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**VIKING**
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River Cruises / Ocean Cruises / Expedition Cruises

Designed for discerning travelers, Viking offers guests destination focused and culturally immersive journeys on all seven continents.

Starting with their vision in 1997, Viking began growing its fleet of river cruises in Europe. By the year 2000, they expanded into the American market.

Their ships carry you to the world's greatest cities, deliver you to the center of charming towns and villages, while connecting you to your destination. One of the best ways to immerse yourself in new cultures is to explore the world by river.

Viking's revolutionary Longship River Cruises debuted in 2012, offering an airy ambiance with plenty of big-ship amenities to 190 guests, and are designed to provide maximum comfort.

In 2015, Viking introduced its first ocean ship with the naming of the 930-guest all-veranda Viking Star. One year later, Viking launched its second ocean ship, the Viking Sea, which was joined by sister ship the Viking Sky in 2017, the Viking Orion in 2018, the Viking Jupiter in 2019 and the Viking Venus in 2021. Their ocean ships offer all veranda staterooms. Their onboard enrichment program brings culture and history to life with guest lecturers, destination performances, port talks, cooking demonstrations, craft demonstrations, wine tastings and classical & regional musicians.

In 2022, Viking launched new expedition voyages with the arrival of its first vessel, the 378-guest Polar Class Viking

Octantis, which spent its maiden season in Antarctica and North America's Great Lakes. A second expedition vessel, the Viking Polaris, will join the Viking Octantis in the Great Lakes for the 2023 season.

Their arrival to the Great Lakes brings the newest and most modern vessels ever to explore this region of North America. They are an ideal environment to experience a deep connection to nature with vast swathes of protected shoreline and an array of national parks and wilderness areas best explored through kayaking and hiking.

From the northern wilderness of the Great Lakes to Patagonia, the Chilean Fjords and Antarctica, their new purpose-built expedition ships are designed to explore these stunning destinations as never before.

The Viking Mississippi debuted in 2022 cruising on the Lower and Upper Mississippi River between New Orleans and St. Paul. This new state-of-the-art ship hosts 386 guests and features all

veranda staterooms. Its first full sailing season is in 2023.

Viking does not try to be all things to all people. There are no children under 18, no inside staterooms, no casinos, no charge for Wi-Fi, no charge for beer or wine at lunch or dinner, no charge for alternative restaurants, no photography sales, no art auctions, no smoking and no formal nights, butlers, or white gloves.

In 2022, Viking marked its 25th Anniversary with a historic celebration in Amsterdam. To commemorate the milestone, for the first time ever, three classes of Viking ships – a river ship, an ocean ship, and the newest expedition vessel – met in Amsterdam and sailed in a special convoy along the waterway.

Set sail with Viking on a journey that will enrich your mind – and allow you to explore the world in comfort! The Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel can assist you with your dream destination along with all the benefits of booking a Viking cruise.





Weddings at Sea

Sharon Flick

The Wedding Experience

Cruise ship weddings are on the rise! Many couples are booking their dream wedding on a cruise ship along with their honeymoon at sea.

Think of cruise ships as floating hotels that can offer all the essentials a wedding venue needs, including food, drinks and overnight accommodations for guests. This is a type of wedding that can fit anyone – first time wedding, second or third marriage or vow renewals.

One of the first decisions couples need to make is whether to schedule their nuptials for embarkation day, at sea or in a port of call. This decision is made with your wedding coordinator who will take care of all your wedding details.

Family and friends attending your wedding are made through a travel advisor, working along with your wedding coordinator, who will assist with your guests' accommodations.

A popular option is to plan your wedding while the ship is at sea. This is a fantastic option as you won't have the time pressure of embarkation day.

If you want a hassle-free wedding, with a one-stop shop for planning and a built-in honeymoon, then a cruise ship wedding might just be for you.

Warwick Travel works with The Wedding Experience and, together, they can make your dream wedding come true.

For more information, call Sharon at Warwick Travel: 757-599-3011.



Best of Italy

Amy Hill



Enjoy a fabulous Italian adventure on a small group tour featuring the magic of Venice, Florence, and Rome. Journey to the wine-producing Romagna countryside for a 3-night stay in a wine resort, and visit the Republic of San Marino, an enclave state of Italy. Embrace the history, culture, art, and romance of this incredible country.

Discover the craftsmanship behind the Venetian gondolas during a visit to a local Remer oar-making workshop. Enjoy classical music during a concert of Vivaldi's famous Four Seasons. Explore the Po River Delta during a pontoon boat sailing of the UNESCO wetland region.

Participate in a hands-on-cooking class dedicated to Romagna's garganelli and strozzapreti pastas. Taste traditionally made Parmigiano cheese and Balsamic vinegar at a Culinary Arts vocational school. Experience the flavors of Trastevere – Rome's medieval district – during a food tour dinner.

Be whisked away into the beauty and history of Italy when you journey to Venice, Florence, and Rome. For a detailed itinerary, call the Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel to learn more about this fabulous travel adventure. This 12-day adventure takes place June 2023 to May 2024. Plan ahead!



Enchanting Canyonlands

Emily Barker



Your tour starts in Las Vegas where you would cross the old Mojava gold-strike country and travel on a stretch of the legendary Route 66 to Grand Canyon National Park. Wander along the canyon rim, join a ranger-led program and savor the sunset.

On to Lake Powell for a boat cruise and visit the massive lake created in 1963 when the Glen Canyon Dam held back the waters of the mighty Colorado River.

Explore one of the most dramatic and photographed points of earth at the Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park where you will take a 4-wheel-drive backcountry tour.

Visit Arches National Park, home to more than 2,000 natural sandstone arches, including the famous Delicate Arch. Travel on to Canyonlands National Park and Dead Horse Point State Park. Travel along Utah's Journey Through Time Scenic Byway and through Capital Reef National Park. Then, on to Bryce Canyon National Park with free time to explore. Your tour ends back in Las Vegas.

Call the Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel for pricing, dates, and a detailed itinerary.

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Williamsburg Golf Club

1801 Merrimac Trail
Williamsburg VA 23185

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Seating is limited



Grandeur of Iceland

Janis Belch

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This 9-day small group journey begins and ends in Reykjavik where you will enjoy a guided walking tour to discover the city's highlights. Enjoy a visit to the Blue Lagoon for a relaxing swim.

Embark on a marine expedition in Skjalfandi Bay, one of the best Atlantic whale watching areas.

Explore the Snaefellsnes Peninsula's coastal villages, beaches, and mountain landscapes.

Experience Iceland's culinary scene with our exclusive Reykjavik tasting tour and farm-to-table lunch in western Iceland.

Delve into the island's long history, from a reimagining of Erik the Red's 10th-century farmstead to a rural 200-year-old community.

Discover the natural wonders of Southern Iceland beginning with an exciting jeep journey onto a glacier and into an ice cave. Then visit a pristine black sand beach and two dramatic waterfalls – Skogafoss and Seljalandsfoss.

This tour takes place from May through September 2023. Call the Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel for pricing and a detailed itinerary.



Cowboy Country

Dee King

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DISCOVERY

Tauk Bridges Family Adventures

Explore icons of the west starting in Jackson, Wyoming and ending in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Float down the Snake River through Grand Teton National Park as a guide tells you about the park and helps you spot the river otters, birds of prey, elk – and maybe a moose.

Visit Yellowstone National Park where you will visit the famous Old Faithful geyser. A park expert spends the day exploring with you as you learn firsthand about Yellowstone's unique history and wildlife.

Experience the excitement of the Cody Nite Rodeo stunt show in Cody, Wyoming, featuring bull and bronco riding, roping, and barrel racing.

At a working cattle ranch with a legendary history, learn about the gentle art of horse whispering and go horseback riding.

At Mt. Rushmore, gaze up at the colossal granite heads of four US presidents, Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt.

The Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel will give you a detailed itinerary and pricing for tours running in June, July & August 2023.



Scottish Isles & Glens



Linda Waynick

Your tour begins in Glasgow where you will travel north along the famous Loch Lomond, renowned for its unsurpassed beauty. Explore the Isle of Sky and tour Dunvegan Castle, the oldest inhabited castle in Scotland.

Continue north where you will take a ferry to the Orkney Islands. Explore its fascinating heritage, including the prehistoric monuments of the Stone Age and surprising role the island played during World War II. Head off the beaten path to see rugged Highlands, coastal byways, the archaeological treasures of Orkney. Visit the heart of Neolithic Orkney, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Board a ferry back to the mainland and head to Dunrobin Castle, dating to 1275 and renovated in the mid-1800s. Continue south to Inverness, the principal town in the Highlands. Immerse yourself in farm life and watch as skilled dogs round up sheep.

Travel on to Edinburgh for a panoramic tour and a visit to Edinburgh Castle to see the Stone of Destiny and the Scottish Crown Jewels. July 29 – August 14 departures attend the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo on the Castle Esplanade.

This 12-day tour runs from April through October 2023. For a detailed itinerary and pricing, please call and talk to one of our Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel.

At Your Service:

Your Warwick Travel Staff

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Cruise News



Homeport Cruising from Norfolk - 2023

CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE

Bahamas 6-Night Cruise on the Magic, May 14-20, 2023
 Bahamas 5-Night Cruise on the Magic, May 20-25, 2023
 Bahamas 5-Night Cruise on the Magic, May 25-30, 2023
 Bahamas 5-Night Cruise on the Magic, May 30-Jun 4, 2023
 Bahamas 5-Night Cruise on the Magic, June 4-9, 2023
 Bahamas 6-Night Cruise on the Magic, June 9-15, 2023

Bahamas 5-Night Cruise on the Magic, Sep 30-Oct 5, 2023
 Bermuda 4-Night Cruise on the Magic, Oct 5-9, 2023
 Bahamas 5-Night Cruise on the Magic, Oct 9-14, 2023
 Canada/New England Cruise on the Magic, Oct 14-22, 2023
 Bahamas 5-Night Cruise on the Magic, Oct 22-27, 2023

Ocean Cruises – 2023

ATLAS OCEAN VOYAGES

**Adriatic Sea 8-Night Cruise on the World Navigator
 Aug 7, 2023 • Dubrovnik to Venice.** Visit Dubrovnik, Korcula, Hvar, Trogir, Opatija, Croatia; Piran, Slovenia & Venice, Italy along the Adriatic Sea.

AZAMARA CRUISES

**Caribbean Breezes 12-Night Voyage on the Onward
 Nov 30, 2023 • Roundtrip Ft. Lauderdale.** Visit the Virgin Islands, St. Maarten, Barbados, St. Lucia, Guadeloupe & the British Virgin Islands.

CELEBRITY CRUISES

**Spain, France & Italy 7-Night Cruise on the Edge
 July 8, 2023 • Rome to Barcelona.** Visit Rome, Portofino, Florence/Pisa, Italy; Ajaccio, Corsica; Cannes, France; Palma De Mallorca & Barcelona, Spain.

HOLLAND AMERICA LINE

**Panama Canal 16-Night Cruise on the Eurodam
 Oct 12, 2023 • San Diego to Ft. Lauderdale.** Visit Puerto Vallarta, Huatulco, Puerto Chiapas, Mexico; Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala; Corinto, Nicaragua; Puerto Caldera, Costa Rico & Aruba.

NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE

**Hawaii 7-Night Cruise on the Pride of America
 Mar – Dec 2023 • Roundtrip Honolulu.** Visit Maui, Hilo, Kona & Kauai.

OCEANIA CRUISES

**Holy Land & Treasures 12-Night Voyage on the Marina
 Nov 1, 2023 • Istanbul to Barcelona.** Visit Istanbul, Antalya, Limassol, Haifa, Jerusalem, Ashdod, Cairo, Alexandria, Valletta, La Goulette & Barcelona.

PRINCESS CRUISES

**Canada & New England 7-Night Cruise on the Emerald Princess
 Aug 4, 2023 • Roundtrip Boston.** Visit Halifax, Sydney, Charlottetown, Canada & Portland, Maine.

REGENT CRUISES

**Totems, Traditions & Tastes 7-Night Alaska Voyage on the
 Seven Seas Explorer • Aug 28, 2023 • Vancouver to Seward.**
 Visit Sitka, Skagway, Juneau & Ketchikan.

ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

**Western Mediterranean 7-Night Cruise on the Brilliance
 of the Seas • May 29, Jun 26, Jul 24, Aug 21, Sep 18 & Oct 16,
 2023 • Venice to Barcelona.** Visit Venice, Sicily, Rome, Florence, Italy & Cannes, France.

SILVERSEA CRUISES

**Northern Europe 10-Day Voyage on the Silver Dawn
 Jul 10, Aug 5 & 29, 2023 • Roundtrip Copenhagen.** Visit Bergen, Flam, Olden, Geiranger, Hellesyt, Arendal & Oslo, Norway.

River Cruises – 2023

AMA WATERWAYS

**Melodies of the Danube 7-Night Cruise on the AmaViola
 Jul 8 • Budapest to Vilshofen.** Add a 2-Night Pre-Cruise in Budapest & a 3-Night Post-Cruise in Prague. Visit Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Weissenkirchen - Gren, Lintz, Passau & Prague.

AMERICAN QUEEN VOYAGES

**Lower Mississippi River 9-Night Cruise on the American Queen
 August 20, 2023 • Roundtrip New Orleans, LA.** Visit New Orleans, St. Francisville, Vicksburg, Nottoway, Natchez & Baton Rouge.

AMERICAN CRUISE LINES

**New England Islands 7-Night Cruise on the American Star
 Jul 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2023 • Roundtrip Providence, RI.** Visit Providence, New Bedford, Nantucket Island, Martha's Vineyard, Block Island, Newport & Bristol.

AVALON WATERWAYS

**Active & Discovery on the Rhone, 7-night Cruise
 May – Sep 2023 • Arles to Lyon, France.** Visit Arles, Port -Saint-Louis, Avignon, Viviers & Lyon.

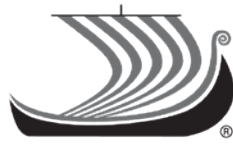
TAUCK RIVER CRUISES

**Yuletide Spirit, 7-Night Cruise on the MS Grace
 Dec 13, 2023 • Brussels to Amsterdam.** Visit Brussels, Antwerp, Ghent, Bruges, Rotterdam, The Hague, Gouda & Amsterdam.

UNIWORLD BOUTIQUE RIVER CRUISES

**Paris to Normandy, 7-Night Cruise on the S.S. Joie de Vivre
 May – Nov 2023 • Roundtrip Paris.** Visit Paris, Vernon, Giverny, Rouen, Caudebec-En-Caux, Normandy Beaches & Versailles.

Unless otherwise noted, fares are cruise only, per person rates based on double occupancy; subject to availability and capacity controlled by the cruise line. Amenities apply. Government fees, taxes and airfare are not included unless specifically stated in offer.



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River Voyages

Danube Waltz, 8-Day Cruise

May – Nov 2023 • Budapest to Passau on the beautiful Blue Danube visiting Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Krems, Linz & Passau.

Lyon & Provence, 8-Day Cruise

May – Nov 2023 • Lyon to Avignon on the Rhone River through beautiful French countryside visiting Lyon, Vienne, Tournon, Arles & Avignon.

Holland & Belgium, 10-Day Cruise

May – Oct • Amsterdam to Antwerp sailing through a vast network of canals and rivers as you visit Amsterdam, Hoorn, Dordrecht, Rotterdam, Wesel, Nijmegen, Maastricht & Antwerp.

Elegant Elbe, 10-Day Cruise

May – Nov 2023 • Berlin to Prague on the Elbe River with overnights in Berlin and Prague. Visit Berlin, Potsdam, Wittenberg, Meissen, Dresden & Prague.

Ocean Voyages

Cities of Antiquity & The Holy Land, 15 Day Cruise

Nov & Dec 2023 • Rome to Athens on the beautiful Blue Danube visiting Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Krems, Linz & Passau.

Mediterranean & Italian Sojourn 15-Day Cruise

Jun – Oct 2023 • Barcelona to Venice visiting Barcelona, Montpellier, Marseille, Monte Carlo, Florence/Pisa, Rome, Naples, Sicily, Crotone, Bari, Sibenik & Venice.

Iceland & Norway's Artic Explorer, 15 Day Cruise

Jun, Jul & Aug 2023 • Reykjavik to Bergen visiting Reykjavik, Isafjordur, Longyearbyen, Honningsvag, Tromso, Lofoten, Narvik, Geiranger & Bergen.

Amazon & Caribbean Adventure, 13 Day Cruise

Nov & Dec 2023 • San Juan to Manaus visiting San Juan, St. John's, Castries, Bridgetown, Iles Du Salut, Santarem, Parintins & Manaus.

Expedition Cruises

Discover the "Last Continent", 15-Day Cruise

Nov - Dec 2023; Jan – Feb 2024 • Buenos Aires to Ushuaia, Argentina visiting the Antarctic peninsula. You will witness towering glaciers, snow-covered landscapes, immense icebergs, and once-in-a-lifetime wildlife viewing.

Niagara & The Great Lakes, 8-Day Cruise

Apr – Jul 2023 • Toronto to Milwaukee visiting Toronto, Niagara Falls, Point Pelee, Detroit, Alpena, Mackinac Island & Milwaukee.

Canadian Discovery, 13 Day Cruise

May & Aug 2023 • New York to Toronto visiting New York, Halifax, Prince Edward Island, Cap-Aux-Meules, Sept-Iles, Saguenay, Quebec City, Trois-Rivieres & Toronto.

Great Lakes Collection, 15 Day Cruise, Jun – Aug 2023,

Toronto to Duluth visiting Toronto, Niagara Falls, Cleveland, Detroit, Alpena, Algoma, Mackinac Island, Georgian Bay, Sault Sainte Marie, Lake Superior, Thunder Bay & Duluth.



Agent Spotlight:

Marion Liffick

Marion Liffick is our newest Travel Advisor at Warwick Travel Services. She brings 20 years of knowledge in the travel industry with her. She has extensive personal travel experience as her passion for travel stems from growing up in a

Navy family where she had the opportunity to explore a plethora of locations around the country and the world.

Her expertise includes honeymoons, family journeys, groups, cruising and curating independent tours for her clients. Among her favorite destinations to travel to are Western Europe with recent visits to France, Germany, Italy, Ireland, and Spain.

Being California-born, she loves to explore the Pacific Coast from Mexico to Alaska, whilst taking in every MLB ballpark along the way. When she's not traveling by car, air, or rail you can find her sailing on a Princess Cruise. She is a Princess, Celebrity, and Royal Caribbean Cruise expert along with Disney Destinations and Sandals.

Marion is a graduate of Christopher Newport University. She resides in Newport News, VA with her husband, Matt, and two young sons. When she is not traveling the world or at Warwick Travel, you can find her on the baseball field with her boys or volunteering for organizations close to her heart.



Gerry's Adventures

Gerry Siekirski

2023

**OCTOBER 16 – NOVEMBER 1:
INAUGURAL PANAMA CANAL
CRUISE • MIAMI TO LOS ANGELES**

Sail on Oceania's newest ship the VISTA on a 16-day voyage near home! The VISTA holds 1200 passengers in a splendid, elegant atmosphere with the "finest Cuisine at Sea". Oceania's gourmet cuisine is curated by world-renowned Master Chef Jacques Pepin. An awesome ship with an awesome itinerary!

Cruise with Gerry & Zee in the Caribbean to Grand Cayman, Cartagena, Colombia – through the Panama Canal to Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Acapulco, Cabo San Lucas, Ensenada-Mexico then fly home from Los Angeles. We have 44 fun travelers booked on this cruise which is already sold-out over a year ahead of sailing. Gerry can waitlist, and it usually opens. Rates start at \$5300 and include airfare, transfers & cruise.

2024

FEBRUARY 8 – 24: AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND

What an exciting 16-day voyage on Oceania's Regatta from Sydney to Melbourne (overnight) - on to Tasmania and arrive in Milford Sound to start your adventure in New Zealand.

The New Zealand ports of call are Dunedin, Christchurch, Picton, Wellington, Gisborne, Rotorua, Whangarei, the Bay of Islands ending in Auckland! Awesome coverage of New Zealand with lots of time to learn about the Maori Heritage.

Presently, we have a small group of 16 and the ship is almost sold out. Call now if you are interested.

2025

JANUARY 12 – FEBRUARY 14: SINGAPORE TO TOKYO

Join our ASIA Adventure's sailing on Oceania's Riviera from Singapore to Tokyo on a 33-day voyage! Ports of call are: Ko Samui-Thailand, Bangkok, Cambodia, Saigon, Nha Trang, Hue Hanoi and on to Hong Kong.

It is possible to disembark in Hong Kong or continue your voyage on to Taiwan, Okinawa, South Korea & Japan. Japan ports of call: Nagasaki, Hiroshima, Kochi, Kyoto, Nagoya disembarking in Tokyo.

WOW! This cruise really covers the best of ASIA. We currently have 12 "Great Adventures" on this sailing – hope you will join them. And this sailing is almost sold out too. You can hold a cabin now with a refundable deposit.

Call Gerry for more information about these exciting adventures.

Clients Corner

**Gail Nolan
Melbourne, FL**

I would like to share with you the outstanding travel service I have had with Warwick Travel. Emily Barker has been my travel agent for the last 20 years! Emily has sent me to Memphis then we drove to Dallas before hopping on a plane to Anchorage and booked first class on the Alaskan Railroad glass domed train, traveled 4 amazing hours to Seward and boarded Royal Caribbean Radiance of the Seas in a balcony room with the most spectacular views. She booked several cruises visiting most of the Caribbean and has gotten us to the Bahamas twice since the COVID restrictions have been lifted! Finally, my last bucket list trip since I can remember, Emily booked me on a flight from Orlando to Dublin Ireland non-stop, I met up with family and spent 2 weeks driving the beautiful country!

**Cassianne & Bruce Booth
Williamsburg, VA**

I am writing to thank you for the outstanding service provided by our travel agent Dee King. She goes above and beyond in taking care of our travel experiences with outstanding recommendations and superb planning. We always know exactly what we must do and are perfectly prepared for each trip. We have had nothing but positive experiences on all the trips she has helped us plan. She has also rescued us from possible disasters when flights were canceled and required immediate and complicated rescheduling. We feel so fortunate in being able to work with such a skilled professional who also is personable and makes the planning process fun! We have highly recommended her to our family and friends.

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appointments.*

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The charms of the Cinque Terre

By Nancy B. Alligood, CTC, Warwick Travel Service



Cinque Terre, Italy

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Cinque Terre is a rugged coastline on the Italian Riviera composed of five beautiful hillside villages within Liguria, in the northwest section of Italy. The villages of *Monterosso*, *Vernazza*, *Corniglia*, *Manarola* and *Riomaggiore* and the surrounding hillsides are part of the Cinque Terre National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site full of natural beauty and some of the best views in all of Italy.

Monterosso is the largest of the five coastal villages, located on hills cultivated with lemons, vines and olives. Its amazing beaches, beautiful reefs and sea's crystal-clear waters make this small village one of the most popular on the Italian Riviera. The town is divided into two parts marked by the medieval tower of Aurora. The old town of *Monterosso* is dominated by the ruins of the castle with narrow medieval streets, multi-colored terraced houses, shops, and restaurants. Beach lovers should definitely stay in *Monterosso* as the town has several beautiful and colorful beaches, both private and public.

Vernazza is a small fishing village located in the heart of Cinque Terre

and classified as one of the most beautiful villages in Italy. It was founded about 1000 A.D. and was ruled by the Republic of Genoa starting in 1276. The medieval castle, Belforte, was built in the mid-1500s, primarily to protect the village from pirates. For some of the best ambiance in the region, *Vernazza* is the place to go. It is the perfect starting point for hikes along the Blue Trail, connecting *Vernazza* with *Monterosso* and *Corniglia*.

Corniglia is an ancient Roman village located in the heart of the Cinque Terre National Park, 600 feet above sea level, with a long and rich agricultural tradition. The village is surrounded on three sides by vineyards and stone terraces. You must climb the Lardarina staircase of 382 stairs to reach the village, or you can take the shuttle bus up from the train station. It is definitely a place for hikers and nature lovers. There are bars and restaurants but no real nightlife. The terrace and the bar La Terza Terra are among the best places to enjoy the sunset in Cinque Terre.

Manarola, built on a high rock 230 feet above sea level, is one of the most charming and romantic of the Cinque

Terre villages. The tiny harbor features a boat ramp, a tiny piazza and picturesque multicolored houses facing the sea. The harbor area is filled with colorful rowing boats and becomes the main sunbathing and swimming spot of the village from morning until dusk. Although there is no real beach, it has some of the best deep-water swimming around. *Manarola* is the perfect place to spend a lazy day sunbathing and watching people jumping off the cliffs. You can enjoy lunch at one of the fish restaurants in the small square next to the harbor.

Riomaggiore is the most south-

ern village in Cinque Terre, situated just a short distance from *Manarola*. The town climbs up along the ridges overlooking the sea and is characterized from the typical stone houses with colored facades and slate-roofs. Stroll along the main street Via Colombo down to the sea where a small harbor and marina are framed by lovely pastel houses and filled with brightly colored fishing boats. In *Riomaggiore* you can also find some of the best spots to capture the sunset in Cinque Terre. As the sun starts to set, many people gather to sit on the rocks by the harbor. You will find nightlife here with numerous restaurants and bars open until 1am.

There are three ways to move from one village to another: you can either walk, take the train or the boat. Hiking is the best way to explore the spectacular coastlines of Cinque Terre.

When visiting Milan, Pisa or Florence, include a train ride to Cinque Terre and spend a couple of days visiting these charming Italian villages. It is truly a bucket list trip! Contact your professional travel advisor, who will guide you on your adventure as you explore this beautiful destination! ◀

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Call the Professional Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel for all your travel needs.

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