



THE ENCHANTING AMALFI COAST

A Culinary & Cultural Adventure in Italy
September 21–28, 2019

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In September 2019 we're returning to one of our favorite destinations on the planet... The absolutely enchanting Amalfi Coast.

The Amalfi Coast, in Italy's central Campania region, is an enchanting destination that has long attracted the well heeled and glamorous along with the creative and adventurous.

Many settlements along the coast have been in continuous existence since the 10th century, and today the entire coastline is designated a UNESCO World Heritage "cultural landscape." It's true that the dramatic landscape here is one that will forever stay lovingly etched in your memory, and every experience is elevated by the soaring cliffs and vistas stretching infinitely ahead.

Of course it's not just the landscape that takes us to Amalfi. The food here is phenomenal as well, with fresh seafood and giant local lemons taking center stage. And the history is incredible - we'll be able to trace the ancient past of these coastal settlements. The Amalfi Coast is a treat in every way there is!



IMAGINE YOURSELF...

Learning family recipes
in a centuries-old
lemon orchard

Trying your hand at
making fresh mozzarella

Exploring the ancient
ruins of Pompeii with a
historian-guide

Welcome to Italy

DAY 1: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21

- Arrive in an enchanting holiday getaway town unlike any other
- Toast your travel group at a gourmet dinner overlooking the sea

This morning you'll be met upon arrival at Roma's Fiumicino Airport by your Onward Travel guide and a professional driver with a luxury minibus. We'll load up and head south towards Amalfi, a four hour drive with a stop for lunch midway.

We'll arrive at our elegant waterfront accommodations in the charming town of Amalfi by late afternoon. Amalfi is a historic maritime republic nestled in a ravine between soaring cliffs with an 11th century Byzantine Cathedral at its center. Relax with the sea breeze, take a walk on the beach or maybe grab a gelato... we reconvene in the early evening for a welcome dinner at one of the best restaurants in town. Expect a truly gourmet experience in a gorgeous little dining room overlooking the sea.

Meals Lunch, Dinner

It's Lemon Time!

DAY 2: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22

- Limoncello straight from the orchard. 'Nuff said.
- Okay, the views from the orchard are incredible, too

You'll have breakfast on the lovely terrace overlooking the sea this morning, as you will each day we are in Amalfi. It won't take long here for you to pick up on the fact that along the Amalfi Coast they're kind of obsessed with lemons - and for good reason. Amalfi lemons are sweeter and more supple and often the size of a grapefruit... they are something else. Today we will visit a centuries old family lemon farm on the edge of the town of Amalfi.

The family who owns the farm loves lemons, for real. And we'll share in their lemon passion today as we tour the orchard and then roll up our sleeves for a lemon-centric cooking class during which we'll prepare and feast upon some of the family's favorite dishes. And naturally, it all ends with their limoncello. Lots of limoncello. After the cooking class you'll have some time to relax, wander the ancient Amalfi alleyways (have we mentioned the shopping here is great?), and enjoy dinner in town wherever you like tonight.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch

Blue Island Excursion

DAY 3: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23

- Sail to Capri on a private yacht, prosecco in hand
- Enjoy a memorable lunch at a Michelin-star seaside restaurant

Mid-morning our very own yacht for the day, the "Lady L" will cruise into Amalfi's harbor to whisk us off on a day like no other. We'll sail along the coastal inlets with sweeping views of Amalfi and her sister villages all the way out to the world famous Isle of Capri, the breathtaking "Blue Island." Alight from your luxury yacht at an elegant yet still beachy Michelin-star restaurant for a delicious lunch, culminating in a visit to the "Temptation Room," a tiled dessert room full of every scrumptious Italian treat you can think of.

After lunch, spend the afternoon enjoying the highbrow shopping and world class people watching of Capri, hop on a tourist boat to the Green Grotta, or hike up the Belvedere Cannone for a view you'll never forget. In the afternoon we'll hop back on our yacht to return to the mainland, our destination now is another picturesque seaside village just up the coast from Amalfi... a spectacular haunt of rockstars, literati, and glamorous figures in general: Positano. Enjoy the early evening hours here, whether that means more shopping, aperitivo, a good long wander or another fabulous meal. We'll return by luxury minibus to our hotel this evening before it gets too late.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch



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The Gardens of Ravello

DAY 4: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24

- Stand on one of the most legendary terraces in the world
- Try your hand at making fresh mozzarella

Just when you thought the villages of the Amalfi coastline couldn't get any more beautiful, there's Ravello. Established since the 5th century, Ravello is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and boasts view after view that will take your breath away. It's another timeless destination for famous artists, writers and musicians - Truman Capote, D.H. Lawrence, Albert Camus, Tennessee Williams, Greta Garbo, Joan Miro, M.C. Escher and many others spent a significant amount of time here.

In Ravello we'll be met by a local guide to explore two of Europe's most jaw-dropping villas: Villa Rufolo and Villa Cimbrone. Our guide is a charming young man with advanced degrees in archeology and history, and a personal passion for Slow Food - so he's perfect for us! Villa Rufolo dates to the 13th century and was extensively restored in the 19th, and Villa Cimbrone was established in the 11th century (that's a thousand years ago - amazing, right!?) and has been restored and built upon over the millennia - today they make a pair of fabulous structures, set amid painstakingly curated gardens in the most gorgeous natural settings you can imagine. We'll linger at Villa Cimbrone's Terrazzo dell'Infinito (aptly named Infinity Terrace). During our day touring Ravello you'll have free time for lunch and shopping.

Then we have a special treat in store - a visit to our friend Biagio the mozzarella maker! His little mozzarella studio here in Ravello is a wonderful place to spend the late afternoon hours together - he'll teach us how the good stuff is made fresh and of course there will be plenty of mozzarella and other tasty local products to nosh on. We'll head back to Amalfi after that and the rest of the evening is yours!

Meals Breakfast, Light Dinner

Drinking in the Landscape

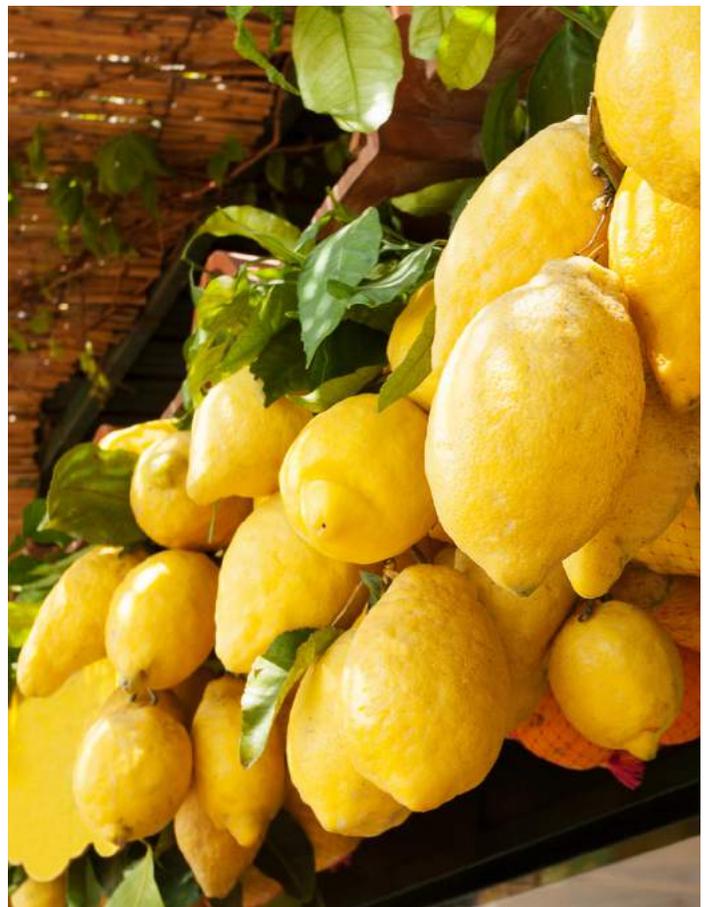
DAY 5: WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25

- Enjoy some leisure time to explore fabulous Amalfi as you like
- Meet a local winemaker and learn about the winemaking process

After a leisurely morning we head out of town to visit a winery in the hills. The family making wine here has been doing so for generations, and today they'll let us in on their winemaking process as we stroll the grounds and the production facilities. Then we'll enjoy a delicious and memorable wine tasting lunch.

Spend the rest of the afternoon and evening exploring Amalfi as you like... visit the interesting paper-making museum, relax with a book at a seaside cafe, shop for ceramics or take a plunge in the shimmering blue sea!

Meals Breakfast, Lunch



Soaking Up the Coast

DAY 6: THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26

- Visit fascinating small villages removed from the local tourist trail
- Enjoy dinner at a trattoria high in the cliffs looking out on the sea

Today our guide will take us for a tour of the lovely little off-the-beaten path villages of the Amalfi Coast. Our first stop is Vietri for a stroll through the characteristic ceramic shops. Vietri is famous all over the world for ceramic production and for this reason we will go to visit a little factory where it's possible to admire the art and precision of the artisans painting the ceramic artifacts. Then we'll go to Raito, a district of Vietri, to visit the Museum of Artistic Ceramics. The Museum is located in a beautiful villa above the coast with a marvelous view.

By now it's lunch time so we'll head to Cetara, a small fishing village, known for having some of the best seafood in the region. Particularly famous is the tuna, the anchovies and the "colatura di alici," which is basically an Italian fish sauce made through the maceration of anchovies. Colatura di alici is absolutely delicious on spaghetti and we'll try it today in Cetara. In the afternoon we'll wrap up our tour in Minori with a visit to the ruins of an ancient Roman villa and an afternoon cake break at one of the coast's most famous pastry shops.

Tonight is our last night in Amalfi so we'll go out with a bang! Dinner will be one to remember, at a family-owned trattoria perched high in the cliffs where they've been serving delicious local cuisine for over one hundred years - and the housemade limoncello is the best!

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



From Ruins to Roma

DAY 7: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27

- Wander through the ancient Pompeii ruins with our local guide
- Toast your new travel friends over a farewell dinner in Rome

After breakfast we'll begin our journey back up the coast, our final destination today is "The Capital of the World." But first let's stop at a place that hardly requires any introduction: the ancient ruins of Pompeii. Buried under lava after Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD, the once genteel ancient city of Pompeii is now one of the world's most famous archeological sites and it's been a popular tourist destination for over 250 years. We'll meet our local guide one last time and he'll lead us through the ancient ruins, interpreting them and captivating us with stories about life in an ancient world.

Just down the road from Pompeii is Naples, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. It's also the birthplace of modern pizza, so we'll stop on the outskirts to grab some real Neapolitan pizza for lunch. Some say it's the air, some say it's the water... but pizza in Naples is something else!

We'll arrive in Rome late afternoon and check in to our centrally located hotel within walking distance to countless restaurants, bars and historic attractions. After some time to settle in we'll enjoy *aperitivo* together before setting out for an authentic Roman feast at an upscale local trattoria - your Onward guide's favorite restaurant! Toast your new travel friends and enjoy this special evening together in the heart of Italy!

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Arrivederci!

DAY 8: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28

Onward Travel will arrange airport transfers this morning to Rome's FCO Airport based on travelers' schedules. Depart at your leisure and return home with new recipes and travel buddies and lots of wonderful memories! Or maybe you want to spend another night (or longer!) exploring Rome - Onward is happy to extend your hotel reservation in The Eternal City. *Buon viaggio!*

Meals Breakfast

Trip Essentials

BEGINS	Rome FCO Airport on Saturday, September 21, 2019 Select a flight itinerary that lands at FCO before 10:00AM
ENDS	Hotel in Central Rome on Saturday, September 28, 2019 <i>Transfer to airport on September 28 will be provided according to travelers' itineraries.</i> Would you like to spend the weekend in Rome? Onward is happy to extend your hotel stay as long as you like.
SUITABILITY & MOBILITY	<u>This tour includes walking for 15-30 minutes at a time, plus stairs and cobblestones.</u> Travelers may always opt out of activities they deem too physically challenging but refunds will not be provided.
TRIP LENGTH	8 days, 7 nights
LODGING	Hotel Residence, Amalfi 6 Nights 4-Star hotel in an elegant 18th century building in the heart of town on the waterfront Central Rome Hotel 1 Night A stylish, comfortable and well-located hotel will be selected
TOUR DATES & PRICE	September 21–28, 2019 Double Occupancy \$3650 per traveler Single Supplement \$1075 additional <i>Note that air travel is not included and a current passport is required for travel to Italy. You are welcome to pay by credit card, please add a 3% surcharge.</i>

Trip price includes the following:

- Airport transfers and ground transportation to/from all scheduled activities.
- 7 nights accommodations
- Most meals: daily breakfasts, six lunches, and four dinners. We have fantastic gourmet experiences planned, wine included, of course!
- Local guide services to truly understand The Amalfi Coast, and an Onward Travel guide at your service throughout the tour.
- Activities, tastings, cooking classes, and tours as detailed in the itinerary
- Taxes and gratuities.

Register now!

Visit onwardtravel.co to complete the registration form and submit payment.

Space is limited to only 15 travelers.

\$1,250 deposit due upon booking, balance due by July 1, 2019.

AIR TRAVEL:

The tour begins and ends in Rome, and the city is serviced by Rome Fiumicino Airport (FCO). Please confirm with Onward Travel that the tour is a "go" before booking non-refundable airfare. Be sure to book an itinerary that arrives before 10:00 AM on September 21, 2019. Contact Onward Travel for assistance or to coordinate with other *The Enchanting Amalfi Coast* travelers.

TRIP INFORMATION *The Enchanting Amalfi Coast September 21–28, 2019*

About Onward Travel

Onward Travel is a group tour operator owned and operated by sisters Molly Crist and Katerina Dhand. Onward Travel is focused on unique, thoughtful small group tours with itineraries that are researched and pieced together carefully to ensure authentic, engaging trips that foster genuine connection to places and people. A deep love of hospitality and adventure has been in Molly and Kat's blood for generations as Onward Travel is inspired by their family's cooking school on a farm in Bucks County, PA that offered culinary-focused travel to customers for over two decades.

Tuscany in Late September

Early autumn will be the perfect time to visit Amalfi and the surrounding region. The tourist crowds have finally begun to thin, and the air is clean and clear and just a little crisp. Expect highs reaching into the 80's and the temperature to drop into the low 60's at night. The Tyrrhenian Sea may still even be warm enough to take a dip! This time of year is mostly dry but rain gear is always recommended. Packing notes will be supplied before the trip.

Miscellaneous Travel Information

- *Passports are required for American citizens travelling to Europe. Visas are not required. Note your passport should be valid for at least six months beyond the date of travel.*
- *To determine the current exchange rate, Google "USD to EUR."*
- *Travel Protection: Onward Travel recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. Travel protection plans include coverage for Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and more. For more information on the recommended plans or to enroll, contact Travelex Insurance Services at 800-228-9792 and reference location number 32-0704.*
- *For a summary of plan details on benefits, coverages, limitations and exclusions, please refer to the applicable Description of Coverage. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Transamerica Casualty Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio; NAIC #10952. 1308294*

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