

Italy: Pompeii, Capri & the Amalfi Coast

Air Package Itinerary

Steep terraced hillsides line the blue-green gulf of Salerno, and a heady sweetness fills the air. Who knew that any walk could rival yesterday's tour of Pompeii? yet here you are, immersed in a sea of Sfusato Amalfitano lemons—a rare local variety with a sweet floral scent. Delightful coolness settles in as you enter the Valle delle Ferriere, a gorge lush with waterfalls, ancient ferns, and moss-clad limestone walls. Continue past abandoned ironworks and paper mills to a trailside farm, where a local family welcomes you for lunch. Under the pergola on their terrace, enjoy delicately battered zucchini blossoms, linguine with pesto, and glasses of homemade *limoncello*—the perfect inspiration for plotting your next move. Your walking tour takes you on to Amalfi, Capri, and the rest of this beguilingly beautiful coast.



Highlights

- Stroll the stunning gardens immortalized by Wagner in his opera *Parsifal* at the Villa Rufolo.
- Explore the ruins of Pompeii on foot, learning about daily life in this ancient city before Mount Vesuvius buried it under a blanket of volcanic ash.
- Enjoy striking panoramic views and a tasty picnic lunch during a hike along the “Path of the Gods”.
- Stop by the Museo della Carta and discover the ancient art of papermaking.
- Design and craft your own ceramic tile, under the supervision of an expert, local artisan in Minori.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Trace trails through the lush green landscape of the Valley of the Mills.
- Admire sweeping views of the Sorrento countryside during dinner at a 5th-generation, family-owned farm, savoring their organic vegetables and homemade preserves.

On all Guided Adventures you can count on ...



Expert local guides to introduce you to the best of your destination.



Gracious accommodations that are a clean, comfortable home away from home.



Off-the-beaten-path places you'd never find on your own.



Experts to handle all the details.



A maximum of 18 fun-loving fellow travelers to share the journey.



Flight + Tour Combos include plane tickets, airport car service, and pre- and post-tour accommodations.



Delicious, authentic multi-course meals—virtually all are included.

Activity Level

This tour is one of our Guided Walking Adventures, rated moderate with challenging sections, with an average of 4 to 8 miles of walking per day. This tour features a combination of paved roads and easy

terrain mixed with moderate hills, uneven footpaths on downhill slopes, several steps, and hiking trails. On rainy days, the footpaths can be muddy and steps can be slippery. Both morning and afternoon walking options are available most days. On two afternoons, walking is optional and on your own, with route directions provided by the guides and lots of suggestions for self-guided discovery.

FLIGHT DAY

Depart from the United States or Canada

All you have to do is get to the airport. On our Flight + Tour Combos, we'll take care of the rest, handling all the logistics, so you can travel with peace of mind. Spend your first night aloft and arrive refreshed for an unforgettable trip.

ARRIVAL DAY

Arrive in Naples, Italy

Start off your first day in Naples right by having a Country Walkers representative greet you at the airport. A complimentary car service will whisk you to your centrally located hotel. From here, you are perfectly positioned to explore this charming city at your leisure.

DAY 1

Join your Italy: Pompeii, Capri & the Amalfi Coast tour

Pompeii walk; 2 miles, easy. Ravello; 1 mile, easy

After enjoying an included breakfast your guides meet you at 9:00 a.m. in the lobby of your Naples hotel. They'll be wearing Country Walkers shirts. Please ensure that your luggage is in the lobby and you're dressed for walking. Walking shoes or sneakers with sturdy tread required.

After an orientation and safety briefing led by your guides, you'll board a private motorcoach and travel to Pompeii. Upon arrival, meet a local expert for a guided tour of the site. At dawn on August 25, 79 AD, the

violent eruption of Mount Vesuvius caused the total destruction of Pompeii. In just a few moments, all the residents of the city perished, doing whatever they could to survive. Tremendous amounts of ash and cinder covered and preserved the scene precisely as it was at that instant. That's why, today, we know how Romans lived 2,000 years ago. Your guide will reveal, for example, that posters were used for advertising elections and supporting party candidates, and that the word "candidate" comes from candid, the name of a special tunic worn by those running for office to prove they had no criminal record. Lunch is on your own in Pompeii.

Early in the afternoon, shuttle to your hotel in Ravello and settle in. Later in the afternoon, there is still time to roam the terraces of Ravello with your guides, beginning in the peaceful, pedestrian-only center. Admire the white-faced Duomo in Piazza Vescovado and the Arabic-Norman towers of Villa Rufolo, where German composer Richard Wagner was inspired to create music for the scene in Klingsor's magic garden in his opera, *Parsifal*.

Tonight, enjoy a welcome cocktail on the panoramic terrace of your hotel before moving to the dining room for dinner.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 2

DAY 3

DAY 4

DAY 5

DAY 6

DAY 7

Independent exploration of Sorrento

This morning, enjoy breakfast and spend another day at Grand Hotel Cocumella. Take a break to relax, and maybe use the complimentary hotel shuttle to visit downtown Sorrento for some last minute shopping and exploring.

Lunch and dinner are on your own with plenty of options nearby. We provide detailed city information to help you plan your day.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DEPARTURE DAY

Departure

After an included breakfast this morning complimentary transportation will be provided to Naples Capodichino Airport based on your departure time.

Included Meals: Breakfast

What's Included

Air Package

Tour Only

Exceptional boutique accommodations	✓	✓
13 on-tour meals: 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners	✓	✓
Local Guides with you throughout tour	✓	✓
Local wine and/or beer with dinner	✓	✓
Entrance fees and special events as noted in the itinerary	✓	✓
Travel assistance available 24.7 provided by Allianz Global Assistance	✓	✓
Telescopic walking sticks provided on tour	✓	✓
Roundtrip airfare	✓	
One extra night in Naples and one extra night in Sorrento	✓	
Airport car service for arrival and departure	✓	
Pre- and post-tour breakfasts	✓	
Business-class upgrades available	✓	