



## **AMALFI COAST DISCOVERY**

8 Days/7 Nights by Air & Motorcoach

Departure Dates in Europe:

15<sup>th</sup> April, 2012

9<sup>th</sup> June, 2012

7<sup>th</sup> July, 2012

4<sup>th</sup> August, 2012

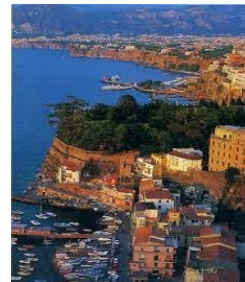
2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2012

### **HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

- Small groups
- Professional Gutsy Women Travel Director
- Visit the ruins of Pompeii with a local guide
- Drive along the picturesque Amalfi coast
- Ferry to the Isle of Capri
- Highlight Dinner overlooking the Bay of Sorrento
- Cooking Class and 'Gutsy Insider' lunch in a traditional lemon grove
- A glass of wine with every dinner

### **8 DAY AMALFI COAST DISCOVERY ITINERARY**

Welcome to Italy, where history, art, culture and food all come together for a Gutsy Women experience you'll savor for a lifetime.



### **Day 1:** Arrive Rome

Welcome to Rome, a city full of amazing sights, spectacular shopping and beautiful people. After check-in, there's time to unwind for an espresso in one of the many cafés. This evening enjoy good Italian wine and good company as you meet your fellow Gutsy Women travelers and Travel Director and enjoy a relaxed dinner in a traditional Roman restaurant. (D)



### **Day 2:** Rome

Experience the fabulous history of Rome with an expert local guide today, overlook the ancient Forum, see the Circus Maximus and view the Colosseum, the infamous setting of gladiatorial combat! In the afternoon stroll along the Via del Corso and shop for Italian fashion and shoes, or mix with the locals enjoying the buzz around the Spanish Steps. (B)



### **Day 3:** Rome – Pompeii - Sorrento

This morning journey to Pompeii, the Roman city which was petrified and preserved by the eruption of Mt Vesuvius in 79AD, and enjoy a locally guided walking tour of the excavations where you'll see the Roman baths, heating systems, the kitchens, and also the remains of the panic that struck the inhabitants as the volcano started to rumble. Afterwards a breathtaking drive along the Bay of Naples will take you to clifftop Sorrento where you'll spend four relaxing nights in the Grand Hotel Europa Palace <http://www.europapalace.com/>. Tonight experience your first taste of the beauty of southern Italy as you enjoy a delicious fish Highlight Dinner in a restaurant overlooking the sea. (B,HD)



#### **Day 4:** Sorrento – Amalfi Coast

This morning travel along the scenic Amalfi Coast, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site, and admire the stunning coastline edged along the high cliffs above the sea. The twists and turns of the road reveal a coast of incredible beauty overlooking the azure waters of the Mediterranean sea, and gorges and cliffs that line the contoured coast. Stop for a visit of the beautiful town of Amalfi and see its prized Norman Cathedral before travelling to a charming restaurant for a delicious lunch with wine. Next stop is Positano, originally a fishing village, Positano is now considered one of the jewels of the Amalfi coast. You'll understand why as you wander the lanes and steps that lead all the way down to the azure waters of the sea. (B,L)



#### **Day 5:** Sorrento - Capri

Enjoy a full day journey to the colorful Isle of Capri by ferry. Travel by funicular through the sweetly smelling lemon and orange groves to Capri town and stroll around the Piazzetta where you can join the glitterati and enjoy a drink of freshly squeezed orange juice or a cappuccino. Then travel on a minibus to visit lovely Anacapri and tour the 19th Century Villa San Michele, a well-preserved example of a quintessential Roman villa, built by the Swedish royal physician Axel Munthe. Spend the afternoon exploring the charming shops and chic boutiques or take the opportunity to join an optional excursion to visit the most famous of sights on Capri, the famous 'Blue Grotto'. In the late afternoon return to Sorrento for a free evening. (B)



**Day 6:** Sorrento – Gutsy Insider Lunch

A special day today as you travel along winding narrow roads to a lemon grove and the home of the Esposito family. Get to know your host, Mama Esposito, as you learn how an old-fashioned lemon press turns lemons into 'limoncello', and help her prepare traditional cuisine from local produce. Finally enjoy the fruits of your labour as you join the Esposito family for a meal, including the food you've prepared, while overlooking the Bay of Naples. After this 'Gutsy Insider' you really will feel like you're part of the family! Return to Sorrento for some free time to perhaps visit the Basilica of St. Antonino and enjoy some delicious locally made gelato. (B, GI-L)



**Day 7:** Sorrento - Rome

Return to Rome, and upon arrival enjoy some time to do some last minute shopping in the chic boutiques. This evening enjoy a Farewell Dinner in a traditional restaurant, look back on the wonderful experiences of the last week and plan your next Gutsy Women trip with your new friends. (B,FD)



**Day 8:** Depart Rome for USA

This morning after breakfast it's time to bid farewell to Italy as you return home with wonderful and enduring memories. Airport transfers are available to Fiumicino airport. Conditions apply. (B)

TOUR INCLUDES:

- ❖ Airport transfers on arrival at 09:30, 12:30 & 15:30 (clients may purchase individual transfers if arriving outside of these times)
- ❖ Airport transfers on departure at 08:00 and 09:30 (clients may purchase individual transfers if departing outside of these times)
- ❖ Welcome Drink and dinner on first night with Gutsy Women Travel Director and fellow travelers
- ❖ First Class hotels listed or similar; hotel taxes, service charges and baggage handling
- ❖ 7 Full Breakfasts (B), 1 Cooking Class and 'Gutsy Insider' Lunch (GI-L), 1 Dinner (D), 1 Lunch (L), 1 Highlight Dinner overlooking the Bay of Sorrento & 1 Farewell Dinner (FD) – total 2 Lunches & 3 Dinners
- ❖ Services of a professional female Gutsy Women Travel Director
- ❖ Private luxury motor coach with air-conditioning, reclining seats and a restroom
- ❖ Sightseeing, special features and scenic highlights as indicated in the itinerary, including admission charges where applicable
- ❖ Gratuities to Local Guides and Driver

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

3 Nights Rome – Cicerone

<http://www.hotelciceronerome.com/fisheyes-en-index.htm>

4 Nights Sorrento – Grand Europa Palace

<http://www.europapalace.com/>

PRICING (LAND ONLY):

\$3,829 single

\$3,199 per person, shared

\$3,199 per person, twin