

# Rome and the Amalfi Coast



Take in the best of southern Italy, from the legendary Colosseum to the rocky cliffs of the Amalfi Coast. Uncover classic Rome's myriad treasures, and embark on an in-depth guided visit to the spectacular Colosseum. Explore the breathtaking scenery of Italy's coastline, from the dramatic beauty of the Amalfi Coast to the charms of seaside Sorrento. Visit the renowned monastery of Montecassino. Discover Pompeii's ruins. Stop at a local winery at the foot of Mount Vesuvius, learn how mozzarella cheese is made, and sip on some real-deal limoncello. From two of Italy's most beloved locales, experience the country's renowned food, culture, history, and landscapes.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Rome, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Colosseum, Montecassino, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento, Farmhouse Dinner and Mozzarella-Making Demonstration, Pompeii, Choice on Tour, Winery Visit

## ITINERARY

**Day 1: Apr 20, 2024: Overnight Flight**

Your adventure begins with an overnight flight to Italy. Journey through southern Italy and experience its rich scenery, art, culture, food, and wine.

**Day 2: Apr 21, 2024: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins**

Your tour opens in the “Eternal City” of Rome! Join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring wines and local delicacies tonight. **Meals included: Dinner.**

**Day 3: Apr 22, 2024: Rome**

On a locally guided tour of Classical Rome, walk over cobblestone streets and weathered passageways to discover famous sights such as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and Piazza Navona. Recount the rich history of the Colosseum on an in-depth visit with a guide, walking in the footsteps of former gladiators. The evening is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional food tour dinner and taste your way around Rome’s bohemian *Trastevere* district. **Meals included: Breakfast.**

**Day 4: Apr 23, 2024: Rome**

Make the most of a free day in Italy’s capital city. Perhaps you will join an optional tour\* in the morning to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter’s Basilica, taking in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo’s mural of the Last Judgment. Consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens in the afternoon for views of the city’s skyline or meander through Rome’s medieval *Campo de’ Fiori* district.

**Meals included: Breakfast.**

**Day 5: Apr 24, 2024: Rome - Montecassino - Amalfi Coast**

Journey to the Amalfi Coast, an iconic coastline of rocky beaches and towering cliffs. En route, make a stop at the Benedictine monastery of Montecassino, perched on a mountaintop that played a pivotal role in World War II. Discover its history while exploring the monastery’s ornate chapel, courtyards, and museum. In the afternoon, settle into the Amalfi Coast,\*\* your new home for the next five nights. **Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner.**

**Day 6: Apr 25, 2024: Amalfi Coast Excursion**

Sail along the stunning Amalfi Coast (UNESCO), pausing in Amalfi. A former trading hub, Amalfi is now a quiet coastal town of historic landmarks and a black-and-white marble cathedral. Explore on your own before continuing to Positano with its pastel-colored houses and pebbly beaches. Spend time in this legendary locale browsing the posh boutiques or resting along the beach before returning to your hotel for an evening at leisure. **Meals included: Breakfast.**

**Day 7: Apr 26, 2024: Amalfi Coast - Sorrento - Farmhouse Dinner - Amalfi Coast**

Begin your day with a visit to a pasta factory that artfully produces this national staple with traditional techniques. Then, it’s on to the charming resort town of Sorrento. Wander through its narrow streets, peeking into the peaceful cloister of St. Francis church or sampling some gelato made with local lemons. This afternoon, visit a local farm and see how mozzarella cheese is still made by hand. Get a taste of the product at a farm-to-table dinner capped with homemade limoncello before returning to your hotel in the late evening. **Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner.**

**Day 8: Apr 27, 2024: Amalfi Coast**

Enjoy a day at leisure to take in the relaxing beauty of the Amalfi Coast. Perhaps you will embark on an optional boat trip (weather permitting) to the Mediterranean isle of Capri, where you’ll enjoy a scenic island cruise\*\*\* and a locally guided tour before setting out on your own adventure. **Meals included: Breakfast.**

**Day 9: Apr 28, 2024: Amalfi Coast - Pompeii - Winery - Amalfi Coast**

This morning experience the eerily preserved ruins of Pompeii your way because **it's your choice!** Join a local guide for an in-depth tour of Pompeii's best-known monuments: the excavated ruins of the Forum, the thermal baths, and the Sanctuary of Apollo **-OR-** venture further to discover the hidden corners of this vast archeological site, such as the vibrant frescoes of the Suburban Baths and the once bustling *thermopoli* (taverns). At the foothills of Mount Vesuvius, stop at a local winery to savor the famous Lacryma Christi wines and enjoy a typical Neapolitan lunch. After some free time, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner and bid *salute* to the end of your Italian getaway. **Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.**

December 10: Apr 29, 2024: Amalfi Coast - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. **Meals included: Breakfast**

## **AVERAGE TEMPERATURES & WHAT TO PACK**

Average Temperature in April high 66°/low 48

When you're deciding what to bring on your trip, we have a few suggestions for you.

In regards to clothing, think of layers. It's much easier to maintain a level of comfort if you can add or remove a layer at a time, especially if you're traveling to a destination where the temperature can vary widely. So always bring a light jacket or sweater. Fleece or wool is best. We recommend avoiding cotton sweaters or jackets as they won't keep you warm if wet.

Comfortable footwear is crucial. Make sure you bring a pair of shoes that fit well and give you the necessary support. If you decide to purchase new shoes for your trip, we suggest you wear them a number of times before you leave to break them in. Your feet will thank you.

Be prepared for all types of weather. For warm, sunny weather, pack sunscreen, a hat, or a bandana/scarf to protect your neck from sunburn. Pack a light raincoat, travel umbrella, waterproof shoes, and a thin pair of gloves for cool, rainy weather.

Pack anything that could leak in plastic bags or a waterproof case for your toiletries. In addition, you might want to bring a washcloth or two. Not all hotels provide them.

If you take prescription medication, make sure to bring enough for your entire tour plus a few additional days in the original prescription containers.

Medication should be packed in your carry-on bag, never your checked luggage, in case your luggage is delayed. You don't want to be without your medication. You could also bring extra medication in a separate bag in case any gets lost.

In general, we recommend not packing anything of value in your checked bag.

You'll want to take pictures of everything, so make sure to bring a camera as well as extra memory cards and batteries for your entire trip. If you decide to bring a video camera, don't forget an extra battery for it, plus a charger. Be sure to pack chargers and cords for all your electronic equipment.

It's also a good idea to bring a travel alarm clock, a travel sewing kit, a portable scale to weigh luggage, and some hand sanitizer for when soap and water aren't readily available.

If you are traveling with a companion, we suggest dividing the contents of your suitcase with them; that way, if one bag is delayed, some of your belongings are still available to you both.

If that is not an option for you, you could put a change of clothing in your carry-on if there's room. That will also give you something to wear if your checked luggage is delayed.

Last but certainly not least, leave room! You'll need it to fit all the souvenirs you want to bring home.

As you prepare to explore Italy, enjoy a casual dress style and be sure to pack comfortable walking shoes as there is a good amount of walking throughout the museums and hilly cobblestone streets. Shorts and sleeveless shirts are not permitted when visiting churches throughout Italy.

It is recommended to bring clothing that may be worn in layers and can be added or removed as the temperature changes.

The fall and early spring months can be rainy at times; therefore, rain gear is suggested. You will find useful items such as raincoats, umbrellas, and waterproof shoes.

For special evenings, smart casual attire is preferred. Jeans, shorts, and sneakers are not recommended.

In many cases, laundry services (not self-service) are available to you at the hotel for an additional charge. Most hotels will have a plastic bag for your laundry as well as a list to mark the items being washed. Additionally, you must call or visit the front desk to advise them of your need for laundry service, or it will not be provided. If you plan on doing your own laundry, don't forget to bring soap and dryer sheets, as not all laundromats will have these for purchase.

You may opt to pack washcloths as they are not readily available in international hotels.

## TRIP DETAILS

- Dates: April 20-29, 2023
- Length of Trip: 10 Days/ 13 meals
- Vendor: **Collette**
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