

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary *The Amalfi Coast*

Saturday, April 21 – Sunday, April 29, 2012

Chances are you know someone who's accompanied The Travel Club on a holiday to this exclusive stretch of Italian coastline. And, when asked about the area, the descriptive adjectives started to flow—picturesque, charming, breathtaking, stunning. We guarantee they weren't exaggerating, yet why not find out for yourself? Steeped in legend and myth, the **Amalfi Coast** may have been home to the sirens of Greek mythology, calling to travelers like Homer's Odysseus to stop and linger. Perhaps it's the lure of the sirens that entices visitors to this coast, yet perhaps this is simply the Italy that many travelers dream about—50 miles of pure paradise. Your stay is in **Maiori**, boasting the "widest and nicest beach on the coast." You'll be treated to a guided tour of the excavations at Pompeii, a full-day visit to the magical isle of **Capri** and a full-day excursion devoted solely to **Sorrento** (including lunch) and Amalfi. The next day you'll travel, via motorboat, to **Positano** where you'll have the entire day to explore on your own.

INCLUDES:

- Round-trip regularly scheduled Alitalia Airlines flights from Boston to Naples, via Rome
- Seven nights' four-star accommodations: Hotel San Francesco, Maiori
- Twenty meals: seven buffet breakfasts, six lunches (including two at local restaurants), seven dinners
- One cooking demonstration at hotel, one ceramic lesson
- Escorted round-trip, private airport/hotel transfers
- Services of professional local guide during excursions

Rates

\$1799 per person double occupancy
\$2159 per person single occupancy

Add \$125 for current air taxes and fees and \$375 for fuel surcharges. Passport required.

FEATURES:

Half-day guided excursion to Pompeii; full-day guided excursion to Capri including lunch; full-day excursion to Sorrento and Amalfi including lunch; visit to Positano, three days of leisure

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Depart Boston on an early evening Alitalia Airlines flight to Rome. Dinner will be served on board. Relax and enjoy the in-flight entertainment.

Day 2: Arrive Rome – connecting flight to Naples – transfer to Maiori

Continental breakfast will be served before landing in Rome. Clear immigration and proceed to your connecting/domestic flight to Naples. Retrieve your luggage and clear customs and meet our local representative who will assist you with the transfer to the **Hotel San Francesco in Maiori**. Check in and receive room assignments. The rest of the day is at leisure to get acquainted with the hotel and surroundings. Lunch and dinner will be served at the hotel. (L, D)

Day 3: Cooking demonstration – Pompeii excursion

After breakfast, you are invited to watch a cooking demonstration at the hotel; a great opportunity to learn some secrets of Mediterranean cuisine. After lunch at the hotel you depart for an excursion to Pompeii. A local professional guide will lead you on a walking tour of the ruins of this Roman town buried by a sudden eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. Thanks to the patient work of talented archaeologists, Pompeii comes to life once again.

Walking through the ancient streets of Pompeii you'll enter ancient dwellings with exciting frescoes, pause at the baths and browse through the shops that were open 2000 years. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. **(B, L, D)**

Day 4: Capri

Perhaps the highlight of this holiday--today you'll enjoy a full-day guided excursion to the magical isle of Capri. Transfer by motor coach to the port of Amalfi and proceed by ferry across the Gulf of Salerno to Capri. Your local guide will lead you on a tour of the island by minibus, including a visit of Villa San Michele, the famous "Piazzetta" and the Gardens of Augustus that overlook the famous Fraglioni rocks. There will be free time to browse around and shop before lunch at a local restaurant. Return in the late afternoon to Maiori for dinner and overnight at the hotel. **(B, L, D)**

Day 5: Maiori – ceramic lesson

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. The morning is free to enjoy "La Dolce Vita on the Amalfi Coast." After lunch at the hotel you'll visit a local artisan shop and enjoy a ceramics lesson. Learn the secrets of this tradition from a master and watch him at work creating a masterpiece. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. **(B, L, D)**

Day 6: Positano

Depart this morning at 10:30am with your local guide for an excursion by private motorboat from Maiori to Positano arriving at 11:15am. You'll have the day on your own to explore this most elegant and well-known resort town of the Amalfi Coast. Your return is scheduled for 4:30pm, arriving back to Maiori at 5:15pm. (Please note: times are approximate and subject to change.) This evening enjoy dinner at the hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 7: Sorrento – Amalfi

After buffet breakfast at the hotel you'll depart on a full-day excursion. Your first stop will be the quaint town of Sorrento. Enjoy a walk through Piazza Tasso and the narrow streets nearby. You'll be treated to lunch at a local restaurant and later head to the town of Amalfi for time on your own. **(B, L, D)**

Day 8: Maiori – Day of Leisure

Today is your day to explore the Amalfi Coast on your own. All meals today are provided at the hotel. **(B, L, D)**

Day 9: Return to Boston

Depart from the hotel early this morning – with a to-go breakfast – for the transfer back to Naples airport and your return flight to Boston, via Rome. **(B)**

Proof of Citizenship is required for all trips outside the United States. U.S. citizens require a valid passport to travel; with at least 6 months' validity. All non-US citizens should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for additional entry requirements. Passports are the responsibility of each traveler.

PLEASE NOTE: This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.

PLEASE NOTE: This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.