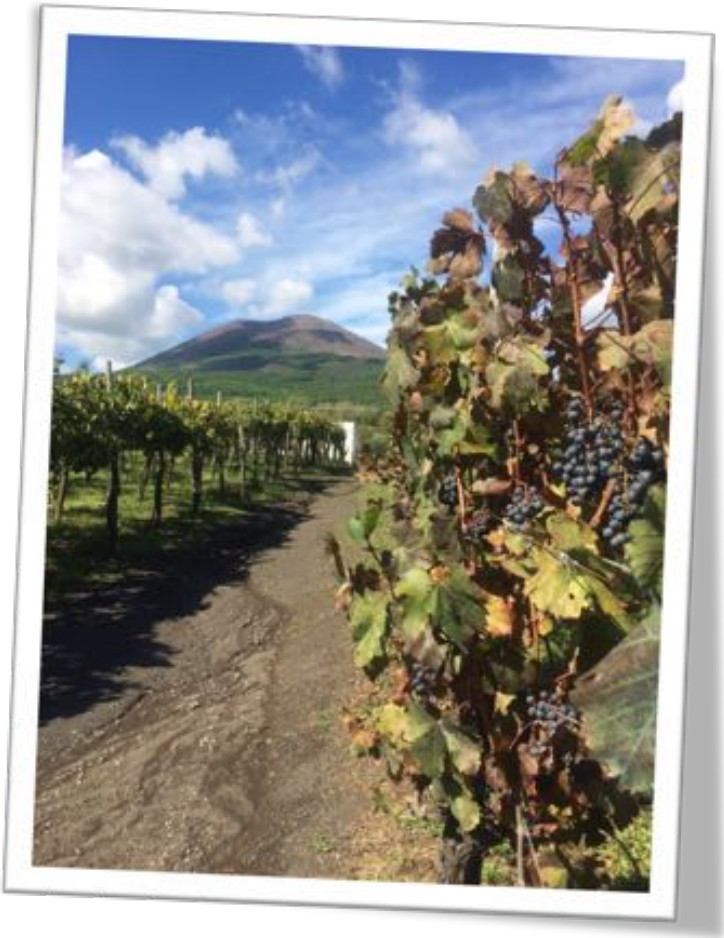
Taste Italy on a Chef-Guided Tour!

Culinary Travels with Christine Gardner & Simon Webster

Private Villa * Personal Service * Private Chefs * Small Group * Exclusive Tours

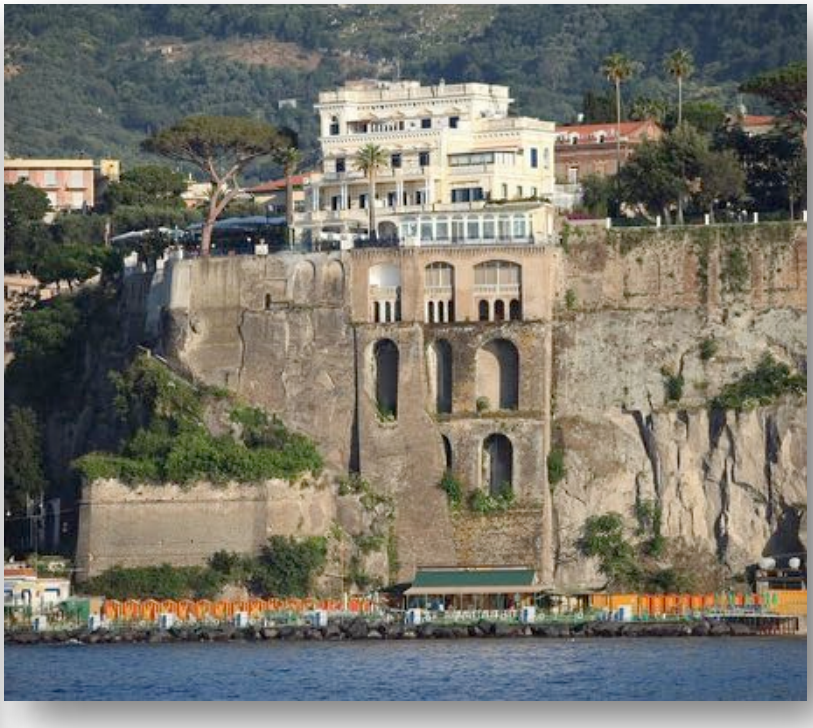


Day 1 - Benvenuto alla Dolce Vita!

Members of our group rendezvous at our private villa in Sorrento during the early afternoon. *(Additional information regarding travel and airport transport will be given upon reservation. Transport from Naples airport or train station to villa is provided. Transport from other locations can be arranged, but additional cost will be applied.)*

Upon arrival you will have time to relax at the villa, get settled, enjoy time by the pool and become familiar with beautiful Sorrento. (See photos of villa below.)

For our evening meal, Chefs Simon & Christine have perused the markets for the freshest flavors that represent the delicacies of the Campania region. We'll enjoy a family style Italian meal on the terrace of our villa overlooking the Bay of Naples.



More Details about our Villa:

Our villa is located in the heart of Sorrento and situated on the cliffs of the Sorrento Coast. You'll enjoy breathtaking panoramic views of Capri, Mt. Vesuvius and the Bay of Naples.

Everything about our villa is defined by classic Mediterranean beauty. The interior, with French doors and high ceilings is decorated with old world Italian charm. Built in the 1800s it is still owned by the original family.

Amenities in each suite include Wi-Fi, hair dryers, kitchenette, housekeeping and air conditioning.

Day 2 – Boat Excursion to Capri

Each morning, breakfast at the villa will be provided by Chef Simon. Today we take an all day excursion to the island of Capri. You will be amazed by the marvelous scenery of the Sorrento coastline and the beauty of the “blue island” of Capri. Our cruise takes us through the famous grottos and around Capri to admire the beautiful island.

We will be dropped off at the Marina Grande, and have free time to visit Capri for shopping, exploring, eating and relaxing in the Italian atmosphere. The group will disperse so you are free to enjoy Capri as you wish.

Beverages and snacks provided on the boat. Activities and food while in Capri are an additional cost. This excursion lasts about 8 hours. The boat is very comfortable with ample deck space, seating and a bathroom. After returning from Capri, you have the opportunity to enjoy dinner, individually, at the restaurant of your choice in Sorrento. *(Additional cost for this day: Lunch in Capri and Dinner in Sorrento. Personal expenses in Capri and taxi cost in Capri.)*

Day 3 – The Sights & Flavors of Sorrento & Positano

After breakfast at the villa, we will explore the city of Sorrento. Christine & Simon will lead a brief walking tour of the historical sites, food markets, churches and spectacular shopping. You will then have the remaining afternoon to enjoy Sorrento at your leisure, return to the villa to relax or enjoy the sites, as you wish.

In the late afternoon, the drivers will take us to Positano for an evening of breathtaking views, amazing sites and a seaside dinner. Shop & dine at your leisure until it is time to return to the villa. *(Additional cost for this day: Lunch in Sorrento. Dinner in Positano. Personal expenses in Sorrento & Positano. Taxi)*

Day 4 - Pompeii Tour & Cooking Class at Mt. Vesuvius Vineyard

After breakfast at the villa, the drivers will arrive to take us to Pompeii. You will be led by a private guide through the vast archeological site that has excavated the catastrophic destruction of the Mt. Vesuvius eruption.

After the Pompeii tour, we take a short drive to a vineyard and winery at the base of Mt. Vesuvius that produces some of the Campania region's most well-known wines.

We will have a wine tasting and hands-on cooking class at the winery with the vineyard owner and his family. After the class there will be a beautiful dinner in the vineyard enjoying the wonderful wine and dishes we prepared in the class. *(Additional cost for this day: Personal expenses only. All other meals and activities provided.)*

Day 5 – Farm to Table Gastronomic Tour

Today we go to nearby Massa Lubrense. First stop, the lemon and olive grove, where you will walk among the trees, taste homemade marmalade, see a demonstration of Limoncello & taste extra virgin olive oil. Then we take our fleet of 3-wheeled Italian Piaggio cars to the second stop – an organic cheesemaking farm. We will tour the farm and see a cheese demonstration featuring ricotta, mozzarella and provolone.

The last stop takes us to a pizza restaurant in the village. The pizza maker will explain how to make Neapolitan pizza from his old family recipe. After, it is time to put on our aprons and work the dough. The group will make pizzas to be cooked in the wood-fired oven and enjoy lunch.

After the tour, you will have the afternoon to relax at our villa. Later that evening we will regroup for dinner at a restaurant favored by the locals for its authentic Neapolitan flavor.
(Additional cost for this day: Personal expenses only. All other meals and activities provided.)

Day 6 – Amalfi Coast Tour

This all-day excursion will take us on a tour of the scenic Amalfi Coast. Our first stop is Ravello, high above the Amalfi Coast, this historic city is an exclusive haven along this picturesque route. Known for its musical festivals and famous villas – Rufolo and Cimbrone. We will also enjoy a beautiful lunch paired with wines from DOC Costa d'Amalfi vineyards. After lunch we visit the seaside city of Amalfi where you can tour the famous Duomo, browse the harbor or explore the unique shops. The excursion ends with a visit to the Amalfi Ceramic center where you'll find beautiful Italian ceramics in dozens of patterns.

When we return to the villa everyone is free to dine on their own in Sorrento. *(Additional cost for this day: Dinner in Sorrento, personal expenses during excursion.)*

Day 7 – The Italian Life

On this day there are no planned group excursions. Spend the day enjoying the incredible views and amazing scenery of Sorrento, our villa and the beautiful Amalfi Coast.

You are free to plan your own excursion, relax by the pool, visit the beach, or shop and stroll through Sorrento.

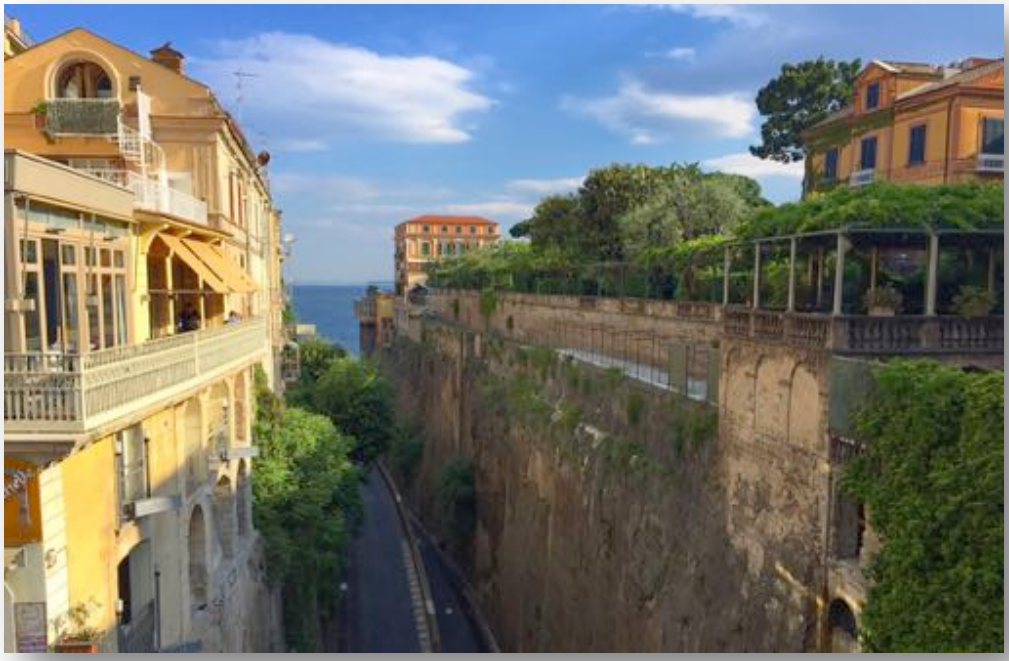
Other possible activities include an additional boat excursion, return to Positano, olive grove/oil production facility tour, expanded tour of Pompeii/Herculaneum or massage at the villa.

We will rendezvous at the villa in the evening for a farewell dinner prepared by Chef Simon & Christine. You are welcome to join us in the kitchen and lend a hand with the cooking.

(Additional cost: Added excursions, lunch, personal expenses. Assistance is available for arranging whatever activity you choose.)

Day 8 – Depart from Sorrento

Everyone departs the villa by 10am. Coffee and pastries will be available for breakfast. *(Transportation to Naples airport or train station is provided. Assistance with travel to other destinations is available.)*



RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE FOR MAY & SEPTEMBER 2019. PLEASE INQUIRE FOR EXACT DATES.

Upon reservation, assistance will be provided with airline reservations & individual travel needs.

Maximum number of guests in group is 12.
(Details for private groups & families can be accommodated per request.)

4700 euros per person includes double occupancy accommodations, group excursions, transport from Naples to and from Sorrento villa, group meals, wine at villa and other designated activities.
(Airfare not included. Does not include some meals, as indicated in itinerary.)

Cost in dollars is calculated at current exchange rate. At publication $1.18/1 euro = $5550.
Final price will be calculated based on exchange rate at time of trip, plus 2% for bank fees.
Current offer 10% off for double occupancy. Price 4230 Euro/$4995.

$2000 deposit due upon reservation, per person.
($500 nonrefundable service charge for cancellation, per person.)
Balance due 120 days from departure. Cancellation within 60 days of departure is 100% non-refundable.
(Participants are advised to purchase travel insurance. Additional payment/cancellation details provided in travel agreement.)

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Itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.
When changes occur we work to achieve the same level of service and offer better or similar excursions.