THE AMAZING AMALFI COAST
A Culinary & Cultural Adventure in Italy
May 16—23, 2026
ONWARD TRAVEL
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In the late spring, join 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. May is a wonderful time of the year to visit, as tourist crowds have yet to pick up, lemons are ripe in the trees, and the temperatures are still relatively moderate but it's become warm enough that you'll want to take a dip in the gleaming, blue Tyrrhenian Sea.

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.

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IMAGINE YOURSELF...

Arriving at the Isle of Capri on a private boat

Trying your hand at making fresh mozzarella

Exploring the ancient ruins of Pompeii with an archaeologist guide

Welcome to Italy
DAY 1: SATURDAY MAY 16

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

This morning you'll be met upon arrival at Roma's Fiumicino Airport by 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 gourmet dinner on a terrace overlooking the sea and the sparkling lights of Amalfi.

Meals Lunch, Dinner

Soaking Up the Coast
DAY 2: SUNDAY MAY 17

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

You'll have breakfast on the lovely terrace perched above the water this morning, as you will each day we are in Amalfi. Then our local guide, archaeologist and slow food connoissuer Roberto, 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 so while we're there we'll visit a little factory to admire the precision of the artisans painting the ceramic artifacts.

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, back in Amalfi, we'll head out for a casual dinner of pizza and salads together.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

The Gardens of Ravello
DAY 3: MONDAY MAY 18

- 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, and we'll have dinner there in a few days. 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 this family.

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, Roberto will meet us again to explore the town and one of Europe's most jaw-dropping 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 millennia. 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 artisinal 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.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Light Dinner

Blue Island Excursion

DAY 4: TUESDAY MAY 19

- Sail to Capri on a private yacht, prosecco in hand
- Marvel at the blue waters of the coastal grottos

Mid-morning our very own pair of boats 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."

When we reach the main harbor of Capri we'll alight from our boats and ride the funicular up to the main Capri town. We'll spend a few hours in this legendary destination with its world class people watching and shopping, punctuated by stunning vistas at every turn. Grab some lunch and then maybe you want to 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 our boats for a leisurely aperitivo cruise back to Amalfi town.

Tonight is yours to enjoy in Amalfi as you like.

Meals Breakfast

Places Dreams are Made Of

DAY 5: WEDNESDAY MAY 20

- Explore the most glamorous town on the Amalfi Coast
- Enjoy dinner at a trattoria high in the cliffs looking out on the sea

We've been busy, so today let's take it easy a little bit. The weekly market is happening, so perhaps you'd like to take a stroll and check it out. Late morning we'll hop on a 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.

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 a family of brothers and their parents: 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. We already know all this by now because they're the same family we enjoyed an unforgettable cooking class experience with them on Monday, so visiting them at the restaurant is extra special. And of course, dinner concludes with their housemade limoncello. It's a place we dream about all year long!

Meals Breakfast, Dinner

It's Lemon Time!
DAY 5: THURSDAY MAY 21

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

Spend this morning in Amalfi however you like... You may want to take a swim in the sea, go for a hike, do some shopping, or simply lounge on your terrace. After lunch we'll reconvene and 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. That subterranean river powered a medieval paper factory which is still there today. We'll pop in for an interesting tour. Then we continue further away from town until we find ourselves at the foot of an organic lemon farm.

By now you'll surely know 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 special. This afternoon we will visit a centuries old family lemon farm on the edge of town. 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 know by now, it all ends with their own limoncello. It's the perfect place to spend our last evening in Amalfi together to round out the amazing time we've had in this magical region.

Meals Breakfast, Dinner

Pompeii and Pizza
DAY 7: FRIDAY MAY 22

- 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 Neopolitan 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 into our hotel. After time to relax we'll meet for aperitivo before we sit down to enjoy one last fun meal together. Let's toast our new travel friends and reminisce about the wonderful week our group has just shared together.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Arrivederci!
DAY 8: SATURDAY MAY 23

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! *Buon viaggio!*

Meals Breakfast

Trip Essentials

BEGINS	**Rome FCO Airport on Saturday, May 16, 2026** Select a flight itinerary that lands at FCO before 10:00AM
ENDS	**Fiumicino Hotel on Saturday, May 23, 2026** Transfer to airport will be provided according to travelers' itineraries.
SUITABILITY & MOBILITY	**This tour includes walking for 15-30 minutes at a time, plus stairs and cobblestones.** 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.
TOUR DATES & PRICE	May 16—23, 2026 Double Occupancy $4700 per traveler Single Supplement $900 additional Double occupancy rooms are seaview, some have balconies. Single occupancy rooms are partial seaview. Upgrade to a room with a large terrace at Hotel Aurora for +$350 per room for the six night stay. *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.*
LODGING	**Hotel Aurora, Amalfi** | *6 Nights* | Family owned, 4-Star hotel in Amalfi's harbor with breakfast with waterfront views **Fiumicino Hotel** | *1 Night* | A stylish and comfortable hotel with easy access to Rome's FCO airport and city center

Air Travel

The tour begins & ends at Rome's Fiumicino Airport (FCO).

Please confirm with Onward Travel that the tour is a "go" before booking non-refundable airfare. Contact Onward Travel if you'd like assistance booking flights.

Arrive early to explore Rome!

Let us know if you are interested in arriving early to visit Rome. Once we know how many travelers are interested in an early arrival package we will make arrangements for a package including hotel stay, city highlights walking tour, group dinner and transfer to meet the rest of the group on May 16.

Trip price includes the following:

- Airport transfers and ground transportation to/from all scheduled activities.
- 7 nights accommodations
- Most meals: daily breakfasts, four lunches, and six dinners. We have fantastic gourmet experiences planned, wine included, of course!
- Local guide services to truly understand The Amalfi Coast, and an Onward Travel host 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 14 travelers.

$1,500 deposit due upon booking, balance due by February 1, 2026.

The Onward Travel Tour Director for this trip is Barbara

Barbara Bandinelli is a tour guide in her home city of Florence and Onward has been working with her there for so many years we've lost count! Her fun and interesting Florence walking tours are always a highlight of our travelers' Tuscan experience.

Barbara considers herself a true Italian who loves "to talk, to chat, to eat, to drink" and she can't wait to enjoy life together in Italy with you!

TRAVELER INFORMATION The Amazing Amalfi Coast *May 16—23, 2026*

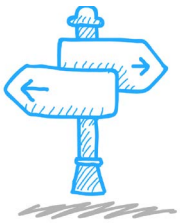
Please take note of the following useful information, and view more at www.onwardtravel.co/letsgo

Once Onward Travel receives your registration form, we will send you an **invoice** with instructions to pay the **deposit**.

If you'd like to purchase **trip insurance**, we suggest Travelex. For more info, call them at 800-228-9792 or visit www.travelex.com and refer to location number 32-0704.

Four to six weeks before the tour **we will mail you a packet** with a packing list, traveler directory and other useful info.

Make sure you know where your **passport** is now! For travel to Italy it should be valid for six months beyond your return date.



Onward Travel's cancellation policy in a nutshell:
- $250 of your initial deposit is nonrefundable
- Cancel within 90 days and the full deposit is nonrefundable
- Cancel within 60 days and 50% of total trip fee is nonrefundable
- Cancel within 30 days and the full trip fee is nonrefundable

See the full Terms & Conditions at www.onwardtravel.co/terms

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