

“SOUTHERN ITALY AND THE AMALFI COAST” - 8 DAYS



Day 1 ORIGIN CITY / NAPLES

Departure by scheduled flight bound Naples. Arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Dinner and overnightstay at hotel.

Day 2 NAPLES

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning panoramic half-day city tour of Naples, capital of the Italian region Campania and the third-largest municipality in Italy, after Rome and Milan. The visit will include Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Carlo III, Castel Nuovo, San Carlo Opera House, the Galleria Umberto I, the Old Royal Palace and the Church of San Francesco di Paola. Next we will cross the Villa Comunale Park and walk up the hills in the vicinity of Vomero and Posillipo.

There is the possibility of visiting the National Archaeological Museum, originally cavalry barracks and converted into a museum by Charles of Bourbon in the late eighteenth century to house the Farnese Collection that he had inherited. The visit would take about two hours, where you will be able to admire the most important works of the collection among which the Farnese Bull, a Roman classical sculpture from the Baths of Caracalla showing figures from Greek mythology.

At the end of the visit free time before returning to the hotel. Dinner and overnightstay in hotel.

Day 3 CASERTA / NAPLES

Breakfast at the hotel. Caserta, just north of Naples, is a mandatory stop for all tourists for its majestic Royal Palace. The palace, national heritage of UNESCO, was home to the royal family of the Bourbons of Naples, the Spanish dynasty that reigned in Naples during the period between 1734 and 1861. The Royal Palace is one of the most beautiful and elegant in Europe, built to surpass the beauty of Versailles in Paris. In the palace, with 1,200 rooms and 180 acres of parkland, including a lovely English garden, you can admire the Honour Grand Staircase, the Palatine Chapel, the Royal Apartments, the Hall of Halberdiers, the Hall of the Guards, the Hall of Alexander, the Court Theatre, an exquisite example of the style of the eighteenth century. Lunch.

In the afternoon visit of the aqueduct, inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List in 1997, was designed by Luigi Vanvitelli to carry water from Mount Taburno to the Reggia of Caserta. After the visit return to Naples in time for dinner. Overnightstay.

Day 4 NAPLES / SORRENTO AND AMALFI COAST / SORRENTO

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Sorrento, a city that was once strategic location for the business relationships of the Greek and Etruscan civilizations. Lunch. In the afternoon continue along the Amalfi Coast where we will be able to see white villages full of charm, with spectacular churches with majolica domes, rocky protrusions and lemon groves. Return to Sorrento. Dinner and overnightstay in hotel.

Day 5 SORRENTO / PAESTUM / PERTOSA / SORRENTO

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Paestum, a city rich in history and archaeological sites. We will see the Sanctuary of Hera, the Basilica, the Temple of Cerere, the Amphitheatre, the Forum, the "tomba del Tuffatore" or tomb of the Diver in English, and the walls of Paestum with its 5 kilometers long creates a pentagon around the city. Lunch. In the afternoon visit of the caves of Pertosa, located to the north of the Cilento National Park and Vallo di Diano. Fascinating from both a naturalistic and historical and architectural point of view. We will follow an itinerary of 60 minutes, allowing us to visit, after a short boat trip, the northern part of the cave, down to the Great Hall. In the evening return to Sorrento. Dinner and overnight stay in hotel.

Day 6 SORRENTO / CAPRI / SORRENTO

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning a short ferry ride will take us to the island of Capri, famous for its wonderful natural beauty, its ancient history, mild climate and stunning landscape, undoubtedly one of the favorite destinations for international tourists. Upon arrival to Capri, we will visit the city's historic centre on foot. After lunch, we will continue with the visit until taking the ferry back to Sorrento. Dinner and overnightstay in hotel.

Day 7 SORRENTO / POMPEII / NAPLES

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Pompeii, the ancient Roman city buried by the violent eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD. On this visit we will be able to see the interior of the houses, as well as the objects that this ancient civilization used in their everyday life. You will hear a reconstruction of the facts that took place after the eruption thru personal stories, suggested by the remains discovered in the excavations. Lunch. Continue to Naples. Dinner and overnight stay in hotel.

Day 8 NAPLES / ORIGIN CITY

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to airport to take the flight back to your origin city. End of our services.

For operational reasons, there may be changes in the schedule or in the order of visits, but without altering the structure of the itinerary and always keeping the same level of quality.

