



UNKNOWN GARDENS IN THE LANDS OF THE MYTHS

SORRENTO-AMALFI-ISCHIA-CASERTA-SALERNO-NAPLES

your private

tour



YOUR PRIVATE ITALY



ARRIVAL AND TRANSFER TO VILLA MAGNOLIA. WELCOME DINNER

Overnight in Sorrento

DAY 1

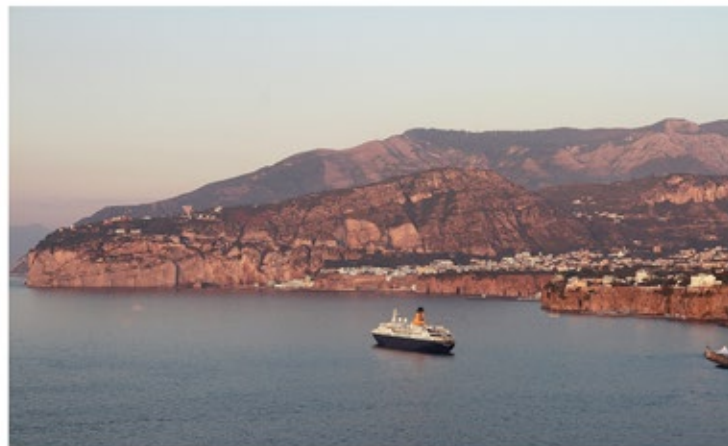


Transfer from Naples airport and take your time unpacking and getting acquainted with the beautiful Villa Magnolia. Centrally located in the magnificent town of Sorrento, the property is situated just steps from the sea and a popular beach club. The property is a wonderful example of a classic Italian Villa that has been uniquely restored in a beautifully landscaped garden, composed of a mix of citrus trees, succulent plants, Camellias, and various types of palms, some of which are more than a century old. A welcome dinner will be prepared by your on-site Villa chef.

DISCOVERING THE GARDENS OF SORRENTO

Overnight in Sorrento

DAY 2



After enjoying a rich breakfast, depart for Luciana's Villa, a private residence with beautiful garden and several types of Palm trees and Mediterranean plants. Then it's onward for a visit to the gardens at the Grand Hotel Parco dei Principi, where you can admire the mysterious Bridge of Love and the Temple of Venus, locations referenced in an ancient story telling of a little plant and its aphrodisiac powers. Enjoy a private, guided tour of Sorrento, and experience the cultural and architectural influences of the different dominations that have historically ruled this beautiful seaside city. The tour will end with a visit to the collections at the historic Museum and the Garden of Villa Correale, with its ultra-centenarian trees.

Our suggestion: Enjoy an aperitif at the panoramic terrace close to Villa Magnolia; simply the best view of the Sorrento Coast imaginable! Enjoy a delightful dinner at the villa including brick-oven pizza!

NAPLES AND ITS MAGNIFICENCE

Overnight in Sorrento

DAY 3



After a rich breakfast in Sorrento, you will walk through the Botanical Garden of Naples, known for its preservation of endangered plant species. Enjoy lunch in a charming, famous Neapolitan pizzeria in the city center. Your tour continues along the streets of Via Toledo and towards the famous 17th Century Piazza, Piazza Plebiscito, while experiencing some of the city's most remarkable monuments including The Royal Palace & The San Carlo Theatre. We will continue towards Galleria Umberto I, from where you will take the city's characteristic cable car, called the Funiculare, toward the panoramic part of Naples. Once we get there, you will visit the spectacular Gardens of Villa Floridiana, whose property was donated as a vacation residence to neoclassical residence and its surrounding gardens were built between 1817-1819.

THE VOLCANIC ISLAND OF ISCHIA AND ITS EXOTIC GARDENS

Overnight in Sorrento

DAY 4



After breakfast, departure by hydrofoil from the port in Sorrento to the Island of Ischia, the largest of the Partenopean islands. Ischia has acquired international fame thanks to its numerous thermal and thermo-mineral springs, a result of the island's volcanic origins. Upon arrival, your tour starts with a visit to The Mortella Gardens and their dramatic volcanic rocks whose design was conceived through skill and refinement, taking advantage of the suggestive natural landscape and their openings towards the Mediterranean Sea. The garden spreads for about 2 hectares and enjoys a major collection of exotic, rare plants. The garden is constantly cured and expands year after year. The garden boasts three tropical greenhouses: the Victoria House, the Orchid House and the Temple of the Sun. After your visit, a divine lunch will be arranged at a local, seaside restaurant with a post-lunch tour of Villa Ravino and its cactus and exotic plant garden. Visit the gardens before returning to Sorrento.

RAVELLO AND THE TRAILS OF THE AMALFI COAST

DAY 5

Overnight in Sorrento

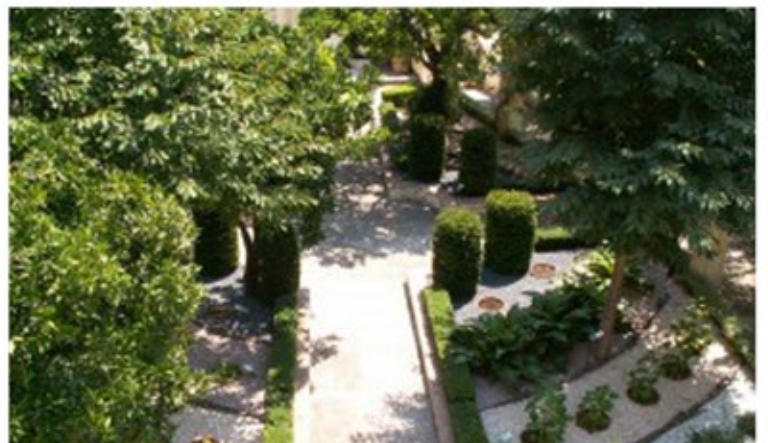


Buffet breakfast. Tour along la Divina Costiera to the town of Amalfi, where we will start our trek on the “Valle delle Ferriere” National Park, through its ancient villages & alleyways before reaching the town of Pontone. On your way, you will learn about the origins of the Canneto river and the valley you will be walking through. Lunch at a local restaurant. Post lunch guided tour of the romantic hillside village of Ravello, a magical place located between the blue sea and the sky. Ravello has served historically as a destination for artists, musicians, and writers, including Richard Wagner and Virginia Woolf, all whom have either written or composed while staying there. A visit to Villa Rufolo and Villa Cimbrone, whose gardens are laid out along the cliff tops. From here you can admire "the most beautiful panorama in the world". Return to Sorrento through the greenery of the Lattari mountains.

AN INVITATION TO A LEMON ESTATE AND THE MEDICAL GARDENS OF SALERNO.

DAY 6

Overnight in Sorrento



Buffet breakfast at the villa. In the morning a unique visit to a private family-owned lemon estate, stretching from the mountain cliffs all the way down to the Mediterranean Sea. The proprietor has been growing lemons for generations, following the age-old, local agricultural practices and traditions. Enjoy a private visit, complete with a tasting of lemon-specialties in the beautiful garden. In the afternoon, embark on a guided tour of Salerno and the Minerva Gardens, a historical garden with plants known for their therapeutic uses since the Middle Age. The location of the garden on the hillside, its system of water springs and fountains, and its exposure to the North winds create a special, damp, and humid microclimate. Our tour includes a stop for Salerno's famous lemon granita in the local botanical garden. Then it is time to get back to Sorrento!

THE ROYAL PALACE AND GARDENS OF CASERTA

Overnight in Sorrento

DAY 7



Buffet breakfast at the villa followed by a bus tour through the Bay of Naples. Spend the day with a private guide who will lead you through the enchanting Royal Palace of Caserta. In an effort to replicate the courts of Versailles, King Charles III of Bourbon ordered the famous Italian architect Vanvitelli to design this Royal Palace. Construction began in 1751 and Vanvitelli created a spectacular, monumental complex designing both the Palace and its gardens in a neoclassical style. The Royal palace is set in a garden of extraordinary beauty, which extends for 3 kilometers towards the hills. It is a fascinating mixture of alleyways, fountains, waterfalls, and statues. Among the sites, there is a botanical garden, called “The English Garden”. We will do as the locals and enjoy a picnic in the garden. Return to Sorrento for your farewell dinner.

DEPARTURE

DAY 8



Buffet breakfast at the villa followed by check out and transfer to the airport for departure.



Alternative Day Tours

Capri Island

After breakfast, departure by hydrofoil from the port of Sorrento to the Island of Capri. Enjoy a guided tour of Villa San Michele, an 18th Century villa with a terraced garden once belonging to the Swedish doctor and art collector Axel Munthe. A magical place that must be experienced, as some speak of Feng Shui perfection, others about a node for magnetic flows, and everyone about its enchanting beauty. After this tour, the visit moves to the town of Capri with a tour of the private garden of a private luxury residence, Villa Lennox. The garden, which spreads around the entirety of the property, covers an area of 7 hectares. The landscape of this magical garden was developed in 1894 and is characterized by shady pine trees, roses, grape vines, olive terraces, Roman columns, and even a neo-Greek temple. A spectacularly Italian layout in a Renaissance style.

The Greek Temples of Paestum and Mozzarella Making

Buffet breakfast at the villa. Departure from Sorrento to the Cilento coast for a guided tour of one of the most important mozzarella farms, considered industry leaders in buffalo mozzarella production (the only area in Italy where the well-known buffalo mozzarella is produced). You will follow the production of this world-famous cheese, from the milking of the water buffaloes to the salting and packing of the final product. This wonderful visit enables you to enjoy fresh mozzarella and other buffalo milk products indigenous to the area. Enjoy a delicious lunch at a local organic farm. Post-lunch guided tour of the famous Greek Temples in Paestum, discovered around 600 B.C. by Greek colonists who chose to colonize the area for its central location and proximity to the Sea. Your tour will take you through the sites of the impressive Greek temples, Roman buildings, and amphitheater. Return to Sorrento.

Villa Magnolia

This property is located just 50 yards from the Mediterranean and steps away from a popular beach front club. Centrally located in Sorrento, you are surrounded by a plethora of bars and cafes, great restaurants, and sprawling panoramic views of the sea. The property is a wonderful example of a classic Italian Villa that has been uniquely restored. Immersed in a beautifully landscaped garden, the ground floor of the property offers a grand hall, opening into a majestic living area that leads you into the dining room, with a panoramic view overlooking the 40,000 square foot garden, complete with a large sun deck, gazebo, and swimming pool.

Included in this tour:

- 7 nights in a Villa in Sorrento
- Daily buffet breakfasts
- Bus for transfers and tours
- Ferry ticket Sorrento/Ischia/Sorrento
- Cable-car ticket in Naples
- Admission fee for the museums and gardens specified and included in the tour
- Welcome Dinner
- Farewell Dinner
- 5 lunches
- 1 Picnic lunch
- English speaking tour leader
- Italian Sales Tax

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