



# Amore in Italy: the Enchanting Amalfi Coast

A Culinary Adventure  
April 15—22, 2023

ONWARD TRAVEL ✈️  
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THE TERRACE OF INFINITY AT VILLA CIMBRONE



Join Chef Jenna & Onward Travel to explore one of the most magical places there is... the absolutely enchanting Amalfi Coast in Italy's central Campania region.

This sparkling destination has long attracted the well heeled and glamorous along with the creative and adventurous. April is a wonderful time to visit, as the coastline begins to blossom in the springtime but the temperatures and crowds of tourists have yet to reach uncomfortable highs. Expect the jasmine to be flowering and new lemons to be hanging on the vines.

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 APRIL 15

- 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 Chef Jenna, your Onward Travel guide and a driver with a comfortable minibus. We'll load up and head south towards Amalfi, it's a four hour drive and we're stopping for a fabulous lunch among the vines at an organic winery along the way.

We'll arrive at our elegant waterfront accommodations in the picturesque 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 seaside promenade or maybe grab a gelato... we reconvene in the early evening for a toast on the terrace of our hotel before we set out for a gourmet dinner at an upscale restaurant overlooking the sea and the sparkling lights of Amalfi.

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Meals Lunch, Dinner



SAL WITH ONE OF THE FAMOUS  
AMALFI LEMONS FROM HIS ORCHARD

## Positano & Lemon Time!

DAY 2: SUNDAY APRIL 16

- Explore the most glamorous town on the Amalfi Coast
- Prepare family recipes high in the hills on a lemon farm

You've had a long journey, so today let's take it easy a little bit. Enjoy a lovely breakfast buffet on the hotel's seaside terrace as you will each day. Late morning we'll hop on a high-speed ferry for a half hour ride to the fabulous seaside village just up the coast... that spectacular haunt of rockstars, literati, and glamorous figures in general: Positano. Enjoy some time on your own for shopping and lunch here before we return to Amalfi together.

Back in Amalfi, we'll make our way deep into the valley that turns into Amalfi town. This valley was carved out over millenia by a river that was later diverted underground, and as we leave town we will reach the foot of a centuries-old organic lemon farm. 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 special. The family who owns the farm loves lemons, for real. And we'll share in their lemon passion as we tour the orchard, hear plenty of stories, 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 as you'll come to know, it all ends with their own limoncello.

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Meals Breakfast, Dinner

## The Gardens of Ravello

DAY 3: MONDAY APRIL 17

- Stand on a dazzling terrace that will take your breath away
- Try your hand at making fresh mozzarella

Today we will visit a family we've gotten to know over the years at their small hotel in a village in the nearby hills (the views are incredible). They have deep culinary roots in the area, in fact they own our favorite restaurant in the region, the place we'll have dinner on our last night in Amalfi. But today we'll visit them at home for a special cooking class, including a tour of their culinary garden and a hands-on cooking experience complete with family secrets and local stories. Then we'll sit down together for a wonderful lunch of our cooking class creations. Theirs is a multi-generation operation and it's a delight to spend time with their family.

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After lunch, just when you thought the villages of the Amalfi coastline couldn't get any more beautiful, there's Ravello, very close to where we've spent our morning. 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 lots of time here.

In Ravello, you'll meet our local guide, Roberto, for the first time. He is an accomplished archaeologist and a slow-food connoisseur and together we'll explore the town and one of Europe's most stunning villas: Villa Cimbrone. 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 centuries. We'll linger at Villa Cimbrone's aptly named *Terrazzo dell'Infinito* or Terrace of Infinity. Then you'll enjoy some free time for shopping and exploration on your own in Ravello.

To finish our day we have an extra special treat in store - a visit to our friend Biagio the mozzarella maker at his *latteria*! Biagio is the last artisanal cheese maker in the entire Amalfi Coast and he's also a real hoot. We will make a big batch of fresh mozzarella together, everyone takes a turn, and then enjoy tasting a large variety of the products he makes and procures for sale in his nice little shop, accompanied by plenty of local wine, of course. That just-made mozzarella is an unbelievably tasty treat that you'll surely remember long after you return home.

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Light Dinner



THE TOWN OF AMALFI

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## Blue Island Excursion

DAY 4: TUESDAY APRIL 18

- Sail to Capri on a luxurious private boat, prosecco in hand
- Dine on spaghetti and seafood at a beachfront restaurant

Mid-morning our very own pair of luxurious speedboats will cruise into Amalfi's harbor to whisk us off for a special day at sea. 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." We'll stop on the way there for lunch at a beachfront seafood restaurant famous for its *spaghetti alla Nerano*.

When we reach the main harbor of Capri we'll alight from our boats and ride the funicular up to the main Capri town. Here you can spend the afternoon enjoying this legendary destination with its world class people watching and shopping, punctuated by stunning vistas at every turn. Maybe you want to hop on a tourist boat to the Green Grotto, linger over a drink with a view, or hike up to the Belvedere Cannone lookout point. As the day ends, we'll hop back on board for a leisurely aperitivo cruise back to Amalfi town. Tonight is yours to enjoy in Amalfi as you like.

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch

## Market & Cooking Day

DAY 5: WEDNESDAY APRIL 19

- Visit the little farmer's market in Amalfi's port
- Unwind with your travel friends as we throw our own dinner party!

Wednesday is market day here in the town of Amalfi! And it's an *Amore in Italy* tradition to visit the local market to scoop up some fresh Italian goodies to cook for dinner together with Chef Jenna. Those who would like to will visit the market in the morning and then you may spend the day in Amalfi as you wish... visit the Byzantine Duomo, go for a hike (lots of great hikes from Amalfi!), do a little shopping, or just catch up on R&R.

In the afternoon, gather as you're ready in the outdoor kitchen in the local family lemon grove. Trust us, there's no better place to kick back and throw your own dinner party! There will be plenty of wine, and under Jenna's wing we will make a delicious dinner together to enjoy amid the lemons...

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Meals Breakfast, Dinner

## Soak Up the Coast

DAY 6: THURSDAY APRIL 20

- Visit fascinating small villages off the typical tourist trail
- Taste local specialties in a fishing village famous for anchovies

It's our last day on the coast so let's really enjoy it: our guide, Roberto, will take us for a tour of the lovely little off-the-beaten-path villages between Amalfi and Salerno. After a scenic drive our first stop is Vietri for a stroll through the characteristic ceramic galleries and some time for shopping.

Next 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 (aka umami bomb) made since ancient times 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 we're having dinner at one of Onward Travel's most favorite restaurants anywhere. Perched in the hills above the coast with a view of the inky sea at nighttime, stretching for miles with twinkling lights interspersed here and there, and food that will knock your socks off, this place is a treat for all the senses. It's run by the family of brothers and their parents who we cooked a few days ago before we went to Ravello: one brother is the sommelier, another is the chef, another the maitre'd and another the manager. Their father grows the produce for the restaurant and their mother prepares the delicious desserts. Dinner concludes with their housemade limoncello. It's a place we dream about all year long!

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



EGGPLANT PARMIGIANA IS A CLASSIC DISH OF THE CAMPANIA REGION AND WE WILL ENJOY IT AT LEAST ONCE!

## From Ruins to Roma

DAY 7: FRIDAY APRIL 21

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

After breakfast we'll begin our journey back up the coast to the Rome metropolitan area. 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, Roberto, 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.

On our drive north from Pompeii we'll be ringing the edge of the city of Naples - the birthplace of pizza! So of course we must stop at a typical local pizzeria for delicious, fresh Neapolitan pizza. It is simple but will be a foodie highlight of the tour for sure.

In the late afternoon we'll arrive in Fiumicino, the port city serving Rome and the location of the capital's international airport, and settle in at our hotel with views over the canal that leads out to sea. After time to relax we'll meet for aperitivo before we set out to enjoy one last fantastic meal together at a seaside restaurant. As we watch the sun set over the Mediterranean we'll toast our new travel friends and reminisce about the wonderful week our group has just shared.

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Arrivederci!

DAY 8: SATURDAY APRIL 22

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 a few days exploring Rome - the heart of the city is just a short transfer from our hotel and Onward is happy to help you make arrangements to extend your travels in The Eternal City. *Buon viaggio!*

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Meals Breakfast

## Trip Essentials

BEGINS	<p>Rome FCO Airport on Saturday April 15, 2023</p> <p>Select a flight itinerary that lands at FCO before 10:00AM</p> <p><i>If you'll be arriving in Rome early, plan to be back at the airport by 10:30 am.</i></p>
ENDS	<p>Hotel Tiber Fiumicino on Saturday April 22, 2023</p> <p><i>Transfer to airport is included, a transfer to Central Rome can be arranged.</i></p>
SUITABILITY & MOBILITY	<p><b><u>This tour includes walking for 15-30 minutes at a time, plus stairs and cobblestones.</u></b> Travelers may always opt out of activities they deem too physically challenging but refunds will not be provided. The modern towns of the Amalfi Coast have grown from ancient settlements built into the cliffs, so please be prepared for uneven terrain.</p>
TRIP LENGTH	8 days, 7 nights
LODGING	<p><b>Hotel Aurora, Amalfi   6 Nights</b>   Family owned, 4-Star hotel in Amalfi's harbor with breakfast on the waterfront</p> <p><b>Hotel Tiber Fiumicino   1 Night</b>   A stylish and comfortable hotel with easy access to Rome's FCO airport and city center</p>
TOUR DATES & PRICE	<p>April 15–22, 2023</p> <p>Double Occupancy \$4150 per traveler</p> <p>Single Supplement \$800 additional</p> <p>Sea view rooms with balcony at Hotel Aurora are +\$375 per room for the six night stay.</p> <p><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></p>

## ONWARD TRAVEL COVID POLICY:

Onward Travel requires all travelers to provide proof of full vaccination against Covid-19 before the date of travel. All travelers will also be expected to comply with local masking regulations as well as any other customary pandemic precautions.

## 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 April 15, 2023. Contact Onward Travel for assistance or to coordinate with other *Amore in Italy* travelers.

## Trip price includes the following:

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

**Registration opens  
August 15  
at 12:00 noon EST!**

Visit [onwardtravel.co/amore](https://onwardtravel.co/amore) to complete the registration form and submit payment.

Space is limited to only 14 travelers.

\$1,250 deposit due upon booking, balance due by January 15, 2023.

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### About Onward Travel

Onward Travel is a group tour operator owned and operated by sisters Molly Crist and Katerina Clauhs 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.

### The Amalfi Coast in April

We will visit The Amalfi Coast at the beginning of the official tourist season, before the high temperatures and crowds make their summertime appearance. Orange blossoms and jasmine flowers will be blooming and new lemons hanging on the vines. For those brave enough, the sea will be just warm enough for a dip. Weather has been unpredictable lately, especially in shoulder seasons, but expect sunny days with highs in the 60's and the temperature to drop into the low 50's at night. A little rain here and there won't be a surprise and rain gear is 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. We recommend Travelex. For more information on available plans or to enroll, contact Travelex Insurance Services at 800-228-9792 and reference location number 32-0704.*
- *When booking travel insurance, be sure to familiarize yourself with applicable COVID coverage. Travelex will cover you if you or a family member contracts COVID before or during the tour, but it does not cover global events (i.e. a travel ban) or cancellation because of fear of travel. Read more here: [www.travelexinsurance.com/covid19](http://www.travelexinsurance.com/covid19).*



### Get in Touch!

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*Photos from our last Amore in Italy trip to Amalfi in 2019:*

