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Join us on a tour of Rome, Positano, and the Amalfi Coast!



ROME 2017

May 20-31, 2017

LAND COST: \$3,254 per person (based on double room, single supplement: \$1,900). This price is based on 14 passengers; if the number drops below this we may have to adjust the cost accordingly. Three nights in Rome, 4 nights in Positano, three nights Torre Canne.

AIR COST: \$1,425 per person (American Airlines, requires 10 people on flight to keep group rate)

TOTAL LAND AND AIR COST: \$4,679 (double occupancy); \$500 nonrefundable deposit to reserve

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5/20	Depart Richmond	2:33 p.m.
	Arrive Charlotte	3:42 p.m.
	Depart Charlotte	6:25 p.m.
5/21	Arrive Rome	9:45 a.m.
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5/31	Depart Bari	8:00 a.m.
	Arrive Rome	9:00 a.m.
	Depart Rome	11:15 a.m.
	Arrive Charlotte	3:55 p.m.
	Depart Charlotte	5:55 p.m.
	Arrive Richmond	7:02 p.m.

MAY 21, 2016 • DAY 1 • ROME

Upon arrival in Rome, private transfer to hotel for check-in. Independent lunch at a recommended restaurant or trattoria. Free afternoon with suggested itinerary. Independent dinner at a recommended restaurant or trattoria.

FORTYSEVEN HOTEL • ROME

The Fortyseven Hotel is a stylish design hotel, nestled in a quiet, yet central area of Rome between Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum and the Tiber River. A precise style is reflected on all five floors of the hotel, each of which is dedicated to five great masters of contemporary Italian art: Mastroianni, Greco, Modigliani, Quagliata and Guccione. The 61 rooms are outfitted with modern amenities and decorated in a sleek but comfortable style. Elegant Art Decò details and precious collections of contemporary art contribute to making each room unique. Rooms are equipped with hypoallergenic linens, beautiful parquet wood floors, A/C, satellite TV and Wi-Fi internet access. The two suites on the top floor have a generously scaled private terrace with a breathtaking view of the temples of Ancient Rome.

<http://www.fortysevenhotel.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/hotel47rome>

<https://youtu.be/mJvfGm08-xE>

MAY 22, 2017 • DAY 2 • ROME

UNDERGROUND ROME

San Clemente and the Catacombs on the Appian Way Rome is a city so rich in monuments that there are almost as many hidden underground as there are on top. This shared tour visits the fasci-

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nating underground labyrinths of the Catacombs and the Mithraeum of San Clemente, as well as the ancient Appian Way. It starts at the Basilica of San Clemente, an ancient church dating back to the 4th century. This layer cake of Roman history will also uncover the secrets of a male-only religion called the Cult of Mithras that existed 2,000 years ago and rivaled Christianity in popularity. After visiting the Mithraeum and the Basilica, you and your guide will be picked up by our driver for a short ride back into the past and away from the hustle and bustle of the city center. For nearly three centuries, Christianity was illegal in the Roman Empire, and Christians were forced to bury their dead outside the city walls and perform their religious rituals in secrecy. The Catacombs of Domitilla on Rome's Appian Way are one such burial complex that spreads over 17 kilometers of underground galleries and passages, some of which are inaccessible. The catacombs are well preserved and contain a precious fresco that is the earliest known depiction of Christ as the Good Shepherd, as well as the bones from more than 150,000 burials. After a short stroll along a stretch of the ancient Appian Way where Julius Caesar once walked, your driver will deliver you back to the center of Rome to enjoy the rest of the day. Independent lunch at a recommended restaurant or trattoria. Free afternoon with suggested itinerary. Independent dinner at a recommended restaurant or trattoria.

MAY 23, 2016 • DAY 3 • ROME

PALACES AND VILLAS OF THE RENAISSANCE

In a very circumscribed area of the Campus Martius, the river plane where the city developed during the Middle Ages, stand the most beautiful palaces of the Renaissance in Rome. This itinerary will highlight them all, trace the development of architecture during that period, and show the magnificence in the life of high prelates. The tour starts across the Tiber at the Farnesina, a real jewel of Renaissance art designed by Baldassarre Peruzzi as a sumptuous country villa for the rich banker Agostino Chigi and decorated by the greatest artists of the time, including Raphael. It continues to the Palazzo della Cancelleria, built between the 15th and 16th century in pure architectural forms for Cardinal Raffaele Riario. A few steps further, across the colorful square of Campo de Fiori, is Palazzo Farnese, the largest

of Rome's patrician palaces. Today the seat of the French Embassy, it was originally planned by Antonio Sangallo the Younger for Cardinal Alessandro Farnese. When the latter became Pope Paul III, the project was vastly amplified and after Sangallo's death, Michelangelo was entrusted with its completion. The very rich facade of the nearby Palazzo Spada provides a startling contrast to the austere facade of Palazzo Farnese. The tour ends in Palazzo Altemps, a magnificent late Renaissance palace that houses the astonishing Ludovisi collection of ancient marbles. Independent lunch at a recommended restaurant or trattoria.

TWO MASTERS AT THE PAPAL COURT

Raphael and Michelangelo in the Vatican The Vatican palaces and St. Peter's Basilica were a true "factory" of Renaissance art: here worked the two most notable artists of the period, Raphael and Michelangelo. In adjoining rooms, Raphael and his many assistants frescoed the private apartments of Pope Julius II from 1508 to 1520, while the gloomy and laconic Michelangelo labored almost alone on the Sistine Chapel ceiling from 1508-1512 (he returned in 1536 to paint the monumental "Last Judgment" on the chapel's altar wall). These treasures and much more will be revealed by your expert private guide in this half-day tour of the Vatican Museums, the most extensive collection of art in the entire world. Corners of the Vatican such as the PioClementino courtyard with the famous antique marble statues of the "Laocoon" and "Apollo Belvedere," as well as the galleries of the Candelabra, Tapestries, and Maps will be passed through en route to the Sistine Chapel. The tour concludes in St. Peter's Basilica with its imposing dome and the sculpted marble masterpiece of the "Pieta'," both designed by Michelangelo. Gian Lorenzo Bernini's impressive Baroque baldachino above the high altar, where only the Pope is allowed to say Mass, is lavishly covered in gold and bronze. You will also see the most recent papal tomb inside the Basilica where the Blessed Pope John Paul II was laid to rest in 2011. Independent dinner at a recommended restaurant or trattoria.

MAY 24, 2016 • DAY 4 • POSITANO

Check out of Rome hotel. Private transfer south to Positano, stopping for tour of Pompeii en route. Independent lunch en route.

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TOTALLY RUINED: THE EXCAVATIONS AT POMPEII

With this half-day walking tour of these amazing archaeological excavations you will set off on a journey to explore the mystery of Pompeii and the life of people in the Roman Empire. On August 23, 79 AD, Pompeii looked like any other bustling, prosperous ancient city but just three days later, on August 26th, the fiery lava and ash of Mt. Vesuvius made the city fall silent and literally vanish from the face of the earth. Gradually grass and vines covered the land where the town once stood and the local people eventually forgot even the name "Pompeii." For more than 1,600 years, Pompeii remained buried until it was rediscovered in 1748. This discovery struck the imagination of people all across Europe and, suddenly, the classical world was once more fashionable. Philosophy, art, architecture, literature and even fashion drew inspiration from the discoveries that were made in Pompeii. The Neoclassical movement was born. Now, more than 1,900 years after that fateful August morning, we are learning more and more about the last days of Pompeii. Following your tour you will be dropped off in Positano for hotel check-in. Independent dinner at a recommended restaurant or trattoria.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pompeii>

<https://youtu.be/DdwjDWwf2AU>

HOTEL BUCA DI BACCO • POSITANO

The charmingly intimate Buca di Bacco proudly possesses all the elements that make a hotel very special. It has an unmatched location directly on the beach in the center of Positano, delightful decor, delicious food, spectacular views and, most importantly, it radiates a graciously warm welcome. Almost all of the rooms have either a balcony or terrace with a view. Some of the best views of Positano can be enjoyed from the rooms.

MAY 25, 2016 • DAY 5 • POSITANO

Free day with suggested itinerary. Independent lunch at a recommended restaurant or trattoria. Free afternoon with suggested itinerary. Independent dinner at a recommended restaurant or trattoria.

MAY 26, 2017 • DAY 6 • POSITANO

AMALFI COAST • PRIVATE CHAUFFEURED ROAD TRIP
The Amalfi Coast has been enchanting visitors for

hundreds of years, from La Dolce Vita to Under the Tuscan Sun, this area has exemplified the romance of Southern Italy on the silver screen. This excursion, departing from and returning to anywhere on the Amalfi Coast, including Naples, Positano, Sorrento, Amalfi, and Ravello, will take you along this picturesque stretch of coast in a private, chauffeured, luxury sedan or minivan, allowing you to experience the charm of this area without the stress of navigating hairpin turns on your own. The best part of this tour is the flexibility which it offers: there is no set itinerary! Your driver will pick you up at your designated address and continue along the coast: you can decide where you want to stop along the way or rely on your driver for suggestions of particularly lovely stops. You can choose to make a stop in Sorrento to shop and then head to Positano and lounge on the beach, or head for the hills and take a stroll on lemon-scented trails above glorious ocean vistas. Do whatever you want! Your car and driver are at your disposal for eight full hours. Lunch Independent on tour. Evening continuation of full-day program and return to hotel. Independent dinner at a recommended restaurant or trattoria.

<http://www.positano.com>

<http://www.sorrentoinsider.com>

MAY 27, 2017 • DAY 7 • POSITANO

Free day with suggested itinerary. Evening Mediterranean cooking class and wine tasting in Positano. Immerse yourself in the traditions, tastes, and sights of the Amalfi Coast with this small group wine tasting and seafood cooking class. A local family will greet you in their gorgeous whitewashed private home, which was one of the first houses to be built in Positano, and teach you how to prepare some typical Mediterranean dishes and how to pair them with wine. The wine tasting and cooking class takes place on a sea facing terrace surrounded by a lush Mediterranean garden. The terrace has its own kitchen where you will get busy cooking after you have sampled the wines and the antipasti. Your class will start with a tasting of four glasses of wines (two reds and two whites) produced by local boutique wineries. The wines will be paired with local cheeses such as caciocavallo and scamorza, and accompanied by olive oil dips and balsamic vinegars. The cooking class is hands-on and the food varies from day to day as the ingredients, mostly

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vegetables and seafood, are selected and bought fresh each day by the Chef. During the class, Chef Peter will share with you the cooking traditions and stories that have been passed down in his family, his love for the land where he lives and the people who every day produce organic high quality products. After preparing the meal, you'll seat down and enjoy the dishes you cooked with your fellow students while admiring amazing views of the Amalfi Coast. This is an unforgettable experience in one of the most beautiful spots in the world, and is a must for anyone interested in Italian culture and cuisine. Dinner Included following class

MAY 28, 2017 • DAY 8 TORRE CANNE

Check out of hotel and private transfer across southern Italy to the Puglia region. Lunch Independent en route PM Arrival and hotel check-in. Dinner Independent dinner at a recommended restaurant or trattoria

<https://youtu.be/UsnTtKIA2Nk>

CANNE BIANCHE LIFESTYLE AND HOTEL

Torre Canne Canne Bianche, with its privileged position right on the Adriatic Sea, is a bright, contemporary resort hotel with real style and character. The low-rise white stone building blends seamlessly with its surroundings, softened by a manicured lawn planted with shrubs and palm trees that slopes down to a strip of private beach. Everything is done with laid-back charm and genuine friendliness, making it hard to leave this tranquil oasis. When you do, day-tripping around Puglia's many splendors couldn't be easier. Ostuni is a 20-minute drive while Alberobello, famous for its trulli houses, is 18 miles from the hotel. All of the 55 white-walled guestrooms are simple, spacious and inviting, with lime-washed wooden furniture and floral flourishes. There's no sea view from the ground-floor Standard rooms, but they do have their own patios. Superior rooms and Junior Suites boast balconies and an eye-ful of the Adriatic – some Superiors have a heated Jacuzzi on the private patio and one of the Master Junior Suites even has its own small swimming pool. King-size beds, Wi-Fi, LCD TVs, a mini-bar stocked with local products and rain showers in the Italian marble bathrooms are a feature of all room types.

<http://www.cannebianche.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/cannebianchehotel>

MAY 29, 2017 • DAY 9 • TORRE CANNE

TOUR & TASTE IN ALBEROBELLO

The rich history and culture of the southern Italian region of Apulia is one that spans centuries and civilizations. This half-day tour will introduce you to one of the most unique architectural wonders of the region, followed by a taste of the celebrated local cuisine. Pick up at hotel for half day excursion to Alberobello. Meeting with your guide in Alberobello (UNESCO World Heritage site) and walking tour including the visit of the touristic area of "Rione Monti". Demonstration of cheese-making at a masseria (local farm) and lunch with the family including English speaking guide. Lunch Included on tour. After lunch, transfer back to hotel and free afternoon. Independent dinner at a recommended restaurant or trattoria.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alberobello>

MAY 30, 2017 • TORRE CANNE

FULL-DAY EXCURSION IN PUGLIA

The day will start with a visit to an olive oil mill near Ostuni. Here you will have a tasting of the famous olive oil produced in the region. Then we continue to Martina Franca for a walking tour of the city, an elegant town with numerous noble, baroque palaces. Walking tour of Locorotondo, a picturesque village with narrow streets and tiny balconies decorated with geraniums. Visit at a local winery in the countryside including the tasting of three different types of wines with appetizers. Return to hotel. Independent lunch on tour. Evening continuation of full-day program and return to hotel. Independent dinner at a recommended restaurant or trattoria.

<http://www.italyheaven.co.uk/puglia/martina-franca.html>

https://youtu.be/-_pi6iacMWg

<http://www.italyheaven.co.uk/puglia/locorotondo.html>

<https://youtu.be/4KIVVakZ-L4>

MAY 31, 2017 • DAY 11 • TRAVEL DAY

Check out of hotel. Private transfer to the Bari airport for departure.

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