SORRENTO, ITALY

Sorrento, Boat Tour to Positano

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

A private motorboat takes you along the coast to Positano, once a sleepy little fishing village and the secret haunt of painters and writers. Its charms are still evident. Square, white Moorish-style houses are set in luxurious gardens, and descend in steep steps down the mountainside to the bay. Offshore is **Galli Island**, the legendary home of Sirens. Positano is embroidered with narrow lanes and steps and dominated by the splendid dome covered in polychrome majolica at the **Church of Santa Maria Assunta**. Piazzettas and cafés are filled with people pausing during the **100-step climb** that leads up the hillside. Enjoy time at leisure for shopping and for a satisfying drink at a café.

<u>Please note</u>: This tour is not for guests with physical limitations as it involves a great deal of walking over uneven terrain. Wear comfortable shoes, a sun hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

PRICE\$189

Sorrento, Herculaneum

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

The city of **Herculaneum**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, was founded around the 4th century B.C., copying the geometric regularity of the layout of Naples. Its "decumani" (main streets) have an east-west orientation, while the "cardines" (narrower streets) run north-south. There is undeniably a "feeling" about Herculaneum, quite different from Pompeii, where you get the impression that its ancient population of 5,000 packed up and left only moments ago. Herculaneum was smaller than Pompeii but is better preserved simply because, while hot ashes consumed the wood of Pompeii's buildings, Herculaneum was covered by hot mud which sealed and protected entire city blocks. This means that marble floors, mosaics, paintings and carbonized woods can still be admired today. You will discover the ancient luxurious properties and villas including the **House of the Mosaic**, the **House of Deer**, the **Thermae** (baths) and the **House of Carbonized Furniture**. After a guided tour, you will be driven back to meet the yacht in Sorrento.

<u>Please note</u>: This tour involves considerable walking on uneven pathways. Bring a sun hat, as shade is limited. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

PRICE\$115

Sorrento, Journey to Pompeii

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

From the pier, you'll take a 1-3/4-hour ride by motor coach to the remarkable **UNESCO**Site ruins of Pompeii, perfectly preserved since the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Learn about the excavation techniques and what the residents were doing at the time of the eruption, and you'll gain an insight into the lives of the ancient Romans as you discover baths, theaters, temples, markets and the huge forum with the **Arch of Nero**. After your tour, you will be driven back to Sorrento to meet your Windstar yacht.

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PRICE^{\$}99

Sorrento, The Jewels of the Amalfi Coast - Concierge Collection

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

Board a private vehicle for the drive to **Positano**. Its charms are still evident; square, white Moorish-style houses set in luxurious gardens, descend in steep steps from the mountainside to the bay. Positano is dominated by the splendid church of **Santa Maria Assunta**. Piazzettas and cafés are filled with people pausing during the **100-step climb** that leads up the hillside. Enjoy time at leisure for shopping and a drink at a café. You will continue on to **Amalfi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site**. After a visit to the **Cloister of Paradise**, built between 1266 and 1268, you will enjoy a delightful typical lunch before proceeding to **Ravello**, also a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, which stretches along the side of rocky cliffs overlooking the sea. You will marvel at the rocks rising out of the sea. Whitewashed villages dot the steep hillsides and cluster in the coves below. You will visit the **Villa Rufolo**, the 11th century**Barisano da Trani**, and a pulpit decorated with mosaic lions in the Cathedral. You will have free time to browse and shop before returning to Sorrento.

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PRICE\$599