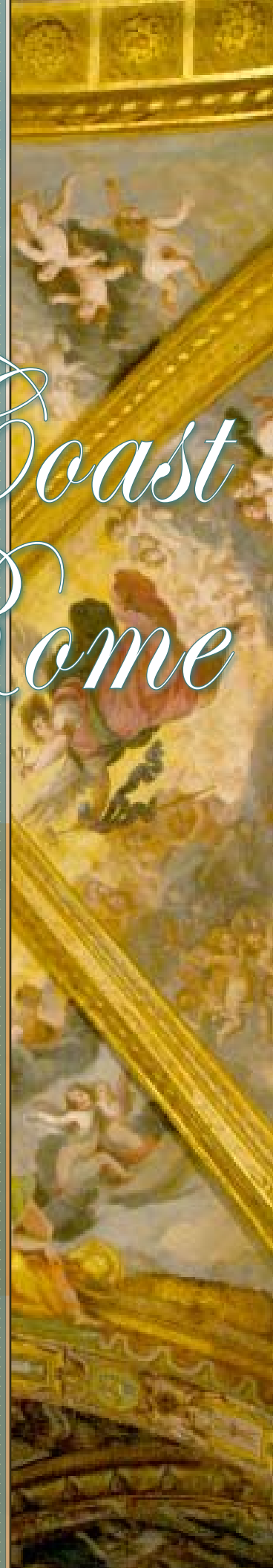


# The Jewels of the Amalfi Coast ..and Rome

An exclusive small group guided trip to the breath-taking Amalfi Coast, Pompeii, the sparkling waters of the Mediterranean, and Eternal Rome.

Enjoy Italy through its traditions, fine wines, authentic cuisine, unique crafts, and historical sites.

Live with passion. Love with abandon.  
Travel with Nada's Italy.



# Not just a trip, a true Italian experience.



**Experience a fascinating, warm, and friendly culture, food, wine, and opera in one special trip to remember for a lifetime.**

Perhaps you've been wanting to go to Italy on your own, but worried about things such as the language barrier, challenging driving conditions, and the task of figuring out which places are truly worth visiting and which are the infamous tourist traps. On the other hand, you don't feel quite the tour type and don't want to end up imprisoned with dozens of strangers on a big 'cattle-bus', right? So, here is the chance for the perfect compromise: if you love nature, art, food & wine, but don't want to be rushed during your vacation, this trip for you. You can see and do what you want, shop, walk, visit a museum, or just sit back at a café, while feeling confident you're not missing out on the "good stuff".

## **Eat well, drink well, live well.**

That's the 'Italian way'! Thoroughly enjoy the historic towns that Italy is known for at a comfortable pace for any age, no early wake-ups, and no hurried meals in tourist restaurants!

Experience authentic local delicacies, people, historic places, and yes, well-deserved relaxation! After all, it's a vacation, isn't it?

## **Have your 'pizza' and eat it too.**

Take fun cooking lessons using family recipes, explore small hill-top towns, visit vineyards and farmhouses, learn how olive oil, wine, cheese, and other local products are made. A small group tour allows you to receive a personal approach to the regional culture, dine in small family-owned restaurants as a local, not a tourist!

*Buon Viaggio from Nada's Italy!*

## **Buongiorno!**

Nada Vergili was born and raised in the beautiful 'cradle of the Renaissance', Florence, Italy. While now living in the United States, a big part of her heart remains in Italia (and her stomach too!). Being there for so many years has allowed her to find unique destinations, true gems that are often found away from the typical tourist routes.

### **Not-so-typical tours for not-so-typical-travelers.**

With so many tour companies covering Italy, Nada's mission has always been to be different by offering a memorable experience that travelers would not expect from a tour. In her words: "I want for my guests to feel at home and get to know the wonderful Italian culture first-hand. But at the same time, I realize people love different things, so I found a way to create a trip where everyone is able to enjoy the things they love, while not missing out on the important sites."

**Whether you're a shopper, explorer, a history buff, a wine and food lover, you can finally have it all!**

On Nada's tours you will be able to enjoy the delightful things that Italy is known for, while having a completely worry-free vacation.

**Nada's priority is that you have fun, feel safe, and have the most authentic and wonderful experience in Italy.**

*Nada Vergili - Owner & Tour Leader*

# What makes this trip different?

🍷 **Full-time service** of a professional English-speaking local Italian guide.

🍷 **No Early wake-ups!** Unlike most tours, our typical day-trip departs anywhere between 9:00-10:00am.

🍷 **Free time** on your own during day trips for shopping, exploring, relaxing, etc. so you can do what you want!

🍷 **Calmer pace:** maximum of 3 different hotel stays so you don't have to pack and unpack everyday, and you don't waste time checking in and out of hotels.

🍷 **Less time driving: more time having fun!** Regional tours allow you to experience the local culture without having to drive from place to place to place to place..

🍷 **Smaller vehicles** can access historical centers, so you are right where you want to be, without wasting time getting there.

🍷 **Beverages included** with meals (red and white wine, water, coffee, soft drinks - in limited quantities).

🍷 **Most meals included:** Fine wine, excellent food in top-level locations as well as authentic family owned restaurants, so you can experience only the best food Italy has to offer and not worry about ending up in a lousy tourist 'trap'.

🍷 **Fixed Trip Price & No Hidden Costs:** Once your balance is paid, the trip price is fixed so you don't have to worry about exchange rate fluctuations! Also included in trip price: local VAT (sales) tax, government taxes, gas, highway tolls, city access licenses and permits, parking fees, and all other travel expenses relating strictly to activities included in tour.

🍷 **Activities Included:** Escorted daily activities such as: museum visits (including entrance ticket), walking tours with local guides, artisan shops, wine tours, excursions by boat, cooking classes, day-trips, and much more!

🍷 **Pre-trip assistance:** travel advice, packing help, and other useful documents & travel gadgets.

🍷 **Personal approach:** family farms, cooking classes, visits to local craft shops, vineyards, and access to other destinations where you will feel especially pampered in an exclusive environment.

🍷 **No luggage limit!** While many other tours have luggage limits, Nada's Italy lets you bring as much or as little as you want. (airline restrictions apply, prepare accordingly)

🍷 **Option to pay by Credit Card:** Nada's Italy is proud to accept Visa, MC, Discover, and American Express.

🍷 **Customer loyalty reward:** after your first trip, you'll receive a \$300 credit on all future trips with Nada's Italy.

🍷 **Materials for trip:** Guide Book & Italian Travel Phrase book, Luggage Tags, Maps for each town visited during tour, and much more!



# Rome & Amalfi Coast

All roads may lead to Rome..but the journey sure doesn't stop there.

The voyage begins in the "Eternal city", with its endless wealth of culture, history and beauty, where you'll discover some of its most amazing landmarks with a local guide.

Then on to the impressive Amalfi coast, a uniquely inspiring coastline with such extremely picturesque towns as Positano, Amalfi and Ravello. The islands off this stretch of dramatic coastline, such as Capri, have been a holiday destination for Roman Emperors for their jaw-dropping beautiful scenery: wild flowers, fragrant lemon groves, and vineyards. The jewels in the crown of the Amalfi coast are the little towns adorning its shores, which are only given justice when experienced both by land and by sea.

Discover how local products are made, like the deliciously creamy Mozzarella di Bufala and decadently zesty Limoncello, take cooking classes, visit family farms as you soak up the atmosphere of this vibrant Mediterranean coast. Stroll by elegant villas adorned with bougainvillea and wisteria, stacked vertically on steep terraced hillsides. Explore hidden piazzas hiding a plethora of cafes and shops in the maze of steep stairs and alleyways.

Get close (but not too close!) to the intimidating Mount Vesuvius, who watches over the entire Gulf of Naples. Visit a vineyard just located at its foothills and meet the family whose dedication to cultivating the vines is by far more audacious than the option to yield to the volcano's ever-present threat. Relive history in Pompeii, the ancient Roman city buried by volcanic ash for centuries after the devastating eruption of 79 A.D.

## THE 'TEARS OF CHRIST'

Lacryma Christi, (also Lachryma Christi, literally "tear of Christ"), is the name of a celebrated Neapolitan type of wine produced on the slopes of Mount Vesuvius in Campania, Italy. The name Lacryma Christi comes from an

old legend that Christ, crying over Lucifer's fall from heaven, cried his tears on the land and gave divine inspiration to the vines that grew there.

The sides of Vesuvius are deeply scarred by past lava flows, and its lower slopes are extremely fertile, dotted with villages and covered with vineyards.

Vesuvian wine has been enjoyed since ancient times. Evidence of the area's delight in wine was preserved by Vesuvius' lava. It is said that even the god Bacchus found pleasure in the abundant wine and the company of those who lived at the foot of the volcano.

Ironically, while Vesuvius destroyed towns, its lava made the soil fertile and ideal for wine making.



# § THE ITINERARY §

(Itinerary is subject to change with or without notice. Sequence of day trips may vary. Final itinerary will be given prior to the trip.)



## 🌿 Friday Day 1 | Benvenuto - Welcome!

Arrival in Rome after a long flight overseas, so get some rest in what the Romans called 'Roma Caput Mundi' (Rome, Capital of the World). Stay in a historical aristocratic palazzo, turned into a 4-star hotel, located in one of Rome's most sumptuously elegant neighborhoods. First night stay in Rome hotel. **No meals.**

## 🌿 Saturday Day 2 | Monuments of Ancient Rome

After breakfast, you'll admire some of the classic splendors of the Roman Empire. A private orientation tour in the "Eternal City" exploring its civilization through the ages with a local guide and private driver. Group lunch in a local trattoria.

Then checkout from hotel in Rome, as we make our way to Southern Italy

and the Amalfi Coast. Check into our B&B in Positano. Take some time for a relaxing stroll through this beautiful 'vertical' village and enjoy the first dinner with the group in a local restaurant. **BLD**

## 🌿 Sunday Day 3 | La Costa dei Sogni : The Coast of Dreams

Today we visit the awe-inspiring coastal villages along the 'Costiera', including Amalfi, with its spectacular byzantine-style Cathedral, lovely shops and characteristic piazza. We continue our vertigo-inducing drive to Ravello for a group lunch in one of the most scenic and high-level restaurants of the area. Free time in Ravello, with its aristocratic villas clinging to the mountainside and breath-taking views of lemon orchards planted on terraced cliffs. Visit the ruins of the 11th-century Moorish Villa Rufolo, former residence of a rich trading family. Then if you wish, you can also walk up to the magical gardens of Villa Cimbrone and its amazing gardens. Shop for the wonderful bright hand-painted pottery items or the local specialty: Limoncello. On our way back to Positano we'll stop at one of the most beautiful ultra-luxury hotels to take some photos and where you can enjoy a refreshing aperitivo before dinner, which will be in a family owned trattoria with traditional local dishes! **BLD**

## 🌿 Monday Day 4 | L'Arte del Vivere Bene : The Art of Living Well

We're off to the surroundings of the town of Battipaglia, south of the Amalfi Coast, known for the production of the world's best gourmet Mozzarella di Bufala (made from buffalo milk). We'll visit a local farm where you can see how this tasty cheese is made as well as enjoy a delicious lunch with the farm's specialties. Then take a trip back in time, visiting the Greek temples of Paestum. These amazing structures are the standing remains of three major temples in Doric style, dating from the first half of the 6th century BC, a huge testimony of the Greek colonies in this area. These were dedicated to Hera, Apollo, and Athena. Our private guide will introduce us to this civilization. On our way back we are going up the mountains to a family farm where you'll learn to cook some regional specialties.. and of course enjoy them for dinner!! A truly enchanting place with an equally delightful couple to complete this memorable day. **BLD**

## 🌿 Tuesday Day 5 | Tesori tra Mare e Cielo : Treasures between Sea and Sky

Aaaah.... take it easy today with an incredibly scenic and mind-soothing private boat ride along the coast, visiting hidden caves with sparkling emerald waters. De-stress with a refreshing swim near a quiet bay. Group lunch in a typical fish restaurant that can only be reached by boat. Take some of the best photos you'll ever take as we discover hidden inlets and grottos only accessible by swimming! We'll pass the coastal towns of Praiano, the fiord of Furore, Sofia Loren's villa, and Amalfi. Towels and on-board refreshments are provided. Wear your bathing suit, comfortable clothing, and don't forget the sun screen! **BL**



### Wednesday Day 6 | Vivere la Dolce Vita : Living the Sweet Life

Morning on your own to relax and explore the charming town of Positano ~ it's a vacation after all! Lunch in a family restaurant with a panoramic view. Afternoon excursion to the bustling town of Sorrento. Enjoy some free time to explore Sorrento's lovely shops, boutiques, and...more shops! Explore the local artisans, especially known for hand-engraved wooden boxes. Dinner in Sorrento with a piping-hot Neapolitan-style pizza! **BLD**

### Thursday Day 7 | Vino e Amicizia : Wine and Friendship

Are you ready to get close to a sleeping giant? It's the intimidating Vesuvius, the infamous volcano whose eruption buried almost 2,000 people. Its unforgiving lava, however, left behind a rich soil full of minerals where lovely vines produce a deep, dry, floral wine called 'Lacryma Christi'. Learn more about it during a private visit of a family-owned vineyard, where the friendly owners will tell us about their history and products, which we'll enjoy during our group lunch. You also can't miss a stop at a famous "Cameo" factory, it is here that the most world-renown cameo masters create these superbly detailed pendants and jewels from seashells and rare Mediterranean red coral. Then discover ancient treasures that for centuries were hidden beneath layers of lava in the nearby town of Pompeii. A local guide will walk us through the intriguing Roman lifestyle, visiting the residences of Roman nobility before the tremendous eruption of 79 A.D. **BLD**



### Friday Day 8 | Alla scoperta dei piaceri del nostro passato : Discovering the pleasures of our past

Today we board a private boat that will take us to the amazing island of Capri. Take a picturesque walk to the top of the island visiting the remains of Emperor Tiberius's Villa Jovis, passing by fragrant groves of chestnut, pine, lemon, and olive trees, and rose gardens spilling over elegant villa walls. Or, take a cab (15 minutes drive) up to the old town of Anacapri, a less-touristy part of the island. Group gathers at dock to continue for a memorable boat tour around the island, during which you'll have the chance to go into the Blue Grotto. You will also be able to take a refreshing swim in a quiet bay, away from crowds. Group dinner near hotel in nearby family trattoria. **BD**

### Saturday Day 9 | Il Paese del Sole : Village in the Sun

Free day in Positano ~ rest, relax by the beach, explore nearby towns, or complete your shopping missions! Group dinner in Positano. **B**

### Sunday Day 10 | Ritorno alle Origini : Return to the Origins

After check-out we'll begin our drive towards Rome. Group lunch along the way in Castelli Romani, one of the most exclusive residential suburbs of Rome, where even the Pope has a summer residence. Check-in Rome hotel for final night stay. Enjoy your final day at your leisure in this spectacular city, where discovery never ends! **BL**

### Monday Day 11 | Arrivederci!

Check-out from Hotel and ...Arrivederci! As hard as it may be to leave these beautiful sites, we hope to see you again soon in lovely Italy! **B**

**A one-of-a-kind journey totaling 10 nights/11 days**, of which 2 nights are spent in a centrally located 4-star hotel in Rome and 8 nights are in a comfortable, family owned B&B in Positano with views on the Amalfi Coast. **Airfare is not included.** Nada's Italy will be available for assistance should you wish to extend your stay in Rome or other Italian cities.

For price and space availability, please contact us: [info@nadasitaly.com](mailto:info@nadasitaly.com)

When you see the Amalfi Coast, you understand why the Roman Emperors spent so much time here; superb views, luxuriant gardens, high cliffs, and deep coves are but a few of its spectacular wonders.





# LUXURY SERVICES INCLUDED

☞ 2 Nights lodging in a 4-Star Hotel in the historical center of Rome + 8 Nights in Positano on the Amalfi Coast, for a trip totaling 11 Days / 10 Nights (Depart from US on Thursday and return on Monday)

☞ Small group travel! Maximum of 12 travelers per group.

☞ Privately escorted day-trips with a full-time service of bilingual tour leader (it's usually Nada Vergili).

☞ **FREE** Travel materials: Rome & Amalfi Coast Guide Book, Italian Travel Phrase book, Luggage Tags, DVD set, and much more!

☞ **FREE** pre-trip assistance.

☞ **Materials for trip:** Italy Guide Book & Italian Travel Phrase book, Luggage Tags, Maps for each town visited during tour.

☞ **Daily excursions included:** Rome (with local guide), Capri (includes private boat tour), Sorrento, Amalfi, Ravello (includes entrance ticket to Villa Rufolo), Paestum (includes entrance fee and guided tour), Pompeii (with local guide - includes entrance fee). Itinerary & destinations may vary with or without notice.

☞ **Unique Activities:** 2 full-day private boat tours (one along the coast and one to Capri), Visit to local vineyard followed by wine tasting & lunch, Cooking Class in family farm, featuring traditional local dishes, Visit of a traditional 'Mozzarella di Bufala' cheese farm followed by lunch.

☞ **Included Meals:** All Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 6 Dinners. (Included meals are shown at bottom of each day)

Beverages: bottled water, soft drinks (in limited amounts), coffee, and 1 glass of wine per person (choice of red or white) with included lunches and dinners.

☞ Private transportation for day trips in a comfortable air-conditioned luxury vehicle (does not include: transfer back to and from airport, airfare, or any other personal travel expenses).

☞ Local VAT taxes, government fees, gas, highway tolls, city access licenses and permits, parking fees.



## NO HIDDEN COSTS, NO HIDDEN STRESS

***Please see our website for the price of this tour package.***

\*Based on double occupancy. Rate includes taxes & fees. Single room supplement for this tour is \$900 (for a double-room for individual use). Rate is for land-package only, does not include airfare. Rate is subject to change with or without notice until the deposit and Trip Registration Form & Agreement has been received.

## HOW SOON SHOULD I BOOK?

This is a very special, exclusive, small group tour limited to only 12 travelers. Availability is on a first-come-first-served basis, so don't delay in reserving your spot. No spots are held without a deposit. To register for this tour, please

send your Trip Registration Form and deposit of 50% of the trip. If minimum participation of 8 travelers is not met, your deposit is 100% refundable. **Balance is due 60 days prior to trip.**

## THE JOURNEY DOESN'T END HERE!

Want to stay longer and see more of Italy? Extend your stay with additional nights, tours, transfers, and other custom services offered by Nada's Italy. Contact us by email with your requests: [info@nadasitaly.com](mailto:info@nadasitaly.com) For more information, log on to: [NadasItaly.com](http://NadasItaly.com)

## CANCELLATION POLICY

For details on our Cancellation Policy and our Terms & Conditions, please refer to the Trip Registration Form & Agreement, which can be downloaded from our website or

requested by email and/or mail.

## QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

By phone: 704.877.6232 or email: [info@nadasitaly.com](mailto:info@nadasitaly.com). Find photos, travel tips, packing suggestions, and other information on [NadasItaly.com](http://NadasItaly.com)



## TRAVELING SOLO?

Not being able to find someone to travel with you doesn't mean you shouldn't travel. Nada's Italy is proud to be a safe option for those who wish to see Italy on their own, providing a safe and friendly environment.

**A Single Supplement** is required only if you wish to have an individual room for the duration of the tour. If you wish to be paired up with another traveler to share your room with, please contact us and we will make our best effort to do so. Keep in mind that if you share a room, you will each have a twin-size bed and will share a bathroom.

## NOTE ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

You must be in good physical condition to sign-up for this trip. This is not a physically challenging trip, nonetheless there will be plenty of walking uphill and standing for extended periods of time. If you are not interested in some of the scheduled activities, you can stay at the accommodation and relax, or we can plan a different activity for you (additional fees may occur). During the day trips, you will have free time on your own, during which you decide whether you prefer being more or less active. However, this is not a recommended trip for those with mobility issues or health concerns.