



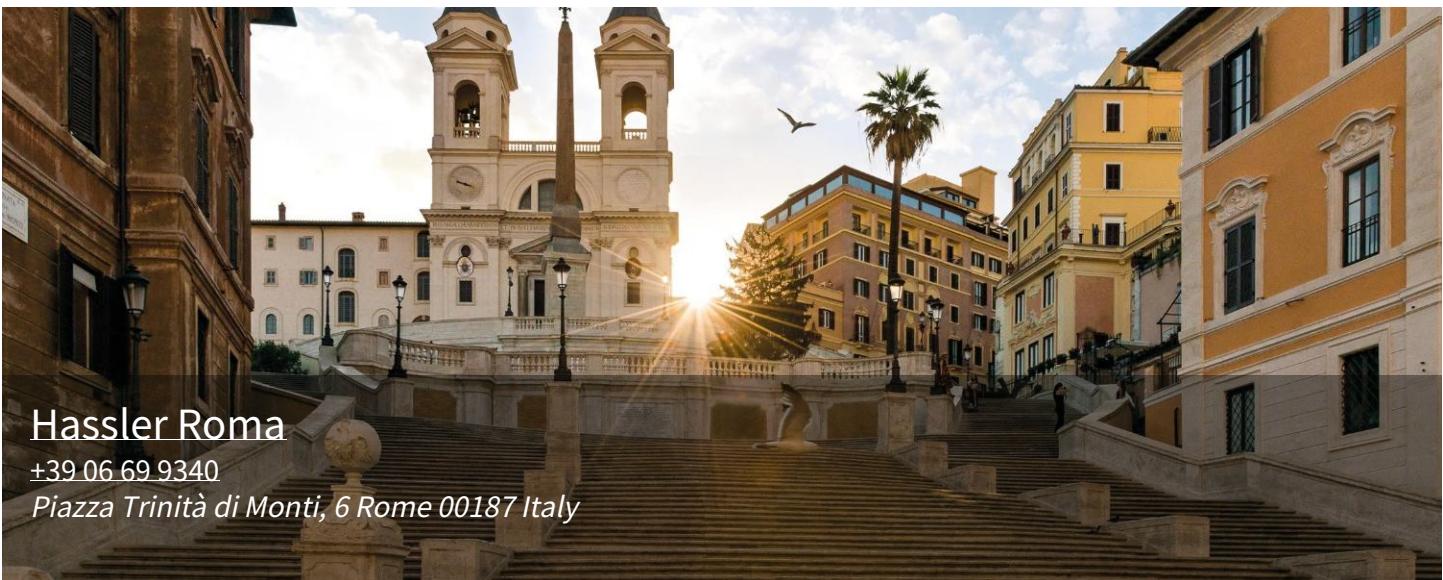
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## 8 Days Itinerary

# Rome and Amalfi Coast Adventure

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## Day 1



### Hassler Roma

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2:00 PM

Check In

12:00 PM

Check Out

3 Nights

Duration

The Hassler Roma is one of the most prestigious hotels in the world. It is owned by President and Managing Director Roberto E. Wirth, the fifth generation of a famous Swiss dynasty of hoteliers. Elegance, style, the highest quality in terms of service and discretion have made the Hassler the very symbol of international hospitality, making it the preferred destination of VIPs from all over the world. In addition to its 87 rooms and suites, the hotel's Michelin-starred panoramic restaurant Imàgo offers a breathtaking view over the city of Rome, and is the meeting place of choice for important personalities and celebrities both international and local.

The Hassler Roma is located in the heart of Rome, next to the Trinità dei Monti church at the top of the famous Spanish Steps and Piazza di Spagna: one of the most beautiful and charming locations in the "Eternal City".



### Rome Twilight City Stroll and Gelato Tasting

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Coming to a city as (wonderfully) chaotic as Rome can be daunting. We want to give you a warm, Italian welcome and get you set up for the rest of your visit. Intimate groups will guarantee easy access to your guide and the opportunity to ask anything you might want to know; from why Raphael is buried under the Pantheon, to where you can get the best pizza, or whether you should tip your waitress.

We'll start our tour in Piazza Navona, less of a plaza than a grand outdoor art gallery. You'll learn about the political intrigues surrounding Bernini's Fountain of Four Rivers as well as some of the artistic in-jokes that he carved into the stone.

Next, we'll head into our favorite site in Rome; the 1,900 year old Pantheon. In the early evening this marvel from Antiquity is much less crowded than during the day and your guide will take full advantage of the serenity to tell you about the history of the iconic dome.

After your visit of the Pantheon we'll stop off for a scoop of gelato Italy's legendary answer to ice cream — included in the price of the tour. Next, we'll stroll to the iconic Trevi Fountain. Your friendly, expert guide will explain the history and lore of the fountain before instructing you on how many coins to toss in depending on what wish you are hoping to fulfill (throw enough in and you might meet your soul mate!)

We'll finish our evening stroll at the famous Spanish Steps. Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck fans will recognize this spot from 'A Roman Holiday' - here they bumped into each other.

## Day 2



### Ancient Rome and Colosseum Private Tour

#### Meeting Point

TBD

At first glance, you'll see rubble, but soon, your knowledgeable and passionate private guide will help bring the ruins to life, painting a vibrant picture of Rome in the time of the emperors.

Walk where the Roman senate walked, see where the gladiators fought, and stand where the citizens welcomed the Roman soldiers after successful campaigns. Leave the crowds behind and enter Ancient Rome with your skip-the-line tickets and your personal local storyteller. Walk where the Roman Senate met, see where the gladiators fought, and breathe the atmosphere of long-lost echoes.

Ancient Rome tour of Rome including Venice square and its memorial made by great white marble, the Capitoline hill with the unique Michelangelo-designed Campidoglio, for where enjoy a great view of the Roman Forum with the Via Sacra (Sacred Way) used to represent the heart and center of Ancient Rome route of victorious generals and their processions of triumphant conquest and also the Triumphal Arches of Titus and Septimius Severus, the seat of the Roman Senate, the Temples of Vesta and also the Palatine hill where you can have an unforgettable view over the valley of the Circus Maximum, site of the chariot races then continue the tour with the inside visit of the Colosseum.

At the Colosseum, admire where the gladiatorial duels, wild beast fights, and naval battles were arranged for the entertainment of Roman people, the view of the "mouth of the truth" and the Caracalla bath, the Marcello Theatre, the arch of Constantine, and other sites along the way. Discover how the Colosseum, a massive stone amphitheater that seated an estimated 60,000 spectators, was built in only 8 years. Your guide will unlock fascinating stories of the design and construction, the fighters' political benefit, and the eventual end of the games at the Colosseum.

## Day 3



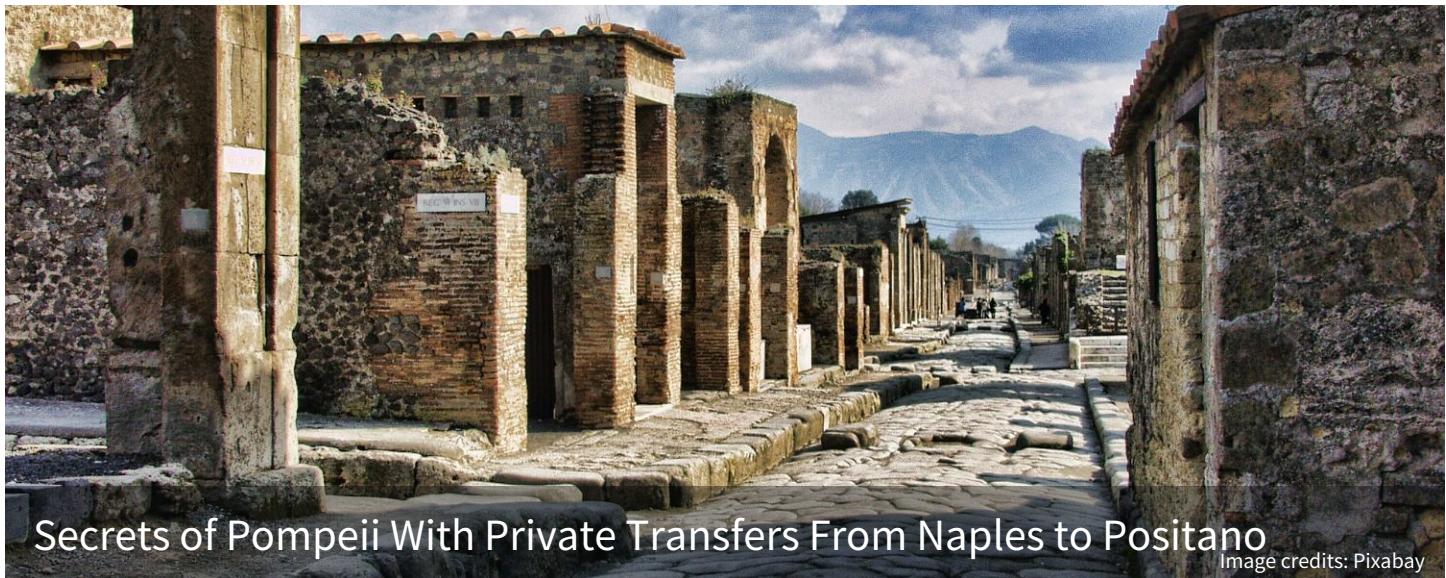
### Vatican Museum Experience

Today's Vatican experience takes you to the must-see sights of the world's smallest country. Prepare to be moved by Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel, staggered by St. Peter's and totally taken with the Museums' treasures...

On today's 'voyage through the Vatican', our local expert guide will show you the city-state's most beloved masterpieces and little-known treasures, all the while sharing tales of intrigue, tragedy and power from the Holy See's turbulent history. Meet your guide at the Vatican Museum's entrance and skip the lines with your timed tickets. Originally built as papal palaces for the Renaissance pontiffs, the Vatican Museums have an unparalleled collection of classical statuary, ancient treasure like Egyptian mummies and Etruscan bronzes, a hallway lined with 16th-century topographical maps of Italy and paintings by Old Masters from Giotto and da Vinci to Titian and Raphael.

Continue with a wander through the Sistine Chapel, gazing up at Michelangelo's masterful ceiling, and a stroll down the cavernous nave of St. Peter's Basilica with its majestic dome and bronze canopy. The tour ends on the square of the same name, a sacred and monumental site where throngs of the faithful gather to receive the pontiff's blessing.

(Tour duration: 3 hours -2 Entrances to Vatican Museum and Basilica of St. Peter included Entrances to Vatican Museum are ON REQUEST and can only be confirmed two months prior the Tour - Taxis to/from Vatican not included)



### Secrets of Pompeii With Private Transfers From Naples to Positano

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Enjoy a ride with a professional driver and get the chance to visit one of the most fascinating and well-preserved archaeological sites in the world.

Stop for a 2-hour walking tour of the archaeological site of Pompeii with a professional archaeological guide. Then, optimize your time with this convenient transfer service, reaching Sorrento in comfort and with ease.

#### About Pompeii:

Pompeii was an ancient city located in what is now the [comune of Pompei](#) near [Naples](#) in the [Campania](#) region of [Italy](#). Pompeii, along with [Herculaneum](#) and many villas in the surrounding area, was buried under 4 to 6 m (13 to 20 ft) of [volcanic ash](#) and [pumice](#) in the [eruption of Mount Vesuvius](#) in AD 79.

Largely preserved under the ash, the excavated city offered a unique snapshot of Roman life, frozen at the moment it was buried and extraordinarily detailed insight into the everyday life of its inhabitants. However, much of the evidence was lost in the early excavations.

It was a wealthy town, enjoying many fine public buildings and luxurious private houses with lavish decorations, furnishings, and works of art, which were the main attractions for the early excavators. Organic remains, including wooden objects and human bodies, were entombed in the ash. Over time, they decayed, leaving voids that archaeologists found could be used as [molds](#) to make plaster casts of unique — and often gruesome — figures in their final moments of life. In addition, the numerous [graffiti](#) carved on the walls and inside rooms provides a wealth of examples of the largely lost [Vulgar Latin](#) spoken colloquially at the time, contrasting with the formal language of the classical writers.

Pompeii is a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#) and one of Italy's most popular tourist attractions, with approximately 2.5 million visitors annually.

After many excavations before 1960 that had uncovered most of the city but left it in decay, further major excavations were banned. Instead, they were limited to targeted, prioritized areas. In 2018, these led to discoveries in some previously unexplored areas of the city.

#### About Your Driver:

All drivers are professional, competent and punctual, also providing you with a lot of information along the way. Enjoy the ride along the winding roads of the Amalfi Coast peninsula with dramatic sights on the bay of Naples and the island of Capri.



## Hotel Villa Franca Positano

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| 3:00 PM  | 12:00 PM  | 4 Nights |
| Check In | Check Out | Duration |

Perfectly situated on a hill between the craggy cliff tops and the glinting Mediterranean Sea, HVF Villa Franca Positano is romantic Italy at its most ravishing. With the picturesque cobbled piazzas of Positano and two blissful beaches just steps away, this stylish hilltop retreat offers the chance to check out from reality and absorb the glamor and gorgeousness of the ever-enchanting Amalfi Coast. A cool calm envelops this Italian idyll where bewitching coastal beauty dominates the window views and pines and citrus scent the air.

Whether dining on the restaurant terrace, sipping a cocktail by the rooftop pool or getting pampered in the spa, HVF Villa Franca Positano exudes authentic Italian elegance. Once a private residence, this boutique hotel has been artfully refashioned. Its airy and bright luxury suites draw inspiration from the surrounding environment, with locally made majolica tiles helping to incorporate a sense of spirit and place into the setting. What's more, the depth of service offered by the staff continues to set hospitality standards for the region.

#### **BTA Guests Will Receive:**

Accommodations as noted on itinerary.

Daily Buffet Breakfast

#### **Welcome Experience includes:**

Escort to room upon check-in

Welcome card or letter from General Manager

Seasonal welcome amenity

#### **Amenities**

Air Conditioning, Internet Access

## Room Selection

| Room Category | Bedding |
|---------------|---------|
| HVF Suite     | King    |

### Room Description

HVF Suites represent the ultimate expression of the carefree, luxurious Amalfi Coast lifestyle. In every Suite, the balcony or the private terrace offers a breathtaking **sea view over the bay**.

The generous interior space in each Suite is around 30sqm. Our characteristically elegant furnishings and contemporary décor work together to create a stylish but laid-back environment. With a decadent king-size bed and a beautifully furnished living room corner, our Suites offer plenty of places to enjoy complete relaxation.

After a day of exploring the coast, the Italian marble bathroom awaits for a soothing bath or a reinvigorating shower.

## Payment

Quote Only

## Cancellation Policy

Please refer to this for the details - <https://www.classicvacations.com/about-us/classic-vacations-price-protection-and-change-cancellation-waiver> <https://www.classicvacations.com/about-us/2015-travel-smart-plan>



Capri is an island located in the Tyrrhenian Sea off the Sorrentine Peninsula, on the south side of the Gulf of Naples in the Campania region of Italy. The main town, also called Capri and the village on the hill called Anacapri have been a resort since the time of the Roman Empire.

Some of the main features of the island include the Marina Piccola (the little harbour), the Belvedere of Tragara (a high panoramic promenade lined with villas), the limestone crags called sea stacks that project above the sea (the faraglioni), the town of Anacapri, the Blue Grotto (*Grotta Azzurra*), and the ruins of the Imperial Roman villas.

## Day 6



### Amalfi Coast Scenic Tour

There is hardly any other stretch of coastline that is so beloved by the whole world! La Costiera Amalfitana has inspired creative minds from landscape painter JMW Turner to Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg and allured pleasure seekers from Jackie Kennedy to Poppy Delevingne. Leave the driving to your expert guide, who is proud to call this area his home, and follow in their fancy footsteps! After leaving Naples and skirting the edge of Vesuvius, we arrive on the beguiling peninsula of Sorrento, which stretches out into the Gulf of Naples as if trying to kiss the Isle of Capri.

Known as the Land of Colors, Sorrento will thrill you with its artisans and limoncello, its legendary hospitality and cultural highlights, like the Correale di Terranova museum. South of Sorrento we continue along the Amalfi Drive a feat of engineering with improbable roads and tunnels linking the two other seaside villages we'll visit today. Positano, known as the "vertical village", climbs the cliffs beside the azure Tyrrhenian Sea and contains a warren of uneven stairs, quaint shops and inviting bars and restaurants with some of the best people-watching in Italy.

And Ravello, perched on a rocky spur between two valleys, is not as well-known as other Amalfi destinations, although it is probably the most elegant: revel in its never-ending views, marvel at its ancient cathedral and noble palaces, and indulge in its artisanal ceramics, luxe linens and delectable delicacies before heading back to your hotel.

## Day 7



### Recommended: Ravello Gardens Tour

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**Villa Rufolo:**

The Villa, which overlooks the Piazza Vescovado, is the historical and cultural center of Ravello.

Built by a wealthy merchant family in the 13th century, the villa has a rich and storied past. Boccaccio, one of the earliest authors of the Italian renaissance, wrote a story about the villa and its owner in his Decameron, published in 1353. In its prime, it was one of the largest and most expensive villas on the Amalfi Coast, and legends grew about hidden treasure on its premises. In the 14th century, the Rufolo family hosted banquets for King Robert II of Naples and other Norman royalty.

**Villa Cimbrone:**

Sitting high atop a promontory that offers stunning views of the Mediterranean and the dramatic coastline below, the Villa Cimbrone is the crown laurel of Ravello.

Its origins date back to the 11th century, but the villa and the gardens were extensively renovated by a British nobleman, Lord Grimthorpe, in the early 20th century. As a result, the villa is a popular place for weddings, honeymoons, and receptions with expansive gardens and dramatic views. The villa is a private 5-star hotel (Hotel Villa Cimbrone), but the gardens are open to the public, and it ranks, perhaps, as the most memorable sight on the Amalfi Coast.

**Terrace of Infinity-** The villa's belvedere, Terrazza dell'Infinito (Terrace of Infinity), is lined by a series of marble busts that on clear days sparkle against the blue sky above and the azure waters of the Mediterranean below. The view from the Belvedere Gore Vidal, the noted American author and long-time resident of Ravello, once boasted that the view from the Belvedere is the finest in the world, and anyone who has ever visited the Belvedere on a clear day would have troubling disputing him.

*"Twenty-five years ago I was asked by an American magazine what was the most beautiful place that I had ever seen in all my travels and I said the view from the belvedere of the Villa Cimbrone on a bright winter's day when the sky and the sea were each so vividly blue that it was not possible to tell one from the other." Gore Vidal*

Looming more than 1200 feet (~365 meters) above the Mediterranean, the view looking downward is not for the faint of heart, and on windy days the updraft can make it a positively hair-raising experience. In the distance, you can see the outline of the Cilento Mountains and, next to them, the level plain on which the ancient city of Paestum was built. Villa Cimbrone, Ravello main walkway, Viale dell'Immenso (Alley of Immensity), features a pergola, best seen in the summer when the white and blue wisteria are in full bloom.

The gardens themselves are adorned with temples, statuary, and other recreations that give it a distinctly classical feel. In your walk through the gardens, do not miss:

Statua di Ceres (Statue of Ceres), which is located in a small temple immediately adjacent to the Belvedere; Poggia di Mercurio (Crest of Mercury);

Tempietto di Bacco (Little Temple of Bacchus);

Grotta di Eva (Eve's cave);

Statua di David (Statue of David), a copy of Donatello's famous sculpture of the victorious David. (The original is in the National Museum of Florence)

Terrazza Delle Rose (Rose Garden) is situated just a few steps from the villa; Stanza del Tè (Tea Room), a rectangular garden next to the rose garden that features a Moorish-style pavilion, four Roman-era columns, and some marvelous sculptures.

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The cloister, right across from the ticket office, was extensively redecorated by Lord Grimthorpe a century ago. It has a magnificent covered walk in the center, and the cloister walls are richly ornamented with imported bas reliefs and old terracotta, the most notable being a tile by the famous Luca Della Robbia.

The crypt, another Lord Grimthorpe creation, is modeled after the monk's cellarium at Fountains Abbey, a Cistercian monastery near Malton, England, where Grimthorpe was born. With its massive columns, shady interior, and expansive views of the Mediterranean, it's an ideal spot for receptions.

Noted guests:

A century ago, shortly after Grimthorpe renovated it, the Villa Cimbrone became a popular retreat for London's famed Bloomsbury Group, a circle of early 20th century intellectuals that featured Virginia Woolf and Lytton Strachey. Other noted guests included Winston Churchill, author E.M Forster, and famed economist, Maynard Keynes. D.H. Lawrence, the author of Lady Chatterley's Lover, literally left his mark on the villa's garden when he and a friend decided to give the Statue of Eve a fresh and unauthorized coat of paint. Statua di David (Statue of David), a copy of Donatello's famous sculpture of the victorious David(The original is in the National Museum of Florence)

The Villa Cimbrone also served as a romantic rendezvous for Greta Garbo, the beautiful and reclusive movie actress, who quietly eloped to here in February of 1938 with intentions of marrying Leopold Stokowski, the British-American conductor who wrote and produced the score for Walt Disney's Fantasia. While their marriage was never consummated, their stay at the Villa Cimbrone quickly became an international sensation when word of their arrival was leaked to the newspapers.