



SORRENTO and the AMALFI COAST

ADVENTURES AROUND THE BAY OF NAPLES

JUNE 23RD - JULY 1ST, 2023

Discover the varied wonders of Campania and explore the wonders of nature, from Mount Vesuvius to the azure grotto of Capri, classical landmarks from both Greek and Roman eras, villas and gardens of delightful villages on the cliff-hung Amalfi Coast, and the splendid cuisine of the region, all await. Described by Charles Dickens as “one succession of delights,” this dramatic area provides sustenance for both body and soul.

The Sorrento Peninsula and the Amalfi Coast have long been a playground for the rich and famous, and for a very good reason. The mountains tumble down into the azure waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea providing breathtaking views around every bend in the road. The Island of Capri glistens like a jewel set in the Bay of Naples - it is small wonder that Roman emperors made this their “home away from Rome.”

Your Discover Europe tour guide will lead you through scenic landscapes, ancient towns, and sculpture filled gardens on this discovery of southern Italy. Join us on *Sorrento & the Amalfi Coast*.



THE AMALFI COAST



RAVELLO VILLAGE

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED)	\$3790
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$ 990

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 7 nights' accommodation in a first-class hotel, including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 4 dinners
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour guide throughout, local guide for Pompeii
- BAGGAGE:** Porterage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD - Departure from your chosen U.S. gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

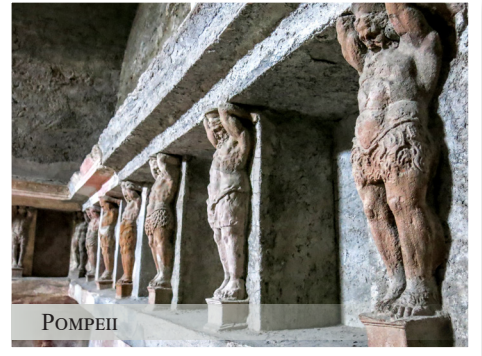
SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH - Arrive at Naples airport where you will be met for the transfer to your hotel in Sorrento, an excellent location for visiting Capri, Naples and the Amalfi Coast. There will be time to unpack, rest and relax, before a welcome dinner at our hotel this evening. **(D) OVERNIGHT: SORRENTO**

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH - This morning a walking tour introduces the town center. We'll visit the Correale Museum, renowned for its antique furniture, china, inlaid woodwork and paintings of the Neapolitan School, and then the baroque Church of San Francesco, the Villa Comunale, and the public gardens, offering a beautiful view of the Bay of Naples.

This afternoon you'll have free time to relax, have lunch or visit local shops specializing in embroidery and marquetry. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant this evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: SORRENTO**

MONDAY, JUNE 26TH - This morning a local guide meets us at Pompeii for a guided tour of this ancient Roman city, preserved in ash forever in 79 AD by the still active volcano of Mount Vesuvius. Walk ancient streets to the Temples of Apollo and Jupiter, the Stabian Baths, Villa of the Mysteries, and much more, discovering the story of the town, decorative features of its buildings and daily life, and amusing graffiti of this once prosperous Roman colony. In the afternoon, we visit the ruins of Herculaneum at the foot of Mount Vesuvius. Said to have been founded by Hercules himself, the town was once a resort for wealthy Romans. The evening is free in Sorrento.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH - A full day excursion into Naples, led by a local guide, will include a morning visit to the heart of old Naples, the most engaging part of the city, with ancient streets and numerous churches. Morning visits will include the 13th-century church of Santa Chiara, with its charming cloister garden decorated with 18th century ceramic tiles, and the Duomo, cathedral church of Naples with its beautiful chapel of San Gennaro, patron saint of the city. After lunch, we visit the National Archaeological Museum and tour the Farnese Collection, one of the richest museums in the world housing Greco-Roman antiquities and objects from Pompeii and Herculaneum, before returning to Sorrento for dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SORRENTO**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH - We depart this morning for a full day trip along Italy's finest coastal road, the dramatic Amalfi Coast, with spectacular views of such charming towns as Positano and Amalfi, where we begin the unforgettable climb to Ravello. We'll visit Villa Rufolo, residence of several popes as well as Wagner, with romantic gardens and a splendid panoramic view of the Gulf of Salerno. At Villa Cimbrone, a charming alley brings us to the convent of Saint Francis, founded by the Saint in 1222, with Gothic cloisters and beautiful plantings. Time permitting we may visit Vietri sul Mare, a major ceramics center, and Solimene Factory, where terra cotta wares have been produced for centuries. Later this afternoon, we will return to Sorrento for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: SORRENTO**

THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH - After breakfast, we board the ferry for an excursion to the legendary and exotic Isle of Capri. Upon arrival at Marina Grande (Capri Port) you may wish to visit the fabled Blue Grotto by motorboat. Weather permitting, you may choose to take a scenic funicular ride while ascending to the village of Capri, which is built around its world-famous Piazzetta, the island's social center. Enjoy free time to explore exquisite shops, the Gardens of Augustus, medieval narrow alleyways hung with flowers, gelati stands and tiny squares. History buffs may wish to walk to the ruins of Villa Jovis, the grandest of those built by the emperor Tiberius. Late in the afternoon we take the boat back to Sorrento for dinner at a local restaurant. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SORRENTO**



FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH - Spend a day at leisure in Sorrento or take a trip around the bay, west of Naples, to explore the area of the Phlegrean Fields, a volcanic area of hot springs. You could visit Pozzuoli with the third largest amphitheater in Italy, or the ruins of the Roman baths of Baia, and Cumae, one of the oldest Greek colonies in Italy, figuring prominently in Virgil's Aeneid. This evening we'll enjoy a farewell dinner at the hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SORRENTO**

SATURDAY, JULY 1ST - Morning transfer to Naples airport for your flights home to the US. **(B)**

**Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner*