

## ... our tips to enjoy a full day in 5 Terre ...

5 Terre is one of the most beautiful place to see once in a life... it means that are really fantastic but also always very crowded...

From La Spezia, the 5 villages are Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza and Monterosso...

We well understand that most of people, in particular who comes from the other side of the world, would like to visit 5 Terre... and so here some tips that, in our opinion, you should consider in your holiday planning...

1. **Forget the car...** it would be a real problem in any season... most of time it is really impossible to find a parking place and anyway, if you are lucky to find one, it will cost you a fortune...
2. During the spring and summer season **avoid Saturday and Sunday...** when, in addition to tourists on vacation, you will find Italians from the cities who spend the weekend or just a one day trip at the seaside...

Our suggestion is to **get to La Spezia by car** (there is a convenient parking at Porto Mirabello, near the boat departure) **take the boat to 5 Terre** that allows you to see the beautiful cost from the sea and specially to **visit Portovenere** that is not one of the five famous sailor villages but anyway a pearl that it is worth visiting (the train not arrives) and **return to La Spezia by train**.

**Program recommended** (pls check timetable and info on [www.navigazionegolfoeipoeti.it](http://www.navigazionegolfoeipoeti.it))

- Leaving from Encanto not later than 10 am in order to arrive in La Spezia in time to catch the 11.15 boat
- Stops in **Portovenere, Riomaggiore, Manarola, Vernazza** and **Monterosso**
- The trains from Monterosso to La Spezia are every 20 min and take about 30 min
- From the La Spezia train station to Porto Mirabello parking is a 20 min pleasant walk through the main street of the city center

Note 1: the boats do not stop in Corniglia, where stops the train! You could consider to visit it on your return way to La Spezia

Note 2: the boats operate from April to October and with good sea condition

Note 3: during the high season, could be that the boats stop only in some of the villages or from Portovenere arrive directly in Monterosso.