

Alan and Stella Marsh – Walking in the Cinque Terre, Liguria, Italy – September 2024

In late September, we flew to Milan and got the train to Levanto where we were staying for a week and it is called the gateway to the Cinque Terre. This is a collection of the next five villages along the coast set on top of or at the foot of cliffs and where there are paths between the villages – Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola, and Riomaggiore. The paths are steep and hard on the knees especially between Manarola and Riomaggiore so, on the advice of younger walkers, we let this one go. There were spectacular views, despite the inclement weather, but the villages themselves, being a UNESCO World Heritage Site, were very crowded and it may be best to visit offseason although the weather may not be as good. The paths were very well marked and the most popular ones were busy. The trains to get to and from the villages worked very well although you had to queue sometimes to get the tickets for the trains and some hiking trails. We enjoyed a memorable holiday walking in the Cinque Terre.