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Dear Friends,

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, Capri, Naples, Positano and more.

Sincere Regards,

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Day 1 Departure USA to Naples, Italy

This evening's trans-Atlantic flight to Naples, Italy will depart from Newark Liberty International Airport. Meals and entertainment are aloft and arrival in Naples. Time schedule TBA.

Day 2: NAPLES – SORRENTO

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, Castlel dell'Uovo, the Galleria and Piazza Plebescito. Some freetime for lunch (on your own) in Naples. Time permitting we can make a stop for a wonderful Neopolitan 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 - POMPEII—The SLOPES of MOUNT VESUVIUS

This morning, after breakfast, we will journey to the remarkable and extraordinary city of Pompeii at the foot of Mount Vesuvius; the volcano responsible for the destruction of this city and the surrounding area of the Bay of Naples. Pompeii lay under ashes and lava for almost 2000 years until it was discovered in the 19th century. Here, we can marvel at the advanced culture of this Roman city and the Pompeian citizens. The baths, the homes, the market place and the gardens had all been remarkably preserved under the lava for nearly two millennium. The cataclysmic eruption re-shaped the entire coastline of the Bays of Pompeii, Naples and Sorrento.



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% Piedirosso), and Rosso (100% Piedirosso).

Pasta made with durum wheat flour and embellished with a sauce made from heirloom Piennolo tomatoes and basil, paired with **Lacrima Christi Riserva** (80% Piedirosso 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 distillate (grappa).

Before returning to Sorrento we will continue up the slopes of the volcano in a special 4x4 vehicle called a "Busvia" to the observation area, the rest of the journey to the crater is on foot for those who are still willing! Supper will be on your own this evening and overnight in Sorrento.



Day 4: Sorrento – Napoli /Fire & Food & Food

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.

After lunch, there will be some free time to visit the Spanish Quarter in via Gregorio Armenio, famous for it's shops of hand-crafted Cloth Mache` Christmas Nativities. Later we will stroll down to the waterfront for some great views and photos. Here we will take some "chil–lax" time. Perhaps have a glass of wine or a coffee and relax before this evenings festival of seafood supper!

FOOD : - Seafood Supper (included) This evening we will dine and be entertained at the famous seafood restaurant

of <u>"'A figlia d''o marenaro"</u> Translation from the Neopolitan dialect "the daughter of the sailor" this particular restaurant is run by Signora Assunta who takes special pride in her seafood's quality, freshness and preparation. Have a look at her place and food art on "Facebook" - search—<u>a figlia d''o marenaro.</u>

Overnight in Sorrento.



DAY 5– Mozzarella Making Class

After breakfast, once again, a transfer will transfer to a typical caseificio (Cheese Factory) in 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 will 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 hand at making vour vour 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 to Positano

Today we'll depart Sorrento and travel south on the Amalfi Coast Drive to the magnificent city of Positano, which like the legendary Sirens of Li Galli, never fails to seduce. Seen from the sea, Positano is set in a dramatic vertical panorama of colors; the green of the Monti Lattari, the white, pink and yellow of the Mediterranean houses, the silvery grey of its pebble beaches and the blue of the sea. Once a vital part of a mighty sea power, Positano is today a sophisticated resort on the central Amalfi Coast. Moorish-style architecture rises up steep slopes that gaze out on the Sirenuse Islands. Smart boutiques, selling fashions for visitors to display on Grand Beach, abound in the village; it's a great base for exploring the area. You'll find everything you could possibly make with the Amalfi Coast's lemons in Positano. This will be a totally free day for you to enjoy this little bit of paradise on your own. Weather



permitting, you can bring swimwear and enjoy the beach or just meander through the quaint streets and alleyways, browsing the unique boutiques and art shops. Other suggestions by your tour director will be offered. Supper (included) with wine and water and overnight in Sorrento.

Day 7: AMALFI Coast to Amalfi

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. After lunch we will have some free time in the area known as the Spanish Quarter. Via Gregorio Armenio, famous for it's shops of hand-crafted Cloth Mache` Christmas Nativities . Today 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 Meditterranean sea below. We will visit Villa Rufolo, a 13th century villa with it's wonderous 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 <u>"L'arte di fare niente"</u> on page 10 for instructions on some <u>Italian Style Relaxation</u>. Supper will be on your own. Overnight in Sorrento.

Day 8: Sorrento- CAPRI - Sorento Capri, the Isle of Lovers

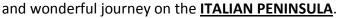


For those of you who have never been there you will soon realize why it is so called one of the most romantic places in the world. Its streets are lined with boutiques famous for perfume making and lemon products of every sort imaginable. **YES IT'S TRUE!!!** Lemons on Capri grow as large as grapefruits. A private chartered boat will take us from Positano to the Isle of Capri, approximately a one hour boat ride that offers wondrous views of the entire Amalfi Coast. Along the way we will see the natural rock formations including the Green and White Grottos. After cruising around the entire island of Capri, we will have a couple of hours to take in the sights. Capri is a glamorous island that features high fashion shopping and breathtaking panoramic views. We will visit the Garden of the Four Seasons and Anacapri with its magnificent views; there will be free time for lunch, shopping and leisure before returning to the port to re-board our boat back to the mainland. Tonight a farewell dinner (included) with wine and music will be in order. Overnight in Sorrento.

Day 9: Sorrento to Naples—Departure Day

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 <u>your</u> 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





ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

INCLUDED

- *ROUND TRIP ECONOMY TRAN-ATLANTIC FLIGHTS FROM NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (see page 9/ 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 (21% 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 \$35 per person









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 <u>"group" arrival and departure schedule</u> 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 <u>at your own expense</u>. We will be pleased to assist you in booking your flights from the USA to Italy. <u>If you are booking</u> <u>"your own" air, please contact us for the Group air schedule.</u>

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





Robert Lewis Stevenson once said, -"There are no foreign lands. It is the traveler only who is foreign."



As a fairly frequent traveler, I am continually reminded of how "foreign" I truly am, especially as I observe, with deep envy, even the most mundane activities of Italian living. If you've been to Italy, you have surely noticed that there is a certain "ease" in the way Italians go about things. Not that their lives are "easier" than ours, but even when life is hard and busy for them, life is not rushed to the point of completely missing out on what is essential and most important.

Italians possess the unique ability to be present in the moment, and when the gift of leisure actually is within their grasp, they have perfected what is called:

"L'arte di fare niente"... "the art of doing nothing"

When was the last time that you kicked back and sat at an outside cafe and nursed a cappuccino or glass of wine for 2 hours without feeling guilty about the other "important" things that you should be doing?

A few years ago, after managing a trip with a large group, I found myself in Rome after they had departed. One day while walking through Piazza del Popolo, I decided to sit for a cool glass of white wine, a very Roman tradition in mid -afternoon. It turned into an afternoon event of *"L'arte di fare niente"*. I believe that it was probably one of the most relaxed times of the whole trip. I sat and exchanged light conversation with others also taking part in this exercise of sanity, I people watched and pondered the trip that I had just successfully completed. Best of all I relaxed and took stock of my surroundings and how fortunate I was to be there.

Take some time on this trip and treat yourself to sitting at an outside café and nurse a drink and just people watch. Take a moment to enjoy the beauty and life around you. S top sightseeing and taking pictures, texting and "Facebooking" for a moment, think about and reflect upon where you are geographically in this world and be in awe of the sights that abound around you.

"The art of doing nothing," the ability of being present in the moment, and not missing out on what is essential and most important when life gets a little "pazzo" is truly to be a much appreciated Italian gift from above...

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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 1, 2020. If changes in these rates occur, it may change the price accordingly. The tour price is based on booking a minimum of 16 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.

<u>**Travel Insurance:**</u> Health, accident, Trip Interruption/Cancellation and baggage insurance are <u>NOT</u> 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.

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I have read terms and conditions of the tour and accept them. I represent I am not physically or emotionally

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