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From \$2,795

VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include the AHI FlexAir (unless otherwise stated). Single accommodations are an additional cost (limited availability).

The region of Campania, with its dazzling wealth of antiquities and breathtaking natural wonders, has been home to writers, artists and emperors for more than 2,000 years. Discover the many treasures of this



province, from the quaint cafés and lemon groves of Sorrento to the sun-drenched Amalfi Coast. Travel along this stunning coastline, where mountains erupt from the Mediterranean and pastel-hued villages cling to their sides. Sample local delicacies, and learn about life in Italy today during an open forum with area residents. Follow Campania's siren song and join us on this unique program that combines exciting excursions and fascinating lectures with numerous opportunities to immerse yourself in the local culture.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover five UNESCO World Heritage sites: the magnificent **Amalfi Coast**, an area of unsurpassed scenery; the historic center of **Naples**, celebrated for its buildings that date from different historic periods; the amazing Greek ruins in **Paestum**; and the well-preserved ruins of **Herculaneum** and **Pompeii**.
- Visit a **cheese farm** to learn about mozzarella di bufala and enjoy a tasting.
- Marvel at the exhibits in Naples' renowned **Archaeological Museum**.
- Explore the vertical town of **Positano** and the charming resort of **Amalfi**.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- **Seven nights** in Sorrento, Italy, at the first-class **Hotel Plaza Sorrento**.

Transportation

- All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

Activities and Events

- **Informative educational programs** presented by **local experts** will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- **Personal VOX listening device** to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- Attend a **Welcome Reception & Dinner**, gather for a **Farewell Reception** and **Graduation Ceremony** followed by **Dinner**.

Extensive Meal Program

- Enjoy seven breakfasts, four lunches and four dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT

Depart for Naples, Italy.†

† *Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.*

DAY 2 ~ NAPLES/SORRENTO

Upon arrival, transfer† to Sorrento and the Hotel Plaza Sorrento.

Tonight, attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY 3 ~ AMALFI COAST/ POSITANO/AMALFI

Educational Focus: *The History and the Beauty of Campania.*

Excursion: *The Charm of the*

Amalfi Coast. Drive along the fabled Amalfi Coast. Enjoy leisure time in Positano, Italy's most vertical town. In Amalfi, enjoy a walk through the town and see the Duomo di Sant'Andrea and the piazza.

Local Flavor: Lunch today is at a restaurant in Amalfi.

DAY 4 ~ PAESTUM

Excursion: *Mozzarella di Bufala.*

Visit a dairy farm where mozzarella cheese is produced from the milk of buffalo, which were introduced to the area in the 10th century. Enjoy a tasting of this famous cheese.

Excursion: *Paestum.* After being abandoned in the ninth century, this Greco-Roman city was overgrown by vegetation and forgotten until the 18th century. See a variety of ruins, including three well-preserved Doric temples.

Educational Focus and Local

Flavor: *Meet the People.* Chat with local residents during lunch at a restaurant in Paestum.

Educational Focus: *The Wonders of Naples' National Archaeological Museum.*

Local Flavor: Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 5 ~ NAPLES

Excursion: *Naples and the Museo Archeologico Nazionale.* Enjoy a panoramic tour of the historic center of Naples. Start at the top of Posillipo Hill for a view of the city and the entire Bay of Naples, then drive into the city and see Castel Nuovo, San Francesco di Paola, Teatro Carlo and Piazza Plebiscito. Visit the Museo Archeologico Nazionale in Naples. Its collection of

artwork and other objects from Herculaneum and Pompeii makes it one of the most important archaeological museums in the world.

Local Flavor: At lunch, try the famous Neapolitan pizza.

DAY 6 ~ SORRENTO

Independent Exploration: Discover new facets of Sorrento on your own.

Educational Focus: *The Horror and Splendor of Vesuvius.*

Local Flavor: Dinner today is at a restaurant in Sorrento.

DAY 7 ~ POMPEII/ HERCULANEUM

Excursion: *Pompeii and Herculaneum.* The cities of Herculaneum and Pompeii were destroyed when Mount Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79. The small seaside town of Herculaneum was preserved by mudflows, while Pompeii was covered with ash. Marvel at the treasures found at both sites.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch at a restaurant near Pompeii.

DAY 8 ~ SORRENTO

Educational Focus: *Contemporary Italy.*

Independent Exploration: Enjoy your final day at your leisure. Tonight, attend a Farewell Reception, Graduation Ceremony and a Farewell Dinner.

DAY 9 ~ IN TRANSIT

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.†

NOTE: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Available at an additional cost

Isle of Capri. On Day 6, travel by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri. One of the world's most glamorous places, it is situated majestically in a crystal-clear sea and is known for its many grottoes and blissful scenes. Enjoy a private boat ride around the island before spending some time exploring the main town of Capri and wandering along its unique side streets.

ACCOMMODATIONS



HOTEL PLAZA SORRENTO Sorrento

Located just a few steps from the town's main square, the Hotel Plaza Sorrento is close to delightful shops, tempting cafés and restaurants and other popular sites. The hotel features a rooftop solarium and swimming pool offering a breathtaking panoramic view of Sorrento and the Mediterranean Sea. After a busy day of sightseeing, enjoy an in-room beauty treatment. Savor appetizers or a light lunch at the Plaza Café, or sip a cocktail as you take in the 360-degree view from the rooftop Skybar. Each comfortable, air-conditioned guest room offers a satellite TV, minibar, hair dryer, direct-dial telephone, complimentary Wi-Fi and modern furnishings.



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