

COOKING WITH CARLO

Third Annual Trip to Italy



OCTOBER 2018

Thank you for expressing interest in our third Trip to Italy! My name is Cesar and I'm coordinating this event along with Carlo, his wife Lina & our Staff. I am emailing all of you to provide you with details and the itinerary for our trip.

This is an extension of our Cooking Class we do at Three B's Bar & Bistro done abroad, where Chef Carlo will prepare special Italian meals and dining experiences while enjoying the scenic beauty & culture of Italy. Since Cooking with Carlo has always been a culinary & wine event, be prepared to enjoy some of the finest food & wines Italy has to offer. As always, Carlo's Staff includes our wine Sommelier who will explain each wine pairing and why it compliments Carlo's culinary selection.

Dates: October 2nd-12th (Tuesday-Friday- Arriving back to NJ Saturday 12th)

All-inclusive price per person is \$5500 this price includes

- Transportation from Toms River to JFK Airport on the 2nd and From JFK to Toms River on the 12th
- Round Trip Airfare
- Premium Hotel Accommodations for 9 Nights
- Secure transportation to every site via Bus, Boat & Train
- English Speaking Tour Guide auditioned & selected by myself and Carlo
- Admission Fees
- Multi Course Food & Wine Pairings at some of the most renowned restaurants in the South of Italy for Lunch & Dinner
- Breakfast Buffet

Steps to reserving your spots on our trip are as follows:

Deposits: Deposits are required and can be submitted on our website at www.threebsbarandbistro.com starting next week. You will all be notified first when that portion of our website opens up. If you have difficulty using our website, you may stop by the restaurant- Nicole Newby or myself will help you process your payments on our computers. We can only accept cash or credit card tender if you choose to make payments this way. Please give us a courtesy call ahead of time at 732-657-4113 so we know to expect you. Please be advised that trips are non-refundable once you receive your airline tickets

Payments can be made per person in three increments:

Initial deposit of \$1500 per traveler is due by March 10

Secondary deposit of \$2000 per traveler is due by April 7

Final deposit of \$2000 per traveler is due by May 5

It is necessary to collect payment this way in order to secure round trip airline tickets & hotel rooms.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE: valid up-to-date photocopies of your license & passports must be provided at the time of the initial deposits in order to book your airlines. This is a very strict process, names must match exactly on both identifications & when booking flights. You can stop by the restaurant in order to this, or fax it to Three B's at 732-657-7520 with the heading "Attn: Cesar or Nicole" and please give us a courtesy call at 732-657-4113 to confirm that we received it and it has been securely filed.

Trip insurance: Trip insurance is required by all persons attending the Cooking with Carlo Italy trip. This is done to protect all persons in the event of canceling their reservation. It's just smart to do so and gives everyone piece of mind. Proof of trip insurance is required. Persons who do not have trip insurance will not be permitted to attend.

Feel free to email me back at this address with any questions or concerns you may have. We are thrilled to provide you once again with a trip of your lifetimes! This is going to be an amazing trip and we are very excited to share this wonderful experience with you!

Full itinerary provided by travel agency (Subject to change):

DAY #1 : TRANSFER FROM FIUMICINO AIRPORT TO NAPLES CITY CENTRE AND PIZZA MAKING



Description

Meet with your escort at the airport of Fiumicino and board your bus to drive to the city of Naples.

Once in Naples you will enjoy a panoramic tour from your bus.

Admire the impressive Piazza del Plebiscito, the largest square in Naples where the Royal Place and the Church of San Francesco di Paola flank this semi-circular piazza. Look for the equestrian statues of Ferdinand I of Bourbon and Charles III of Bourbon as you pass by the church. If this church looks familiar it's because it is based on the Pantheon in Rome. Other significant buildings include the Teatro di San Carlo, which is the largest opera house in Italy and one of the most distinguished in the world. Opposite the opera house is the Umberto Gallery that dates back to 1887.

Continue with your guide for a walking tour of Naples city centre passing through "via Toledo" and through the Spanish quarters. Enjoy some free time before stop at the Gambrinus bar to enjoy a soft drink accompanied by the "sfogliatella".

The city of Naples is home of the pizza, the first being invented in the city back in 1830. The **Neapolitan pizza** has a particularly unique taste, which is renowned worldwide. You'll have the opportunity to visit a typical Pizzeria restaurant, where you'll be shown the art of cooking pizza in an original wood oven. Watch the 'Pizzaiolo' chef and discover the secrets of cooking the perfect Neapolitan pizza. Following the mouthwatering display, it's then time to indulge in a delicious **pizza-style lunch** before continue your tour of Naples.

After lunch you'll take in the hustle and bustle of Naples from the comfort of an air-conditioned motor-coach complete with a knowledgeable tour guide narrating the way, passing the Piazza Vittoria, we'll head towards the sea and stop for a photo opportunity at a viewpoint on posh Posillipo hill overlooking the Gulf of Naples. Enjoy the panoramic views where many a postcard shot was taken before drive back to your hotel.

Important notes: during the visit of the Historical centre approximately 1 hour of walking over relatively flat ground is involved. Comfortable, flat walking shoes are recommended.

inclusive of:

- English speaking Guide at disposal From Rome to Naples
- Private bus (max 48 pax) at disposal from Fiumicino airport and full day tour in Naples
- Soft drink & sfogliatella at the Gambrinus Bar in Naples
- Pizza school and lunch at the pizzeria La Piazzetta in Naples (located along the seaside)

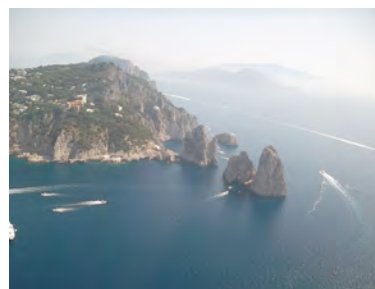
SET MENU: Taste of mixed Italian fried (zeppole, panzerotti e crocche) – Pizza Margherita – mixed salad - Dessert – mineral water – coffee and wine).

Duration: approx. 10 hrs

Pick up : Fiumicino airport

Return : Hotel Calamoresca in Miseno

DAY# 2 - Visit of Island of Capri



Description

Meet your English speaking guide drive to Naples pier to embark on the jetfoil to Capri.

Board a jetfoil for an approximate 50-minute cruise to the stunningly beautiful isle of Capri.

Arrive in Capri and transfer by local minibuses to Anacapri situated high up in the hills on the less populated west side of the island. You'll have 45 minutes to explore the grounds of the Villa San Michele. Built by Swedish physician and author Axel Munthe, this stunning manor is located on the same site where the villa of Roman Emperor Tiberius once stood. The villa's grounds offer panoramic views from its commanding vantage point perched atop the Phoenician Steps that connect Anacapri and Capri Town. From the San Michele gardens you can take in the views of Capri Town to the Bay of Naples and the Sorrento peninsula to Mt. Vesuvius. Besides the awe-inspiring vistas, the gardens themselves were named some of the most significant in the country. Stroll the gardens and experience a sense of antiquity as you gaze upon statues and relics that date back to ancient Egypt.

The next stop is the east side of the island to the main population center of Capri Town for lunch followed by some free time. Arrive at a local restaurant where you'll be served an authentic southern Italian meal using fresh, seasonal ingredients from the Campania region. After lunch, you will drive back to the main centre by local minibus where you will spend approx. 60/90 minutes of free time to shop for souvenirs or visit the verdant Gardens of Augustus. This lush garden setting is situated high atop a sheer cliff that provides a striking view where you can take in the dramatic scenery of the turquoise sea below and the Faraglioni stacks, three rock pinnacles formed over time by erosion from the wind and sea. Afterwards, you'll transfer by funicular to the Marina Grande and take the hydrofoil/jet boat back to Naples where you will board your bus and drive back to the hotel.

Important Note: *extensive walking involved in Capri as both Anacapri and Capri Town are pedestrian only. Capri is a very popular island and crowds should be expected during your visit. Inclement weather and rough seas may cause seasickness on the boat to/from Capri so guests should take the necessary precautions. Guests must be able to walk approximately 1.5 miles over rough stone and cobblestone streets with 10 to 15 steps. Comfortable walking shoes, hat and sunscreen are highly recommended.*

inclusive of:

- English Speaking Guide at disposal Full day
- Round trip transfer by private bus (max 45 pax) from the hotel to Naples pier and vice versa.
- Hydrofoil transportation from Naples to Capri and vice versa
- Headsets to use during the whole day
- Debark taxes on the island of Capri
- Private transfer by local minibus from Capri pier to Anacapri / from Anacapri to the restaurant/ from the restaurant to Capri town
- Entrance fees to Axel Munthe's Villa **OR** Chairlift to Monte Solaro
- Entrance fees to Augustus Gardens
- Transfer by public funicular from Capri town to Capri pier
- Lunch at restaurant in Capri town - **SET MENU**
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RISTORANTE "PAOLINO LEMON TREES" CAPRI

| MEAT MENU | FISH MENU |
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| <p>* Mixed grilled mozzarella between the leaves of lemon, Eggplant Parmigiana, flower pumpkin tempura</p> <p>* Pennette pasta AUM AUM with small tomatoes sauce, mozzarella cheese and eggplants;</p> | <p>* Mixed grilled mozzarella between the leaves of lemon-Eggplant Parmigiana-flower pumpkin tempura</p> <p>* CALAMARATA pasta with calamars, tomatoes, fennel cappers and caciotta cheese</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sliced Fillet of Beef with arugula and parmesan cheese * Typical dessert * Wine, mineral water | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Filet of fish grilled with mixed salad * Typical dessert * Wine – mineral water |
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DAY #3 - Visit of Ischia



Description

Drive from you hotel to the pier of Pozzuoli where you will take a scheduled ferry that will bring you to the Island Steamer Terminal. Once on Ischia Ponte your guide will take you to the imposing Castle Aragonese. The first fortress was built in 474 BC by the Greek-Syracusan, Gerone I, who had arrived to help the Cumaeans in the war against the Tyrrhenians.

After the visit continue your driving around the island up to Lacco Ameno to admire the Mushroom Rock, a very famous local landmark in the shape of a huge mushroom sitting quietly in the sea on the south side of the island.

Proceed to Forio d'ischia where your restaurant is located.

Arrive at the restaurant enjoy your lunch surrounded by a beautiful sea side view.

After lunch, time permitting re-board the bus and drive around the Island passing through Serrara Fontana and Monte Sant'Angelo before arriving at the pier to embark the ferry back to Pozzuoli.

Arrive at the port of Pozzuoli board your bus and drive to your hotel.

Important notes: Guests must be able to walk approximately 1.5 miles over varying terrain and to negotiate approx.. 50 steps. Comfortable, flat walking shoes are recommended.

inclusive of:

- English Speaking Guide at disposal Full day
- Round trip transfer by private bus (max 45 pax) from the hotel to Pozzuoli pier and vice versa.
- Ferry transportation from Pozzuoli to Capri and vice versa
- Headsets to use during the whole day
- Local minibus at disposal on the Ischia island
- Lunch at restaurant " UMBERTO A MARE" (Forio) SET MENU

| RISTORANTE " UMBERTO A MARE" | | | | | | | |
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| MEAT MENU | | | | FISH MENU | | | |
| *Cicerale Chickpea Soup, Toasted bread and coffee powder | | | | *Salad with squid, potatoes, tomatoes and celery | | | |
| *Ravioli pasta with eggplant, mozzarella, basil, fresh little tomatoes and smoked ricotta cheese | | | | *Gagnano Pasta with reef fish meat and tomatoes | | | |
| *Rabbit from "Cajola" cooked as Ischia style, with potatoes sauté | | | | *Fish in sauce with capers and potatoes, pods of red flour with gaeta olives | | | |
| *Dessert | | | | *Spoon dessert | | | |
| *Mineral water, Biancolella DOC 2014 wine, coffee and limoncello | | | | *Wine, mineral water coffee and limoncello | | | |

Duration: Approx. 9 hrs

Pick up and return: Hotel Calamoresca in Miseno

DAY# 3 - NAPLES BY NIGHT : meeting at the hotel at 6.30p



Description

After relaxing in the hotel meet again with your guide and drive to Naples.

Enjoy a panoramic tour of this city and before arriving at the restaurant pass by Mergellina, Via caracciolo (sea side) , Piazza Vittoria, Piazza Municipio and Piazza del Plebiscito (where the Royal Palace, The san Carlo Theatre, Umberto Gallery are located) .

After the driving return along the sea side and stop at the Borgo Marinaro, the Kingdom of the fish man, where the famous Castel dell'Ovo is located.

Walk to your restaurant the "Transatlantico" and enjoy your 4 course dinner lulled by the sound of the sea. After dinner re-board your bus and drive back to your hotel.

- English Speaking Guide at disposal from the hotel to the restaurant (the group will go back to the hotel only with the driver)
- Round trip transfer by private bus (max 45 pax) from the hotel to the restaurant
- Dinner at restaurant Transatlantico : **SET MENU –**
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| RISTORANTE "TRANSATLANTICO " NAPOLI | |
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| MEAT MENU | FISH MENU |
| Caprese Salad and Fried Italian style Rigatoni alla Nerano Roasted meat with baked potatoes Dessert of the day Mineral water, wine and liqueur | Octopus salad and deep-fried Sea Delights Risotto with seafood Mediterranean Sea bream in a potato crust with vegetables Sweet Baba ' Mineral water, wine and liqueur |

DURING DINNER IF CONFIRMED WE COULD PROVIDE A TYPICAL NEAPOLITAN MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

- **Duration:**
- **Pick up and return : Hotel**
- **Suggested Departure**

DAY # 4 - Positano & Amalfi By land sea



Description:

Board your air-conditioned motor-coach for a 90-minutes driving to Salerno where a motor-launch will take you on a scenic 60-minutes cruise along the gorgeous Amalfi coastline. It's an ideal photo opportunity for shots of the rocky outcroppings and verdant grottos dotting the cliffs.

Your first stop is Positano, a picturesque town built into a sheer cliff. The tiers of whitewashed houses that cling to the rock face have been the subject of myriad postcards and photos. Once a major trading port in the Middle Ages, today it is a sophisticated retreat for tourism, filled with boutiques, beach shops, fine restaurants and cafés. Enjoy free time a leisurely hour to explore the town or go shopping.

Re-board the motor-launch and cruise to Amalfi to enjoy lunch.

After lunch have approximately 60/90 minutes of free time, you can choose to visit independently the Amalfi Cathedral, which is a striking structure with 62 steps leading to its entrance. Its façade is Arabic-influenced Romanesque with a bold mix of stripes, arches, mosaics and textures.

After the free time meet again with your guide and cruise back to Salerno where your bus is waiting for you to drive you back to your hotel.

Important notes: The drive from the hotel to Salerno takes approximately 2 hours;
Passengers who suffer from motion sickness should take the motor-launch ride into consideration.
Positano main centre is pedestrian only.

inclusive of:

- English Speaking Guide at disposal full day
- Private bus (**max 48 pax**) at disposal full day
- Private motorlaunch at disposal from Salerno to Positano/ Amalfi and return to Salerno
- Lunch in Amalfi at the Restaurant " LO SMERALDINO " : SET MENU

| RISTORANTE "LO SMERALDINO " AMALFI | |
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| MEAT MENU | FISH MENU |
| - Parmigiana of eggplant cooked in the pan in a wood oven - Paccheri (handmade pasta) with Neapolitan sauce with beef meatballs - Abruzzo Grilled lamb with herbs of the coast with baked potatoes - Cheesecake and pear Sal Mocked - Mineral water, coffee and Falanghina ' | - Octopus tuna tartar grilled on potato puree, prawns and raw prawns, shrimp stir-fried - Scialatielli (handmade pasta) with seafood and octopus with local red squid - Amberjack baked in a potato crust - Cheesecake and pear Sal Mocked - Mineral water, coffee and Falanghina ' |

Duration:

Pick up and return: Hotel Calamoresca in Miseno

DAY # 5 - Visit of Sorrento and Gnocchi school



Description

Board your coach and depart for an unforgettable drive along part of the beautiful, breath-taking Sorrentine Coast. You will see mountains cut by deep gorges plunge precipitously to the sea, pastel colored houses cling precariously to the cliffs, and the serpentine drive uncoils past olive and lemon groves, offering unforgettable views at every turn.

Sorrento is a town of extraordinary beauty that has endured as a favored resort for centuries. Set high atop the Mediterranean cliffs, overlooking the Bay of Naples, Sorrento provides breath-taking panoramic views along the Sorrento Peninsula with its terraced gardens, vineyards and lemon and orange groves.

Stop in Sorrento and enjoy free time to explore, shop or relax in an outdoor cafe.

Reboard your bus and drive to a family-owned farm that produces outstanding mozzarella, olive oil and home-cured salami. On arrival your hosts will invite you in and show you their home, including the antique wine cantina, the frantoio – where the oil is made - and their lemon trees.

After the visit of the farm-house you will see a demonstration of how to make fresh mozzarella cheese and limoncello liqueur and then start the hands-on cooking class and learn how to make typical “ Gnocchi alla Sorrentina”.

Enjoy lunch with a taste of their home made products, your hand-made gnocchi, lemon dessert, with wine, mineral water and limoncello liquer.

At the completion of your visit, re-join your motorcoach to drive back to your hotel.

Important notes: The walking in this tour is minimal. – Some uneven & sloped ground at the farm-house.

inclusive of:

- English speaking Guide at disposal
- Private bus (max 48 pax) at disposal full day
- Parking fees in Sorrento
- Visit of the farm-house including lunch: **SET MENU: Taste of Farmhouse specialities as home-cured salami; fresh mozzarella cheese, caciocavallo cheese, bruschettas, Gnocchi alla Sorrentina with mozzarella cheese and fresh tomatoes, Lemon dessert, local wine, mineral water and taste of limoncello liquer.**

Duration: approx. 9 hrs

Pick up & Return : Hotel

DAY#6 – NAPLES HISTORICAL CENTRE AND NEAPOLITAN FOOD



Description

Setting off from your hotel, you'll enjoy a panoramic city drive up to the historical centre of Naples.

As first you will reach the famous Duomo, a splendid Gothic cathedral, built in the 13th century, which rises on the site of a previous church dating from around 570 A.D. It is dedicated to the patron saint of Naples, San Gennaro, whose blood in an ampoule melts three times a year: the first Saturday in May, 19 September and 16 December. If the blood melts means that the miracle has happened, if it does not melt it could generate fears for the security of the city. Luckily, it melts almost always.

Afterwards, join your guide for a fascinating walk through the historical centre of Naples, the heart of the city, which is a UNESCO heritage site. You will visit Via San Gregorio Armeno, known as the street of Nativity makers and see the numerous shops displaying delightful figurine handicraft.

Then, reach Piazza San Domenico and visit San Severo Chapel Museum, which is a jewel of the world's artistic heritage.

Placed at the centre of the nave of the Chapel, the **Veiled Christ** is one of the most famous and impressive works of art in the world. Raimondo di Sangro appointed a young Neapolitan artist, Giuseppe Sanmartino, to make a "life-sized marble statue, representing Our Lord Jesus Christ dead, and covered in a transparent shroud carved from the same block as the statue".

Continue your walking tour with your tour guide and have the possibility to stop in one of the typical pizzeria to taste the authentic neapolitan pizza a portafoglio" or the famous "Pizza Fritta with ricotta.

After lunch continue your walking tour in the historic centre up to the parking lot to board your bus and drive back to your hotel.

Important notes: during the visit of the Historical centre approximately 2 hour of walking over relatively flat ground is involved. Comfortable, flat walking shoes are recommended. The service at the Pizzeria is outdoors and the guests will enjoy their Pizza standing.

inclusive of:

- English Speaking Guide at disposal full day
- Private bus (max 45 pax) at disposal full day
- Entrance fees to San severo Chapel
- Headsets to use during the whole day
- Stop at typical Neapolitan Pizzeria to taste one "Pizza a portafoglio" OR one "Pizza Fritta with ricotta per person . (beverage is not included).

Pick up and return : Hotel Calamoresca in Miseno

Suggested Departure:

DAY#7 – Tour of Rome including “St Peter’S Basilica, Lunch & walking tour of Squares & Fountains



Description

Meet your English speaking guide at Termini railway station upon arrival.

First stop will be at the Vatican city where you will visit **St. Peter's Basilica**, the largest church in the world. Among the many fine pieces of art and mosaics on display are Michelangelo's "Pieta" and the beautifully carved Bernini Pulpit. After some free time to photo and shopping, reach the restaurant and enjoy a nice typical Italian lunch. After lunch, continue with a walking tour through the most beautiful Squares and Fountains of Rome. With a short walk you will reach **Piazza Navona**. The large and lively square, built on the former Domitian's stadium, hence the long, oval shape of the square, features no less than three magnificent fountains. The central and largest fountain is the Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi (fountain of the four rivers). Proceed to Piazza della Rotonda, a rectangular square with a central fountain and obelisk. The draw to this square has to be the more than 1800 year old building sitting beside it, the **Pantheon**. The building's dome, more than 142 feet high was the largest dome in the world until 1436 when the Florence Cathedral was constructed. Then, walk through the narrow twisting streets to the **Trevi Fountain**. Located in the Trevi region of Rome, the fountain stands 85 feet high, 65 feet wide, and is the largest Baroque fountain in the city. A traditional legend holds that if visitors throw a coin with one's right hand over one's left shoulder into the Trevi Fountain, they are ensured a return to Rome. Then it's a short walk to The **Spanish Steps**, a set of steps climbing a steep slope between the Piazza di Spagna (Spanish Square) at the base and Piazza Trinità dei Monti, dominated by the French church of Trinità dei Monti at the top. It is the longest and widest staircase in all Europe. Then re-board again your Private coach and return to the railway station.

Difficulties: Intense walking involved and endure extended periods of standing.

Notes: *Strict dress code is enforced in St. Peter's Basilica. Short pants, tank tops and revealing clothing are not acceptable. Guests may be required to check large bags, backpacks, video cameras and/or personal water bottles at designated check points. Kindly be also aware that in case of ongoing service mass, St. Peter's Basilica might close at any time, with no advice, for security reasons, In this case the guide will make an outside explanation and you can enjoy free time in St. Peter's square.*

inclusive of:

- Transfer by bus from the htl to the train station and vice versa
- Train ticket from naples to rome and vice versa
- English speaking escort at disposal full day
- Private bus at disposal full day in Rome
- English speaking Guide at disposal Full Day in Rome.
- Headset full day
- Admission fees and parking for the bus
- Lunch at typical restaurant SET MENU

Duration: 10 hrs

Pick up and return: **Hotel Calamoresca a Miseno**

Timing : *Please note that the order of the visits may vary*

DAY # 8 – Mozzarella Tasting & Paestum Excavations



Description

During this tour you will visit a typical Campanian cheese dairy to discover the secrets of real mozzarella cheese. Board your bus for a drive to an antique mozzarella dairy that exclusively uses the milk produced by his or her own buffalos. Here you will see the traditional Campania D.O.P. buffalo mozzarella being made and then you will taste their dairy products all produced exclusively from the milk of the buffaloes bred on the farm .

They grow fodder for our 600 buffaloes. Each of them is treated only with homeopathic remedies.

Before driving to the south to Paestum you will enjoy lunch which will be served in a private villa from the end of the 18th century.

The Greeks, who were attracted by the sweeping, flat countryside and rich soil founded the archaeological site of Paestum over 2,500 years ago, which was ideal for farming. (You will notice en route that it is still a thriving industry of the region.) The Greeks built three beautiful, columned temples (not unlike the Pantheon in Greece), which are fairly intact to this day, and many Greek artefacts, which have been discovered in this area, are on display in the museum that will also be visited.

Re-board your motorcoach and return back to your hotel.

NOTES: Guests must be able to walk approximately 1.5 miles over uneven and cobblestone surfaces with a few steps at the farmhouse. Comfortable walking shoe and hat are recommended. Paestum is not wheelchair accessible.

inclusive of:

- English Speaking Guide at disposal full day
- Private bus (max 45 pax) at disposal full day
- Entrance fees to Paestum Archaeological site
- Headsets to use during the whole day
- Visit of the Mozzarella cheese dairy (breeding; processing of mozzarella; artisanal processing of buffalo leather items; company museum)
- Lunch at the Mozzarella cheese dairy: SET MENU first course: crepes with ricotta and spinach; mozzarella and ricotta; tomato salad; green salad; company yogurt; homemade bread; rustic bread; White wine; mineral water; ice cream / coffee / cappuccino. (*The menu is fixed and there is no possibility of other drinks besides those indicated*)

Duration:

Pick up and return : Hotel

Suggested Departure

DAY 9 - Visit of Pompei and visit of Winery

Description

Meet with your guide at the Hotel and drive to Pompeii. This UNESCO World Heritage Site exposes the remains of a lost city buried deep beneath the ash when Mt. Vesuvius violently erupted in 79 AD.

Explore the grounds on this guided tour of the excavated city. Your guide will point out the remarkably preserved remains that hint at daily Roman life. Known as a vacation community for high society, Pompeii had a forum, amphitheater, gymnasium, shops and an aqueduct that delivered water for irrigation, fountains and private baths. Some of the ruins are remarkably preserved with elaborately detailed mosaics and colourful frescoes decorating the interiors of wealthy homeowners' villas. The dining room was the most highly decorated room of the house. As you walk the dining rooms, you can imagine guests reclining on large couches covered with pillows while servants brought platter after platter of food. More elaborate houses could have several courtyards with fish ponds or baths. Pompeii had a lively commercial life. Most of the shops and storefronts along the Via dell' Abbondanza were open to the street, sometimes with serving windows or counters holding bins or built-in storage jars, and their business owners had living quarters behind or above their stores.

A wine and food pairing at a scenic vineyard located on the slopes of Mt. Vesuvius is your next adventure. A vineyard tour introduces you to the geologic conformation of Vesuvius slopes, the rare characteristics of volcanic soil and a marvelous microclimate come together in one of Italy's most interesting wine producing regions. You'll also visit the cellars for insight into the process by which the grapes are turned into the vintner's liquid creations.

Afterwards, you'll enjoy lunch including a taste of local specialties and of 4 kinds of wine.

Re-board your coach for the scenic narrated drive back to your Hotel on the autostrada.

Important notes: As this excursion involves walking over cobbled and uneven surfaces as well as uphill walking, it is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. It is recommended that guests wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes. It is also recommended that guests bring a hat and sunscreen. Pompeii is a vast and active archaeological site; therefore, it is not possible to determine which houses will be open in advance.

inclusive of:

- English Speaking Guide at disposal full day
- Private bus (max 45 pax) at disposal full day
- Parking fees and admission fees in Pompeii
- Entrance fees to Pompeii excavations
- Headsets to use during the whole day
- Visit of the winery

- **Lunch at the winery - SET MENU:** Bruschetta with tomatoes, salami, cheese, typical Neapolitan bread "The Casatiello", bread with olive oil - Spaghetti made with the tomatoes from Mount Vesuvius, Buffalo mozzarella cheese and salad - Typical Neapolitan cake "The Pastiera" - During the lunch tasting of 4 wines and during the Dessert Taste of apricot brandy and sparkling rosé of Vesuvius "Capafresca".

Duration:

Pick up and return : Hotel

Suggested Departure:

DAY 10- Transfer by private bus (max 45 pax) and English speaking escort from the Hotel to the Airport.

Pick up in Hotel TO BE CONFIRMED
