

ITALY: AMALFI COAST

March 27th - April 4th, 2012

Nine Days, Seven Nights Including Hotel, Meals, Day Trips and Airfare from New York



It is little wonder that this country is one of the world's best-loved destinations and that two-thirds of the world's historical artistic heritage is in Italy. Whether it's culture, gastronomy, cutting-edge design, sybaritic pleasures or simply the art of dolce far niente, doing nothing and just soaking up the atmosphere, this is a country for lovers of all that is good in life. The Amalfi Coast's mixture of history and nature are yours to discover from the Cathedral of Amalfi, to the villas in Ravello and the numerous churches built during the historical period of Amalfi's Republic. From Galli's Isles in front of Positano to the Emerald Grotto, near Conca dei Marini, the Amalfi Coast will captivate you with its warmth and beauty.

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INCLUDED FEATURES:

- Round-trip air transportation from New York (JFK) on the services of an international airline.
- ABC Destinations handles your baggage outside of the airport for your arrival and departure. (Based on one bag per person).
- An experienced professional manager will assist you on the vacation, upon arrival in Italy.
- First class hotel accommodations for seven nights at the centrally located Bristol Hotel (or similar) including hotel tax and service charges.
- Daily buffet breakfasts, daily dinners and one lunch.
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach and experienced drivers escort you for all transfers, tours and guided excursions.
- Orientation tour of Sorrento.
- Full-day guided tour of Amalfi Coast with stops in Amalfi, Ravello and Villa Rufolo.
- Full-day guided tour to Naples and Pompeii.

PRICE:

Tour price is \$2,399 per person, double occupancy (includes \$420 per person fuel surcharges). For single occupancy, add \$459. Air taxes are included at \$100 per person. Fuel surcharges and air taxes are valid at the time of printing and are subject to change.

Optional tours are available at an additional cost.

Optional Rome extension is \$595 per person double occupancy. For single occupancy add \$299.

THE HOTEL:

The first class **Hotel Bristol** nestles into the cliff side overlooking the sea and the Bay of Naples, in one of the most enchanting corners of the coast, offering its guests stunning panoramic views, stretching from the picturesque fishing village of Marina Grande below to the Punta Scutolo in the distance and directly across the bay to the majestic Vesuvius with Pompei and Naples at its feet. Facilities include: restaurants, piano bar, pool, sun terrace, sauna and seasonal open air disco. All rooms are equipped with air conditioning, mini bar, safe, satellite TV, internet, direct line telephone and hair dryer.



ITINERARY

Day 1 - Depart the USA: Depart New York (JFK) for Italy.

Day 2 - Rome/Naples/Sorrento: After arriving in Rome or Naples airport proceed to baggage claim. Once clearing customs, you will be met by your local ABC Destinations representative and transferred to your hotel. The famed Amalfi Coast or Costiera Amalfitana is a stunning coastline set along the rugged mountains and winds down the western coast of Italy from Sorrento to Salerno in the region of Campania. Many miles of hairpin turns offer spectacular vistas with changing views of landscapes, rocks plunging vertically in to the clear sea, charming fishing villages with brightly colored boats set in the small harbors, vibrant vegetation and colorful flowering plants, houses and hotels nestled high in the rocks above the winding coastline all contrasting dramatically with the brilliant blues of the Mediterranean waters. After check in at hotel, have an orientation tour of Sorrento. Poets and writers have described Sorrento as the land of colors and Mermaids. Sorrento is indeed a very pretty city where kindness and hospitality are a combination that is handed down from one generation to the next. Tonight dinner is at the hotel. (Dinner)

Day 3 - Sorrento/Ravello/Villa Rufolo/Sorrento: After breakfast, enjoy a full-day excursion exploring the enchanting towns along the picturesque Costiera Amalfitana. As we make our way to Amalfi, we'll see Positano from above and glimpse its buildings, clinging to the rocks. We reach Amalfi, whose origins date back to both the Roman and Byzantine Empires. It once rivaled Genoa and Pisa in its maritime importance and still retains its fishing traditions today. Continue to Ravello, one of the most attractive destinations on the Amalfi Coast, with a population of around 2,000, the settlement perches high above Amalfi, overlooking the Mediterranean. A renowned musical festival is held in Ravello every year, with classical music concerts taking place in gardens with breathtaking views. Visit Villa Rufolo and the medieval cathedral. Tonight dinner is at the hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4 - Sorrento/Capri (Optional Tour)/Sorrento: Day at leisure or after breakfast, you may choose to take an optional tour to Capri. After departing your hotel, you'll be transferred to Sorrento's harbor for your journey to Capri by high-speed boat. Upon arrival to the port of Capri, a transfer by minibus takes you to Anacapri. You'll have free time to visit Villa San Michele, located on the northeastern side of Anacapri, the home of Swedish doctor and writer Axel Munthe. Return to Capri for lunch on your own. In the early afternoon, take a walk to Augustus' Gardens and have free time to see the Blue Grotto if you wish before returning to Sorrento and your hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5 - Sorrento/Pompeii/Naples/Sorrento: After breakfast, we will visit Pompeii, Italy's most famous and unique archeological site. Frozen in time when the city was buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in A.D. 79, Pompeii is now, a World Heritage site. Its excavation has provided a picture of life during the height of the Roman Empire. From Pompeii, we will drive to Naples. As the capital of the Campania region, Naples is known for its history, art, culture and, especially, gastronomy. Enjoy a Pizza lunch in a typical Pizzeria. After lunch, we'll visit the historical center of Naples. Highlights of the tour include Old Town, Posillipo, Piazza del Plebiscito, San Carlo Theatre, and its castles. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 6 - Sorrento (Optional Cooking Tour): After breakfast, the day is at leisure to relax and sample the Italian way of life or join us on an optional cooking tour. The Campania Region is well renowned for its culinary traditions. Spend the day immersed in the countryside and learn the secrets of their regional cuisine. Choose the finest and freshest ingredients and observe the chef as he teaches you how to prepare the delicious meal you will enjoy for lunch. Afternoon at leisure. Tonight dinner is at the hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7 - Sorrento/Paestum (Optional Tour)/Sorrento: After breakfast, the day is at leisure to do your shopping, have an Italian ice cream, cappuccino or take an optional tour of Paestum, where you'll visit its Greek temples. With its impressive and solemn churches and its splendidly preserved walls, Paestum is one of the most famous and important archaeological sites in Italy. The ruins of Paestum include the walls, four majestic and well preserved temples, other religious buildings, the amphitheatre and the Via Sacra, in addition to other minor remains. The area is also famous as producer of the best Buffalo Mozzarella, before visiting the excavations, we will stop at an authentic Mozzarella Cheese factory for a demonstration and lunch. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 8 - Sorrento: Spend your last day at leisure in Sorrento. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at the hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9 - Sorrento/USA: After breakfast, we will bid a fond goodbye to Italy and transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (Breakfast)

TWO NIGHT OPTIONAL ROME EXTENSION:

Day 9 - Sorrento/Rome: After breakfast, meet your guide and driver and set off for Rome. Upon your arrival in Rome transfer to your hotel for check in, the rest of the afternoon is at leisure and yours to enjoy. Romans say that "Rome wasn't built in a day", nor can Rome be seen in a day. One could live in the Eternal City for years and still not see everything. It's hard to say what you'll find most breathtaking: Etruscan tombs, the republican meeting rooms, imperial temples, early Christian churches, medieval bell towers, baroque basilicas or renaissance palaces. Tonight you are on your own for dinner. You will have no trouble finding local restaurants in this residential area of Rome, just outside the hotel and around the corner are some lovely places where the locals meet to eat, have a glass of local wine and enjoy a dish of pasta. Ask your guide or the concierge at the hotel to make a recommendation, they are eager and pleased to help. Overnight at The Grand Hotel Beverly Hills. (Breakfast)

Day 10 - Rome: After breakfast, start your full-day tour of Rome. You'll enjoy a guided tour of Imperial Rome. Visit the Roman Forum, the most important archaeological area in the city and once the center of the public life; visit the Colosseum, the most famous monument of ancient Rome and an impressive testament to her past greatness. After lunch in a local trattoria, continue the tour of the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel. The Vatican Museums and their immense wealth of art, resulting from centuries of papal collections, offer an extraordinary experience. Amongst others, see the great masterpieces of Renaissance art with the frescoes of the Raphael Rooms and one of Michelangelo's greatest achievements, "The Last Judgment" in the Sistine Chapel. Return to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure, where you can do some shopping or take a stroll on the Via Veneto. Tonight dinner is on your own, enjoy your last night in Rome. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 11 - Rome/USA: After breakfast, say ciao to Rome and transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (Breakfast)

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries due to local conditions.

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PLEASE PRINT— NAMES MUST BE LISTED AS THEY APPEAR ON YOUR PASSPORT

Passenger 1: _____ Date of Birth: _____ M / F
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

Passport #: _____ Country of Issue: _____ Date issued: _____ Expiration date: _____

Passenger 2: _____ Date of Birth: _____ M / F
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

Passport #: _____ Country of Issue: _____ Date issued: _____ Expiration date: _____

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Please reserve me in a single room at a \$459 supplement (limited availability)

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Rome Extension - **\$595** Double Occupancy or **\$299** Single Supplement

Notes: _____

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I authorize \$ _____ to be charged to my card (this equals the deposit plus insurance premium if applicable).

Deposit: \$500 per person to reserve your space of which \$325 per person is non-refundable. Reservations are based on a first come first served basis. Final payment is due 90 days before departure.

I want Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance Yes No. The policy price is based on the total cost of the tour, including taxes. Insurance premium per person: \$139 for tour costs from \$2,001 to \$2,500 / \$159 for tour costs from \$2,501 to \$3,000 / \$215 for tour costs from \$3,001 to \$3,500 / \$239 for tour costs from \$3,501 to \$4,000 / \$275 for tour costs from \$4,001 to \$5,000. If no selection is made, insurance will be added to your booking and can be removed if advised to us in writing prior to final payment.

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I have read the schedule of activities for Metro South Chamber of Commerce Italy: Amalfi Coast program on March 27 - April 4, 2012 and accept the general terms and conditions as outlined on our website.

Cancellation Policy:

Until 61 days prior to departure: 10% of total cost per person (or a minimum of \$325 per person)

From 60 days until 46 days prior to departure: 30% of total cost per person

From 45 days until 31 days prior to departure: 50% of total cost per person

From 30 days until 15 days prior to departure: 75% of total cost per person

From 14 days until day of departure, or no show: 100%

Note: A person becoming a single as a result in the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement.

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