The Charm of the Amalfi Coast

Inspiring Moments

- Cruise along the splendid Amalfi Coast, where colorful homes cling to rugged hills.
- Relax amid lemon-scented breezes in beautiful, cliffside Sorrento.
- Uncover remarkable history at Pompeii and Herculaneum, plus enjoy a visit to the Naples Archaeological Museum.
- Visit a farm for a tour and tasting of locally made olive oils and cheeses.
- Witness three of the world’s best-preserved Greek temples at Paestum.
- Delight in sensational cuisine, including the local favorite, pizza Napoletana.
- Experience four UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Surrender to the sapphire beauty and enchanting atmosphere of the Amalfi Coast, where the air is fragrant with lemon zest and sweet ocean breezes. Stay in the bewitching town of Sorrento and spend sun-drenched days discovering the region’s incredibly colorful palette. Encounter the whispering relics of ancient cities, listen to the sea splashing along soft shores and visit illustrious landmarks steeped in history. Embrace the incredible ambience sweeping from Amalfi to dynamic Naples to storybook Sorrento, and indulge in the authentic local flavors and unforgettable experiences awaiting you.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1  |  In Transit
Depart for Naples, Italy.

Day 2  |  Naples, Italy | Sorrento
Arrive in Naples, transfer to Sorrento and check in to the Hotel Plaza Sorrento. The delightful town of Sorrento perches above the Bay of Naples. After unpacking, perhaps begin your own discovery of this magical destination with a walk along the Corso Italia, passing quaint trattorias (Italian-style eating establishments), wonderful historical buildings and shops selling refreshing limoncello. Meet your fellow travelers at tonight’s Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3  |  Positano | Amalfi
Discovery: The Charming Amalfi Coast. Revel in the serpentine Amalfi Coast, one of Europe’s most magnificent stretches of coastline with matchless views of terraced hills, blue seas and hilltop towns. Begin in alluring Positano, Italy’s famous vertical town. Following an orientation tour, enjoy time to make your own discoveries and take photos of the unrivaled views and endless staircases. Then board a boat for a relaxing and scenic cruise to Amalfi town, gliding by the iconic topography of rainbow villas, cliffside resorts and fishing communities. Disembark in Amalfi and set out to see its Piazza del Duomo and the Cathedral of St. Andrew sitting atop a grand staircase. Spend free time watching the pace of local life or dip your toes in the sea! Return to Sorrento and gather for a delicious dinner.

Day 4  |  Paestum
Discovery: Paestum. Explore these ancient grounds, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This Greco-Roman city was overgrown by vegetation and forgotten for 1,000 years. Marvel at the features of the spectacular site, including defensive walls, the remains of three Doric-style temples and a host of ruins.
Day 5 | Naples

**Discovery: Naples and the Museo Archeologico Nazionale.** Energetic Naples, the capital city of Campania, welcomes visitors with a vivacious spirit. Gain insight into the ancient world at the Museo Archeologico Nazionale. The museum’s galleries boast one of the largest collections of Greco-Roman artifacts in the world. Continue on a panoramic tour of Naples, taking in sprawling views of the city and the Bay of Naples from atop Posillipo Hill. Note the landmarks of Castel Nuovo, San Francesco di Paola, Teatro di San Carlo and Piazza del Plebiscito. Indulge in authentic Neapolitan pizza for lunch. The savory flavors of this local specialty are unbeatable!

Day 6 | Sorrento

**Free Time:** Join the Elective Activity on the Isle of Capri or stay in Sorrento for a day at leisure.

**Elective | The Isle of Capri.** Travel by hydrofoil to the enchanting Isle of Capri, beloved by artists and writers through the centuries. Enjoy a private boat ride around the island, witnessing the Faraglioni rocks and pretty grottos. Back on land, stroll along Capri’s scenic lanes, visit the Gardens of Augustus or snack on gelato and other delicious treats.

**Enrichment: The Horror and Splendor of Mount Vesuvius.** Learn about the tragic effects of the first-century eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

Day 7 | Herculaneum | Pompeii

**Discovery: Herculaneum and Pompeii.** Spend a full day exploring these captivating Roman cities. The small town of Herculaneum was preserved by mudflows while Pompeii was covered by ash. The preservation of the cities is unlike anything else in the world. Today, they are famous as an excavation site and outdoor museum that reveal how the people of this ancient Roman settlement lived 2,000 years ago. From mosaics to furniture to frescoes, unearth a captivating history lesson as you tour the Forum, baths and houses.

**Enrichment: Contemporary Italy.** Discuss Italian society and the current situation in Italy. Savor Italy’s delectable cuisine during dinner tonight.

Day 8 | Sorrento

**Discovery: Green Side of Sorrento.** Travel inland where skilled agriculturists have a passion for their land. At a farm, tour groves of olive trees, learn how fresh-picked olives are ground into delicious olive oils and see how to make **fior di latte,** a semi-soft cheese. Sample this traditional treat and other local products. Raise a toast to your Italian adventure as you gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 9 | In Transit

Transfer to the airport in Naples for the return flight to your gateway city.

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**AHI Connects: Meet the People.** Following a tasty lunch of local dishes, meet some residents of Paestum. Engage in an engaging dialogue as they discuss their lifestyles and experiences in Italy.

**Enrichment: The Wonders of Naples’ National Museum.** Learn about this renowned museum and its fascinating collections of art and riveting artifacts.

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**Included Features**

- **Accommodations** [with baggage handling]
  - 7 nights in Sorrento, Italy
  - at the first-class Hotel Plaza Sorrento.

- **Extensive Meal Program**
  - 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
  - Opportunities to sample authentic, local cuisine.

- **Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**
  - Small group: Sized just right at 24 guests.
  - AHI Travel Assurance plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
  - Discovery excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
  - Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region.
  - **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
  - **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
  - Electives to pursue your individual interests.
  - Free time to pursue your individual interests.
  - Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
  - A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
  - Tipping of guides and drivers.
  - Complimentary travel mementos.

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**2023 Departures & Pricing**

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Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions. Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants. Electives available at an additional cost.

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Above: Positano | Above right: Mount Vesuvius and Pompeii