

SPLENDORS OF SORRENTO & NAPLES
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Day 1: Thursday, Oct 11th ~ Depart evening (9:50 PM), from Logan International Airport for your overnight flight to Naples, Italy (via Rome) to arrive at 2:50 PM on Oct 12th.

Day 2: Friday, Oct 12th ~ Sorrento

"Benvenuti in Italia!" ("Welcome to Italy!") Upon arrival at the airport in Naples, we will be met by our Tour Escort who will assist with our transfer to our private motorcoach and drive along the Gulf of Naples to Sorrento for check-in at the Hotel Michelangelo. The remainder of the day is at leisure for lunch (on our own), to acquaint ourselves with the hotel and our immediate surroundings on the main street "Corso Italia", the shopping district on Via San Cesareo, the Centro Storico District, and the Piazza Tasso, the center of life in the town. Preceding dinner at our hotel, will have an orientation meeting and welcome drink. (Dinner - wine and mineral water included with lunches and dinners)

Your accommodations from 10/12 to 10/19

Hotel Michelangelo

Corso Italia, 275, 80067

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Free Wi-Fi, hairdryer, a/c, outdoor pool

Tourist / City Tax per person per day approx. 3.00 Euros payable directly to hotel

Day 3: Saturday, Oct 13th ~ Island of Ischia

Today we enjoy an earlier breakfast at the hotel and then travel by smaller buses to the "Porto" (also called "Marina Piccola") for a jetfoil ride across the Gulf of Naples to the main port of the Island of Ischia. This island is the largest of the three off the coast of Naples (Ischia, Capri and Procida). Known for its scenic beauty, small shops, and "high-end" shopping, Ischia's tree-lined boulevards and about 30 miles of coastline also offer spas, natural springs, and relaxation retreats. We will pass by (and observe from the outside), the Aragonese Castle built in 474 BC and walk along Via Colonna where we will have ample time to shop before having lunch near the seaside in the Port town. After lunch, we will journey to Composer William Walton's estate to experience its "La Mortella Gardens" (tickets included) with their large and colorful flora and spectacular views over the harbor and city of Forio. We then transfer back to the Port for return by ferry to Sorrento for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 4: Sunday, Oct 14th ~ Sant' Agata - Fattoria Terranova

After a leisurely breakfast at our Hotel, we will journey toward the Cape of Sorrento and Massa Lubrense to the hillside village of Sant'Agata Sui Due Golfi overlooking the Gulf of Naples and the Bay of Salerno. Here we arrive at the Fattoria Terranova - a beautifully

serene "Agriturismo" surrounded by lush vegetation, vineyards, and olive & citrus groves. Here we participate in a cooking class and wine tasting followed by lunch among the terraced gardens and home-grown products. After this delightful culinary and gastronomical experience, we return to Sorrento for free time to shop or to spend at leisure before dinner and overnight at our hotel. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 5: Monday, Oct 15th ~ Naples

After breakfast at our hotel, we will journey to the Provincial Capital of the Campagna Region and of all of Southern Italy: Naples. This vibrant city is the true birthplace of pizza and the home of many important artifacts of the ancient civilization of Italy. We will visit the National Archeological Museum which houses the wall paintings, mosaics, sculptures, artifacts, and other treasures of Pompeii, Herculaneum and Southern Italy. Our sightseeing tour highlights the Centro Storico (Historic Center) of Naples' old shopping district, "Spaccanapoli", with a visit to the Via San Gregorio, Piazza Gesu and the ornate Capella Sansevero where we will see the magnificent statue of the 18th Century Sculptor, Giuseppe Sammartino, entitled "Cristo Velato" (Veiled Christ). We will enjoy lunch at an authentic Neapolitan pizzeria & spaghetteria before returning to Sorrento for dinner and overnight at the hotel. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 6: Tuesday, Oct 16th ~ Positano

This morning after breakfast, we will journey along one of the most scenic roads in the world - the Amalfi Drive to Positano - Italy's most spectacular and elegant seaside resort. Here we view this terraced city with pastel villas and scenic overlooks and walk along the narrow streets lined with galleries and boutique shops featuring hand-made clothing, sandals, handbags, perfumes, and works of art to enjoy some leisurely time for shopping and coffee before departing by local boat (weather permitting) to Conca dei Marini where we will enjoy lunch at a seaside restaurant before returning to Sorrento for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 7: Wednesday, Oct 17th ~ Gragnano and The Fabbrica Della Pasta

After breakfast, we journey to the small town, Gragnano, where, what is justly known as the best Pasta in all of Italy, is made at the "Fabbrica della Pasta. (Factory of the Pasta). Here we will visit the Pasta-making museum and witness how this small factory makes, packages, and distributes its pasta specialties. We will have a magnificent pasta lunch at its Taverna before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 8: Thursday, Oct 18th ~ Sorrento

This morning is at leisure to relax, enjoy lunch (on our own). Stroll and perhaps visit the Museum Correale, the Historic Center, Sorrento's beautiful architecture, and serene overlooks, or take the day to further explore the area according to your own wishes. After lunch, and for those who wish, we will assemble at the overlook in the Piazza Tasso and walk the short distance on the Corso Italia to experience one of Sorrento's additional treasures - the world renowned "Gelateria Bouganvilla" in the heart of Sorrento where we will learn the age-old secrets of making authentic Gelato "artigianale". After this hands-on and entertaining

Gelato-making class, we will sample our creations & flavors and come to realize why this Gelateria is famous! The later afternoon is free before returning to hotel for our "Farewell dinner in Marina Grande, the fishing village of Sorrento" at Restaurant Zi N'Tonio a Mare. Overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 9: Friday, Oct 19th ~ Naples - Boston

After breakfast and hotel check-out, paying final bills for incidentals and the modest city tax, we will board our bus for the transfer to Naples Airport for our return flight to Boston (via Rome) with full meal and beverage service. (Breakfast)

PLEASE NOTE: SCHEDULING IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE