

**TRAVEL WITH MARIO**  
**SORRENTO & ROME ITINERARY**  
**MAY 4 – MAY 12, 2019**

**Day 1: Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** ~ Depart late evening from Logan International Airport for your overnight flight to Rome, Italy to arrive late morning on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Day 2: Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** ~ Naples - Sorrento

"Benvenuti in Italia!" We arrive at the airport in Rome where we will be met by our Tour Escort who will assist with our transfer. We board our private motorcoach for the drive to Sorrento along the scenic Autostrada connecting Rome to Naples. We will stop for a lunch break and then proceed along to Sorrento for check-in at our hotel. After check-in, the remainder of the day is at leisure to get acquainted with the hotel and this beautifully quaint seaside city. An orientation meeting with welcome drink will be held prior to dinner. Overnight. (Lunch and dinner)

**Your accommodations from 5/5 to 5/9**

**Michelangelo Hotel**

**Corso Italia, 275**

**80067 NA Sorrento, Italy**

**+39 081 878 4844**

**[www.michaelangelohotel.it](http://www.michaelangelohotel.it)**

**Free Wi-Fi (in lobby), hairdryer, a/c, swimming pool**

**Tourist / City Tax per person per day approx. 5 Euros payable directly to hotel**

**Day 3: Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** ~ Sorrento

After breakfast at the hotel, we will be hosted on a morning walk through the historical center of Sorrento, including a visit to the Museum of Correale which is situated in the 18th century palace at the east end of town. We will then embark on a scenic morning walking journey through the historic center of Sorrento to visit the Cathedral, the Chiostro di San Francesco, Sedil Dominava, and Public Gardens near the hillsides of Sorrento, where wild roses and camellias surround us. We then visit La Sorgente, a picturesque agricultural farm, belonging to the family Marciano in the Sorrentine hills with a fabulous view of the city of Naples. Nature's beauty abounds here with orange, lemon, and olive groves which were worked with equipment dating back to the 9th Century. Included in our stay, we will have a traditional Neapolitan Pizza lunch where you can try your hand at making the Pizza! We will sip on homemade wine, enjoy the famous Neapolitan Bruschetta of crisp, tender Italian bread with tomato and a drizzle of olive oil, and sample fresh homemade mozzarella. (We will experience a demonstration of making the mozzarella the old-fashioned way.) After lunch, we return to the hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to shop-and-browse in Sorrento on the Corso Italia and Via San Cesareo and their internationally-known shops. Dinner on own. (Breakfast and lunch)

**Day 4: Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** ~ Isle of Capri

After breakfast at our hotel, we will visit the beautiful Isle of Capri! Our full-day excursion includes a round-trip ferry ride, lunch (on your own) at a local restaurant on Capri, and a guided tour of the town. The town of Capri is very chic with shops, hotels, and restaurants lying along

winding streets. We will also visit the Augustus Gardens, the hilltop village of Anacapri, and witness the magnificent view over the Faraglioni rock formation in the Gulf of Naples. During late afternoon, we will return to the Italian mainland and Sorrento. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Day 5 : Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Amalfi Drive**

After breakfast, we will take an excursion along one of the most scenic roads in the world - *The Amalfi Drive!* Our first stop will be above Positano, where we will then transfer to smaller buses in order to travel to the center of Positano, one of Italy's most famous and elegant resorts. We will then transfer to a passenger boat to journey along the Amalfi Coast to Conca dei Marini, where we'll stop for lunch at a waterfront restaurant. After, we will continue to Amalfi where there will be some free time to visit the beautiful Cathedral of St. Andrew, explore the town, or browse and shop. Return to Sorrento for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

**Day 6: Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Pompeii - Rome**

Following breakfast and hotel check out, we are off to the "lost city" of Pompeii (destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD) and its archeological excavations, followed by lunch in Pompeii. Continue north to Rome, where we will have a late afternoon check-in at our hotel. After some free time for rest, relaxation, or early exploring, we will enjoy dinner at our hotel, followed by a tour of "Rome By Night" to visit some of Rome's best-known sights bathed in light before returning to our hotel for the evening. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

**Your accommodations from 5/9 to 5/12**

**Grand Hotel Palatino**

**Via Cavour, 18**

**00184 Rome, Italy**

**+39 06 4870270**

**[www.hotelpalatino.com](http://www.hotelpalatino.com)**

**Free Wi-Fi, hairdryer, a/c, safe**

**Tourist / City Tax per person per day approx. 6 Euros payable directly to hotel**

**Day 7: Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Vatican City & Rome**

After breakfast we visit Vatican City, including a tour of the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica. Lunch will be on our own or free time for those who may wish to linger at the Vatican, shop or explore the sights of Rome. Then we'll have a panoramic tour of the "Eternal City" including stops at the Coliseum, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, the Spanish Steps, and the Pantheon. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Day 8: Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Cinecitta & Spaghetti Western Locations**

After breakfast at our hotel we will travel to visit the settings of some of the famous "Spaghetti Westerns" produced in Italy. Then we'll visit the Cinecitta movie studio for a special guided tour, followed by a visit to the Cinecitta amusement park where we can enjoy lunch (on our own), sample some entertainment, and view the rides and attractions centered around some of the movies produced at the studio, including the legendary *Ben Hur*. This evening, we prepare to say "Arrivederci Roma" as we experience a farewell dinner with operatic music at a special local restaurant. Overnight at our hotel. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Day 9: Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Rome - Boston**

After breakfast and hotel check-out, paying any incidentals you may have incurred, we will transfer to the Rome Airport for our return flight to Boston with meal and beverage service while en-route. (Breakfast)

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