



The Amalfi Coast & Tuscany: Impressions of Italy

November 5 - 20, 2028

Cliffside views in Sorrento and Tuscan charm in Montecatini. Coastal beauty, Renaissance art, unforgettable cuisine, and that unmistakable Italian “la dolce vita.”

What to Expect On This Incredible Trip

This land journey blends dramatic coastal scenery, Roman ruins, Renaissance art, Tuscan countryside, and intimate food-and-wine experiences. It’s built around two regional bases, Sorrento on the Amalfi Coast and Montecatini in Tuscany, allowing for deeper immersion rather than constant hotel changes.

You will experience a region-by-region immersion focused on:

- Slower pacing (multiple nights in two bases)
- Cultural context through expert-led discussions
- Food and wine as storytelling tools
- People-to-people experiences (home dinner, vineyard, cooking lesson)
- A balance of guided touring and free exploration

You experience:

- The drama of the Amalfi cliffs
- The tragedy and preservation of Roman towns
- The intellectual brilliance of Florence
- The medieval charm of Tuscany
- The flavors of olive oil, wine, cheese, and limoncello

It's romantic, layered, and deeply Italian, with enough structure to learn, and enough free time to wander.



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Trip Overview

Italy: Sorrento, Montecatini

Exact site order and itinerary subject to [final G.C.T. itinerary](#) for the year.

Base Trip Price: \$4,199 per person

Round-Trip Airfare (from DTW): \$1,250 per person

Duration: 16 Days



Expected Itinerary Overview

Day 1: Depart USA → Naples, Italy

Depart this evening on your overnight flight to Naples, Italy.

Day 2: Arrive Naples • Transfer to Sorrento

Arrive in Naples and meet your Grand Circle representative. Transfer to your hotel in Sorrento.

If time allows, your Program Director may lead an informal orientation walk around the neighborhood. Evening is at leisure to settle in and enjoy your first night on the Bay of Naples.

Day 3: Sorrento Discovery Walk • History of Campania

Morning orientation briefing followed by a guided discovery walk through Sorrento.

See:

- Piazza Tasso
- Piazza Sant'Antonino
- Sorrento Cathedral

- Public Gardens overlooking the Bay of Naples
- Corso Italia shopping street

Afternoon at leisure.

Before dinner, join an **Exclusive Discovery Series** conversation on the *History of Campania*, covering:

- Ancient Roman civilization
- Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius
- Fascism, Nazi occupation, and Allied liberation in WWII

Welcome Dinner at the hotel this evening.

Meals: *Breakfast & Dinner*

Day 4: Sorrento • Herculaneum • Home-Hosted Dinner

Morning guided visit to Herculaneum, the remarkably preserved Roman town buried in AD 79.

Highlights:

- Ancient villas and mosaics
- Preserved papyrus scrolls
- Excavated Roman skeletons
- Insight into daily Roman life

Return to Sorrento for free afternoon time.

Evening Home-Hosted Dinner with a local Italian family—an intimate people-to-people experience centered around regional cuisine and conversation.

Meals: *Breakfast & Dinner*

Day 5: Sorrento • Sorrentine Farm Experience • Optional Lemon Tour

Morning countryside excursion to a family-owned dairy farm.

Experience includes:

- Meeting local cheesemakers
- Learning traditional production techniques
- Tasting lunch of fresh cheeses, olive oil, wine, and produce

Afternoon free.

Optional: Visit a lemon orchard to learn about limoncello production and enjoy a terrace dinner overlooking the Gulf of Sorrento.

Meals: *Breakfast & Lunch*

Day 6: Sorrento • Amalfi Coast Scenic Tour

Full-day excursion along the Amalfi Coast (UNESCO World Heritage Site).

Experience:

- Panoramic coastal drive
- Visit to Amalfi town
- Boat ride along dramatic cliffside villages (weather permitting)

Free time in Amalfi before returning to Sorrento. Light dinner included.

Meals: *Breakfast & Dinner*

Day 7: Sorrento • Explore Naples • Italy & the Camorra

Travel to Naples for a guided city tour.

Explore:

- Historic center
- Local alleyways (vicos)
- Seafront views of Mount Vesuvius

Exclusive Discovery conversation: **Italy & the Camorra**, examining organized crime's historical and modern impact on Campania.

Lunch included in Naples.

Optional independent visit to Naples Archaeological Museum.

Meals: *Breakfast & Lunch*

Day 8: Leisure in Sorrento • Optional Pompeii

Free day in Sorrento.

Optional half-day guided tour of **Pompeii**, including:

- Roman streets and forums
- Preserved homes and shops
- Farmhouse lunch at an agriturismo

Evening at leisure.

Meals: *Breakfast*

Day 9: Sorrento • Travel to Tuscany • Vineyard Experience

Depart Sorrento for Montecatini in Tuscany (approx. 350 miles).

Stop in Frascati at a family-owned vineyard for:

- Wine tasting
- Lunch with live Roman music
- Discussion of multigenerational wine traditions

Continue to Montecatini and check into hotel. Dinner included.

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Day 10: Montecatini • Spa District • Renaissance Conversation

Explore Montecatini's Art Nouveau spa district and visit Tettuccio Spa (famous for drinkable mineral waters).

Ride the funicular (seasonal) to Montecatini Alto for panoramic views.

Exclusive Discovery discussion: The Art of the Renaissance and Tuscany's role in shaping Western culture.

Dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: *Breakfast & Dinner*

Day 11: Montecatini • Optional Siena

Optional full-day excursion to Siena:

- Piazza del Campo
- Gothic cathedral and Piccolomini Library
- Medieval streets and palaces
- Monte dei Paschi bank (founded 1472)

OR free day in Montecatini.

Meals: *Breakfast & Dinner*

Day 12: Montecatini • Explore Florence

Full-day guided visit to Florence.

Highlights:

- Duomo and Brunelleschi's dome
- Gates of Paradise
- Piazza Signoria
- Renaissance art and architecture

Included light lunch featuring *lampredotto* (traditional Florentine sandwich).

Afternoon free to explore museums, leather shops, or galleries independently.

Meals: *Breakfast & Lunch*

Day 13: Montecatini • Optional Pisa • Immigration Conversation

Free day OR optional excursion to Pisa:

- Piazza dei Miracoli
- Cathedral & Baptistery
- Leaning Tower

Before dinner, join Exclusive Discovery discussion: **Immigration in Italy** and its impact on contemporary politics and society.

Meals: *Breakfast & Dinner*

Day 14: Lucca • Olive Oil Mill • Farewell Lunch

Guided tour of Lucca:

- Renaissance city walls
- Piazza dell'Anfiteatro
- Medieval architecture

Visit an olive oil mill to learn about production and tasting techniques.

Farewell Lunch at the mill.

Afternoon at leisure in Montecatini.

Meals: *Breakfast & Lunch*

Day 15: Montecatini • Chianti Cooking Lesson • Farewell Celebration

Travel to the Chianti countryside for a hands-on cooking class at an 18th-century agriturismo villa.

Prepare traditional Tuscan dishes and enjoy lunch made from your creations.

Return to Montecatini.

Evening Farewell Drink and Farewell Dinner with fellow travelers.

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Day 16: Final Departure

Return to the U.S.

Meals: *Breakfast*

***Exact details for this November 2028 tour will be updated on the G.C.T. travel site*

once the official itinerary is confirmed. This more detailed G.C.T. itinerary can be found by [clicking here](#).



✓ What's Included

- 14 nights [accommodation](#)
- 28 meals: 14 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 8 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)
- 16 included features: 7 guided tours and 9 exclusive Discovery Series events: History of Campania • Home-Hosted Dinner • Sorrentine Farm Experience • Italy & the Camorra conversation • Vineyard experience • Art of the Renaissance conversation • Italian immigration conversation • Chianti cooking lesson • Olive oil mill visit
- Exclusive services of a local Grand Circle Program Director
- Gratuities on your main trip for local guides and motorcoach drivers

- Personal headset for all included and optional tours on your main trip
- Private motorcoach land travel
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- Ground transportation, domestic transfers
- Round-trip airfare from DTW (as listed)

Flight Booking Notes

When confirming your deposit, please specify:

- Travel class preference (Coach, Premium Select, Business)
- Aisle or window seating
- Any special requests or meal preferences

Additional Notes

- **Prices subject to change**, especially airfare and park fees.
- [Customizations and optional extensions](#) are available.
- Find weather and climate info by [clicking here](#).
- [Physical Requirements](#): Activity level is **Moderate (Level 3 out of 5)**
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