

AMALFI COAST ITINERARY

Hi Everybody,

We have 46 of us on this trip! Here you have a well-thought-out tour itinerary which offers a nice variety – all at discounted group rates. You will receive a more complete itinerary a few weeks before our trip.

There are only 4 tours here that you need to sign up for in advance. My advice is to sign up for all of these tours. I must pay for the tours before we depart so signing people up during the course of the trip will be difficult and require time that I won't have. I am very excited about this trip and I believe these tours will help make it absolutely perfect.

MAY 3rd: Arrival in evening

MAY 4th: Take public bus down Amalfi Coast. No need to sign up in advance. We will depart in two shifts so we can all make it on the public buses. You will indicate your time preference the night before and our hotel will shuttle us to the bus depot. At each town there will be a bus stop. The buses come every 20 minutes and run until 10 p.m. I will give you a bus schedule and we will split off into smaller groups and have time to enjoy the towns that we are interested in without a time schedule. We will talk more about this when I see you.

MAY 5th: Private yacht charter to Procida and Ischia aboard Maria Giovanna. http://www.italyyachtcharters.com/yacht_gulet_ityc_maria_giovanna.htm Some of our very best times have been on these types of private tours. This is an awesome yacht (perhaps the best in Naples Bay – click on the link!). We will have the boat to ourselves and will cruise over to Procida Island where we will walk, browse and stop for lunch. Perhaps you would want to rent a scooter? We will then cruise over to Ischia island to enjoy some time on this island and the view of the coastline. You are welcome to bring aboard your own liquor for this tour! **Cost:** \$100

MAY 6th, 9 a.m.: Sorrento tour. We will take a guided walking tour of Sorrento with a professional guide. This is included in your package.

1:00 p.m. Pompei tour. Today we will visit the famous site of Pompei. Our guide and bus will pick us up by bus in Sorrento directly after our walking tour.

COST: \$40 pp includes transportation, guide and entry fee.

MAY 7th, 10:00 a.m.: Today we have a half-day tour along the coast in 3 boats that will take us along the Amalfi Coast from Sorrento to Positano. Here is more information:

You will spend four hours seeing all the natural beauties of the islands and its wonderful coast line. It is a beautiful experience you need to do in order to learn more about the places you have always admired in a postcard. We will pick you up, with a comfortable shuttle bus, from your accommodation in Sorrento to reach the departure harbour within few minutes. The tour departs from the Harbour in Piano di Sorrento and returns to the original departure point.

With Capitanoago you will cruise from Sorrento to [the Amalfi coast](#) with numerous stops along the coast itself. We will pass through the town of [Nerano](#) and the natural reserve of the [Bay di Ieranto](#). The bay is owned by the Fondo per l'Ambiente Italiano (FAI), Italy's equivalent of the National Historic Landmarks Program. From here



you will enjoy the view of the whole Amalfi coast with a spectacular overlooking on [Positano](#), Amalfi and Praiano. The water will be so inviting that after drinking a cup of Champaign you will be naturally attracted to immerse your self in the dark sparkling blue water.

Like in any great moment of life our available time will end here. After a memorable and relaxing swim, we will face a blinding sunlight reflecting from the calm sea on our prow, that will warmly accompanying us home.

Excursion Price includes:

- Pick up back and forth to the Hotel
- Swim at Li Galli
- Cruise along the Amalfi Coast
- Soft drinks and alcoholic
- Snack and Fruits
- Snorkeling equipment
- Skipper english speaking
- Gasoline
- All tax
- Towels
- Excursion lasts about 4 hours

Cost: \$75 (reg. \$115).

Of course you may also choose to spend another day of touring the Amalfi Coast via bus and visit more of the towns you may have missed the first day.

MAY 8th: 8:30 a.m. Transport to Capri. We will be using the hotel's bus to transport first our luggage and then us to the Sorrento Port. Look for more information from me when I see you on the timing. We are on the 9:25 ferry. The ferry takes about 1 hour. When we arrive at Capri we will take the funicolare (small tram) up the hill to our hotel. You will keep your luggage with you. If you need help with your luggage the fee for the transport to the hotel is 10 euro per bag.

1:00 P.M. We will meet in the lobby for a walking tour of Capri town with a professional guide. We will take in the important sights as well as the Gardens of Augustus and Tragara Cape. This tour is included in your package.

MAY 9th, 9:00 a.m.: Tour of Capri with boat, bus and funicular. Complete private tour.

Our tour starts with the visit of the "Blue Grotto" if the weather permits (because this amazing cave is open 1 day out of four (it depends on the level of the sea and of course also if the sea is little rough is closed because the entrance is about 1 meter high, 3feet). By the time we get on the island we plan the best way to reach the entrance SKIPPING the line either by boat or by private minibuses. Soon after the visit of the cave we will DRIVE ON THE MAMMA MIA ROAD (OR OH MY GOD ROAD) to reach ANACAPRI the second largest center of the island where you will have the opportunity to enjoy the chairlift to get on the highest point of the island 589 meters high above the sea level (1800 feet), little walking tour to the best view point, free time, lunch time and as soon as we get ready we will go by private minibuses to Marina Piccola by bus and enjoy the beautiful water from the rocky beach (there is not sand on the island) where there is also a beautiful restaurant. See the beautiful view of the bay of Salerno. Free time and as soon as we get ready from the main square we will catch the famous Funicolare (CABLE CAR) to reach the main pier of Capri MARINA GRANDE.

COST: \$50 per person includes: transportation to the entrance of the blue grotto either by boat or by bus. Entrance fees for the blue grotto, transportation by private minibuses on the island. Entrance fees of the Caesar Augustus Garden, an English speaking guide.

NOTE: If the blue grotto is closed we will do a boat ride all around the island to see the other caves.

MAY 10th: Free day in Capri. I will offer up some suggestions that have been given me by other guides to see, beaches to explore and other hidden treasures. If you are a diver you might consider booking a scuba dive today. If you prefer to have a guide today and there are enough people interested you can let me know and I will arrange for a guide to show you other parts of the island for a fee.

Here's a website for some ideas:

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/italy/campania/capri/activities>

Diving Capri: <http://www.capriseaservice.com/en/diving> Let me know if you are interested in this. I would be interested.

This beach might be nice to visit: <http://www.capri.net/en/c/bagni-di-tiberio>

How about kayaking? <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/italy/campania/capri/activities/canoeing-kayaking>

MAY 11th, 9:30 a.m. We will depart our hotel and make our way to the harbor for our ferry to Naples (10:20 a.m.). We will be in Naples in 50 minutes. From there we will board our bus and depart to Rome.

After checking in at our hotel, and leaving some time for lunch, we will make our way over to the Vatican to take a self-guided tour including St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel. The late afternoon is the best time to visit as there are no lines. There will be no reason to make a reservation. Also, there will be headsets available to rent which make a nice way to enjoy the tour. You will pay individually for your entry fee.

MAY 12th, 9:00 a.m. We will be met at our hotel by our guide, Luca, whom we used on our last trip to Rome. She is an excellent tour guide who will take us on a 4-hour walking tour which will include the Coliseum, the Roman Forum and we'll finish the tour in Piazza Venezia where you will have the rest of the day to enjoy. You may want to do the hop on/ hop off trolley which is a great way to get around and have time at the many sites.

COST: \$28 WITH GUIDE AND ADMISSION FEE