

Sorrento Peninsula Sketching & Painting Holiday

Destination: Italy
Trip code: STPLA



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Feel the aura of magic in Sorrento, one of Italy's most beautiful landscapes. Sketch and paint the spectacular coastal scenery of the Sorrento Peninsula.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Good quality en-suite accommodation in one of our European partner hotels
- Half Board – continental breakfast and evening meal
- Tuition from our knowledgeable HF Holidays' leader, to ensure you get the most from your holiday
- All transport to and from painting sites
- 'With flight' holidays include return flights from the UK and hotel transfers

HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

- We'll spend most of the day outdoors seeking out the best light, colours and landscapes
- Our professional artist leader will guide and encourage

- Enjoy the sociable atmosphere of painting in a group
- Small groups of up to 15 fellow-artists

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Caravel - Sorrento Peninsula

The Liccardi family and their staff have been looking after HF Holidays' guests for twenty years, and will offer you a warm welcome at 4-star Hotel Caravel. The hotel lies in the residential district of Sant' Agnello and is surrounded by pleasant gardens with lemon trees. Close by are the shops and Sant' Agnello railway station. The centre of Sorrento town is about 1 mile away.

Accommodation Info

Rooms

Hotel Caravel has 92 comfortable bedrooms which are decorated in a traditional style.

All bedrooms have:

- En-suite bathroom with shower or bath
- Cable television
- Telephone
- Hairdryer
- Safe deposit box
- Mini-bar

Facilities

Hotel Caravel has a:

- Large open plan lounge area incorporating a piano bar
- Garden terrace
- Swimming pool
- Games room with pool-table
- Internet access

Food & Drink

Our holidays at Hotel Caravel are on a Half Board basis and include breakfast and evening meal.

Breakfast

Hotel Caravel offers a self-select buffet breakfast including cereals, fruit, bread and cake, yogurts, cheese and ham, and scrambled eggs, bacon and sausages. Tea, coffee and hot chocolate are available.

Lunch (Payable Locally)

Picnic lunches can be bought from the hotel (ordering the evening before). Alternatively ingredients can be bought in local shops. It may also be possible to eat in a café during the day; your leaders will advise you of the options.

Evening Meal

Dinner at Hotel Caravel is a three course meal offering many Italian specialities plus an excellent self-service salad bar. There are vegetarian options at each course. For special dietary requirements we recommend that you discuss your requirements with the manager on arrival.

Drinks

Hotel Caravel has a well-stocked bar serving beer, wine and spirits.

Your Evenings

The friendly atmosphere of our holidays continues throughout the evening.

Enjoy a glass of wine or local beer before hearing about the next day's activities followed by a leisurely meal with your fellow guests.

One evening we visit a local Limoncello factory and have a tasting session and another we visit the famous Foreigner's bar which offers spectacular views across the bay.

Your leader will also be checking out for other local events or you may like to relax on the terrace or in the piano bar with a drink.

Travel Details

THE HASSLE FREE OPTION

Book your holiday 'with flight' from Gatwick to Naples airport. For flight times and prices please see the Dates & Prices tab.

If you choose this option we automatically include return transfers between the airport and the hotel. The coach transfer takes approx 1 hour 15 minutes to the Hotel Caravel.

THE FLEXIBLE TRAVEL OPTION

Alternatively, tailor your journey to suit you by booking your holiday 'without flight' allowing you the freedom to book your own flights from your local airport.

If you choose this option, transfers are not included in the price. However, below are some suggestions to help you reach your destination:

- We can book you a seat on the **HF Holidays' transfer coach** from Naples airport. This is timed to meet the HF Holidays' flights* (provisional flight times can be found on the dates and prices tab or you can call us on 020 8732 1220 for more information). Cost per single journey is £24.
- Why not let us book you a **private taxi transfer** at a cost of £136 per single taxi journey?

Transfers must be pre-booked. Please call 020 8732 1220 for more details

* Please note that HF Holidays is not responsible for your onward travel if you fail to meet the transfer coach

USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

What To Bring

To enjoy your holiday comfortably and safely, it's essential that your clothing and footwear is suitable for the conditions likely to be encountered. Changeable weather is possible throughout the year, so our advice is to come prepared for all eventualities – hot, cold, wet or dry.

All of our Sketching & Painting holidays involve walking whilst carrying your equipment. You should therefore be prepared for doing so on uneven terrain and wear flat, comfortable shoes. In the evening most guests wear casual clothing.

You will need to bring the following items. Please remember that you will have to carry these on painting excursions and possibly also pay extra if you exceed your luggage allowance.

- Appropriate clothing, sturdy footwear (eg walking boots) and a wide-brimmed hat or plastic eye shade
- Rucksack or small case on wheels to transport art materials to and from painting locations – remember that you will have to carry your equipment, spare clothing, lunch, drinking water, sunscreen etc from the coach to the place where you are to paint or sketch. We strongly advise against bringing shopping bags or bags with long shoulder straps, which can swing and dangle, causing imbalance and possible trips and falls
- A lightweight folding chair/stool if you have one, alternatively a cushion, garden kneeler or plastic seat pad

Paints - Guests are invited to bring their own preferred medium. A small watercolour box with yellow Ochre, Raw Sienna and Raw Umber would be perfect. Other suggested colours might include: Cadmium Yellow Pale, Lemon Yellow, Cadmium Red Pale, Permanent Alizarin Crimson, Cobalt Blue, Ultra Marine Blue, Raw Umber, Raw Sienna and Yellow Ochre (Titanium White if you are using opaque mediums like Gouache or Acrylics). These are Murray's everyday colours but ***please only bring what you are used to or has been bought for you.***

Brushes – Suggested sizes: 4, 6, 8 or 10 and a rigger brush (or just what you are using). Any reasonable quality will suffice e.g. Sable and synthetic blend or even just synthetic so long as they come to a nice point.

A folding palette or palette with wells for mixing, plastic is good for its lightness.

Paper - Any reasonable size in the paper and surface of your choice, Murray uses NOT and Hot Pressed Saunders Waterford 1/8 imperial sizes

Sketchpad - Murray uses an A5 sketchpad of good quality cartridge paper for his travels. A4 size paper would be handy too. He also uses waterproof ink technical pens in sizes 0.05 and 0.3 in combination with water-soluble graphite pencils, a 'B' grade is fine and a water brush pen either Derwent or Pentel are good in a medium size, this is a terrific way of sketching, this allows you to travel light!

Other smaller items:

- pencils, sharpener, kneadable eraser
- small lightweight water pot (non-tip best)
- 1 water bottle (for clean water)
- Paper towels / rag
- Coloured watercolour pencils (entirely optional and only if you have them, but they can be useful for quick colour reference and enhancing)

Please note, on European holidays we are unable to provide easels or A3 painting boards for guests to borrow.

HOW TO BOOK

When you're ready to book, you can choose to **book online** or book **over the phone**. Our website offers secure

online booking for our holidays, is available 24/7, and offers more in-depth information about all our holidays. If you prefer to call us, our experienced and knowledgeable team are available to answer any specific questions you have and can offer guidance as to which holiday is best suited to your needs.

Our office is open: Monday to Friday: 9am – 7pm Saturday & Sunday: 9am – 1pm Bank Holiday Monday: 9am – 1pm

PAYING YOUR DEPOSIT

To secure the holiday of your choice, you will need to pay a deposit: UK & European Holidays: £150 per person and Worldwide Holidays: £250 per person. You can pay your deposit by debit or credit card with no additional card fees charged or make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account, please see details under BACS payments. You can also pay your deposit by cheque within seven days of booking. Cheques should be made payable to 'HF Holidays Ltd' with your booking reference / Order ID on the back.

ASSOCIATE'S FEE

Non-members can join our holidays by paying an Associate's fee of £10 per person per holiday. Alternatively, full life membership is available from £100 – visit hfholidays.co.uk/membership for details.

BACS PAYMENTS

Please quote your booking reference / Order ID when you make your payment online: Bank Name: Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ) Account Name: HF Holidays Ltd Account Number: 35923304 Sort Code: 40-51-62 IBAN: GB92HAND40516235923304 Swift / Bic Code: HANDGB22

Once we have received your booking and deposit, we will send a confirmation invoice to the lead name. Please check this carefully. For bookings 'with flights' it is essential that the names on your booking confirmation invoice match those on your passport for bookings overseas. Please advise us immediately of any errors. Any name changes after the balance of your holiday has been paid will be subject to a fee levied by the airline.

MANAGE MY BOOKINGS

Payments can also be made through the Manage My Booking function on our website. Click on the link at the top of our homepage. This is available to all customers who provide an email address at the time of booking.

YOUR FINAL BALANCE

The balance is due 10 weeks before departure. As with paying your deposit, you can pay your final balance by debit or credit card, make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account or pay by cheque.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is an important part of any booking and essential for one of our holidays. HF Holidays works with specialist. Insurance Brokers Campbell Irvine Direct. For more information or to obtain a quote call them on 01702 427 236 or visit hfholidays.co.uk/insurance

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These Trip Notes are valid based on the date printed at the bottom of the page. They will occasionally be updated post booking and pre-departure. We will send you the latest trip notes prior to departure through a link in your pre departure documents or we can send you a copy in the post if preferred.

In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any doubt about your suitability you should call HF Holidays and ask to speak to one of the team about this itinerary.

The information in these Trip Notes is given in good faith. Where differences exist between the Trip Notes and our current brochure, the Trip Notes supersede the brochure. All holidays can be subject to unexpected changes; so please be prepared to be flexible where necessary. At times, it may not be possible to follow the itinerary as planned due to weather conditions, political, physical or other factors. In these circumstances we will make the best possible alternative arrangements to maintain the integrity of the original itinerary.

PRICE GUARANTEE

We promise that our earliest published prices will always be the best and if we reduce our holiday price after your booking has been confirmed, we will pass this reduction on to you. Our price promise applies if any subsequent offer price is for an identical holiday, duration, location and date and does not cover any optional extras, flights or additional services.

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