

Naples and Campania

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Day 1 Friday

Arrival at Renaissance Naples Hotel Mediterraneo, Via Nuova Ponte di Tappia, 25, Naples 80133; phone 39-081-7970001 and en route visit to Pompei (already booked by yourself). You will confirm me your arrival time and you will meet Alessandra to discuss the last details of the general program and for the Naples tour.

Day 2 Saturday

In the morning: guided walk along Spanish quarters and Spaccanapoli, you depart from the hotel at 8:30 with Alessandra and you walk for 10 minutes to the starting point of your guided tour. Lunch in a typical Pizza Restaurant, in the afternoon: guided visit to the Capodimonte Museum. Private minibus to drive back to the hotel. For the detailed description, please, see the comments by Alessandra (your guide): Starting at 9 am (the latest) in Piazza del Gesù. visit of the church Gesù Nuovo, Santa Chiara and cloister. 45 min. then walk along Spaccanapoli; in Piazza S. Domenico Maggiore taste a sfogliatella and espresso at Scaturchio, (good bakery especially renowned for its baba). continue the walk along Spaccanapoli to S. Gregorio armeno. 45 min. walk up S. Gregorio Armeno (where they make nativity scenes), eventually peaking into the amazing baroque church of S. Gregorio Armeno (if it is open) to the Duomo 30 min. visit of the duomo and the Chapel of Santa Restituta (which closes at 12:00) 60 min. walk down via Tribunali to Cappella Sansevero (absolutely a worthy visit!!) 45 min. then head to Piazza Dante and a pizza place near by. If we start at 9:00 am we should be able to stop for lunch by 1. pm to 1:30pm. I say "should" since the time I have indicated for this walk and visits has to be considered flexible.

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At 2:30 start the minibus ride up to S. Martino, and sant'Elmo, descend along Vomero's hill and up to via Petrarca till the view point on top of Posillipo, descend via Posillipo, Mergellina along the sea to the Castel dell'ovo, Piazza Municipio and Castel nuovo, San Carlo. Piazza Plebiscito, Royal Palace, then be driven by same minibus to Capodimonte. (it is my understanding that these buildings are not to be visited inside, but only seen from outside, otherwise the plan should be different. However in Piazza Plebiscito at that time of day there might be an easy chance to get off the bus and give a better look to the square and the palace since cars are not allowed in the square). Finally visit to the museum of Capodimonte. until 6 pm. However in this way we should be able to avoid traffic and be in the historical centre when most of the churches and chapels are open.

Day 3 Sunday

Alessandra and mini-bus will pick you up at hotel and you will go to Reggia di Caserta for guided visit. Lunch Chalet delle Ville. After visiting Bosco di San Silvestro and the Hunting House of the King. Visit to Borgo di San Leucio. Visit silk factories in the area. Mozzarella di bufala tasting. In Capua you will visit the painting by Solimena. When you come back to the hotel Alessandra will give you all the information and hydrofoil tickets to walk to the port the next day for your excursion to Capri.

Day 4 Monday

In the morning: departure at 8:30, short walking to the port and hydrofoil to Capri. You will meet Luigi at your arrival at the harbor in Capri. Guided visit to Capri and Anacapri: guided visit to Certosa di San Giacomo, Villa Jovis, Church of San Michele. Lunch at Trattoria da Tonino.

In the afternoon: tour of the island by local private boat: Faraglioni, Grotta Azzurra and Malaparte's House. Hydrofoil back to Naples.

Day 5 Tuesday

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Alessandra and mini-bus meet you at hotel for a ride to Sorrento and guided visit to port and hotel area. See Duomo & Cloisters of Paradise and Basilica di San Antonio. Visit shop giving demonstrations of inlaid handcraft jewelry & music boxes. Visit to San Agata sui due Golfi and Termini for views of the two Gulfs and view the Punta Campanella from road. Stop to taste limoncello.

Lunch at Taverna del Capitano. Ride to Positano and guided visit to church of Santa Maria Assunta with majolica tiles.

Day 6 Wednesday

Alessandra and mini-bus meet you at hotel for guided visit to Ravello and Villa Cimbrone. Villa Rufolo-if time.

Visit local winery for tour.

Lunch at La Caravella in Amalfi. Visit to paper mill or Museum of paper, where it is possible to make paper. Visit the town of Amalfi and Duomo, the Moorish cloister and view the bronze doors.

Visit Grotta Smeraldo in Conca dei Marini.

Visit Vietri sul Mare and the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and the majolica tiled dome or perhaps if you have time.

Day 7 Thursday

In the morning: departure by private bus and guided walking along Strada Matrone in

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Boscotrecase on the top of Vesuvio. Lunch at the panoramic restaurant Casa Rossa 1888 al Vesuvio in the afternoon: guided visit to the Ercolano recent new and fine excavations. You can also make the tour of the Villas called "del miglio d'oro", golden mile.