

ITINERARY

Allora'Scapes

From

the Amalfi Coast

to Puglia

From 14-21, September 2024, Amalfi Coast

From 21-25, September 2024, Puglia

INTRODUCTION

TO THE AMALFI COAST

BENVENUTI and WELCOME to the mesmerizing Amalfi Coast!

Are you in search of a once-in-a-lifetime adventure? This extraordinary small travel group sets itself apart from traditional tours by prioritizing experiences over mere sightseeing.

Embark on an unforgettable journey with Anca and her companions along the Amalfi Coast! The moment we set foot on this renowned and daring coastline, you'll be captivated by the limitless beauty it unfolds. While we do have a schedule to follow, you'll discover that navigating through this itinerary is effortlessly infused with the charm of the Italian lifestyle.

Anca's distinctive itinerary is crafted from an impressive 27 years of experience on the Amalfi Coast! During your travels, you'll have the chance to meet Anca's closest friends, who graciously open their doors, kitchens, and hearts...sharing their warm hospitality with us.



DAY 1

NAPLES

 **Saturday, 14 Sep 2024**

Immerse Yourself in Naples: History, Culture, and Pizza Perfection

Unveil the captivating city of Naples with this immersive walking tour, culminating in a taste of true Neapolitan pizza perfection!

As we begin our journey in the heart of Naples we'll step back in time as we explore the historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, wandering by ancient Roman ruins, medieval castles like Castel Nuovo, and baroque churches like the Gesù Nuovo.

Experience the city from a local's perspective as you hear their local stories. Your expert guide, a true Neapolitan, will share fascinating tales of the city's rich history, culture, and traditions, bringing its spirit to life.

Lunchtime:

Savor the moment you've been waiting for! Indulge in a truly authentic Neapolitan pizza lunch at a renowned pizzeria, following strict traditional methods and using local, fresh ingredients. Choose from a classic Margherita, a flavorful Marinara, or try a more adventurous option like the "pizza frita" (fried pizza). Each bite will be an explosion of flavor and history. Relax with your fellow travelers, share stories, and savor the unique taste of Naples over a glass of local wine or refreshing beverage.

Meeting Point: NAP airport at 10:00 AM on September 14, 2024.

Inclusions: Private walking tour of Naples with a licensed tour guide, Lunch and private transfer to the villa. Private chef dinner at the villa. *Not Included:* transfers outside designated time.

DAY 2

POSITANO - AMALFI

 Sunday, 15 Sep 2024

Discovering Positano and Amalfi by Sea:

Embark on a captivating coastal boat tour, allowing for delightful stops and leisurely strolls through the renowned towns of Positano and Amalfi. One of the highlights of this journey is the opportunity to swim at one of the stops, where the water boasts an enchanting clarity and the most mesmerizing shade of blue imaginable.

Positano

Travelers flock to Positano for its breathtaking coastal beauty, pastel-hued cliffside houses, and narrow winding streets. The charm of its vibrant seaside atmosphere, delectable cuisine, and stunning views of the Tyrrhenian Sea make it a picturesque destination, perfect for a romantic escape or a leisurely exploration of the Amalfi Coast.

Amalfi

Travelers are drawn to Amalfi, Italy, for its rich history, stunning coastal scenery, and cultural heritage. The town boasts a picturesque waterfront, the magnificent cathedral, Sant'Andrea and charming narrow streets. Renowned for its lemon groves and traditional limoncello, Amalfi offers a perfect blend of Mediterranean beauty and authentic Italian experiences.

Included: Breakfast, private boat ride, dinner and tips. Please be aware that there is a 30-minute walk to the marina and back to the villa, so comfortable walking shoes are essential! (*Lunch on your own*)

DAY 3

SCHIAZZANO

 Monday, 16 Sep 2024

A Delicious Dive into the Heart of Schiazzano

Imagine yourself whisked away to Schiazzano, a sun-drenched Italian village. The "Schiazzano e tradizioni" tour invites you to taste and discover the vibrant culinary legacy this charming village holds dear.

- Step back in time at the Church of Gesù Salvatore, where hand-painted majolica tiles dating back to the 17th century adorn the walls.
- Unravel the secrets of sun-kissed lemons as you wander through a historic lemon grove and savor a refreshing sip of homemade lemonade.
- Indulge in a cheese lover's dream with a cheesemaking demonstration at Turuziello, a renowned producer of Provolone del Monaco DOP.
- Savor the taste of liquid gold with olive oil and limoncello tastings, both lovingly produced on the farm.
- Learn the art of pizza making in a fun-filled class, and enjoy your own culinary creation.

This unique and authentic tour is more than just a journey; it's an immersion into the soul of this captivating village. So pack your appetite for adventure and join us on this unforgettable exploration of Schiazzano!

Included: Breakfast, lemon farm tour and pizza making class (dinner), private transfer. *(Lunch on your own)*

DAY 4

Ieranto Bay

 **Tuesday, 17 Sep 2024**

Catch of the Day! - Set sail on a captivating voyage into the heart of the Mediterranean aboard a private boat, diving into the ancient craft of fishing.

Once onboard, we'll embark on a unique journey towards Punta Campanella, Marina del Cantone, and Capri, where turquoise waters teem with an abundance of marine life, while we soak in the breathtaking views of the Amalfi Coast.

Today, you'll experience hands-on, the age-old tradition of fishing. Under the expert guidance of our experienced captain, you'll learn the secrets of the trade, from casting your line to reeling in your catch.

We'll anchor in the secluded Ieranto Bay, a marine protected area renowned for its crystal-clear waters and vibrant coral reefs. Here, you'll swim or snorkel amidst the breathtaking scenery, feeling weightless as you explore the hidden wonders beneath the waves. Let the gentle current carry you away, and soak in the serenity of this marine paradise.

Angela, our talented chef, will transform your catch into a culinary masterpiece, using fresh, local ingredients to create a delicious and authentic meal for lunch. This is more than just a fishing trip; it's an unforgettable experience that will stay with you forever. It's a chance to connect with nature, learn a new skill, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Included: Breakfast, lunch, and a private chef dinner at the villa. Please be aware that there is a 30-minute walk to the marina and back to the villa, so comfortable walking shoes are essential!



DAY 5

CAPRI

 **Wednesday, 18 Sep 2024**

Capri, once Emperor Tiberius's refuge from political strife, remains an enchanting island. Legends suggest even Cleopatra summured here with Julius Caesar. For over 2000 years, visitors have been captivated. Our journey from the marina unveils Capri's romance, featuring a scenic walk, a visit to the Gardens of Augustus, and a delightful seaside lunch.

Imagine this: crystal-clear waters shimmering like sapphires, Capri's natural beauty unfolding before you, and gentle waves rocking your worries away. Our boat tour delivers this blissful escape and more.

This is more than just a boat tour; it's an invitation to experience Capri's magic, authentically and at your own pace. So, let the gentle Sorrento breeze guide you as you create memories that will last a lifetime. Ready to set sail?

Included: Breakfast, lunch, private chef dinner at the villa, transportation, and tips. Please be aware that there is a 30-minute walk to the marina and back to the villa, so comfortable walking shoes are essential!



DAY 6

POMPEII - VILLA POPPEA

 Thursday, 19 Sep 2024

A Step in Time and Wine Tasting tour

Meet our licensed private tour guide at the entrance of Pompeii for a 2 hour tour of this ancient archeological site that was once a bustling city!

Pompeii: Pompeii isn't just an archaeological site, it's a time capsule. Imagine stepping onto the very streets where Romans strolled 2,000 years ago, their lives preserved in the volcanic ash that swallowed them. Walk through bakeries with ovens still holding charred loaves, peek into homes adorned with mosaics and graffiti, and explore bathhouses where steam once filled the air. Pompeii whispers of daily life, from the bustling market square to the hushed library, offering a glimpse into a lost civilization in its prime.

Stand at the base of Mount Vesuvius, the silent giant that unleashed its fury, and imagine the city's panicked evacuation. Pompeii's ruins are a poignant reminder of the impermanence of life, but also of its enduring legacy.

Villa Poppea: Imagine stepping into a luxurious Roman retreat, frozen in time by the very eruption that immortalized Pompeii. Villa Poppea, a seaside villa nestled near Naples, Italy, offers a glimpse into the opulent life of Poppaea Sabina, Emperor Nero's second wife, and a playground for the Roman elite.

More than just a stunning vacation home, Villa Poppea offers a fascinating view into Roman history. Visiting Villa Poppea is a chance to transcend the usual tourist experience and immerse yourself in the grandeur of ancient Rome. It's a journey through time, every corner whispering stories of opulent living, political maneuvering, and the events that preserved this piece of history for eternity.

Included: Breakfast, private transfer, tour of Pompeii and Villa Poppea, wine-tasting lunch and light fare for dinner.

DAY 7

NERANO

 Friday, 20 Sep 2024

Spend a relaxing day at sea aboard our private boat, heading to the charming fishing village of Nerano. Indulge in lunch at the renowned Lo Scoglio, as seen on Stanley Tucci's *Searching for Italy* on CNN.

Included: Breakfast, lunch, a private boat ride, dinner and tips. Please be aware that there is a 30-minute walk to the marina and back to the villa, so comfortable walking shoes are essential!



DAY 8

PUGLIA

 **Saturday, 21 Sep 2024**

Escape to Puglia: Where Time Slows and Italy's Soul Shines

Puglia, Italy's hidden gem, isn't just a vacation; it's a sensory escape. Imagine strolling past whitewashed cliffs overlooking turquoise waters, the aroma of wood-fired pizza engulfing you. Immerse yourself in history, wandering ancient ruins and captivating cave dwellings. Indulge in burrata bursting with freshness, sun-kissed tomatoes, and orecchiette bursting with flavor – each bite a testament to Puglian passion.

Dive into crystal-clear waters, explore hidden coves along the jagged Salento coast, or become a mermaid amongst the vibrant marine life of the Tremiti Islands. Embrace the slow pace, sipping espresso in quaint piazzas and soaking in the rhythm of life. Learn from local artisans crafting intricate lace, uncover the secrets of olive oil production, or lose yourself in the energy of a vibrant folk festival.

Puglia is more than just sights and sounds; it's a treasure trove waiting to be discovered. Wander through whimsical Trulli houses in Alberobello, get lost in the vibrant alleys of Lecce, or unlock the mysteries of the legendary Castel del Monte. This hidden gem promises an experience that will linger long after you leave, filled with simple pleasures, unforgettable flavors, and memories that will warm your heart forever. So, pack your bags and embark on your own Puglian adventure.

Matera! Where history carves caves & modern magic unfolds. This ancient city boasts the "Sassi," cave dwellings inhabited since the Paleolithic era, making it one of the oldest continually inhabited settlements in the world and we have a unique opportunity to explore it together.

Hotel: Masseria Fortificata San Francesco or similar in Matera, Day 8- 10

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MATERA



Saturday, 21 Sep 2024

Bidding farewell to the turquoise waters and charming towns of the Sorrentine Peninsula, we embark on a journey through time. Our first stop? A glimpse into the grandeur of ancient Greece at the majestic Temples of Paestum. Imagine towering Doric columns bathed in the warm Italian sun, whispering tales of gods and heroes from millennia past.

Next, we'll trade marble columns for rolling pastures at a unique buffalo farm. Here, not only will we savor a delicious lunch crafted with the freshest buffalo mozzarella, but also witness a serene sight - gentle giants grazing peacefully to the strains of classical music - a testament to the farm's unique approach to animal welfare.

With bellies full and spirits relaxed, we set course for Matera, our home for the evening. Our hotel, nestled just outside the historic district, will offer a tranquil respite before we delve into the captivating world of cave dwellings and ancient wonders that await within the city walls. But before then, as the sun begins to dip, casting long shadows on the ancient stone, we'll embark on an enchanting stroll through the heart of Matera.

Walking Tour: Imagine yourself wandering along narrow, winding streets, sunlight peeking through centuries-old stone arches. Admire the intricate stonework, each carving telling a story. The air will hum with the murmur of locals enjoying the cool evening breeze, and the scent of local delicacies will waft from hidden trattorias.

Our journey culminates in an exceptional dinner at a carefully chosen restaurant in Matera. Imagine savoring authentic Puglian cuisine in a setting unlike any other - perhaps a charming piazza, a candlelit cave dwelling, or even a rooftop terrace overlooking the illuminated city. As we raise a glass to our unique experiences, the magic of Matera will envelop us, leaving an indelible mark on our hearts.

Included: Breakfast, private transfer/ tour of Paestum, the Buffalo Farm, walking tour with a licensed tour guide in Matera, lunch and dinner included.

DAY 9

POLIGNANO a MARE

 Saturday, 22 Sep 2024

Start your day seaside in Polignano a Mare with a boat tour as we feel the gentle sway of the waves, hear the rhythmic lapping of water against the cliffs, and taste the effervescent champagne dance on your palate. Picture the vibrant coastline bathed in golden light, hidden coves whispering secrets, and the knowledgeable captain sharing the treasures of this ancient land.

After our time at sea, we will explore the historic town center as we wander through the narrow streets lined with whitewashed houses, past charming piazzas and historical landmarks like the Chiesa Matrice, a Romanesque church dating back to the 12th century followed by a delicious Puglian seaside lunch.



Included: Breakfast, private transfer/ tour of Paestum, the Buffalo Farm and lunch, walking tour with a licensed tour guide in Matera, and dinner.

DAY 10

ALBEROBELLO

 Saturday, 23 Sep 2024

Unravel the secrets of Alberobello, the "City of Trulli," on a tour guided by a local licensed expert. Tread where tourists rarely venture, past iconic cone-roofed houses and into hidden alleyways whispering local legends. Let your native guide, like a modern-day storyteller, weave history with folklore, separating truth from whimsical tales. Savor the city's soul through its stories, traditions, and even a taste of its delectable local cuisine. This isn't just a tour, it's a 400-year time capsule unlocking the essence of Alberobello, a place unlike any other on Earth.

Evening with us in Cisternino and Locorotondo. Cisternino is a charming hilltop town with a laid-back atmosphere, located in the heart of the Itria Valley, which is known for its trulli, traditional dry-stone houses with conical roofs. While this enchanting town of Locorotondo is aptly named "round place," lives up to its name with its circular historic center. Get lost in a maze of whitewashed houses adorned with vibrant flowers, creating a picture-perfect scene that will leave you breathless. Imagine strolling down narrow, winding streets, each turn revealing a new hidden gem or a breathtaking vista.



Included: Breakfast, private transfer, walking tour of Alberobello, lunch and dinner.

DAY 11

LECCE



Saturday, 24 Sep 2024

Step into "Florence of the South," Lecce! Immerse yourself in golden Baroque buildings, Roman whispers of history, and fresh Puglian flavors that tantalize your taste buds. Master the art of orecchiette pasta making in a hands-on cooking class, then explore vibrant piazzas as we feel the warm welcome, rich culture, and captivating beauty that await in Lecce, where culinary adventures meet historical whispers.



Included: Breakfast, private transfer, cooking class (lunch), and dinner.

DAY 12

DEPART



Saturday, 25 Sep 2024



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Included: Breakfast, depart, airport transfer.