



THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary

The Amalfi Coast

Saturday, April 17–Sunday, April 25, 2010

Saturday, May 22–Sunday, May 30, 2010

Chances are you know someone who's joined The Travel Club on a holiday to this exclusive stretch of coastline. And when asked about the area, the descriptive adjectives started to flow—picturesque, charming, breathtaking, stunning. We can guarantee you they weren't exaggerating, but 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 but it just may be that this is the Italy that many travelers dream about—50 miles of paradise. Your stay in paradise will be 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 stops in **Sorrento**, **Amalfi** and **Positano**, in addition to three days of leisure time for exploring on your own. Odysseus was warned against the sirens' call, we think you should heed it.

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled **Alitalia Airlines** flights from Boston to Naples, via Rome
- Seven nights' four-star accommodations at the **Hotel San Francesco** in Maiori
- Twenty meals: 7 buffet breakfasts, 6 lunches (including two at local restaurants), 7 dinners
- One cooking demonstration at hotel, one ceramic lesson
- One evening with music and dance at hotel
- Round-trip, private airport/hotel transfers with assistance
- Services of a professional local guide during excursions

Please note

- This is an exclusive SOMC group
- Not escorted by a Show of the Month travel host

Accommodations

HOTEL SAN FRANCESCO
Via Santa Tecla, 884010 Maiori,
www.hotel-sanfrancesco.it

Located just steps from the beach and historical center of Maiori, the Hotel San Francesco is in an ideal position to enjoy the Amalfi Coast. Rooms offer private bath with hair dryer, cable satellite TV, air conditioning, direct dial phone and mini bar.

Rates

\$1,649 per person double occupancy
\$2,009 single reservations

Triple occupancy may be available upon request. Add \$365 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Passport required.

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Evening departure from Boston to Rome, via Alitalia Airlines. Dinner will be served on board. Relax and enjoy the in-flight entertainment.

Day 2: Arrive Rome – transfer to Naples

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 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, 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. 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: 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 7: Sorrento – Amalfi – Positano

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 and then on to famous Positano. This is the most elegant and well-known resort town of the Amalfi Coast. With ancient origins – it was founded by the fugitives of Paestum who had escaped from the Saracens. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. **(B, L, D)**

Day 8: Maiori

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Your last full day is at leisure to enjoy the peaceful life on the Amalfi Coast, a land blessed by the warm Mediterranean sun. Dinner will be served at the hotel followed by an evening of music and dance. **(B, D)**

Day 9: Return to Boston

Early morning coach and a to-go breakfast as you are transferred to Naples airport for 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 traveller.

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.