

ITINERARY



HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Amalfi Coast
- ◆ Ravello
- ◆ Naples
- ◆ Capri (optional)
- ◆ Salerno & Paestum
- ◆ Pompeii
- ◆ Rome

INCLUSIONS

- ◆ Round trip airfare
- ◆ Airline fuel surcharges, taxes and fees
- ◆ 7 Nights first class hotel
- ◆ 10 Meals (7B, 3D)
- ◆ Sightseeing per itinerary
- ◆ Admissions per itinerary
- ◆ Professional tour manager
- ◆ Baggage handling
- ◆ Hotel transfers

Day 1 - Depart the United States on an overnight flight to Italy.

Day 2 - Rome/Maiori: Upon arrival you will proceed to baggage claim and, after clearing customs, you will be met by our professional tour manager and transferred to your hotel in Maiori on the **Amalfi Coast**. You will spend the rest of the day at leisure and enjoy an orientation tour of the small sea resort with your tour manager. You will have a welcome cocktail and briefing this evening in the hotel. Tonight enjoy dinner at your hotel. (D)

Day 3 – Amalfi Coast tour: Following breakfast with your tour manager, you will explore the Amalfi coast enjoying landscapes of exceptional beauty. First stop will be **Ravello** (known as the town of music, thanks to the Ravello Music Festival) perched high on a hilltop overlooking a medieval village full of winding cobblestone streets, fragrant gardens, and breathtaking views of the Mediterranean. If you wish you can visit the **VILLA RUFOLLO**, a centrally located former watch tower with a massive main tower, an important chapel and a Moorish cloister with Arabic decorative elements. Our next destination is **Amalfi**, absolutely worth a visit for its Cathedral of the Apostle Saint Andrew. A mix of Romanesque and Baroque elements, the cathedral is reached by an imposing staircase and has a colorful facade with glittering gold mosaics. This afternoon you will enjoy Positano, one of the delights of the Amalfi Coast. See the clusters of pastel houses clinging to

the steep ledges of Lattari Mountains, which reflect themselves in the clear blue sea below surrounded by an intense fragrance of lemon and bright and vivid colors of bougainvillea. This afternoon you will transfer back to the hotel and enjoy a free evening. (B)

DAY 4 – Naples: Following breakfast, enjoy an optional tour of the amazing city of **Naples**. This brilliant city on Italy's southwest coast offers varying styles architectural with elegant palaces, historic castles, and wonderful churches. History and traditions are condensed in the old city centre where Neapolitans have lived since the sixth century BC. Our tour will start from the famous Piazza del Gesù, one of the most central and beautiful squares of Naples. Here we will visit Santa Chiara's Church, San Domenico square, and the Duomo. (Preserving the Chapel of San Gennaro's Treasure, where every year the miracle takes place: the holy blood liquifies in its ampoule.) Naples is one of the Italy's culinary heavyweights serving up the country's best pizza, pasta, and coffee. After a guided visit, enjoy lunch on your own at the most famous Pizzeria in town. This evening enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

DAY 5 – Maiori: Today is at your leisure or you can take an optional tour to Capri Island. After breakfast you will reach the small pier of Amalfi to take the jetfoil to Capri. After one hour's navigation enjoying the wonderful view of the Amalfi coastline, you will arrive in Capri, the pearl of the Mediterranean. By minibus drive through the small lanes up to Anacapri, from where you have the chance of taking the chairlift to Monte Solaro. The highest part of the isle from where you can enjoy the most spectacular view of the Bays of Naples and Salerno. After some free time, drive down to the famous "Piazzetta" of Capri to enjoy the lively centre with many shops, cafes, and restaurants along the main street "Via Camerelle". Let yourself be enchanted by the wonderful view of the Faraglioni from the Gardens of Augusto (entrance included) and by funicular reach then Marina Grande. Later this afternoon, return by jetfoil to Amalfi and back to the hotel in Maiori. (B)

DAY 6 – Paestum and Salerno: Following breakfast, enjoy a full day tour to Paestum and Salerno. The ancient ruins at Paestum are among the only Greek ruins left on Italy's mainland, and they are definitely the best-preserved. You will be amazed by the three imposing temples dedicated to their Greek gods and goddesses. Included in the tour, and sure to be a highlight, is admission to Archeological Museum. As you make your way to Salerno you will visit an organic farm where you will taste the best buffalo mozzarella in the area. In the afternoon enjoy a stop in Salerno to let you wander through the narrow lanes of the historic centre or to have a walk on the tree-lined seafront promenade widely considered to be one of the most beautiful in Europe. (B)

DAY 7 – Maiori: Enjoy a full day at leisure in Maiori. Today is yours to enjoy and explore. Maiori is nestled on the sun-drenched coastline of southern Italy. It's an L-shaped town, with shops, cafes, and restaurants lining Corsa Regina and the seafront, or "Lungomare Amendola". It has fabulous churches, easy access to Positano and Ravello. Maiori is a town and commune on the Amalfi coast in the province of Salerno. It has been a popular tourist resort since Roman times, with the longest unbroken stretch of beach on the Amalfi coastline. At the hotel this evening you will enjoy a farewell dinner with live music. (B, D)

DAY 8 – Pompeii and Rome: After breakfast, depart to **Pompeii**. The town was buried when the nearby and supposedly extinct volcano, Vesuvius, erupted in 79 AD, covering the town and its inhabitants in many tons of pumice and volcanic ash. With a local guide you will visit the excavations which offer an intact vision of daily life in a Roman society. This afternoon you will transfer to Rome where you will have free time to explore the town with the assistance of your tour manager. (B)

DAY 9 – Rome/United States: Transfer to the airport after breakfast for your return flight home, taking with you many wonderful memories of Italy. (B)

\$599 - Optional two-night Rome post-tour extension - Includes deluxe motor coach, two breakfasts, Rome city tour, and professional tour director.