

CULINARY WALKING ADVENTURE

Amalfi Culinary

The Tastemakers of Positano & the Isle of Capri

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Food & Wine of Southern Italy

Italians are passionate about food. (And anyone who's traveled to Italy will chuckle at that understatement.) So with our Italian friends as guides, we set out to plan a special itinerary that combines beautiful walks with an emphasis on cooking and culinary traditions. All so you could sample your way through the kitchens, gardens, and vineyards of the fabled Amalfi Coast. Imagine it: There you are, settled into a lovely hotel in a fishing village on the steep and sunny coastline. You take walks that reveal Positano, Ravello, the Isle of Capri, and even Pompeii with an archaeologist friend of ours. And oh the seafood, the lemons that grow on trees lining the streets, the cheese. We've arranged informal cooking sessions in a charming setting with one of our favorite cooks as well as some hands-on tutoring with professional chefs. Like a great Italian meal, this week is a long, happy, satisfying event that you'll wish would never end.

The Classic Journeys Difference

- ACTIVE HIKING & WALKING
- LOCAL WELL-CONNECTED GUIDES
- PREMIERE HOTELS
- FOODIE FOCUSED
- HANDCRAFTED TRIP DESIGN
- MORE IS INCLUDED

What's Included

- All breakfasts, 4 lunches (cooking instructions), 4 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to tastings, historic sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip
- Award-winning boutique hotels that provide you unlimited access to the people and places, culture and history you came to experience

Above & Beyond Benefits

→ WINE ON US

In many regions, we uncork wonderful local wines at every dinner, compliments of Classic Journeys.

→ INVISIBLE CHECK-IN

When your group arrives, we whisk you and your bags to your room immediately. No waiting – no tipping.

→ PERFECT PAIRINGS DINNERS

A special dinner prepared by one of our favorite chefs with a procession of wines tailored to each course.

→ PRIVILEGED ACCESS EVENTS

One-of-a-kind access to remarkable people, places and activities arranged just for you.

Terrain

Easy to moderate on good trails and coastal paths. On average, a couple of hours of walking per day.

CLASSIC JOURNEYS ITINERARIES MAY BE SUBJECT TO SLIGHT CHANGES, HOTEL SUBSTITUTIONS, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS.

DAY 1 »

Pompeii

Meet in Naples at your hotel overlooking the bay and the fortress. Your afternoon is dedicated to perhaps the greatest treasure of Roman antiquity: Pompeii. You know the story of how it was buried by an eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD and of the centuries-long process of excavating the ruins – a process that's still yielding remarkable discoveries. That story comes to vivid life as you explore with your own expert archeologist. You'll see the details and nuances of the city as your guide takes you to a favorite villa and hidden parts of the site.

Late afternoon, you return to Naples. Your hotel is located right on the waterfront, is an ideal location for a leisurely walk on your own, before or after a festive welcome dinner.

MEALS: D

OVERNIGHT: NAPLES

DAY 2 »

Capri

After breakfast, you board a hydrofoil for a brief skim across the bay to the Isle of Capri, where you'll have the incomparable luxury of calling it your home away from home for the next two nights. From the dock, convertible taxis whisk you up to the piazzetta, the little square that is the heart of Capri's pedestrian village and just a few steps from the Grand Hotel Quisisana. The Quisi is the island's most iconic hotel, where "grand" takes on a whole new meaning.

In the days ahead, you'll have plenty of time to explore and shop in the charming, boutique-lined streets. (Any designer label that comes to mind when you think of haute couture has a boutique on Capri). You walk to one of Capri's hidden gems, a family-run restaurant secluded amongst the trees where we have our first cooking experience of the week. After enjoying our lunch, we stretch our legs on a footpath that follows along the coast. Our walk includes jaw-dropping views of the faraglioni, three enormous rocks that emerge dramatically from the deep blue sea, the highest one of which was used as the base for a lighthouse hundreds of years ago. After returning to the hotel, you have time to relax or shop, and enjoy the quaint atmosphere of Capri at night.

MEALS: B, L

OVERNIGHT: CAPRI

DAY 3 »

Capri

One of the most unexpected and unforgettable experiences on Capri is making the ascent to Monte Solaro. From Anacapri, the island's other main village, a chairlift takes you up to the terrace on the mountaintop. On the chairlift, you're so close to nature and culture that your feet almost graze the small fruit trees in the gardens of the homes you glide over. Once at the top, remarkable views come into focus. You can see the arc of the bay and Naples at its edge with the iconic profile of Vesuvius. There's also a view to the Amalfi Peninsula and the blue-as-blue-can-be Tyrrhenian Sea. The jaw dropping views continue as you walk on a natural footpath that wanders through meadows and past a 14th century monastery.

Back in Anacapri, set out to explore this charming hilltop town, on foot and at eye level, as you wind your way through its narrow streets and soak in its sunny island tempo. Anacapri also has a long tradition of handmade crafts, including leather sandals and artistic ceramics that you can find proudly displayed by the locals in their quaint shops. Enjoy browsing at your leisure before making your way back to the village of Capri in the early afternoon, where you can sip a Negroni on a terrace in the pedestrian-only piazzetta. Take advantage of the many different amenities of the hotel and, by all means, explore the elegant shops that stay open late into the evening. The day-trippers are gone, and this peaceful face of Capri is a wonderful way to bring your day to a lingering and very satisfying end. Dinner tonight is at the exclusive restaurant of the Quisisana hotel.

MEALS: B, D

OVERNIGHT: CAPRI

DAY 4 »

Sorrento Hills / Positano

After a sumptuous breakfast wave goodbye to the Quisisana and Capri to return to the mainland. Tracing the perimeter of the bay, arrive in Sorrento. From here, driving up the rolling hills, you head towards our hosts' organic farm, located in the countryside of a town called Sant'Agata sui due Golfi, for a delicious and truly southern Italian hands-on cooking class. Immerse yourself in the experience of learning how to prepare the iconic dishes that have made this area famous worldwide. Prepare, course after course, and with the friendly help of a member of the family that welcomes us, our Mediterranean farm lunch.

From the farm, the sinuous Amalfi Drive traces the peninsula's edge. A remarkable work of engineering, it is carved out of the side of a mountain, with views down to the Tyrrhenian Sea and up to the cliffs above. At the farthest point, you can see back to Capri. In the afternoon, you arrive in the seaside village of Positano. When John Steinbeck lived here, he wrote that "Positano is a dream place that isn't quite real when you are there and becomes beckoningly real after you've gone." But don't worry. Your guide will see to it that you have plenty of opportunities to enjoy the reality of Positano during your visit. And that starts with the pinch-yourself views from your cliffside hotel. The town stretches from your window and the pastel-colored villas cling almost to the steep slopes down to the sea.

Shortly after arriving in Positano, we will have time to feel the local flavor of the famed Amalfi Coast. Join your guide for an exploration of Positano, where you have time to soak in the unique atmosphere while walking down the colorful and meandering little streets at sunset, before reuniting with your travel companions again for dinner in town.

MEALS: B, L, D

OVERNIGHT: POSITANO

DAY 5 »

Ravello / Amalfi

Your morning opens with a scenic drive (there is no other kind of drive in Amalfi) to Ravello. Perched high on a ridge, the town has a lovely historic center with colorful ceramic shops and bustling sidewalk cafes. All sidewalks end at the literal edge of gardens where you can see miles and miles of coastline from a single spot. Upon arrival in Ravello, we are welcomed into a local kitchen for another unforgettable cooking experience.

In the early afternoon, we drive down to Amalfi, Italy's oldest maritime republic. Here we walk through its streets and squares, passing by the cathedral with its golden façade. The area owes its renown to the many foreign writers and artists who depicted the wild beauty of the town and the surrounding valley, made even more charming by the presence of medieval buildings and visible traces of a glorious past of seafaring and trade, which made the Amalphitani some of the most successful merchants around the Mediterranean.

MEALS: B, L, D OVERNIGHT: POSITANO

DAY 6 »

Positano / Sorrento

This morning we say "arrivederci" to the Amalfi Coast, and drive up the rolling hills to the countryside. We follow a path that meanders through chestnut trees and a pinewood forest, passing by the local's homes and gardens where all sorts of delicious seasonal fruits and vegetables are grown. You head towards your destination where your hosts await you on the hills above Sorrento for a delicious and truly Neapolitan hands-on pizza making experience. Watch and discover (and try it yourself!) how to make the freshest-ever mozzarella. Then toss pizza dough, dollop on your favorite toppings, and tend to the perfect baking of your own masterpiece, in an original wood fired oven.

To cap the experience, join our hosts and visit the farm's very own small factory that creates some of the region's finest limoncello. You'll see how the giant local lemons are condensed down to the gold liqueur and then sip an icy, citrus-y toast to your time on the Amalfi Coast.

In the afternoon we head to Sorrento, the town that has enchanted generations of travelers, starting from the wealthy Roman Senators to the artists of the Grand Tour. While strolling through the bustling little streets, why not indulge and try one of Italy's best gelatos, an invigorating espresso, or a smooth cappuccino, before returning to Naples to part company?

MEALS: B, L

Tour Hotels



[Grand Hotel Vesuvio](#)

Built in 1882, the Grand Hotel Vesuvio is centrally located on the waterfront, overlooking Santa Lucia Harbor and the Bay of Naples. The atmosphere of an old-world hotel gracefully combines with all the modern comforts and personalized services.

NIGHTS: 1 nights



[Grand Hotel Quisisana](#)

The 'Quisi' is THE hotel in Capri. Grand and gracious, it's been named one of the World's Top 100 Hotels by both Condé Nast Traveler and Travel + Leisure. Its staid façade on the town square gives way to a hugely glamorous pool overlooking the sea.

NIGHTS: 2 nights



[Le Agavi](#)

This beautiful 5-star hotel is built into a cliff overlooking the bay of Positano and boasts a sea-view restaurant and private beach. The appointed guest rooms have their own balcony or terrace from where to enjoy wonderful views of Positano and the sea.

NIGHTS: 2 nights

Arrival & Departure

→ ARRIVAL DETAILS

START LOCATION: **Lobby of Grand Hotel Vesuvio**
START CITY: **Naples**
START TIME: **1:30 PM**

→ DEPARTURE DETAILS

END LOCATION: **Train Station**
END CITY: **Naples**
END TIME: **6:30 PM**