

Why did we choose June this year?

Sunflower fields start maturing in late June in Southern Tuscany, (by far the most beautiful part of Tuscany). We've added an extra day this year to photograph the famous rolling landscapes, with drivers to take you to great spots during evening and early morning light. Because we chose the end of June, the hills will be green, and the temperatures warm.

In the dizzying heights of the Alps, almost a country to itself, June is springtime, when wildflowers will blanket the slopes. We'll not only pass by castles, but Luigi has arranged a private visit inside, where you'll be able to photograph where other's can't. He's also arranging a professional Italian model you can photograph (or just gawk at) in a castle for your portfolio.

On the Riviera, we've chosen Comogli, a small port town undiscovered by the tourists (cross your fingers that it stays that way). Warm weather is perfect for this place. The combination of luxury hotel, beach, sleepy fishing village and restaurants-to-die-for, is truly a rare find. We'll ferry to a 4th century monastery reachable only by boat. Cliff diving in the Mediterranean anyone?

Famous Cinque Terre and Portofino are a stone's throw away, and if you don't mind joining the crowds, an easy train ride for a great day trip.

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