Living La Dolce Vita Italy

Southern Italy: Golden Coast, Ancient Soul

March 12–21, 2027 • 9 Nights

Rome • Naples • Pompeii • Herculaneum • Amalfi Coast • Capri • Sorrento

We're Heading Back to Italy — to the Campania Region



Hello Friends,

Opportunity Travel's 2026 Italy journey was such a success that, by popular demand, we're heading back in 2027 — this time to explore the southwest.

Our trip begins in Rome's Parioli and Salario-Trieste neighborhoods, where leafy streets and elegant residential buildings reveal the city as Romans know it — beyond the usual bustle of the tourist center.

We'll drive by the Forum and Colosseum, wander through the Pantheon and Rome's storied streets, stopping along the way for a perfect coffee, real Roman p*izza al taglio* and artisan gelato — the simple pleasures that make an ordinary Roman day feel like anything but.

From there, we'll head south by high-speed train into the lively streets of Naples, where we'll take in the waterfront, discover the city's history and culture, and enjoy a fun Neapolitan pizza-making demonstration and lunch.

In Pompeii, we'll walk along the original streets, preserved beneath volcanic ash and pumice after Mount Vesuvius erupted in AD 79. You'll have a chance to visit homes, shops, temples, public baths, and theaters — gaining a glimpse into everyday Roman life nearly 2,000 years ago.

Next, we'll head to a local vineyard on the slopes of Vesuvius for lunch and wine tasting, with a view of the volcano that has shaped this landscape for centuries.

We'll also discover Herculaneum, another ancient city preserved by the eruption of Vesuvius, and venture underground in Naples for a look at the city below.

In Sorrento, the pace slows.

We'll enjoy a limoncello tasting with a local producer and then explore the glamorous island of Capri, beginning in Capri Village, taking in the Piazzetta and Via Camerelle, before making our way up to Anacapri, a quiet hillside village. There, we'll enjoy lunch in a beautiful lemon grove before choosing how to spend the afternoon. Enjoy lunch in a beautiful lemon grove before choosing how to spend the afternoon.

And then, it is on to Positano and Amalfi, along one of the world's greatest coasts.

Back on the Sorrentine Peninsula, we'll take a cooking class in a private villa! Our journey will close with a delightful farewell dinner and an evening walk beneath a canopy of lemon and orange trees at a restaurant that has been serving its own cannelloni since 1868.

You won't need to worry about a thing — we'll take care of all the details, share our favorite places along the way, and give you plenty of free time to enjoy Italy at your own pace.

We love traveling and making new friends! So come to Italy with us and try La Dolce Vita for yourself. *The sweet life awaits.*

We hope you'll join us for this exciting adventure. Now, here's our program.

Italy - March 12-21, 2027 Schedule

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Notes:

Alcoholic Beverages: All alcoholic beverages during meals are at your own expense unless specified.

Tipping: Tips for meals, guides, and drivers are included, so there's no need to worry about tipping throughout the trip. If someone goes above and beyond, or you'd simply like to show your appreciation, an additional tip is always welcome.

Laundry: Laundry services are available at each hotel.

Incidental Charges: Settle all incidental hotel charges at check-out.

Dietary Restrictions: We have informed the restaurants accordingly of dietary restrictions per your travel information form.

Whispers/Headsets: Provided on all guided tours.

Friday, March 12 | Day 1: Rome Arrival - The Hoxton Hotel

Meals: Reception Appetizers/Drinks

Arrival at FCO Airport. The drive from the airport to the Hoxton Hotel is about 45 minutes and we recommend a taxi or Uber. *Option: Once we have your flight itinerary, we'll assist in setting up shared transfers.*

The Hoxton Hotel — Largo Benedetto Marcello, 220, 00198 Roma RM — in the Parioli and Salario-Trieste neighborhoods. This area is known for its leafy streets, upscale post-war residential architecture, and local character away from the dense tourist crowds of central Rome.

The remainder of the day is at your leisure to relax after the flight or begin discovering the Eternal City on your own.

Villa Borghese, one of Rome's great historic parks, is within walking distance. Explore the Galleria Borghese, scenic paths, and the Pincio Terrace where you can pause to take in sweeping western views across the historic center to the distant skyline of the Vatican, including the dome of St. Peter's Basilica. It's breathtaking at sunset.

If you're interested in architecture, the nearby Coppedè District offers something entirely different — a fanciful collection of buildings, towers, frescoes, and elaborate details centered around Piazza Mincio.

6:00-7:00 pm Welcome Meet & Greet reception with drinks and light bites in the Hoxton Lounge.

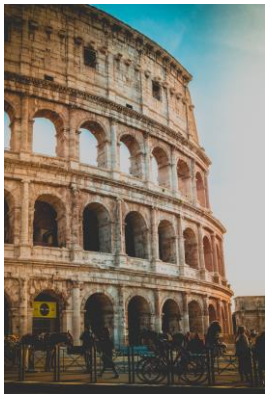
Here are a few restaurants within walking distance of The Hoxton Hotel:

- Pinsa e Buoi Parioli - click here - 2-minute walk
- Taverna Rossini - click here - 10-minute walk
- Ristorante Mangiafuoco - click here - 15-minute walk

Optional evening excursion on your own: Wander through Trastevere, a historic, bohemian neighborhood on the west bank of the Tiber — its name means "beyond the Tiber" in Latin. Explore the narrow, cobbled streets, lively piazzas, independent shops, cafés, and traditional trattorias, or simply take in the evening ambiance.

Overnight: Rome, The Hoxton Hotel





Saturday, March 13 | Day 2: Rome Sites - The Hoxton Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Food Tour & Dinner

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

10:00 am We'll meet our guide in the lobby and depart by motorcoach for our walking tour of Rome's historic center, admiring the outside of the Colosseum, Roman Forum, and Pantheon, with stops at Piazza Venezia, Trevi Fountain, and Piazza Navona.

Along the way, we'll stop to sample three Roman classics — pizza, coffee, and gelato.

The afternoon is free for lunch and exploring on your own.

Optional Add-on: Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel or Viator Options.

7:00 pm Group dinner with wine and coffee at Hosteria Po - approx. 3-minute walk from the hotel.

Overnight: Rome, The Hoxton Hotel

Sunday, March 14 | Day 3: Naples - The Grand Hotel Santa Lucia

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

8:00 am We depart by minibus for our next destination, Naples!

9:00 am Board Italy's high-speed business-class train to Naples.

10:00 am Upon arrival, we'll check in at The Grand Hotel Santa Lucia, a historic 4-star luxury hotel located on the bustling waterfront of Naples, offering stunning views of the Bay of Naples, Mount Vesuvius, and Castel dell'Ovo.

Next, we'll head out for a walking tour of Naples, offering an overview of the city's historic center and waterfront. The tour includes:

- *Piazza del Plebiscito* - Naples' magnificent main square, one of the largest in Italy. The vast piazza is framed by the Royal Palace and the impressive neoclassical Basilica of San Francesco di Paola.
- *Royal Palace* (exterior) - See the imposing façade of the former Bourbon royal residence and learn about Naples' royal history. The palace became the Bourbon royal residence

in the 18th century and today houses the royal apartments, museum areas, and National Library.

- *Galleria Umberto I* - Step inside this spectacular 19th-century shopping gallery, built between 1887 and 1890. Its enormous iron-and-glass dome, marble floors and elegant architecture make it one of Naples' most beautiful landmarks.
- *Via Toledo* - Travel along one of Naples' best-known streets, connecting the historic center with the Piazza del Plebiscito area. It is also one of the city's major shopping streets and provides a glimpse into the bustling rhythm of modern Naples.
- *Lungomare Caracciolo* - Naples' famous waterfront promenade, with beautiful views across the Bay of Naples. The waterfront stretches from the Mergellina area toward Santa Lucia and provides some of the city's best scenery.

1:00-3:00 pm Group lunch and hands-on pizza demonstration. You'll learn how to make an authentic Neapolitan pizza from scratch with a local *pizzaiolo* — and then sit down to enjoy it!

3:30 pm Return to the hotel. Free time and dinner on your own.

Overnight: Naples, The Grand Hotel Santa Lucia





Monday, March 15 | Day 4: Naples/Pompeii - The Grand Hotel Santa Lucia

Meals: Breakfast & Vineyard Lunch

Breakfast is included at the hotel.

8:15 am Depart on a 30-minute drive for our morning excursion to Pompeii Archaeological Park with a guided visit of the ancient Roman city. This is one of the world's most extraordinary archaeological sites — an entire Roman city preserved beneath volcanic ash and pumice following the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

Unlike a traditional museum, you'll walk through the actual ancient city. You can follow the original Roman streets and enter homes, shops, temples, public baths, theaters, and the Forum, gaining a remarkable view into everyday Roman life nearly 2,000 years ago.

Vineyard Lunch & Wine Tasting

12:15-2:45 pm We'll enjoy a traditional multi-course lunch at a vineyard on the slopes of Mount Vesuvius, surrounded by volcanic vineyards and panoramic views across the Bay of Naples toward Sorrento and Capri. You'll have a chance to taste organic local wines, including the celebrated Lacryma Christi, alongside regional specialties such as cured meats, cheeses, fresh pasta, and seasonal desserts.

3:30 pm Late afternoon return to Naples with dinner on your own.

Overnight: Naples, The Grand Hotel Santa Lucia

Tuesday, March 16 | Day 5: Naples/Herculaneum - The Grand Hotel Santa Lucia

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Breakfast included at the hotel.

8:45 am Depart Naples for Herculaneum

9:15-11:45 am Guided visit to Herculaneum, an ancient Roman town near Naples that was destroyed and buried by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 — the same eruption that destroyed Pompeii. Unlike Pompeii, Herculaneum is remarkably well preserved, offering an unusually vivid look into ancient Roman life.

12:15 pm Return to Naples for lunch on your own.

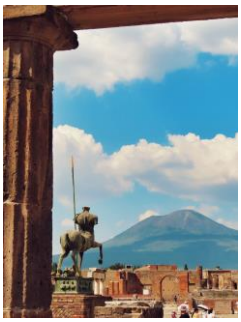
2:00-3:30 pm Guided Napoli Sotterranea — Underground Naples — tour through the historic center, descending into a hidden world that reveals more than 2,400 years of Neapolitan history. Explore the ancient Greek Roman aqueduct, the remains of a Roman theater, and other archaeological traces beneath the city.

3:30-5:30 pm Walk through historic Naples seeing Piazza San Gaetano, Spaccanapoli and San Gregorio Armeno

6:00-7:00 pm Return to the hotel and enjoy free time.

7:30 pm Group dinner at Ristorante il Pavone, overlooking Castel dell'Ovo, *the Egg Castle*, a seaside fortress and the city's oldest surviving fortification.

Overnight: Naples, The Grand Hotel Santa Lucia


Wednesday, March 17 | Day 6: Sorrento - The Hilton Sorrento Palace

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Breakfast included at the hotel.

10:00 am Check out and depart for Sorrento via private coach.

10:30-11:00 am Scenic stop overlooking the Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius, then continue to Sorrento.

12:30 pm Arrive in Sorrento and check in to the Hilton Sorrento Palace, where we'll enjoy lunch together.

2:00 - 4:00 pm After lunch we'll take a guided walking tour through Sorrento's historic center, beginning in Piazza Tasso (named for the Italian poet Torquato Tasso), and continuing along Via San Cesareo, the town's main pedestrian street, with shops, cafés, and artisan businesses spilling out onto the street.

From there, we'll head to the picturesque fishing village of Marina Grande before visiting the Villa Comunale gardens to take in sweeping views across the Bay of Naples. We'll learn about Sorrento's traditions, specialties, and famous lemon culture, followed by a limoncello tasting with a local producer.

7:00 pm Group dinner at the hotel in Sorrento il Ristorante

Overnight: Sorrento, Hilton Sorrento Palace

Thursday, March 18 | Day 7: Sorrento/Capri Island - The Hilton Sorento Palace

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast included at the hotel.

8:00 am Depart Hilton Sorrento Palace by private coach
8:15 am Arrive at Marina Piccola, Sorrento
8:30 am Ferry departs Sorrento for Capri
9:00 am Arrive Marina Grande, Capri

9:15-11:30 am Explore the glamorous island of Capri, beginning in Capri Village, where elegant streets, charming boutiques and cafés surround the famous Piazzetta, the heart of the island.

Stroll along Via Camerelle, known for its luxury shops and Mediterranean atmosphere, before visiting the Gardens of Augustus. Perched above the sea, the gardens offer spectacular views of the coastline and the iconic Faraglioni rock formations.

11:30 am We'll travel to the quieter and more traditional side of the island and experience the authentic charm of Anacapri, nestled high above Capri with beautiful views and a more intimate feel.

12:30-2:00 pm Enjoy a group lunch in Anacapri featuring traditional Caprese and Campanian cuisine.

2:00-4:00 pm Optional Tours:

You may choose one; if time permits, we'll do both.

- **Option 1 - Villa San Michele:** Villa San Michele in Anacapri was created by Swedish physician and writer Axel Munthe (1857-1949). Its impressive gardens are prized as Italy's most beautiful park, with breathtaking views overlooking the Bay of Naples, Mount Vesuvius, the Sorrento Peninsula, and the island of Ischia.

- **Option 2 - Monte Solaro chairlift:** Well-known for its spectacular 360-degree views from the highest point on the island, the chairlift takes you from Anacapri to the summit of Monte Solaro.

4:00-4:30 pm Return to Marina Grande
4:30-5:00 pm Ferry returns to Sorrento
5:15 pm Arrive at hotel

Dinner is on your own this evening.

Overnight: Sorrento, Hilton Sorrento Palace




Friday, March 19 | Day 8: Sorrento/Amalfi Coast - The Hilton Sorrento Palace

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Breakfast included at the hotel.

8:30 am Depart Hilton Sorrento Palace by private coach and travel along the unparalleled Amalfi Coast Drive, with photo stops along the way as road and traffic conditions permit.

10:00 am Arrive in Positano, where we'll have a few hours free to explore this iconic cliffside village. You can stroll through the narrow streets, browse boutiques and local shops, visit the beach and harbor area, admire the spectacular views, and pause for coffee and pastry.

12:00 pm Depart Positano and continue along the dramatic coastal road toward Amalfi.

1:00-2:30 pm Amalfi - Enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants and cafés around the main square and waterfront. Choose from fresh seafood, pizza, pasta, salads, or local specialties.

2:30-3:30 pm Amalfi – We'll explore the historic center and Amalfi Cathedral from the exterior, with time to walk around Piazza Duomo and browse the side streets and shops.

3:30 pm Depart Amalfi to continue the scenic drive back toward Sorrento. Photo opportunities will depend on traffic and timing.

5:30-6:00 pm Return to Hilton Sorrento Palace with time to relax and freshen up.

7:00 pm Tonight we'll celebrate our remarkable journey with a special dinner just a short walk from the hotel, featuring the flavors and wines of Campania. We'll dine at O'Parrucchiano La Favorita, a Sorrento institution known for its enchanting garden setting, where tables are tucked beneath a canopy of lush lemon and orange trees and hundreds of twinkling fairy lights.

Founded in 1868 by Antonino Ercolano, a former seminarian nicknamed "o'parrucchiano" (parish-priest) in the Neapolitan dialect, the restaurant is widely credited with inventing the famous cannelloni, originally called *strascinati*.

Overnight: Sorrento, Hilton Sorrento Palace

Saturday, March 20 | Day 9: Sorrento - The Hilton Sorrento Palace

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast included at the hotel.

10:00 am We'll depart with our guide for our cooking class in town.

Free Afternoon - You have the remainder of the afternoon completely free to relax or explore:

- Shop along Via San Cesareo
- Visit local artisan shops
- Enjoy a café or gelato
- Walk through the historic center
- Return to the Villa Comunale gardens
- Relax at the hotel and enjoy the pool and terrace

Optional: Transfer to Naples for an overnight stay before your morning flight.

Dinner is on your own this evening.

Overnight: Sorrento or Naples

Sunday, March 21 | Day 10: Departure - Arrivederci, Italia!

Meals: Breakfast

Breakfast included at the hotel.

Late morning transfer, if needed, to Naples Train Station or Naples Airport — approximately 1.5 hours. If you're going by train, the journey to Rome takes approximately 3 hours. *Once we know everyone's plans, we'll work directly with you to determine the best transfer options and cost.*

Pricing and What's Included

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- **Double Occupancy:** 5,550€
  (Total for 2 in a room: 11,100€) non-refundable

- **Single in private room:** 6,700€ non-refundable
  **If you are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another participant, we will try to find a roommate for you, although we cannot guarantee a match.*

Payment Terms:

- **To reserve your place,** we require a non-refundable deposit of 1,500€ for each person at the time of booking.
- Full payment is due January 8, 2027. We will send you a payment link the week before and if you elect to pay by ACH for the final payment, you will receive a 5% discount.

International flights and airport transfers are not included in this program. Our staff will be happy to assist you with your flights and other travel arrangements.

Included:

- 9 nights' accommodation as outlined in the itinerary
- All ground transfers between destinations from March 13-20 via comfortable, air-conditioned luxury coach; city tours, excursions, and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary, as well as any applicable entrance fees

- Meals as outlined in the itinerary (breakfast, lunch, and dinner). Lunch and dinner include wine.
- All current applicable taxes
- Mineral water on the coach
- An English-speaking local guide for sightseeing tours
- Tips and gratuities to drivers and guides, and waiters during meals
- Opportunity Travel staff member assistance before, during and after the program

Pricing for all tours does not include:

- International airfare and airport transfers. The Opportunity Travel team is happy to assist with flight bookings and review your itinerary before booking to make sure everything is in order. Also, if we have travelers arriving and departing at the same time, we'll notify you to arrange group transfers to lower your cost.
- Personal expenses such as drinks, laundry, telephone calls, camera fees at monuments, or tips to local guides
- Tourist cards/visas/passport fees, or costs associated with vaccines (if applicable)
- Airport departure taxes, if applicable (most are included in your international flight)
- Alcoholic beverages at group meals unless specified
- **Travel insurance – THIS TOURS IS NON-REFUNDABLE.** We strongly recommend that you protect yourself through travel insurance. Please see the full details below about obtaining travel insurance
- **We strongly recommend purchasing "Cancel for ANY REASON" Travel Insurance**. Acts of God, war, labor strikes, earthquakes, flooding, etc. are NOT covered by basic travel Insurance. Policies might require a special rider policy for all the above.

Travel Insurance

If you would like a quote and to book your travel insurance online, Opportunity Travel offers two options:

Alliance – Click here for a quote Travel Insured - Click here for a quote.

Please note that rates are based on the total dollar amount of your trip and your age.