

ROME - NAPLES- AMALFI



DAY I - ROME

Arrive and check in to your hotel. Afternoon: The visit of the Eternal City starts with the **Trevi Fountain**, we then proceed to **Piazza Colonna**, which is named after the column of the Emperor Marco Aurelio, here you will be able to admire the Italian government buildings; **Palazzo Chigi** (Government), **Palazzo Montecitorio** (House of commons) and **Palazzo Madama** (House of the Senate). From here we arrive in **Piazza della Rotonda** from where you can see the **Pantheon** built for Emperor Adriano. From here we arrive in **Piazza Navona** with the magnificent fountain of the four rivers by Bernini. The tour terminates with the **Ara Pacis**, alter dedicated to peace by the Emperor Augusto. Dinner in Hotel.

DAY II - ROME

After breakfast visit of **St. Peter's Basilica**, the world largest, with a surface area of 15.000 square meters. Inside the Basilica you will be able to admire many works of art such as the **Pietà** by **Michelangelo** and the bronze **Baldachin of Gian Lorenzo Bernini**. Visit **the Crypt** where the rests of St. Peter, of Pope John Paul II and numerous other Popes can be found. Finally visit St. Peters externally and admirer the **colonnade** by Bernini. **Afternoon:** Visit of the **Vatican museum**. The tour finishes in the **Sistine Chapel** with its frescos of the **Genesis** and the **Last Judgement**, opera of Michelangelo Buonarroti. Dinner in hotel.

DAY III - ROME

After breakfast visit of **the world's largest archaeological area**. The **Colosseum**, also known as the Flavian Amphitheatre, the **Arch of Costantine** (in 315 AD), followed by the **Arch of Titus** (1st century AD), proceeding we can admire the **Roman Forum** steeped in history and after this we climb up the **Capitoline Hill**. From this famous Hill, where the municipality of Rome has it headquarters, we can admire the beautiful Square in the shape of a Trapeze designed by **Michelangelo**. Not to be missed is the view of the **Ara Coeli church**. On the opposite side of the Hill is **Piazza Venezia**, home of Europe's largest monument : the monument to the unknown soldier also called the **Vittoriano**. Afternoon free, for who wishes, visit of one of Rome's many museums; of particular interest is the **Capitoline Museums**. Dinner in hotel.



DAY IV - CASERTA

After breakfast, transfer and visit of the **Reggia di Caserta**, work of the architect Luigi Vanvitelli commissioned by Carlo of Borbone, Borbone, King of Naples. The commission included the **construction of the royal palace that had to compete with the beauty of Versailles**. The majestic park of the Palace is divided into two sections: the **Italian garden**, in which we find several fountains and the famous great waterfall, the **English garden**, characterized by the forest. Dinner in hotel.

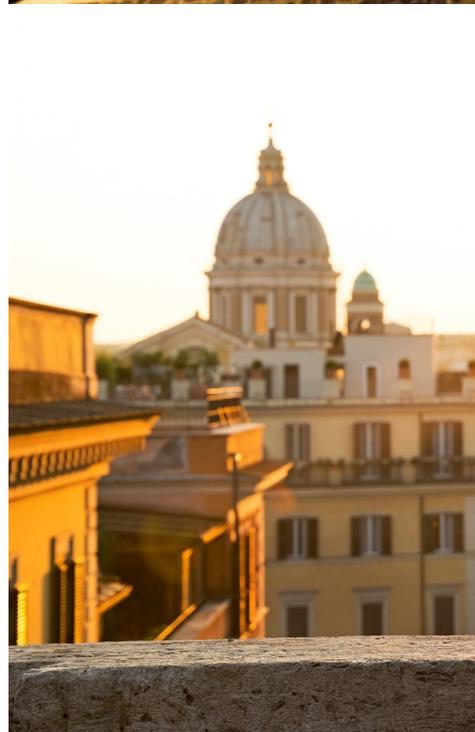
DAY V - NAPLES

The City with the **largest historic centre in Europe**, declared **Unesco** world heritage site, one can admire many fabulous **monuments** and works of art (the Royal Palace, Piazza del Plebiscito, Umberto I arcade, the Maschio Angioino, **the Duomo**, the Basilica S. Paolo Maggiore, the cloisters of **S. Martino** and S. Chiara, Capodimonte Palace). Dinner in hotel.

DAY VI - POMPEI - COSTIERA AMALFITANA

Visit what was once a rich **city of the Roman Empire**, destroyed by the eruption of the **Volcano Vesuvius in 79 AC**. The excavations are a chilling testimony of the life style of the city that seems to have fallen asleep at the **moment of the eruption**. The volcanic powder has made it possible that many works have reached us nearly intact (the forum, the brothel, the amphitheatre, just to mention a few). Here you can also visit the sanctuary **dedicated to the Madonna** (mostly visited by Catholics), its construction commenced the 8th May 1876.

Afternoon, **visit of the Amalfi Coast and its heart, Amalfi**, a piece of paradise not to be missed. Amalfi is dominated by its Duomo dedicated to St. Andrew, with its striking staircase **and the colours of the mosaics on its facade**, are testimonies of the power of Amalfi **when it was a Marine Republic**. Continuing the visit of the Amalfi Coast one can admire the **fishing villages** which constitute a **unique** mosaic. Dinner in hotel.



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