

Presents:

Treasures of Italy The Amalfi Coast & Rome

October 29 - November 5, 2024 From \$3,949 Air & Land 8 Days, 7 Nights Including Hotels, Meals, Day Trips, & Airfare From San Francisco



Discover the absolute best of Italy on the stunning Amalfi Coast & Rome tour. Experience unforgettable sights & adventures while exploring colorful coastal villages, rocky coastlines, breathtaking views, & ancient sites. Observe in awe Positano, the villas of Ravello, the Isle of Capri, & warm & inviting people as you immerse yourself in the beauty of this Mediterranean paradise. Explore Salerno to learn about WWII landing sites, gaze at magnificent views of Mount Vesuvius, wander the streets of Pompeii, or simply take part in the art of "Dolce Far Niente" the sweet life of doing nothing! In the capital, stroll along the cobblestone streets of Rome. Visit the Sistine Chapel & Vatican Museum. Take in the majesty of the Piazza Venezia & Roman Forum, & don't forget the iconic Colosseum, a symbol of Rome's past greatness. On this program, experience the Italian way of life, gastronomy, history, & the sybaritic pleasures of the land. Join us & fall in love with one of the world's most beloved coun-

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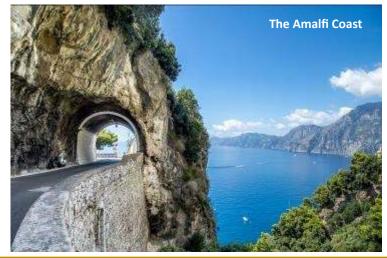
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Included Features:

- AIR TRANSPORTATION Air transportation from San Francisco (SFO)
- **FIRST-CLASS HOTELS** First Class hotel accommodations for 6 nights
- MEALS 8 included meals consisting of 6 breakfasts & 2 dinners
- THE PROGRAM Sightseeing, including local guide & all entrance fees as follows: a walking tour of Sorrento, Full day tour of Amalfi Coast—Positano, Amalfi & Ravello, & Tour of Pompeii. Optional tours available.
- QUEST VOYAGER TOUR DIRECTOR Assistance of a professional tour director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Rome
- JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy & social systems, & interaction with locals such as learning about ornate inlaying wood craft & Limoncello production
- FIRST CLASS MOTORCOACHES Touring by private firstclass airconditioned motor coach
- **BAGGAGE & TRANSFERS** Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

Optional Extension to Rome:

- FIRST-CLASS HOTELS First-class hotels for 2 nights
- MEALS 2 included meals consisting of 2 breakfasts
- THE PROGRAM Sightseeing, including local guide & all entrance fees as follows: Full day tour of Rome, including the Vatican Museum's, Sistine Chapel & the Colosseum (no entrance)
- QUEST VOYAGER TOUR DIRECTOR Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- FIRST CLASS MOTORCOACHES Touring by private first-class airconditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE & TRANSFERS** Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport





Destination Highlights: Relaxed five nights stay in Sorrento • The Bay of Naples • The vibrant coastal town of Sorrento • Ravello • Positano • Amalfi • The scenic Amalfi Coast road • Isle of Capri • Gardens of Augusta • Salerno • WWII landing sites • Southern Italian hospitality • Local woodworking • Bufala Cheese plant • Ancient Pompeii • Limoncello • Rome the Eternal City • Italian food • Vatican Museum • Sistine Chapel • Michelangelo's works of art such as the Garden of Eden, the Creation of Eve, & the Creation of Man • Colosseum • Piazza Venezia • Roman Forum • and more...

The Tour Price: is \$3,949 per person, double occupancy. For single occupancy, add \$699 (limited availability). Fuel surcharges of \$350 & taxes & other fees of \$150 per person are included in the price. Fuel surcharges & taxes are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change. This price is an early bird special if the program is reserved with a deposit by March 8, 2024. The price increases by \$100 per person (\$4,049) after this date.

Optional Rome Extension: \$799 Double occupancy, \$299 single supplement. Please note: the Itinerary is subject to change.

Day 1 Leave the USA. Set off on your overnight international trip to Rome. Meals & beverages are served on board. Day 2 Arrive Rome, Italy – Sorrento. Welcome to Italy, a land of art, culture, history, food, fashion, & the beautiful coastline of Amalfi. After clearing customs, you will be greeted by your tour director & transferred to your hotel in Sorrento, your home, for the next five nights. Sorrento, an attractive seaside town, is also known as the town of lemons. From Sorrento's shops, restaurants, & bars, it is a beautiful base location to explore the Amalfi Coast from. Your home from home is a typical Italian town full of stylish & distinctive artisan shops selling local wares. The delightful climate attracted Roman aristocrats in ancient times, who came to Sorrento & built magnificent villas.



Today Sorrento is a rich & stylish city. Enjoy your time today either with a quick rest or begin your exploration of the beautiful Amalfi Coast as you drink in the views across the Bay of Naples to Mount Vesuvius. This evening dinner is served at the hotel. (D)

Day 3 Sorrento - Walking Tour. After breakfast, spend your morning exploring enchanting Sorrento on a guided walking tour! You'll see historic sites like the Church of San Antonino & the Cloister of St. Frances, then take in stunning views of the Valley of the Mills & across the bay to Naples & Mount Vesuvius. Onwards gain insider Information on local haunts as you browse artisan shops that line Sorrento's narrow streets. Next, you'll visit a woodworking workshop & learn the secrets behind ornate lacquer boxes. Then at a local family-run plant, learn about "Limoncello" production with a demo & tasting. This afternoon relax, take in the Italian way of life, & make magical memories during your stay in Sorrento! (B)

Day 4 Sorrento. Spend the day in beautiful Sorrento, exploring its charming streets, sip some Limoncello, & make the day yours. Or take an optional tour of the mysterious & magical Isle of Capri! Fantastic grottoes, soaring conical peaks, caverns great & small, plus villas of the emperors & thousands of legends brush Capri with an air of whispered mystery. Enjoy the view of the Blue Bay of Naples while riding the jetfoil to the destination. You will have free time to shop in Anacapri before continuing to Capri. Visit the Piazzetta, the Floral Gardens of Caesar Augustus, & walk down the narrow streets where extravagance is the norm. Enjoy free time for lunch at an open-air cafe before returning to the pier by funicular & boarding the jetfoil back to the mainland. Take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to explore the Isle of Capri! (B)

Day 5 Sorrento - Tour of the Amalfi Coast. Discover the stunning beauty of the Amalfi Coast on an unforgettable full-day tour. Start your journey with a stop at the Sorrento Belvedere, where you can admire the captivating Moorish architecture & take in the stunning views of pastel-colored houses. Then, head to Amalfi & see its narrow lanes lined with shops, café bars, & more. Next, visit the picturesque hillside town of Ravello & marvel at the Villa Rufolo, built in 1200 AD as a watchtower. During your tour, avail yourself of some free time to have lunch at a local restaurant. Finally, stop at Positano, where you can see the brightly colored "maiolica" dome of Santa Maria Assunta. While here, don't miss the opportunity to stroll around the center of town & take in the atmosphere before returning to Sorrento. (B) Day 6 Sorrento. Spend your last day in Sorrento shopping for Italian leather, enjoying a coffee at a local café bar, or join us for an optional tour of Salerno & a Buffalo Cheese factory. Your first stop is to visit the lively port town of Salerno to experience its rich history, from the advanced medical school of medieval times to its significance as the site of the Allied landing in 1942. Enjoy a stop at a "Mozzarella di Bufala" factory to learn about the Mozzarella making & sample some of it. This will be the best Mozzarella you have ever tasted! This

evening after a day of sightseeing, join us for a farewell dinner at a local Sorrento restaurant. (B,D)

Day 7 Sorrento - Tour of Pompeii - Rome. Today, you are invited to explore the captivating beauty of Italy's Eternal City, Rome! Along the way, you will be able to experience the unique ruins of Pompeii, Europe's most fascinating archaeological site. Discovered after being buried beneath the volcanic dust from Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD, you can explore the Forum, the thermal baths, Lupanare, & Vetti's House. When you arrive in Rome, you will be mesmerized by the sights & sounds of the renowned capital city, with its Roman ruins, impressive architecture, & Imperial temples to early-Christian churches, & inviting piazzas. To complete your Italian experience, why not enjoy a delicious dinner at a local restaurant? (B)

Day 8 Rome to the USA. or extend your stay with an optional Rome extension. After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to the USA. Arrivederci! (B)

Optional Rome extension

Day 8 Rome - City Tour. This morning you experience a tour of the priceless collection of art & treasures in the Sistine Chapel & Vatican Museum. Founded by Pope Julius II in the early 16th century & enlarged by successive pontiffs, the Vatican Museums boast one of the world's greatest art collections. Exhibits, which are displayed along about 4 miles of halls & corridors, range from Egyptian mummies & Etruscan bronzes to ancient busts, old masters & modern paintings. Onwards you arrive at the Sistine Chapel, home of two of the world's most famous works of art – Michelangelo's ceiling frescoes (1508–12) & his Giudizio Universale the Last Judgment. Michelangelo's ceiling design covers the entire 8611-sq-ft surface. See other masterpieces such as the Original Sin & Banishment from the Garden of Eden famously depicting Adam & Eve after accepting the forbidden fruit from Satan, & the Creation of Eve & the Creation of Man. Then proceed to the Piazza Venezia & Roman Forum, to stop at the Colosseum, a testament to the greatness of Rome's past. (B)

Day 9 Rome. Today enjoy a full day at leisure to enjoy the Eternal City & experience Rome's exquisite beauty & fascinating culture! Explore Roman ruins, awe-inspiring architecture, Imperial temples, & medieval bell towers, all while marveling at the baroque basilicas. There's much to see, from the majestic Trevi Fountain to the stunning Spanish Steps. Shop for unique souvenirs in the lively piazzas, & then maybe join your fellow travelers for a traditional dinner in a local restaurant to conclude your Italian stay. Make this day entirely yours & immerse yourself in the Roman culture! (B)

Day 10 Rome to the USA. After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to the USA, with memories of the eternal city of Rome & the Amalfi Coast. (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (L) – Lunch, (D) – Dinner. Hotel (when listed) & Itinerary are subject to change.