



September 20-30, 2022

Highlights:

**Ischia / Naples / Phlegraean Fields /
Sorrento / Amalfi / Amalfi Coast /
Ravello / Wine & Food on Mt. Vesu-
vius / Ercolano Tasting on Mt Vesu-
vius / Limoncello Tasting and more**



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Dear Friends,

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND THIS SEPTEMBER 2022

Join us on a new and exciting trip and journey through south central Italy and what has been dubbed one of the most picturesque places in the world. The Amalfi Coastline, Sorrento, Naples / Ischia Resort Island and more.

Sincere Regards,

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Day 1: Departure USA to Naples, Italy Tuesday, September 20, 2022

This evening's direct trans-Atlantic flight to Naples Italy will depart from Newark Liberty International Airport. Meals and entertainment are aloft. Arrival in Naples September 21, 2022 at approx. 8:00 am.

Day 2: NAPLES – SORRENTO 9/21

Arrival and pickup at NAPLES, Capodichino Airport or Napoli Centrale Train Station (if you have arrived on your own). After collecting all the passengers we will begin our day with a panoramic city tour of Naples including Mergellina, Castelletto dell'Uovo, the Galleria and Piazza Plebiscito. Some freetime for lunch (on your own) in Naples. Time permitting we can make a stop for a wonderful Neapolitan Espresso and the famous "Sfogliatella" pastry invented in this region.



The great theater actor and author, Eduardo De Filippo once said, "When the night falls and your heart sinks deep, eat a sfogliatella and your heart will soar!" The fragrance and scent of warm puff pastry, filled with sweet ricotta cheese and enriched with a few pieces of candied fruit, are delicacies that can bring anyone back at peace with the world and its contradictions.

Tonight supper (included) will be at a local restaurant in Sorrento with regional seafood dishes; wine, water and coffee included. After supper tonight we can stroll around the old village of Sorrento for some free Limoncello tastings. Overnight in Sorrento.



Sorrento Limoncello is known for its exceptional quality, and as such, many tourists hope to sample some of this liqueur while in the Sorrento area. As the name would imply, limoncello in general is a lemon-flavored liqueur. It has an alcohol content of 35 percent at the least and the very best is, arguably, that which is made from Sorrento lemon peels. Local factories in the Sorrento area employ traditional methods in order to render their special liqueur. As a digestive, limoncello is typically chilled and served after dinner. That's not the only way that it can be served, however. More and more cocktails are starting to feature it as an ingredient. Among the liqueur's main attractions is the fact that while it imparts plenty of lemon flavor, it is not as bitter or sour as lemon juice.



Day 3: SORRENTO - HERCULANEUM —The SLOPES of MOUNT VESUVIUS - 9/22

This morning, after breakfast, we will journey to the remarkable and extraordinary city of Ercolano at the foot of Mount Vesuvius; the volcano responsible for the destruction of this city and the surrounding area of the Bay of Naples. **FOR THREE DAYS IN AUGUST** of 79, death rained down on the Roman towns surrounding Mount Vesuvius, as the volcano's epic eruption laid waste to everything in its path. Buried a few days after Pompeii, the small but wealthy village of Herculaneum, on the north side of the volcano, had more time to panic and evacuate than its more famous neighboring city. The eruption eventually covered the town in up to 60 feet of ash and mud, making the excavations of the site labor intensive and complicated, but safe-keeping the ancient city in a remarkable state of preservation. Even wood was preserved at Herculaneum. Afterwards we will begin our ascent of the slopes of Mount Vesuvius. Along the way we will be stopping at a local winery and *agriturismo* for much needed refreshments of food and wine tasting. This will be our lunch (included) of the day. Here we will sample the unique Lacrima Christi (tears of Christ) wines, paired with local products from the slopes of Mount Vesuvius. The tastings are held on the terrace (weather permitting) under the slopes of (Her Majesty) Mount Vesuvius with the Mediterranean Sea in the distance.



Tasting menu (sample menu below subject to change with seasonal availability)

Antipasto appetizer with local products: salami, provolone cheese, "casatiello" (a savory bread), and bruschetta with heirloom Piennolo tomatoes on bread baked in a wood-burning oven, paired with **Lacrima Christi del Vesuvio Bianco DOP** (100% Caprettone), **Rosato** (100% Piediroso), and **Rosso** (100% Piediroso).

Pasta made with durum wheat flour and embellished with a sauce made from heirloom Piennolo tomatoes and basil, paired with **Lacrima Christi Riserva** (80% Piediroso and 20% Aglianico, aged in French oak barrels for 18 - 24 months).

Pastiera Napolitana, a traditional dessert featuring sweetened ricotta, candied fruit, and boiled wheat berries, paired with **Capafresca Spumante Rosato** (100% Aglianico) and **Acquavite di Albicocche del Vesuvio**, our apricot distilled (grappa). Supper will be on your own this evening and overnight in Sorrento.



Day 4: AMALFI Coast to Amalfi 9/23

Amalfi is a town in a dramatic natural setting below steep cliffs on Italy's southwest coast. Between the 9th and 11th centuries, it was the seat of a powerful maritime republic. The Arab-Norman Sant' Andrea cathedral at the heart of town, with its striped Byzantine facade, lives to tell the tale of this era. Today, upon arrival, you will have a short guided tour and then some leisure time to discover the beauty of this wonderful coastal resort or to explore the area.

Your tour director will give you a brief orientation of the village before setting you free to enjoy its wonder. Later we will continue our journey to visit Ravello, one of the highest points on the Amalfi Coast with spectacular views of the turquoise Mediterranean sea below. We will visit Villa Rufolo, 13th Century villa with its wonderful gardens and magnificent views of the coastline below. Take some time to relax and people watch in one of the many outdoor cafes or bars sipping some ice cold Limoncello. See **"L'arte di fare niente"** on page 9 for instructions on some **Italian Style Relaxation**. Supper will be on your own. Overnight in Sorrento



"L'arte di fare niente"

Italian Style Relaxation.

DAY 5:– Mozzarella Making Class 9/24

After breakfast, once again, a transfer will transfer to a typical CASEIFICIO (Cheese Factory) nearby Sorrento. A special tour in the factory will take place with an English speaking tour escort. During this time you will discover and witness the production of Mozzarella and other typical cheese of this region. The term mozzarella derives from the procedure called mozzare which means "cutting by hand", separating from the curd, and serving in individual pieces, that is, the process of separation of the curd into small balls. It is appreciated for its versatility and elastic texture and often called "the queen of the Mediterranean cuisine", "white gold" or "the pearl of the table". The classic "Mozzarella di Bufala" is made strictly from milk of the water Buffalos. The history of water buffalo in Italy is not settled. One theory is that Asian water buffalo were brought to Italy by Goths during the migrations of the early medieval period. Another theory is that water buffalo were brought from Mesopotamia into the Near East by Arabs and then introduced into Europe by pilgrims and returning crusaders.



Upon entering the factory, each participant will receive a personal Kit with a smock, paper hat, and shoe covers to wear for sanitary measures. Your visit will begin with some information about the first step of production: the milk. Then you learn how they begin to process the milk step by step. You will also be introduced to some other varieties of cheese apart from the mozzarella. There will be time to also try your hand at making your own mozzarella. Then afterwards taste the products in the "Tavernetta" of the factory; a relaxing place of with Orange

and Lemon trees. Later transfer back to the hotel with free time at leisure in the afternoon. Dinner (included) with wine ,water and coffee and overnight in Sorrento.

Day 6: Sorrento – Napoli /Fire & Food / Ischia 9/25

The city of Naples is thought to be one of the oldest continually inhabited cities on the planet, but its recorded history began when Greek settlers established colonies in the area during the second millennium B.C. Later, another colony, called *Parthenope*, was founded by more Greek colonists from the Aegean island of Rhodes during the ninth century B.C. Parthenope eventually declined, however, and the true beginning of Naples (as such) was found in the new Greek settlement called Neapolis during the sixth century B.C. Today will be quite an interesting day for all.



FIRE: Pozzuoli / Today we will visit the Campi Flegrei , home of the Roman god Vulcan. The Phlegraean Fields are a large volcanic area situated to the west of Naples. It was declared a regional park in 2003. Lying mostly underwater,



the area of the caldera consists of 24 craters and volcanic edifices. The name, literally burning fields, refers to the highly volcanic nature of this area. Although none of the volcanoes here are technically considered "active" today, there's still plenty of seismic activity as one can see. *The ground moves, the earth shakes, and scalding, stinking steam rises from hissing fissures in one of the most seismically active volcanic landscapes on Earth.* [Sofia Costanza Brigida Villani Scicolone, or **Sofia Loren** is a native of Pozzuoli.]



Food : Pizza Lunch An often recounted story holds that on 11 June 1889, to honor the Queen consort of Italy, Margherita of Savoy, the Neapolitan pizza-maker Raffaele Esposito created the "**Pizza Margherita**", a **pizza** garnished with tomatoes, mozzarella, and basil, to represent the national colors of Italy as on the Italian flag. Today a "pizza" Margherita lunch would definitely be in order! We will stop at one of the 100s of pizzerie located throughout Naples to savor this treat in its original birthplace.

Later this afternoon we will board our water-craft transport to the Island of Ischia for the next three days of fun and relaxation. Upon arrival we will check in to our hotel and have some time to refresh and change before supper. Tonight supper (included) will be at as local restaurant within walking distance of our hotel. Wine, water and coffee included.



Overnight in Ischia

Days 7, 8, 9 : - The Island of Ischia - Arriving on the Island 9/26 afternoon—depart 9/29 Day 10

Ischia is a volcanic island in the Gulf of Naples, Italy. It's known for its mineral-rich thermal waters. Hot springs bubble up at Maronti Beach, in the south. East, Roman remains lie beneath the sea floor at Cartaromana Beach. The beach has views of medieval Aragonese Castle, linked to Ischia by a stone bridge. Nearby, 18th-century Palazzo dell'Orologio houses the Sea Museum, devoted to Ischia's fishing tradition.

Monday morning, September 26. for those interested, we will include (at no cost) a 3 hour motorboat tour around the Island with a stop at Sant'Angelo. We would do it in the morning so then you will have the rest of the day free. The hotel has a semi-covered thermal pool and an outdoor natural pool, a beach and a private platform equipped with umbrellas and sunbeds about 20 meters from the hotel, wi-fi connection, Turkish bath, deluge shower and Kneipp path, included The use of the indoor swimming pools of the Hotel Miramare and Castello ***** is also avail-



Ischia is one of the most picturesque islands in the Bay of Naples, part of the Campanian Archipelago. Besides offering exotic sceneries with flowing hills and rocky beaches, it's famous for thermal spas and natural springs.

Your hotel will be a 5*** Star luxury resort hotel with many amenities.**



The next three days on Ischia will be unstructured for you to relax and enjoy your time . Relax, enjoy the beaches, the pools and the spas that the Island has to offer. As always breakfast is included but the rest of the time, except for our last evening, will be yours free to choose from one of the many restaurants, trattorias , osterias or bars to have meals on your own. For the seafood lovers there is an amazing amount from which to choose. For those who are not fond of the bounty of the sea the restaurants also offer meat, poultry and vegetarian fare. At this point instructions for the next day departure will be given.

At the docks, the busy port town greets you with shops, bars, cafés and parked taxis along Banchina Olimpica and Via Iasolino. Choose from the many terraces for coffee or gelato with the view. Your journeys in Ischia start from the compass rose-styled roundabout at the junction of Via Porto and Via Iasolino. The sidewalks are narrow and it can get busy with whizzing scooters, so take care. Take Via Osservatorio past the Palazzo Reale di Ischia (Royal Palace of Ischia) for a quiet, tree-shaded walk.

You can enjoy a soothing spa treatment at many thermal spas that dot Ischia's coast. Sant'Angelo and its Fumarole Beach has plenty of choices, some of which are luxurious and upscale. These include the Spa Aphrodite Apollon and the Romantica Resort & Spa, among others. Up in the northeast and around Forio, popular thermal gardens include Poseidon and Negombo. If you're pressed for time, the closest to Ischia Porto is the Castiglione thermal park with its 10 naturally heated pools. All-day access is from €27.

The volcanic island of Ischia is blessed with fertile soil and a perfect climate for viniculture. Wine making here dates back to the Ancient Greeks, and the Romans even once dubbed it the 'Land of Wine'. The types of grapes used are indigenous to the island. One of the best places to sample the variety of Ischian wines is at Casa D'Ambra, a wine house in the southern part of Forio. Their vineyards are scenic and overlook the bay, and their facility has been producing wines for generations, since 1888.

This islet on Ischia's beautiful east coast has the medieval castle of Aragonese as the icing on the cake. From the port, it's a half-hour walk past hotels, pizzerias and the lush Pineta Mirtina Park (or a 7-minute drive). Crossing the causeway to the islet is a visual treat, and there's a lift that you can take to the castle's main area. If you're fit, a network of carved stone paths and tunnels leads you to many different spots on the islet to explore. Tickets to the castle are around €10, with guided tours available.

Day 10: Ischia to Naples Pozzuoli 9/29

Today we depart this little piece of paradise on earth to begin our journey back to the world and reality! We board our water craft back to the mainland. Here we will check-into our hotel for the night as our flight leaves the next morning. After check in the balance of the day will be free to explore or shop for those last minutes items. From our hotel it is a very short drive to the International Airport of Naples called Capodichino. Dinner included with wine, water and coffee. Overnight in Naples.

Day 11: Naples / USA—Departure Day Friday, September 30, 2022

Today, we bid not farewell, but **Arrivederci** (see you again) as you board your transfer back to Naples Airport Homebound or Train Station for the continuation of your journey. Upon boarding, not only will you be carrying many memories of fun days, wonderfully interesting meals shared with friends, but a bit more culture to add to our already cultured consciousness, but above all the recollection of an impressive and wonderful journey on the ITALIAN PENINSULA.



INCLUDED

- *ROUND TRIP ECONOMY TRAN-ATLANTIC FLIGHTS FROM NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (see page 10/ Airfares & Transfers)
- ROUND TRIP GROUP AIRPORT or TRAIN STATION TRANSFERS FROM NAPLES to SORRENTO
- ENGLISH SPEAKING TOUR DIRECTOR FROM DAY of ARRIVAL to DAY of DEPARTURE
- ENGLISH SPEAKING LOCAL GUIDES THROUGHOUT
- ENTRANCE FEES INCLUDED
- BUFFET BREAKFAST DAILY with coffee, tea
- WINE, MINERAL WATER & COFFEE AT MEALS
- DE LUXE AIR-CONDITIONED MOTORCOACH
- PORTERAGE in HOTELS
- TAXES (22% VAT) & SERVICE CHARGES

EXCLUDED

- PASSPORTS and/or VISA FEES
- GRATUITIES to DRIVER, GUIDES, TOUR ESCORTS
- PORTERAGE IN AIRPORTS & TRAIN STATIONS
- ITEMS OF PERSONAL NATURE (Laundry, telephone calls, room service, etc)
- BEVERAGES at MEALS OTHER THAN LISTED IN THE ITINERARY
- CITY HOTEL TAX (4 Euro per person per night) Approx \$40 per person



Day	Date	Flight #	Depart From	Depart-Time	Arrive Time
Tues	20Sept 22	UA 964	NEWARK/NY LIB-ERTY, NEW JERSEY	5:10PM	7:55AM 767-300
Fri	30Sept 22	UA 965	NAPLES, ITALY	9:55AM	2:15PM 767-300

AIRFARE & TRANSFERS

This trip is priced Land & Air separately. The reason: **anyone wishing to procure their own air travel through frequent flyer miles or other, may do so, keeping in mind, they must adhere to the “group” arrival and departure schedule in Naples, Capodichino Airport in Italy, to be able to take advantage of the “included” transfers to and from the airport in Italy. Otherwise you may be obliged to take taxis or hire a private transfer to meet the group or return to the airport at your own expense. We will be pleased to assist you in booking your flights from the USA to Italy. If you are booking “your own” air, please contact us. See group air schedule on page 9.*

INSURANCE

Many times we are asked about travel insurance. We, unless licensed by the State of New Jersey, we cannot sell you insurance of any kind. There are several options that you can research such as; AARP Members, AAA Members, check your “homeowner’s policies” for travel provisions, other organizations to which you may be a member, or check online at <https://www.insuremytrip.com/> . This web site will give you comparisons from which to choose.

PRIOR to DEPARTURE

Prior to all of our group departures Fratelli & Company Group Travel will provide you with an “information” packet which will answer many of your concerns and questions about the trip. It will give contact information, flight schedules, hotel information and telephone numbers to leave at home with family members. It will give you info for packing suggestions, type of weather to expect, Euro vs US Dollar exchanges, US Embassy telephone numbers and much more. However, if you have a question or concern beforehand, please do not hesitate to call or email our office.

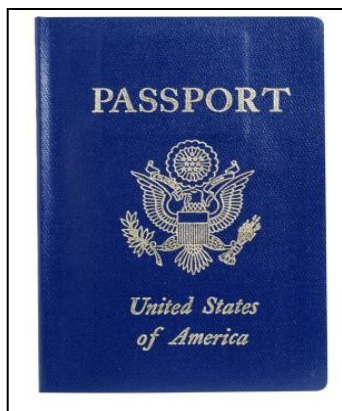
PASSPORTS

Make two copies of all of your travel documents (passports picture page) in case of an emergency or loss and leave one with a trusted friend or relative.

Travel to European Countries in the Schengen Area

Entry into any of the 26 European countries in the Schengen area for short-term tourism, a business trip, or in transit to a non-Schengen destination, requires that your passport be valid for at least six months beyond your intended date of departure. Because many Schengen countries assume all travelers will stay the full 6 months allowed for visa-free visitors, we recommend that U.S. citizens:

- Have at least six month’s validity remaining on your passport whenever you travel abroad.
- Check the expiration date on your passport carefully before traveling to Europe.
- Carry your passport with you at all times in Europe. ID must be shown upon request by Government officials anytime in the Schengen areas.



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Please fill in all areas and sign reverse side of application. A copy will be sent with your receipt of deposit.

Land Package - \$ 2,940. per person (double occupancy) Airfare -\$ 1,210. (see page 10 “Airfare & Transfers”)

Complete Land & Air \$4,150. Not including Hotel City Tax approx. \$40. pp

Price quoted is based on payments made by check or cash only. **For credit cards please add 3.50%**

RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR DEPOSIT — PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

September 20—30, 2022

Name as it appears on passport: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Tel: _____ Mobile or Work Tel: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: (City, State, Nation) _____

US CITIZENS

U S Passport #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

FOREIGN NATIONALS Check with your Consulate should you require a VISA to enter Italy

Foreign Passport # _____ Expiration Date _____ Alien Registration # (Green Card) _____

If you DO NOT have a passport at this time, please indicate, then provide to the tour operator/tour director the passport info ASAP

I wish to room with: _____

Private Accommodations or Single Room: _____ + Single Supplement Fee **\$750.**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Fratelli & Co. GTC, 26 Pill Hill Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924

\$500. Per person deposit due with this application

Balance in Full Due 60 days prior to departure date; July 20, 2022

Will you be taking Travel Insurance? It is recommended. Yes ____ / No ____ Your travel professional can assist you.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO: Please provide one or 2 Names and telephone numbers in case of an emergency.

1. _____

2. _____

I eat FISH ____yes or ____no. I eat RED MEAT ____yes or ____no.

I am GLUTEN INTOLERANT ____yes or ____no

(Optional) Do you have any SEVERE FOOD or MEDICATION ALLERGIES: Please list use separate sheet if necessary

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservations/Deposits/Payments: A deposit of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) is required at the time of booking. No reservation is confirmed until the deposit is received by the tour operator. The balance of the tour price is due and payable sixty (60) days prior to departure.

Minors And Infirm: Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or a responsible adult deemed worthy by the parent/guardian. If a minor is traveling with any person other than parent/guardian then the responsible adult will provide the travel agent/tour operator and have in his/her possession a notarized letter from the parent/guardian giving that adult full permission to make decisions on their behalf and permission to room with the minor. No minor will be allowed to room alone without the parent/guardian or named responsible adult. Due to the physical demands of the tour and the inaccessibility of handicap facilities abroad, no physically handicapped person may be a tour passenger.

Tour Price: The tour price in this brochure is based upon the U. S. currency vs. the European Euro at the time of printing, **March 15, 2022**. If changes in these rates occur, it may change the price accordingly. The tour price is based on booking a minimum of 25 paying passengers. A lesser amount could increase the price of the tour. Should the price of the tour change for any of the reasons mentioned above, the passenger will then have the right to cancel the reservation and receive a full refund of payment made to date, provided that written notice be received by Fratelli & Co. within 7 (seven) days of the notification of the price change. Otherwise, the cancellation policy written below prevails. No refund will be made if the passenger is dissatisfied with any of the accommodations; fails to use any of the accommodations included in the tour price, or must return home prior to completion of the tour.

Cancellations: Land and Air arrangements may be canceled and passenger may receive a full refund less one hundred (\$100.) dollars cancellation fee if the cancellation is made no less than ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled departure date. If cancellation is made less than sixty (60) days prior to scheduled departure, there is no refund unless a suitable replacement passenger books the tour in his/her place. For these reasons we recommend you take Travel Insurance.

Travel Insurance: Health, accident, Trip Interruption/Cancellation and baggage insurance are NOT included; brochures can be made available through your travel agent.

Sightseeing & Itinerary: Sightseeing is included as specified in the itinerary with English-speaking guides and customary entrance fees. The tour operator reserves the right to vary the sequence of the itinerary and/or reroute the order of cities, should circumstances arise.

Passports: A valid passport is required, and MUST be shown upon request to the travel agent/tour operator, tour leaders and any airline personal and customs officials. Passports must be valid up until 6 months after the return date.

Responsibility: Fratelli & Co., your tour operator has arranged a vacation package which may include one or more of the following: air, land transportation, hotel accommodations and food service. Neither the tour operator nor the organizer own, operate, manage, or control any hotel, bus company, railroad, cruise line, service provider, restaurant, airline transportation company, person or persons rendering any of the services, and/or accommodations offered in connection with this tour. The tour operator and/or tour organizer do not guaranty any passenger's safety who participates in the tour. Accordingly, the passenger understands that he or she has no claim against the tour operator or organizer for any delay, or other irregularity caused by a third party service provider, damage to or loss of property, injury to or death of the person due to any action or failure to act by the air carrier, bus carriers, private cars, livery carriers, railroad, ships, hotels, restaurants and any service providers in connection with this tour, strikes, war, or any acts of God. Under these circumstances, no portion of the tour price will be refunded. It is advisable that you cover any potential risks with insurance coverage.

Cancellation of Passenger's Rights: In an effort to make the tour pleasant for all, the tour operator reserves the right to: 1. cancel any reservation and refund the tour price, pursuant to the cancellation clause, of any passenger who acts irrational by words, actions and demeanor prior to the tour departure; 2. refuse further participation in the tour once the tour begins, with no refund given, to passengers who: act unruly, irrational, unduly argumentative, incite trouble among passengers, endanger the health and/or safety of the other passengers, tour operator, tour organizer, and/or tour escort, or if they become physically or emotionally disabled and create a burden that the remaining passengers are unwilling to accept. No tour passenger, tour operator, tour organizer, tour escort, will be obligated to assist any infirm, handicapped or injured passenger.

Inclusions: All hotel taxes, service charges, Four Star First Class Hotels, Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary, English-speaking guides, all baggage handling and assistance abroad (except in airports for security reasons), Breakfasts, lunches and dinners (including in flight meals) as per itinerary.

Exclusions: Passport and visa fees, tips for tour escorts, drivers, guides, food service personal, hotel maids, phone calls, laundry services, and other items of a personal nature. Rates do NOT include beverages at meals unless specified in the itinerary. Rates do not include transportation to and from US airports or baggage handling in the United States.

Physical and Emotional Limitations: The tour operator cannot be held responsible for any part of the tour missed due to physical or emotional limitations. Anyone who cannot participate in an event will not receive a refund for any unused portion. Further, if anyone must stop or return to a hotel or motor-coach during a tour, and uses public transportation or taxis, it will be their responsibility to pay for the transportation.

Miscellaneous: Any Litigation concerning this tour shall be brought in the State of New Jersey. This agreement shall be construed according to New Jersey and Federal law. The tour operator shall not be responsible for any typographical errors or misprints. The tour operator reserves the right to substitute in its discretion any air, land and sea carrier, hotels, and service providers and itinerary.

I have read terms and conditions of the tour and accept them. I represent I am not physically or emotionally challenged and I am able to meet the physical demands required by this tour.