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A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings.

This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the daily rhythms along Italy's southern coast, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

Above: Pompeii

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Soak up the **Amalfi Coast's sensational scenery**, adorned with pastel-colored towns set into the cliff sides above the sparkling Mediterranean.
- ▶ Journey to the coast's most picturesque town, **Positano**, cascading down a mountainside.
- ▶ Relax and unwind in the beautiful **resort town of Sorrento**.
- ▶ Walk among unforgettable preserved ruins of **Herculaneum and Pompeii**.
- ▶ Delve into Italy's ancient history at the **esteemed archaeological museum in Naples**.
- ▶ Taste **southern Italy's celebrated, delectable food**, including mozzarella di bufala and Neapolitan pizza.





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Howdy, Ags!

We invite you to join us on a thrilling seven-night journey to lovely Sorrento and the sun-drenched Amalfi Coast! From your convenient base in Sorrento, head out each day for adventures throughout the province of Campania. Travel along the winding Amalfi Coast, featuring breathtaking vistas around every bend. Meander through the charming coastal towns of Positano and Amalfi, and sample freshly made mozzarella cheese at a local dairy farm. Explore southern Italy's antiquities with fascinating excursions to the Greco-Roman city of Paestum, the preserved ruins of Herculaneum and Pompeii and the illustrious Museo Archeologico Nazionale in Naples.

Travel experts have also incorporated an exclusive educational component into this journey, the hallmark of our Alumni Campus Abroad® programs. You'll gain a deeper appreciation of the people and the culture from expert local speakers. At the same time, you'll appreciate the security, ease and value of group travel, as well as the opportunities for exploring independently. Enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with a group and feel the thrill of making your own discoveries!

This popular program fills quickly, so please be sure to make your reservation today!

Gig 'em!

Jennifer Bohac

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| UNESCO |

Four of Italy's UNESCO World Heritage sites are featured in this comprehensive program:

1. **Historic Center of Naples**
2. Archaeological Areas of **Pompeii and Herculaneum**
3. **Amalfi Coast**
4. Archaeological Site of **Paestum**





Brimming with breathtaking natural beauty, the region of Campania beguiles you from the start. Dramatic, craggy mountains tower over the shoreline along the deep-blue waters of the Mediterranean, as the sun warms the colorful villages clinging to the hillsides and the sandy coves below. Coastal towns like Sorrento, Positano and Amalfi exude an old-world elegance and laidback ambience that draw you in. Timeworn remnants of ancient Roman cities transport you to a glorious past as you roam through the region’s ruins. It becomes easy to understand what composer Giuseppe Verdi meant when he said, “You may have the universe if I may have Italy.”

DAY ONE

IN TRANSIT

Depart your gateway city for Naples, Italy. ↗

DAY TWO

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NAPLES, ITALY | SORRENTO

Upon arrival, transfer ↗ to Sorrento and check in to the Hotel Plaza Sorrento, near the town’s main square.

Tonight, get acquainted with your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY THREE

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POSITANO | AMALFI

Educational Focus: *The History and Beauty of Campania.* Learn about the importance of Campania’s cities within the Magna Graecia, the coastal areas of southern Italy colonized by ancient Greeks.

Excursion: *The Charm of the Amalfi Coast.* Experience this spectacular landscape on a fascinating ride along the serpentine coastline road. Visit the romantic, seemingly vertical town of Positano, perched along the mountainside over the sea. Then get another perspective from the water as you cruise in a private boat to the exquisite town of Amalfi. Admire the town’s strikingly beautiful cathedral set atop a grand staircase, with the lively Piazza del Duomo nestled below.

Local Flavor: Savor a delicious “pranzo,” or lunch, in Amalfi.

Independent Exploration: Make your own plans in Amalfi, and then return to Sorrento for more leisure time and dinner on your own.

DAY FOUR

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PAESTUM

Excursion: *Mozzarella di Bufala.* At a local dairy farm, sample fresh mozzarella di bufala, a regional specialty made from the milk of the water buffalo. Its name derives from “mozzare,” meaning “to cut off,” which refers to the way pieces are cut to form the cheese’s signature round shape.

Excursion: *Paestum.* Abandoned in the ninth century, this Greco-Roman city was overgrown by vegetation and forgotten for 1,000 years. The three stately Doric temples at this site represent some of the best-preserved examples outside of Greece.

Local Flavor and Educational Focus: *Meet the People.* Over lunch in Paestum, chat with



Amalfi

local residents about everyday Italian life.

Educational Focus: *The Wonders of Naples' Museo Archeologico Nazionale.*

Before your upcoming excursion, discuss the art and artifacts of this internationally acclaimed museum.

Local Flavor: At dinner in Sorrento, enjoy Campania's wonderfully flavored cuisine.

DAY FIVE

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NAPLES

Excursion: *Naples and the Museo Archeologico Nazionale.* Starting at the top of Posillipo Hill in Naples, embark on a panoramic tour of the city's historic center. Take in the sweeping view overlooking the city and the Bay of Naples, then see the Castel Nuovo, San Francesco di Paola, Teatro di San Carlo and Piazza del Plebiscito. Later, step back in time during your guided tour of the Museo Archeologico Nazionale, featuring a rich collection of Greek and Roman antiquities.

Local Flavor: At lunch, taste the famous Neapolitan pizza, prepared with the freshest local ingredients.

DAY SIX

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ELECTIVE | *Isle of Capri*

Travel by hydrofoil to the enchanting Isle of Capri, considered one of the world's most glamorous locales. Board a private boat for a jaunt around the island, majestically situated in the crystalline Tyrrhenian Sea and known for its many coves and grottoes. Come ashore in the chic town of Capri with time to explore.



Naples



Educational Focus: *The Horror and Splendor of Mount Vesuvius.* Learn about the tragic impact of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79 on the ancient Roman cities of Herculaneum and Pompeii.

Local Flavor: Gather with your group at one of Sorrento's fine restaurants this evening.



DAY SEVEN

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HERCULANEUM | POMPEII

Excursion: *Herculaneum and Pompeii.*

Spend a full day exploring the cities of Herculaneum and Pompeii, destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The small seaside town of Herculaneum was preserved by mudflows while Pompeii, the larger of the two cities, was covered by ash. The resulting preservation of these two communities is unlike anything else in the world. See everything from mosaics to furniture and frescoes as you tour the Forum, baths and houses, and unearth a history lesson like no other.

Local Flavor: After exploring Herculaneum, stop for lunch in Pompeii before the second part of your excursion.

DAY EIGHT

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Educational Focus: *Contemporary Italy.*

Join a discussion about Italy's current affairs.

Independent Exploration: During the remainder of the day, pursue your own interests in Sorrento. Perhaps explore the enchanting Museo Correale, featuring treasures from the area's noble homes and a lovely garden with gorgeous views of the coast.

Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and Graduation Ceremony, followed by a Farewell Dinner.

DAY NINE

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IN TRANSIT

Transfer✈ to the Naples airport for the return flights to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

✈ Provided for AHI FlexAir participants

BLWD denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

🌀 *Elective experiences available at an additional cost*

ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

- Seven nights in Sorrento, Italy, at the first-class Hotel Plaza Sorrento.

MEALS

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, including seven breakfasts, four lunches and four dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties at local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.
- Attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.
- Gather for a Farewell Reception and a Graduation Ceremony, followed by a Farewell Dinner.

YOUR EXCITING TRAVEL PROGRAM

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **Personal VOX listening devices** allow you to hear every word from your expert, English-speaking guides.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- **The following excursions:**
 - Drive along the legendary Amalfi Coast and visit the cliffside village of Positano.
 - Travel by private boat to Amalfi and meander its narrow side streets.
 - Sample the regional specialty, mozzarella di bufala, at a local farm.
 - Stand before the grand temple ruins at Paestum.
 - See the highlights of historic Naples on a panoramic tour.
 - Admire the treasures of Naples' Museo Archeologico Nazionale.
 - Explore the incredibly preserved ancient cities of Herculaneum and Pompeii.



Hotel Plaza Sorrento



AHI TRAVEL EXPERTISE

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

- ▶ **TRAVEL CONSULTANTS** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **PASSENGER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE** | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **TRAVEL INFORMATION** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ▶ **TRAVEL DIRECTOR** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **EXPERT GUIDES** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **LECTURERS** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

HOTEL PLAZA SORRENTO

SORRENTO

Our travel experts have carefully selected this first-class property for its prime location just steps from Sorrento's town square. It is ideally located for exploring Campania's renowned landmarks, while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.

Reserve your trip to Sorrento, today!

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I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Land Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Naples, Italy, to depart from:

Departure City

- Please contact me regarding air options.
- Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

Land Only Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

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- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$695 (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

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May 3-11, 2017

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Neapolitan pizza



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