

Orchard Park Chamber in
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Orchard Park *presents..*

Rome & the Amalfi Coast

with optional 3-Night Florence Pre Tour Extension

November 4-13, 2024



Highlights....

Rome • Trevi Fountain • Pantheon • Piazza Navona •
Colosseum • Montecassino • Amalfi Coast • Sorrento
Farmhouse Visit and Mozzarella-Making Demonstration
Pompeii • Choice on Tour • Winery Visit and Lunch

10 Days • 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 4 Dinners

Per Person Rates: **Double \$3,999**; Single \$4,499

<<Price above includes Air Booking Bonus of \$300/person if deposited by 5/4/24>>

<<22 seats are being held at no cost to O.P. Chamber until 5/4/24>>

Included in Price:

Roundtrip Airfare from BUF, Air Taxes, Airport-Hotel Transfers

Not included in price:

“Cancel for ANY Reason” Insurance (\$449.00)

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Discover the mountaintop monastery of Montecassino and its role in World War II.
- ★ Visit a pasta factory producing macaroni and spaghetti with traditional techniques.
- ★ Enjoy free time to explore Amalfi, a historic trading hub along its namesake coast.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Your adventure begins with an overnight flight to Italy. Journey through southern Italy and experience its rich scenery, art, culture, food and wine.

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the “Eternal City” of Rome! Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner celebrating the start of your Italian journey. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Rome

On a locally guided tour of classical Rome, walk over cobblestone streets and weathered passageways to discover famous sights such as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and Piazza Navona. Then, tread in the footsteps of ancient gladiators during an in-depth visit of the Colosseum. The evening is

yours. Perhaps you'll stroll to the top of the Spanish Steps for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's lively *Monti* district to soak in the local life. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Rome

This morning, consider an optional tour* to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, taking in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of *The Last Judgment*. Then, make the most of a free afternoon in Italy's capital city. Perhaps you will join an optional food tour dinner and taste your way around Rome's bohemian *Trastevere* district. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 5: Rome - Montecassino - Amalfi Coast

Journey to the Amalfi Coast, an iconic coastline of rocky beaches and towering cliffs. En route, make a stop at the Benedictine monastery of Montecassino, perched on a mountaintop that played a pivotal role in World War II. Discover its history while exploring the monastery's ornate chapel and courtyards. In the afternoon, settle into the Amalfi Coast,** your home for the next 5 nights. Before gathering for dinner, take some time to explore your hotel, perched in a scenic location above the coastline. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: Amalfi Coast Excursion

Sail*** along the stunning Amalfi Coast (UNESCO), pausing in Amalfi. A former trading hub, Amalfi is now a quiet coastal town of historic landmarks and a black-and-white marble cathedral. Explore on your own before continuing to Positano with its pastel-colored houses and pebbly beaches. Spend time in this legendary locale, browsing the posh boutiques or resting along the beach before returning to your hotel for an evening at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 7: Amalfi Coast - Sorrento - Farmhouse Visit - Amalfi Coast

Begin your day with a visit to a pasta factory artfully producing this national staple with traditional techniques. Then, it's on to the charming resort town of Sorrento. Wander through its narrow streets, peeking into the peaceful cloister of St. Francis Church or sampling some gelato made with local lemons. This afternoon, visit a local farm and see how mozzarella cheese is still made by hand. Get a taste of the product at a farm-to-table dinner capped with homemade limoncello before returning to your hotel in the late evening. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 8: Amalfi Coast

Enjoy a day at leisure to take in the relaxing beauty of the Amalfi Coast. Perhaps you will embark on an optional boat trip**** to the Mediterranean isle of Capri, where you'll enjoy lunch and a locally guided tour before setting out on your own adventure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 9: Amalfi Coast - Pompeii - Winery - Amalfi Coast

This morning experience the eerily preserved ruins of Pompeii your way, because **it's your choice!** Join a local guide for an in-depth tour of Pompeii's best-known monuments -OR- venture further afield to discover the hidden corners of this vast archeological site. Then, pause at a local winery to savor the area's famous *Lacryma Christi* wine and enjoy a typical lunch. After some free time, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner and bid *salute* to the end of your Italian getaway. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 10: Amalfi Coast - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Experience It!

The Amalfi Coast

The Amalfi Coast is a favored getaway for Italians and vacationers alike – everyone seeks out its relaxed atmosphere and Mediterranean sunshine. The town of Amalfi itself is a historic center home to a towering marble cathedral and atmospheric piazzas. Amalfi was formerly a thriving trading hub, rivaling that of Venice. As a Maritime Republic, the town made its money through import and export, a legacy still interwoven into its culture today. Although Amalfi is the coast’s namesake origin, other towns along the rocky cliffs draws visitors from near and far. Find Sorrento, Positano, and more, all exuding the Amalfi vibe of winding roads, pastel-colored houses, and pebbly beaches. Travel among lemon trees and hillside groves as you make your way along the picturesque coastal drive.

| YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE | | |
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| Day | 1 | Overnight Flight |
| Day | 2 – 4 | Hotel Imperiale, Rome |
| Day | 5 – 9 | Hotel Raito, Amalfi Coast |
| On some dates alternate hotels may be used. | | |

Please Note:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Extend Your Vacation With...

Optional 5 Days 3-Night Florence Pre Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$999.00 USD double, \$1,299.00 USD single, land only

Per Person Rates: \$899.00 USD double, \$1,299.00 USD single, land only

3 Meals: 3 Breakfasts

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to Florence, the 'cradle of the Renaissance.'

Day 2: Florence, Italy - Tour Begins

Get settled into Florence for your 3-night stay. Take time to get acquainted with the area on your own.

Day 3: Florence

Start your morning with a locally guided walking tour of Florence's cultural treasures, passing by the Duomo, the Baptistery, the Palazzo Vecchio, and the Piazza della Signoria. The afternoon is yours to browse the shops of via Tornabuoni, or perhaps visit one of the city's great museums* such as the Uffizi or the Accademia, which houses Michelangelo's statue of *David*. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Florence

Explore Florence's bohemian *Oltrarno* district during a guided walking tour of the city's Left Bank. *Oltrarno* literally means "on the other side of the Arno," the river which runs through Florence. Grasp the spirit of this "Florence of the Florentines": here the last craftsmen, the market stalls, the gardens and churches, the typical restaurants and cafés still move at the gentle rhythm of everyday life, away from the hustle and bustle of Florence's more famous monuments. The *Oltrarno* was so dear to the Medici family – Florence's great rulers – that they made it their home by establishing themselves in the Pitti Palace. The remainder of the day is yours to explore more of Florence. Perhaps you'll venture up to Piazzale Michelangelo, a panoramic terrace offering charming views over the city's towers and domes. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 5: Florence - Rome

Your Florentine sojourn comes to a close today. Say *Arrivederci!* as you transfer to Rome by high-speed train** to begin your tour. *Today breakfast will be included.*

The space on this extension is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Applicable charges may apply at time of request.

During this extension, you can expect to have a **hosted** experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

*Most museums in Florence are closed on Mondays, including the Academy Gallery and the Uffizi, as are other state museums. Most state museums in Florence require reservations to access. In order to avoid standing in long lines, we suggest you reserve your ticket online prior to departure if you plan to visit the Academy Gallery or the Uffizi during your free time in Florence.

**Porterage is not available at the Florence and Rome train stations. You must be able to handle your luggage on and off the trains, including 2 steps to lift the luggage onto your assigned carriage as there is no checked luggage service available on Italian trains.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

Optional Hotel Upgrade Available

June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025 \$325 USD per person, double, land only

During your stay at the Hotel Raito, Amalfi Coast, you may choose to enjoy a lateral view of the coastline and garden by upgrading your accommodations to a Deluxe Sea View room with a private French-style balcony, providing the opportunity to enjoy views of the Amalfi Coast from the comfort of your room. Please inquire about this upgrade at time of booking.

IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

***Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

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any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to AAA Member Choice Vacations® for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from AAA Member Choice Vacations®. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above,

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