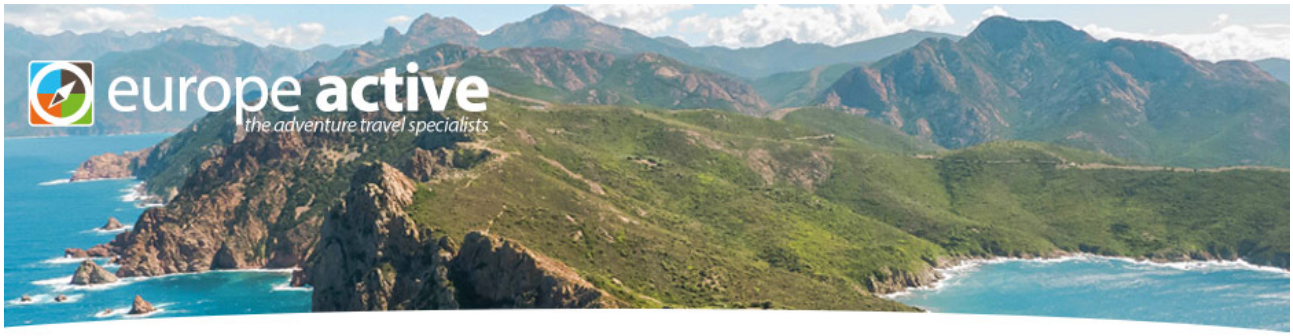

Night in a studio flat in a village, and near a port.

Distance: approximately 110km.

Day 7 - Il Parco delle Cinque Terre

Spend the day in the national park of the Cinque Terre, a beautiful area with five ancient villages hanging on a short stretch of rocky coast, which are called Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore. After all those kilometers, this area is perfect for basking in the sun, swimming in crystal clear waters, walking along the Via Dell'Amore, cruising on a boat to admire the coastline, drinking nice refreshing cocktails and eating delicious local delicacies.
Utterly charming and colourful villages, turquoise waters and romantic little ports are the perfect ingredients for a successful holiday.
Explore all the different villages on your motorbike or visit the town centre by foot. Boats and trains also operate in the Cinque Terre.

Night in a studio flat in one of the five villages, near the sea.

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Day 8 - A last exciting ride around the Ligurian coast

Enjoy your last moments under the Italian sunshine before leaving the ‘five lands’ and then ride along the coastline and cross the border.
A little family hotel will welcome you in a lovely seaside village near Savone.

Night in a 2 star hotel, which is 500m away from the beach.

Distance: approximately 190km.

Day 9 - Your trip ends here

Your trip ends after breakfast. You will be a hundred kilometers away from the border.

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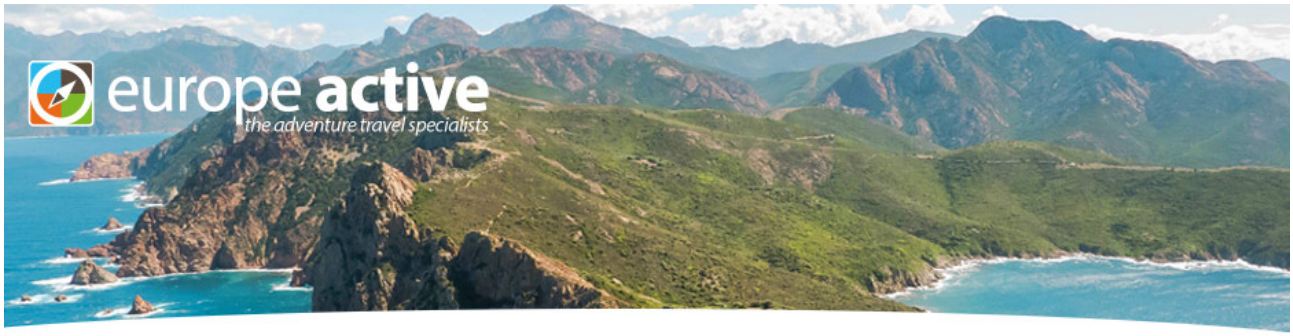

Additional information

TARIFFS
Price from 599 euros per person.

OPTIONS
Supplement for July and August departures : 30 euros per person.
Supplement for a single room : 180 euros per person.
GPS tracks on USB stick : 25 euros per person.

INCLUDED
Nights in 2 and 3 star hotels (double bedrooms), breakfasts (except for your 2 nights in the studio flat), 2 nights in a studio flat, information package with maps and road-books.

NOT INCLUDED
Ferry crossing, plane tickets, meals, breakfasts in the studio flat, personal travel insurance, beverages, motorbike rental, repair costs, fines and speed tickets, visits of tourist sites, optional activities which are not included in the tour, personal expenses.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY
Up to 200km a day.

ACCOMMODATION
Nights in 2 and 3 star hotels and in a studio flat.

SIZE OF GROUP
From 2.

DEPARTURES
Every day from the beginning of April to the end of October.

DEPARTURE
Nice.

DISPERSION
Nice.

HOW TO GET THERE
By train from Pisa airport (every 30 minutes):
Cost: 6.30 €
Time: 45/50 minutes by train, count 1 hour in all
Take the train to Pisa-Centrale at the exit of the airport
Change to Central for a train to Lucca.

By motorbike from Nice: 350km, 4 hours (cost of tolls: 30€).

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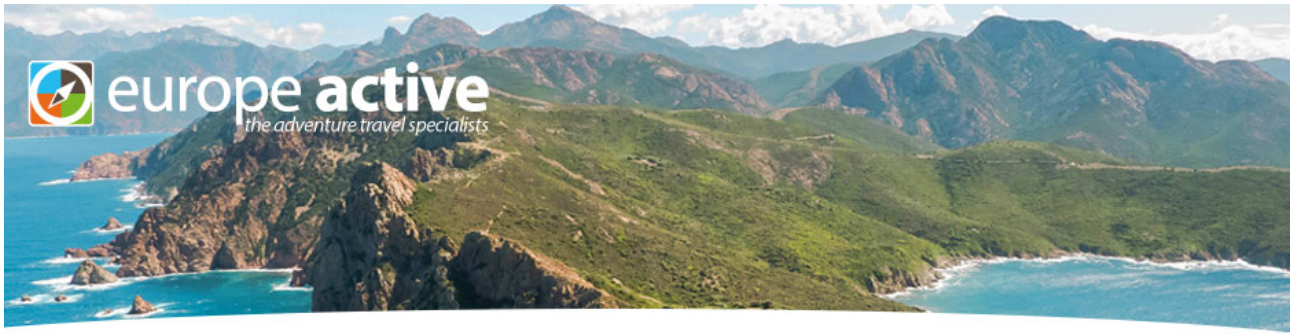

EQUIPMENT TO TAKE

Bike Trousers.
Bike Jacket.
Bike Gloves.
Bike Boots.
Helmet (can be hired)
Waterproof Boot Covers.
Waterproof Coat & Trousers.
First aid kit.
Head lamp.

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