

Florence, Sorrento, and Rome 2023
22 days / 20 nights from March 6th to 27th



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4 nights in Florence – The City of Arts



13 nights in Sorrento – Between Naples and Amalfi Coast



3 nights in Rome - The Eternal City

IMPORTANT NOTES:

English and French Canadians can constitute this group. Optional excursions can be bilingual.



Itinerary : Note – English and French guests constitute this group

March 6th – Canada Departure

March 7th – Arrival in Florence and transfer to the hotel

March 7th – 11th - 4 nights at the hotel Grand Mediterraneo Florence 4*, with daily breakfast
Including an half day walking tour of Florence

March 11th – Group transfer from Florence to Sorrento

March 11th – 24th - 13 nights at the Grand Hotel Cesare Augusto Sorrento 4*, with daily breakfast

March 24th – Group transfer from Sorrento to Rome, **including the entrance to Pompeii site**

March 24th – 27th - 3 nights Rome at the hotel The Guardian 4* or similar, with daily breakfast

March 27th – Transfer to Rome airport for the flight back to Canada



Inclusions:

Flights in our group allotment with Exotik from Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and Calgary

Airport taxes of approx \$800 included

20 nights in 4* hotels

20 breakfasts

All group transfers

A walking tour of Florence

Entrance to Pompeii site

A bilingual tour leader will accompany this group as soon as we reach 25 participants.

Not included: Travel insurance, meals other than breakfast, gratuities to guides, tour leaders, and local representatives, local city tax at hotels total approx 3€ to 6€ per person, per day (= approxs 55€ per person for the whole stay to pay on site), seat selection (Exotik for the Group allotment, will send the list of passengers to the airline in order to have the couple seated together), all other items not mentioned in present document.

FROM price : \$3799 to \$3999 ** including Flights & Early Booking Bonus

Rates and promo details in the next page

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\$ <u>Rates</u> : in CAD \$ per person in double occupancy :	REGULAR RATES	<u>PROMO RATES</u>
<u>Montreal</u>	\$3899	\$3799
<u>Toronto</u>	\$3999	\$3899
<u>Calgary</u>	\$4099	\$3999
<u>Vancouver</u>	\$4099	\$3999

**** EARLY BOOKING BONUS ****

**A discount of - \$100 is included in above rates
if reservation made prior to October 31st, 2022**

On November 1st, the above prices will increase +\$100 per person

Add the 5-excursion package (below) for the special price of **+\$550**

- Full day Siena, San Gimignano, Chianti with lunch and wine tasting, from Florence
- Half day Uffizi Gallery with guide, from Florence
- Full Day Amalfi Coast, from Sorrento
- Full day Capri, from Sorrento
- Half Day Vatican, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, from Rome

Reservation and Payment Conditions:

\$200 per person deposit to make the reservation

Second deposit on NOV 1st: \$500 per person (and the end of Early Booking Bonus)

Final payment due: 50 days prior to departure

***Prices in this document are for information only; they were issued at press time, for the current year. Please note that due to exchange rates and temporary promotions, they can increase or decrease at any time. Contact your travel agent for the price and promotion of the moment. The prices indicated exclude the contribution to the Customer Compensation Fund of \$3.50 per \$1,000 of tourism product or service purchased from a travel agent in Quebec*

ACCOMMODATIONS

GRAND HOTEL MEDITERRANEO 4* FLORENCE - 4 nights

Located on the 'Lungarni' (literally - *along Arno* - referring to the river of that name) with the Ponte San Niccolò bridge just a few feet away, the Grand Mediterraneo is strategically placed to visit Florence on foot and the ideal choice for joggers and cyclists. We are easily accessible by car and are waiting to offer you the very best of Florentine hospitality. The Famous Duomo is only 1.8 KM from the hotel.

Combining welcoming, contemporary, comfortable spaces with functionality and three great dining rooms, 327 guest rooms, all with modern conveniences and services, a large lobby and spacious congress centre, Globo, with 15 meeting rooms and exhibition spaces, plus, secure, underground parking, the Grand Hotel Mediterraneo is the ideal solution for business trips or leisure stays. Click here for more info about: [The Mediterraneo hotel – Florence](#)



From the hotel, many attractions and activities are just few minutes walking distance.

GRAND HOTEL CESARE AUGUSTO SORRENTO - 13nights

The Grand Hotel Cesare Augusto is a welcoming four-star hotel located in the heart of the city only a few steps away from "Piazza Tasso", the main square of Sorrento. Partially surrounded by a garden with imposing pine trees, the hotel occupies a strategic position to visit the characteristic alleyways of the historical centre, to go shopping in the numerous shops of "Corso Italia" or to reach the main tourist destinations such as Capri, Pompeii, Naples and the marvellous Amalfi Coast. 120 rooms with WIFI.

More info at <https://hotelcesareaugusto.com/en>



SORRENTO is a busy town but can be quiet during low season (November to March). Travelers from all around the world choose this area because they can walk to Sorrento's city center and enjoy its boutiques, restaurants, magnificent sceneries, and the possibility to travel by their own or buying excursions to the Amalfi coast.

General comments from previous clients: Like many hotels in Sorrento, the rooms are small, but this hotel is very well located on the main street, near restaurants, city center, train station, etc. Many activities are possible, via optional excursions or via public transportation (train, buses) or by renting a car. The rating is 4* European hotel, which is similar to an American or Canadian nice 3*. The standard rooms are the European size which is smaller than our American hotels and the style is "Italian" with sometimes massive wood furniture. The staff is friendly, the breakfast included is continental and the daily dinners (not included) can be taken at the hotel main restaurant for approx.+ 25 Euros per person for a 3-course meal. NOTE: There are so many good, nice and cheap restaurants around the hotel and along the way to the city center that we do not recommend eating all the dinners at the hotel's restaurant. At the bar, you can enjoy daily "Happy Hour" four our Canadians travelers: approx. 3 € for a beer or a glass of wine. Happy Hour is a good time to share your day with friends and meet the local representatives. The hotel is only 5 minutes' walk from the main square (TASSO) and the train/bus station.

THE GUARDIAN (OR SIMILAR) ROME – 3 nights

One of the fundamental features of this 4-star-design-hotel is its young contemporary feel. This is particularly evident in the choice of furniture, innovative style, clean modern lines and from the decor and lighting, all of which have been designed to provide each room with a new and fresh feeling. Learn more – [Click here](#)



SORRENTO INFO BELOW – *for information only*



Long Stay in Sorrento

Sorrento is wonderfully located over white steep cliffs and offers a fantastic view over the Bay of Naples. Sorrento lies on a Tufa terrace and is enclosed by impressive rocks of the Limestone Mountains. For 2000 years already visitors from all over the world have been attracted to Sorrento by breathtaking sunsets and fragrances of orange and lemon gardens.

Sorrento and the Amalfi coast are well known for its splendid big lemons. Typical products from Sorrento are produced with these "Limoni": Limoncello, a very tasty lemon liqueur, lemon chocolate, colorful ceramic articles with lemon motives or lemon soap. One should also try the over 70 different ice cream flavors of Gelateria Bougainvillea. One is tempted to shop by the small street Via S. Cesareo, the heart of Sorrento. In addition to this there is the weekly market that takes place on Tuesdays, where one can buy real bargains.

Sorrento is also very popular due to its good location as starting point to all the important surrounding sights. The summit of the peninsula of Sorrento is only about 5 km away from Capri, which can be easily reached from the Harbor Marina Piccola. Also, Ischia and Procida, of which the silhouettes can be seen on clear days, can be reached very quickly per speedboat. Sorrento is also the terminus of the Circumvesuviana, a small train with its start in Naples. One can reach Pompeii and Herkulaneum by this rail in about thirty minutes and Naples in circa one hour's time.

The good location of Sorrento unfortunately also leads to heavy traffic in the narrow streets of the town. Relaxation and silence can presently still be found in the gardens and private beaches of the hotels, the orange grove of the museum or the monastery garden. Sorrento is recommendable as a tourist destination or a starting point for sightseeing of every kind, however it is less recommendable for a pure swimming or recuperation holiday.

Sorrento and its wonderful Peninsula are ideal for those wishing to visit a city full of art in the midst of beautiful scenery of sea and mountains.

From the hotel, you will arrive in Piazza Tasso, within a five-minute walk, and it is the center of Sorrento, where you can see the monument Tasso and the statue of Sant'Antonino Abbate, the Church del Carmine and the facade of the House in Veniero of a Sicilian-Norman style and the Palazzo Correale. From here you can choose restaurants, shop and many small boutiques. We then continue to the main street of Sorrento, where you can see the Duomo with its Romanesque facade. Here you can see the paintings of Horace and Nicola Malinconico – Giacomo Del Po and Silvestro Buono. Below the seat Dominova, loggia of the fifteenth century, with a dome and majolica tiles of the 1600. The old town still shows the layout of Roman origin and is surrounded by sixteenth century walls. Sorrento was Episcopalian, and in the sixteenth and seventeenth century was a victim of the assaults of the Saracens of which traces are still present and found in the towers of the coast.

The most interesting monuments to visit in Sorrento are certainly the Cathedral, built in the fifteenth century and the church of St. Francis of Assisi with the cloister.

At the Correale Museum are exhibited collections of Greek and Roman artefacts and Capodimonte porcelain. It is also worth visiting the museum shop of Tarsia-Ligneia where you can admire the best pieces of inlaid wood, one of the typical craft of Sorrento.

Sorrento is not just a place full of history, but also a place to enjoy just by walking through the alleys of the historical center with local shops and typical restaurants.

Some of Sorrento's typical products are Limoncello of Sorrento peninsula, the DOP olive oil and mozzarella or provolone from Del Monaco Agerola.

Find in the below web address: more information on Sorrento, the restaurants, the museums, pedestrian paths, eating tips, things to do and more.

We suggest you print interesting information, maps, list of museums according to your taste and budget before you leave Canada.

Visit the Amalfi Coast by bus with the locals

Sorrento – Amalfi

The bus service is carried out by the company Sita Sud, the departure is from Piazza Giovanni Battista De Curtis in Sorrento, near the station of Circumvesuviana of Sorrento. The ride lasts about an hour and a half, and the cost of the ticket is of 7 or 8€.

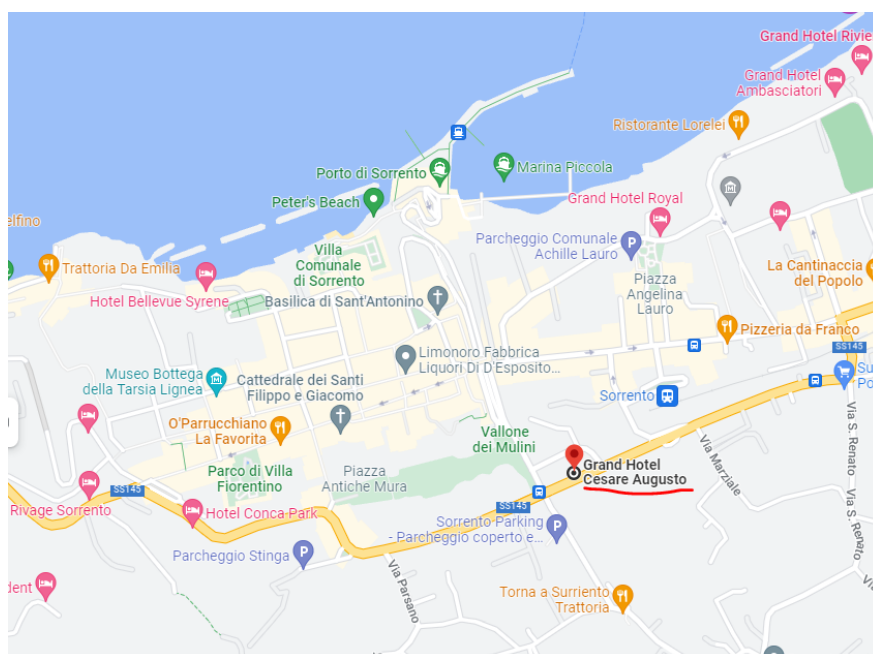
Sorrento is not known for its beaches. It sits on a clifftop, above the shore. The nearest sandy beach to the harbour is the small Marina Piccola, which is reached by steps or a lift. The other sandy beach is Marina Grande, around 15 minutes walk from the town centre. The most attractive beach is Punto del Capo, further south. It is reached from the centre of town by following Via del Capo, though it is best to take a bus.

Trains

Naples to Sorrento is very easy to find as it is Capolinea, means the train ends and starts in Sorrento (from/to Naples). The trip takes approximately 1h15min. The trains from Sorrento to Naples run more or less, every 30 minutes and it's pretty. There are 2 types of trains: Diretto and Direttissimo. Please note the train stations and the city of Naples are known for pick pockets. In order to travel safely, please do not bring jewels and large amount of money.

Car rental

Ask the representative to rent a car for a few days. You can share it with other passengers of the group and travel together on the Amalfi Coast.



The 5-excursion package *A supplement of +\$550 per person*

A minimum of 25 participants is required to make these tours private.

If we have less than 25 guests slight change can happen and pick up and drop off can be done near hotel. If this is the case, we will advise of all changes with the travel documents 3 weeks to one month prior to arrival.

Tour can be bilingual according to the number of participants and languages.

Tour of Florence Uffizi Gallery

Today visit the world-famous UFFIZI GALLERY with a guide, where you can stand and admire the unique Renaissance masterpieces of the great Italian artists, where you will be involved in an exciting celebration of beauty, admiring such works of art as Botticelli's Birth of Venus, Leonardo's Annunciation and Michelangelo's Tondo Doni, to name a few. At the end of the guided tour, you can remain in the Uffizi Gallery until closing time.

Siena, San Gimignano, Monteriggioni and Chianti with lunch & wine tasting

Crossing the beautiful Chianti hills, we arrive at the Medieval hilltop gem of MONTERIGGIONI, with its still intact walls. Here you can drink in the history and relive the atmosphere of olden times. Our day tour continues to the stately SIENA, famous for its splendid examples of Gothic architecture and the traditional Palio horse race. Follow your local guide to the suggestive Piazza del Campo, where the magnificent Palazzo Pubblico stands, with its Torre del Mangia. Visit Piazza del Duomo and be impressed by the imposing Cathedral, one of the finest achievements of Italian Gothic. Before leaving Siena, you will be served a LIGHT LUNCH in a cozy restaurant where, together with genuine Tuscan products, you will savour traditional pastries. Next, we drive to SAN GIMIGNANO, famous for its white wine, the world renowned Vernaccia, and its skyscrapers, also declared a World heritage Site by UNESCO! The visit is free for independent sightseeing, strolling around the narrow streets and admiring the relaxing landscape. At the end of the day tour, we move into the CHIANTI area, with its picture-postcard landscapes. You have the chance to taste the best Chianti red wine in a rustic wine estate along with home-made snacks and sampling of wines and oil.

Duration: approx. 8-10 hours

Inclusions: full day with professional escort. Siena tour with professional guide. Light lunch in a cozy restaurant in Siena and explanation and tasting of the traditional pastries and sweets of Siena: Ricciarelli, Panforte and Cantucci. Visit to a wine estate in the Chianti area. Free visit of San Gimignano and Monteriggioni. Sampling of wines, extra-virgin oil and regional products.



SIENA

Full day Costiera Amalfitana (Amalfi & **Ravello)

The Amalfi coast is one of the most fascinating in the world for its landscape, it's a unique opportunity to impress in your heart and memory breathtaking views protected by UNESCO. We will stop above Positano, and you will have the opportunity to take a beautiful picture of this amazing village from the top. Next stop will be Amalfi which is the main town of this coast road. It is a very unique town with the 11th century cathedral of St. Andrew right in the main square, said to hold the remains of the apostle. Here you will have some time to stroll through the town. Another stop will be **Ravello, located above Amalfi, that has long been a retreat for artists and writers, this tour will give you the opportunity to enjoy the most beautiful places of the



Amalfi Coast in only one day. Please note that all the tours can be “tailored made” mixing your wishes and our experience, Costiera Amalfitana tour includes English speaking assistant full day + N2 English speaking guide.

*Supplement of €15,00 for access to Chiostro del Paradiso at Amalfi and Villa Ruffolo at Positano.

**Please take note due to new rules imposed by the municipality of Amalfi, for this year, is not possible to access Ravello by coach so for next year we cannot guarantee this stop, we need to update us by the beginning of next years. As alternative we can include a stop in Vietri sul mare or Maiori or Salerno.

Capri Walking Tour

With this extraordinary day trip, departing from your hotel, you will discover the beautiful island of Capri, famous worldwide for its timeless wonders. An unforgettable journey to discover one of the most fascinating places in Italy! Pick up from your hotel and transfer to Sorrento pier where you will embark to Capri. Meeting with your local guide and visit of the island, exploring its magical, welcoming and relaxed atmosphere, made of narrow streets, chatter and laughter sitting outside. The tour will include a visit to the famous Piazzetta. Then stroll down Via Camerelle, famous for the luxury shops and designer fashion boutiques which line the street. When you've had your eye-fill of window shopping, continue along Via Tragara until reaching the breathtaking scenic overlook facing the Faraglioni rock formations. At the end of the tour, you will come back to Sorrento by hydrofoil. Capri walking tour includes English speaking assistant full day + Aliscafo from Sorrento to Capri, and cable car at Capri



Vatican Tour included with English speaking guide, whispers and access to St Peters Basilica, the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel (duration: 4 hours)

Not only do the Vatican Museums make up the largest museum in the world, but it is also one of the world's most visited, with more than 6 million people accessing it in 2018. In such a place, queues can be pretty long, and touring can become stressful, that's why choosing one of the Vatican Museums' official tour operator partners makes a big difference. After meeting your professional guide at our meeting point, you'll be given a headset and you'll reach the Vatican Museum's entrance, in a group of no more than 25 people. This less stress guided tour will grant you a real skip-the-line, faster access through the exclusive official partners' entrance, saving you the hassle of waiting in line for several hours. You'll tour the gallery, visiting all those main spots you've heard about like the Gallery of Maps, the Gallery of Tapestries, the Borgia Apartments. The guide will tell you everything about the Raphael Rooms and their exceptional frescoes, including The School of Athens, and will bring you to the Sistine Chapel, whose ceiling is one of the cornerstone works of High Renaissance art. The tour couldn't be complete without a visit to St. Peter's, the Basilica that isn't only the largest church in the world, but that contains several pieces of fine art: think the canopy designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini or the Pietà by Michelangelo. And to top it off, gaze the majestic St. Peter's Square, the open space which lies before the basilica, redesigned by Gian Lorenzo Bernini and being itself an architectural masterpiece of the Baroque age.



BON VOYAGE !