

A Taste of Umbria and the Amalfi Coast May 15-25, 2022

times are approximate and may adjust daily

Day 1 Sunday, May 15

Depart U.S. for Rome

May 16-20 Grand Hotel Italia, Orvieto (4 nights)

Day 2 Monday, May 16

Morning, mid-day arrival in Rome, 2:30 meet at FCO and transfer to our quaint hotel in Orvieto, Umbria 4:00 get settled, explore area 6:30 Prosecco welcome reception on the terrace 7:30 dinner in the piazza Includes: transfer to Orvieto, reception,

Day 3 Tues, May 17

breakfast

dinner

11:30 leave for Civita di Bagnoreggio 1:00 gourmet lunch at Alma Civita' in Chef Maurizio's family-run restaurant 3:00 winery tour and tasting – famous Orvieto Classico wine 4:30 return to Orvieto

7:30 dinner

Includes: breakfast, private driver, gourmet lunch, wine tasting/tour, dinner

Day 4 Wed, May 18

breakfast

11:00 Orvieto Underground tour 12:30 explore, shopping, lunch at leisure 8:00 dinner underground Includes: breakfast, Etruscan caver tour, dinner

Day 5 Thurs, May 19 breakfast at the hotel

10:00 free time; winery spa visit, shopping, other options 5:00 Cooking experience with local chef Velia

8:00 dinner as prepared in class Includes: breakfast, driver, private cooking lesson and dinner

> May 20-25 Locanda Costa Diva, Praiano, Amalfi Coast (5 nights)

Day 6 Fri, May 20

8:00 breakfast

9:00 regional train to Rome; high-speed train to Naples

12:30 winery tour, wine-tasting, lunch on slopes of Mount Vesuvius

3:00 private guided tour of Pompeii ruins 5:00 depart for Praiano on the Amalfi Coast 5:30 arrive at Locanda B&B, get settled

Includes: breakfast, train tickets, driver, lunch, private tour, dinner

Day 7 Sat, May 21

breakfast

7:30 dinner

10:00 leave for Ravello; famous gardens, Villa Cimbrone

12:00 depart for Tramonti, winery tour of ancient vines, exclusive tasting lunch with Gaetano and his family

3:30 depart for Amalfi; exploring, shopping, dinner at leisure

9:00 return to B&B

Includes: breakfast, driver, villa tickets, winetasting lunch

Day 8 Sun, May 22

breakfast

10:00 depart for private boat excursion to Capri, swimming, sunning, shopping

5:00 return to B&B

7:30 dinner

Includes: breakfast, private boat, dinner

Day 9 Mon, May 23

breakfast

Morning/day at leisure, shopping, exploring (options: hike <u>The Path of the Gods</u>, water taxi into Positano, beach, sea kayaks) 5:30 sunset cruise down Amalfi Coast 8:00 dinner at the marina Includes: breakfast, sunset cruise, dinner

Day 10 Tues, May 24

breakfast

9:30 depart for cooking lesson with sisters, Fortunata and Filomena, at their family restaurant

2:00 lunch as prepared in class

3:30 tour of ceramic studio

4:30 return to B&B

7:00 farewell dinner

Includes: breakfast, cooking lesson/lunch,

ceramic studio, dinner

Day 11 Wed, May 25

8:00 depart hotel for Naples train station or airport (separate departures can be arranged at additional cost.) Includes: breakfast, private transfer to Naples

Price: \$4,400 per person, double occupancy \$5,280 per person, single occupancy

Tour Inclusions:

- 4 nights, Orvieto
- 5 nights, Praiano
- 2 private guided tours: Orvieto, Pompeii
- Admission to Etruscan Underground Caves, Pompeii, Villa Cimbrone, ceramics studio
- Private boat for the day to Capri
- Private sunset cruise with Prosecco
- Private drivers and airport transfer
- Train tickets
- 2 private cooking lessons
- 3 wine tastings

- Breakfast every day
- 4 lunches (with wine)
- 8 dinners (with wine)
- Tips to guides, drivers and restaurant servers

Exclusions:

- Airfare
- Travel insurance
- Transportation outside the stated schedule
- Tips to hotel staff (concierge, housekeeping)
- Additional wine or alcoholic beverages beyond what is provided with each meal

Special note:

Italy is beautiful, rich in history and culture — and fairly unpredictable. Italians are lovely, generous people, but they don't necessarily run the "tight ship" we're used to. I will manage everything I can, and I expect that everything is set. But things do happen after a plan has been made! I encourage flexibility — and being open to the magic of serendipity. You will likely hear this more than once during your trip: "It's all part of the adventure!"