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ROME AND SORRENTO

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Guided Sightseeing: Vatican City; Ancient Rome; Pompeii; Capri; Herculaneum; Cumae

Entrances: Borghese (Villa, Gallery, Gardens & Museum); Museum dell' Ara Pacis; Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica; Forum Romanum; Colosseum; Etruscan Necropolis and Tarquinia Museum; Pompeii Roman Ruins; Capri Minicruise and Minibus; National Archaeological Museum; Herculaneum Site; Cumae

Overnight Stays:

Rome (3)

Sorrento Region (3)

NOT INCLUDED IN PROGRAM PRICE

Optional excursions; Beverages and lunches; Transportation to free-time activities; Customary gratuities (for your Tour Director, bus driver and local guide); Porterage; Adult supplement (if applicable); Weekend supplement; Shore excursions on cruises; Any applicable baggage-handling fee imposed by the airlines (see eftours.com/baggage for details); Expenses caused by airline rescheduling, cancellations or delays caused by the airlines, bad weather or events beyond EF's control; Passports, visa and reciprocity fees



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Day 1: Overnight Flight

Board your overnight flight to Rome!

Day 2: Rome

Arrive in Rome

Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. The city is an incredible mix of archaeological gems, Roman genius, Renaissance art and religious treasure. As Italy's capital, it is also the bustling heart of this exciting country. With its fashionable shopping and café-culture, Rome really is a unique European experience.

Visit the Galleria Borghese (*time permitting*)

The gallery was fully renovated during the 1990s and re-opened to the public shortly before the millennium. Inside, one can see amazing sculptures by Bernini, including *David*, crouching aggressively with his slingshot, *Apollo and Daphne*, and others. Elsewhere, the collection of paintings helps confirm the status of the gallery as one of the great Italian houses of art.

Day 3: Rome

Guided Sightseeing of the Vatican

The world's largest dome is located in the world's smallest country. See both as you tour St. Peter's Basilica, erected in Vatican City on the site where the saint was martyred. Enter the basilica under the watchful eyes of the brightly dressed Swiss Guard. Inside, admire Michelangelo's *Pietà* and try to find the artist's signature (it is the only sculpture he ever signed). Then continue on to the Vatican Museum, where elaborate galleries packed with one artistic masterpiece after another lead you directly to the Sistine Chapel. Between 1508 and 1512, Michelangelo painted some of the world's finest pictorial images on the Chapel's ceiling. This was his first attempt at working in fresco, which he did by standing up and craning backwards from a scaffold.

Guided Sightseeing of Ancient Rome

Your guided sightseeing of ancient Rome takes you into the Forum Romanum, once the heart of the Roman Empire. You will also visit the Colosseum, where gladiators once battled for their lives in front of 50,000 spectators.

Day 4: Tarquinia | Rome

Visit the Etruscan Necropolis and Tarquinia Museum

Today's excursion will take you through the land once occupied by the Etruscans. Using a flashlight, explore the tombs and burial grounds of both Cerveteri and Tarquinia.

Visit the Museum dell' Ara Pacis

Visit the Ara Pacis, an altar to Peace. It was commissioned by the Roman Senate in 13 BC to honor the return of the Roman emperor Augustus.

Explore the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and Piazza Navona

Enjoy time in Piazza di Spagna. Climb the staircase to view the city below, or take the time to wander through one of Rome's most popular shopping areas. Alternatively, snag a moment to relax amongst the hustle and bustle of the city while enjoying a traditional Italian treat- gelato. You should also make sure to wander over to the famed Trevi Fountain and toss in a coin to ensure your return to Rome.

Day 5: Rome | Sorrento Region

Transfer to Sorrento via a Guided Sightseeing of Pompeii

Learn how wealthy Romans lived 2,000 years ago on an excursion to Pompeii, one of the richest archaeological sites in the world. When neighboring Mt. Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79, volcanic ash completely buried the Roman resort. Now it is fully excavated, and you can see the ruins of villas, ancient temples, and Stabian Baths.

Arrive in the Sorrento Region

Experience the unparalleled beauty of Italy's favorite resort, which overlooks the Bay of Naples. Sorrento was first settled by Spaniards and Greeks, whose influence still remains.

Day 6: Sorrento Region

Excursion to Capri and Naples

Guided Sightseeing of Capri

Encounter beautiful views of the Amalfi coastline on an excursion across the Bay of Naples to the captivating and mountainous Isle of Capri. Travel by funicular to the town of Capri and board a cruise to see the most spectacular views of Capri's coast. You'll see the Arco Naturale, a majestic stone arch on the eastern cliffs, and the famous Faraglioni, three enormous, pale-ochre limestone colossi that loom out of the sea. (*When weather conditions do not permit a cruise, groups will visit Villa San Michele in the town of Anacapri instead.*)

Visit the National Archaeological Museum

With its impressive collection of Greco-Roman artifacts, the National Archaeological Museum of Naples is one of the leading archaeology museums in the world. The antiquities on display in the museum have been found in the surrounding areas of Pompeii, Stabia, Herculaneum and other sites in Italy's Campania region.

Day 7: Sorrento Region

Guided Sightseeing of Herculaneum

A local guide will introduce you to the sites of the Roman city Herculaneum, whose inhabitants were forced to evacuate during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79. Excavations of the city have been in progress since the early 1700s and have since revealed streets of villas and shops, many of which have well-preserved, elaborate mosaic floors.

Guided Visit of Cumae

Travel west of Naples to the Cumae site, believed to have contained the Cave of the Cumaean Sibyl. The cave of the oracle, a Greek sacred spot dug in the 5th century B.C. Visit the caves and ruins of temples dedicated to Jupiter and Apollo (now converted into Christian churches).

Free time at Lake Avernus (*time permitting*)

Enjoy some time wander and relax this volcanic crater lake.

Day 8: Depart for Home

Transfer to the Naples Airport for your Return Flight

Your Tour Director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

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