

Amalfi, Capri & the Sorrentine Peninsula

Tour Style: Guided walking

Destination: Italy

Trip code: STLCL

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HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Prepare to create lasting memories as you explore Italy's most glittering and sun-drenched stretches of coastline. From the glamorous Isle of Capri to a hike along the famous 'Path of the Gods', our holidays here put a wealth of walks at your feet, all set against the iconic backdrop of Mount Vesuvius. And when it's time to relax, we'll return to our base in Sant'Agata sui Due Golfi. Nestled between the Gulf of Naples and the Gulf of Salerno, this picturesque hilltop town offers some of the Amalfi Coast's most stunning sea views. Best of all, travelling here in the off-season means avoiding summer crowds and enjoying a more peaceful (and cooler) escape.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London Heathrow, including baggage and transfers (flights available from other airports - price may vary)
- A choice of 2 guided walks per day with local leaders (on walking days)
- HF Holidays Tour Manager

- 7 nights' accommodation in Sant' Agata sui due Golfe
- 7 breakfasts & 7 dinners
- All in-destination transport

HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Visiting the enchanting Isle of Capri, a jewel in the Gulf of Naples
- Discovering the hidden rural landscapes of the Sorrentine Peninsula
- Soaking up panoramic views from Punta Campanella
- Walking the famous 'Path of the Gods' to reach Positano
- Exploring the Cetrella valley and Monte Solaro
- Enjoying great Italian food paired with regional wines

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival Day

Welcome to the Hotel Delle Palme. Unpack and settle in.

Day 2: Landscapes Of Massa Lubrense

Option 1 - Rural Hamlets & Groves

Distance: 3.5 miles (6km)

Total Ascent/Descent: 525 feet (160m)

Today's itinerary takes us to the Massa Lubrense area. Starting on foot from the hotel, this rural route takes us through quiet hamlets and farmland away from the tourist spots to admire incredible landscapes of olive and lemon groves.

Option 2 - Villages & Vistas

Distance: 5.5 miles (9km)

Total Ascent/Descent: 1,150 feet (350m)

On our harder walking option we will also take in the wonderful rural landscapes of the Massa Lubrense, following a longer route from our quaint hamlet of Sant'Agata sui Due Golfi.

Day 3: The Isle Of Capri

Option 1 - Cetrella Valley To Monte Solaro

Distance: 3 miles (5km)

Total Ascent/Descent: 985 feet (300m)

Today's excursion introduces us to the Island of Capri, a jewel in the Gulf of Naples. We will walk through the Cetrella Valley until we reach Monte Solaro. As the highest point on Capri, Monte Solaro has stunning panoramic views over the island and to the gulfs of Naples and Salerno.

Option 2 - Monte Solaro To Anacapri

Distance: 5 miles (8km)

Total Ascent: 1,310 feet (400m)

Total Descent: 1,310 feet (400m)

For something slightly more challenging, our alternative walk on the island will follow a longer route, continuing past the beautiful viewpoint, "Belvedere della Migliara", to reach the top of Monte Solaro, for wonderful views. Returning through the Cetrella Valley we reach the centre of Anacapri.

Day 4: Amalfi Coast

Option 1 - Amalfi, Atrani & Ravello

Distance: 3 miles (5km)

Total Ascent: 1,440 feet (440m)

Total Descent: 295 feet (90m)

Starting in wonderful Amalfi, known as the "Jewel of the Amalfi Coast", we make our way on small mule paths until we reach the charming village of Atrani. From here we'll hike up a panoramic path through lemon groves and climb ancient steps before our walk ends in the picturesque town of Ravello.

Option 2 - Coast & Country

Distance: 3.5 miles (6km)

Total Ascent: 1,640 feet (500m)

Total Descent: 500 feet (150m)

We'll start with the first group, making our way to Atrani, before we take a longer route to later rejoin in pretty Ravello. This is a wonderful trip, with landscapes of villages and lemon groves, reminiscent of times gone by.

Day 5: Free Day

Each week there is a free day when no guided walks are offered. This is an ideal opportunity to relax around the hotel, walk independently, or visit local places of interest. Options include:

Sorrento: You may decide to head down the hills to reach the coast and visit the popular resort of Sorrento, just seven miles away. It's possible to follow a 2.5-mile (4km) walking path linking Sant'Agata sui Due Golfi with Sorrento. Alternatively, you could hop on one of the local buses linking the two towns.

Naples: Spend the day in the birthplace of pizza or visiting the world-famous archaeological site of Pompeii. From Sorrento, you can catch the regional Circumvesuviana train, which runs from Sorrento to Naples and stops at Pompeii. The Pompei Porta Marina Superiore entrance is directly opposite the train station entrance. The journey from Sorrento is approximately twenty minutes.

Day 6: Sorrentine Peninsula

Option 1 - Punta Campanella & Coastal Gulf Views

Distance: 3.5 miles (6km)

Total Ascent/Descent: 985 feet (300m)

From Termini we'll walk down to Punta Campanella at the tip of the Sorrentine Peninsula. This limestone promontory forms the natural border between the Gulf of Naples and the Gulf of Sorrento. The path through the nature reserve brings us first through a forest, then on through meadow landscapes before we arrive at the Punta Campanella lighthouse, where we enjoy breathtaking views, before returning on an uphill route to Termini.

Option 2 - Monte San Costanzo & Peninsula Panoramas

Distance: 4.5 miles (7km)

Total Ascent/Descent: 1,640 feet (500m)

Our longer walk today will take us from Punta Campanella across the panoramic ridge of Monte San Costanzo, where we can enjoy beautiful views over Capri and the Gulfs of Naples and Salerno.

Day 7: The Path Of The Gods

Option 1 - Bomerano, Nocelle & Positano

Distance: 5 miles (8km)

Total Ascent: 820 feet (250m)

Total Descent: 2,788 feet (850m)

We start our hike from Bomerano heading to Nocelle on the beautiful route known as the "Path of the Gods". We'll stop for photo opportunities along glorious panoramic terraces on our way, overlooking the distant sea. From Nocelle, we'll take our time making our way down the famous 1,700 steps, enjoying magnificent views as we make our way to colourful Positano.

Option 2 - Bomerano, Montepertuso & Positano

Distance: 6 miles (9.5km)

Total Ascent: 820 feet (300m)

Total Descent: 2,950 feet (900m)

Our second option follows the same itinerary to reach Nocelle, from where we'll continue on an alternative path to Montepertuso, before rejoining our group in pretty Positano.

Day 8: Departure Day

We hope to see you again soon.

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Delle Palme

The family-run Hotel Delle Palme is located in the centre of Sant'Agata sui due Golfi, a traditional village at the foot of the Lattari Mountains between the Sorrento and Amalfi coastlines. Originally built as a holiday villa in the 19th century, it has hosted Neapolitan nobility and bourgeoisie. The attentive team will ensure warm Italian hospitality and a relaxing stay. Guests can make use of the tranquil grounds and swimming pool.

USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

Essential Information

It's best to be prepared for all weather conditions. To make it easier, here is a list of items you should consider packing.

Essentials

- Walking boots
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof trousers
- Insulated jacket/top
- Walking clothing
- Walking socks (plus spares)
- Sunhat
- Gloves/mitts and warm hat
- Water bottle (minimum 2 litre capacity)
- Headtorch
- High-factor sunscreen (minimum SPF 30)
- Sunglasses with a dark lens
- Rucksack (15-30 litres)
- Mobile phone
- Personal first aid kit (containing your medication, blister plasters, etc.)
- Passport
- Visa (if applicable)
- Copy of your travel insurance policy
- UK Global Health Insurance Card (**formerly known as EHIC**)

Recommended

- Collapsible walking poles
- Swimwear and travel towel
- Snacks
- Dry bags
- Rubbish bags
- Insect repellent

Optional extras

- Camera
- Sit mat
- Flask for hot drinks
- Durable lunch box
- Gaiters
- GPS device

Useful Information

The language of the Sorrento Peninsula is Italian.

Is considered safe to drink, but if you prefer, bottled mineral water can be purchased from the hotel or local supermarkets.

If the international number you wish to call starts with a 0, you must drop the starting digit when dialling the number.

To dial a UK number 0044

To dial an Italian number 0039

Local Currency

The local currency is the Euro (€)

Electricity

220 Volt AC with round two pin plugs; you will need an adaptor for any appliances brought from the UK.

ATM Availability

There are several ATM machines in Sorrento where you can obtain money.

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