



Hello965 is a travel blog run by Fatima, a female Kuwaiti traveler who is curious to explore the world. In Hello965, Fatima aims to shed light on untraditional or new destinations, hotels, resorts, adventures and even events around the world. Fatima loves diversity, from luxurious to low-budget travel, group to solo traveling, and aspires to convey a diverse style of traveling to all her readers and followers through all her social media channels, blog, and newly in Kuwait Times.

Summer Destination:

CINQUE TERRE, ITALY

How to get there?

There are airports at Genoa and at Pisa. It takes around an hour to an hour and 30 minutes by car to Cinque Terre. My flight was to Florence, as I was planning a road trip and Cinque Terre was one of the stops. So we rented a car and drove to multiple places from Florence. (Florence to Cinque Terre is around a 2-hour drive.)

I do not recommend staying at a hotel in Cinque Terre - find a place nearby and go back and forth. Somewhere you could look to reserve a hotel and drive from is either Portofino or Santa Margherita.

Other options as a base to see Cinque Terre:

- * A day trip from Milan
- * A day trip from Florence
- * A day trip from Siena

Keep in mind, a car is a good option to travel, but not so great option to drive within Cinque Terre. So renting a car would make sense if you're stopping at other places too. Additionally, make sure you check with your hotel if they have private parking spaces where you could park your car for the time you're there.

Best time to visit - April to October

The best months for walking are May, June, September, and the first half of October. July and August are best avoided if you don't like the heat.

The villages are starting from the northernmost one, Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola, and Riomaggiore.

Monterosso is about 1.5 hours from Genoa by train, and the closest city of any size to the Cinque Terre is La Spezia, just south of Riomaggiore, at about 15 minutes by train. You could also 'hike' from town to town. In order for you to do this, you have to carefully read about the trails and how to prepare for the hike and purchase the pass. There are three kinds of passes (trail only, trail + trains, trail + trains and ferries).

For just a taste of the trails, I would suggest you do the section from Monterosso to Vernazza. It is 3.5 km long and takes a little under two hours.

Monterosso

Monterosso is the biggest village between the five villages (cars driving in the village!) and the landscape isn't vertical unlike the rest of the villages. Monterosso is made up of an old town, a new town, lots of sandy beaches, some larger

hotels and a long seaside promenade suitable for strollers too. If you want to avoid stairs and have a more "resort" feel to your vacation, then you should stay here.

Vernazza

Vernazza is the jewel of the Cinque Terre. Its action is at the harbor, where you'll find restaurants, a bar hanging off the edge of the castle, a breakwater with a promenade, and a tailgate-party street market every Tuesday morning. For dinner, eat at a recommended seaside restaurant down at the marina. Ask to seat on the lower balcony. If the sea is rough you'll be cooled off with sea spray.

Ristorante Belforte, Via Guidoni, 42, Vernazza. Phone + 39 0187 812222

Corniglia

Perched on a rocky spur above the waves, Corniglia is the only village of the five not on the water and the least touristy of the Cinque Terres.

Manarola

In Manarola, go to "Punta Buonfiglio" which is a view point on a rocky promontory on the path towards Corniglia (Sentiero Azzurro). For

dinner, you should eat at 'Da Billy'. Bring your walking legs because it's up the hill with a great view. They serve seafood. After dinner, head down to the local's hangout with live music most nights.

Cantina dello Zio Bramante, Via Renato Birolli 110, Manarola. Phone: +39 0187 920442

Train home, or if it's open, take the walking path called Via dell'Amore. Walking the moonlit path above the swirling ocean is AMAZING.

Riomaggiore

The most southern village of the five Cinque Terre. Have lunch or dinner at 'La Lanterna'. If you're staying for long maybe you could head to the beach for a morning swim. Finally, be sure to "validate" your train tickets by inserting it into the yellow machine on your day of travel or you could risk a fine.

To be honest, this is one of the few trips where I just hopped on a train, got out, walked randomly, back on a train and onto the next destination! It wasn't planned at all. Everything we saw was beautiful, and everywhere we ate was delicious! Feel free to share your Cinque Terre experience with us!



'Saq Al Bamboo' and 'Been Galbin': Episodes 18, 19 and 20

By Nawara Fattahova

The Kuwait Times is publishing daily recaps of two Kuwaiti soap operas airing on Al Rai TV and MBC Drama. Here are the recaps of the 18th, 19th and 20th episodes:

'Saq Al Bamboo' (Bamboo Stalk)

Khawla tells Noor that Jaber said that he will propose after he returns

Khawla goes to Eisa crying and blaming herself for what happened with her cousin. She asks Eisa why doesn't he have photos of their father in his room, as she talks to his photos when she is sad. Eisa sits in his father's office. Luzviminda comes and he asks her to stop following him. She says that she only wants to be near him, but he tells her that he loves another girl. She asks if it is Noor, but he denies this, so

difference between her and Eisa, who is a Kuwaiti and she is just a maid.

Been Galbin (Between Two Hearts)

Aryam's uncle calls her to meet. He blames her for getting married without telling him and that her husband is not on their social level, but she assures him that he is not interested in her wealth. Dana starts working at her father's company. He tells her that she has to forget Bashar, especially after he got married. Bashar calls Dana's father telling him that he divorced her as this was her wish.

Mihsen is still sad for losing Yasmin. His wife leaves the house and wants to get divorced. Bashar asks Noora to come and live with him in Aryam's villa, but she refuses as she doesn't like her, especially because Dana was her best friend. Marzouq refuses to let Aryam see their son Rashid, so she tells him she will file a case in court to see him. Noora visits Mihsen's house to stay with her nieces and nephew. His son gets sick, so his mother calls Noora to take the kid to the hospital as Mihsen is also sick.

Dana's father is facing problems in his company and his assistant Masoud goes with Dana to Farida, the ex-wife of her father to support their company, as she owns one of the biggest companies for marble, which they need for their projects. Dana and Masoud meet Farida, who agrees to help them just for Dana.

Bashar and Aryam travel for their honeymoon. Bashar is not feeling comfortable as Aryam is paying for everything on this trip. Noora feels lonely, especially that she is now living alone in the house. The director of the institute where she teaches proposes to her, but she is hesitant.



from his vacation. Noor calls Jaber asking if he was telling the truth, but he said he didn't speak to Khawla.

Awatef and Nooriya fight in front of Ghanima and she sends the kids outside. At the restaurant, the two cousins fight over Khawla. They all come to Ghanima's house except Eisa, Noor's brother. So Ghanima calls him to come and solve the problem and while talking to her, he meets with an accident. Eisa tells Ghasan about Luzviminda, and Ghasan advises him to stay away from her.

she tells him that Noor loves him. Then Khawla enters the office and Luzviminda leaves.

Eisa tells Khawla he needs to have friends and she says it's still early and it shouldn't be Jaber as he is their neighbor. Noor tells Eisa about Khawla and Jaber. Khawla and her cousins go to visit Eisa, Noor's brother in the hospital, and he tells Khawla he will not open this issue with her again. Ramadan comes, and they teach Eisa to fast. He goes to the mosque to pray. Hind then talks to Luzviminda explaining her the

Prince guitar, Bowie's hair sold for more than \$150k

Bidders paid a combined total of more than \$150,000 for a lock of David Bowie's hair and Prince's iconic "Yellow Cloud" guitar Saturday at a Beverly Hills auction. Heritage Auctions, which prompted legal action by offering Whitney Houston's Emmy Award as part of a separate sale, said the snippet of Bowie's pale blond hair went for \$18,750. It came from a former employee of the Madame Tussauds Wax Museum in London who was tasked with recreating the music icon's 1983-era hairdo for his wax figure.

Prince's instrument of choice during the late 1980s attracted a winning bid of \$137,500, with unconfirmed reports saying it had gone to Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay. The auctioneer was forced to abandon plans to sell Houston's Emmy as part of a separate auction of her dresses and other belongings after the US Television Academy argued it owned the rights to the statuette. US District Judge Percy Anderson issued a temporary restraining order on Friday forbidding the auction house from selling the trophy, won in 1986 for Houston's performance of "Saving All My Love for You" at the Grammys. "We fought the good fight, but we respect the court's decision," Heritage spokesman Eric Bradley said. The 48-year-old diva was found drowned in a



This photo provided by Heritage Auctions shows Prince playing his Yellow Cloud electric guitar. — AP

bathub at the Beverly Hilton in 2012.

Bowie and Prince, two of the most influential artists in pop history, died within months earlier this year—the so-called "Thin White Duke" after a battle with cancer and the reclusive "Purple Rain" singer of an opioid overdose. He was rarely photographed during the late 1980s without his bright yellow maple wood instrument, complete with a distinctive elongated upper horn. "As celebrity stage-used instru-

ments go, this piece is as unique as Beethoven's piano or John Coltrane's saxophone," Garry Shrum, Heritage's director of music memorabilia said when it was put up for sale. The Yellow Cloud was used in the studio, in videos and at gigs until the neck broke on a French TV show in 1994. It was repaired, but confined to the recording studio and eventually made way for the "Symbol" guitar identified with Prince's later work. — AFP



US vocalist Gregory Porter performs at the Glastonbury music festival at Worthy Farm, in Somerset, England, yesterday. — AP