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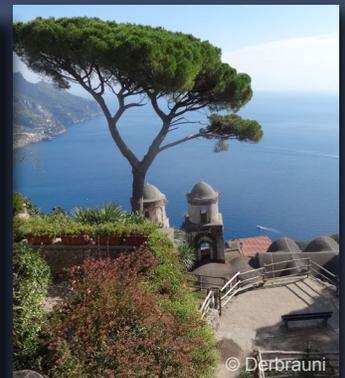
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Five nights in Rome | Two nights in Naples | Three nights in Amalfi



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Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur.



Dear Traveler,

Schedule your own, private AIA Tour that fits your travel dates and your budget. Travel with expert local guides who also handle all of the logistics, so you can relax and immerse yourself in learning and experiencing **ancient and Renaissance art and architecture**, including numerous UNESCO World Heritage sites. Enjoy **delicious food and wine**, and **hand-picked 3-, 4-, or 5-star hotels, all perfectly located** for exploring on your own during free time: five nights in central Rome, two nights in Naples (where 4- and 5-star hotels overlook the Bay of Naples), and three nights in Amalfi overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea.

Your wonderful, expert-guided excursions are many and include:

- The **Roman Forum**, with a private visit to the Temple of Antoninus and Faustina;
- Special entry to the **Colosseum's upper levels and underground tunnels**;
- Stunning paintings and mosaics at the **Palatine Hill and House of Augustus**;
- The **Capitoline Museums**, with their magnificent Classical and Renaissance art;
- Outstanding Renaissance sculptures and paintings at the **Borghese Gallery**;
- **Breakfast within the Vatican Museums** (before their official opening) then enter the **Sistine Chapel and Raphael Rooms**;
- Magnificent **St. Peter's Basilica**, the largest church in the world;
- A guided walk across the Tiber River past the **Mausoleum of Emperor Hadrian** into the grand **Piazza Navona** and into the awe-inspiring **Pantheon**;
- **Capua's Amphitheater**, world's second largest, where Spartacus trained;
- The **cave of Emperor Tiberius** and the local museum at Sperlonga;
- **Pompeii's extensive ruins** that reveal life in a prosperous ancient Roman city;
- Superb Greco-Roman art in the **Naples Archaeological Museum**;
- **Herculaneum**, where excavations reveal an ancient holiday resort;
- **Villa Poppea (Oplontis)**, a seaside villa with splendid wall paintings;
- An excursion up the slopes of **Mount Vesuvius for lunch at a winery**;
- Magnificent **Paestum**, with its three huge, Doric Greek temples;
- A ferry ride to **Capri** for Tiberius' astounding **Villa Jovis**;
- Choose from among **four optional excursions** (at additional cost) during your free time:
 - 1) Special wine tasting with dinner;
 - 2) half-day market shopping followed by a cooking class and lunch;
 - 3) full-day (with lunch) to Tivoli for Hadrian's Villa & Villa d'Este;
 - 4) Villa Rufolo with magnificent gardens overlooking the sea.
- **Savor fine cuisine** (and wine with dinners) at carefully-chosen restaurants.

For first-time as well as repeat travelers to Italy, we invite you to share with your family and friends this privately-guided trip to fabulous ancient and Renaissance sites.

Sincerely,

Todd Nielsen
Director, AIA Tours
Archaeological Institute of America

P.S. Your private group can be as small as two, but more travelers means lower prices. Choose your departure dates, estimate the number of travelers in your group, and contact AIA Tours for a per person price. Call **800-748-6262** or email **aia@studytours.org**.



Above: Mosaic at Naples Archaeological Museum. Below: A courtyard at Rome's Capitoline Museums.



Above: Underground tunnels of the Colosseum. Below: The Piazza Navona. Bottom: The exquisite Amalfi Coast.



Itinerary

B= Breakfast • L= Lunch • D= Dinner

Day 1: **Fly to Rome**

Day 2: **Arrive in Rome | Private transfer to hotel | at leisure**

Upon arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Airport (FCO) you are met for a private transfer to your hotel in the city center. The balance of the day is free to relax and perhaps stroll around this centrally-located neighborhood. The evening is at leisure. (Recommendations for dining independently will always be provided.)

Overnight for five nights in a centrally-located hotel in Rome.

Day 3: **Palatine Hill | House of Augustus | Imperial Forum | Temple of Antoninus & Faustina | Colosseum | Welcome Dinner**

Meet your Rome guide at breakfast. Begin with a visit to the Palatine Hill, centermost of the Seven Hills of Rome, standing above the Roman Forum on one side and the Circus Maximus on the other. From the time of Augustus, Rome's first Emperor, imperial palaces were built here. Visit the House of Augustus, which reopened in 2008 after extensive restoration; its colorful wall paintings and mosaic floors are stunning. Continue with a walk through the Roman Forum, the public center of ancient Rome where the popular assembly and senate met. Here you enjoy a private visit to one of the best preserved buildings in the forum—the Temple of Antoninus and Faustina, which is closed to the public. Savor a traditional Italian lunch just a few steps from the Colosseum. Next view the splendid Arch of Constantine and enter the Colosseum, Rome's amphitheater, the largest ever built, which accommodated 50,000 spectators. Enjoy a specially arranged visit to the upper levels and underground tunnels. Return to your hotel. Enjoy a special welcome dinner. (B,L,D)



Above: *The Dying Gaul* at the Capitoline Museums.

Below: Sculpture gallery at the Capitoline Museums.

"The tour was superbly organized and your AIA Tours office staff were prompt, efficient and provided very useful information." - Raphael, Arizona

Day 4: **Capitoline Museums | Borghese Gallery | Optional Wine Tasting**

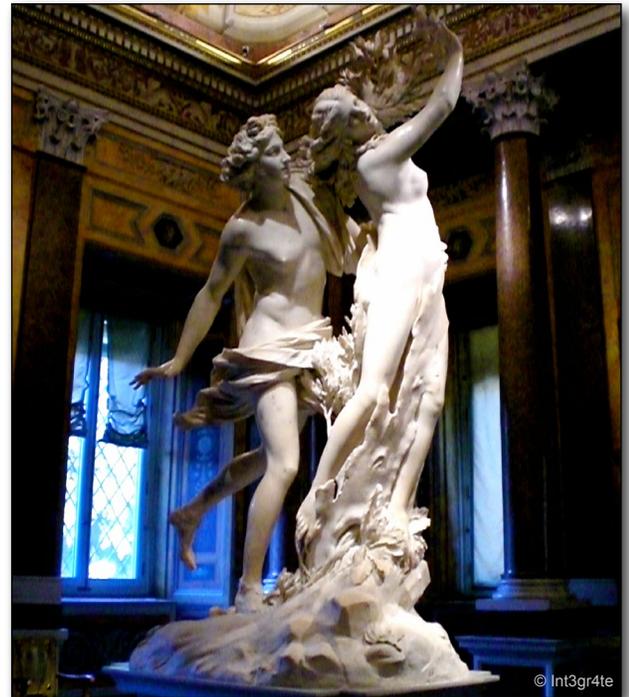
Ascend the stairs of the Piazza del Campidoglio, designed by Michelangelo, overlooking the extensive ruins of the Roman Forum. Enter the Capitoline Museums, the world's oldest public museums, and view magnificent and iconic Classical sculptures as well as paintings by Caravaggio, Rubens, Titian, Van Dyck, and other masters. After lunch, visit the Borghese Gallery, housed in a splendid, 17th-century villa with an exceptional art collection, including outstanding sculptures by Canova and Bernini plus paintings by Titian, Raphael, and Caravaggio. The evening is at leisure or join an optional wine tasting with dinner (at additional cost). (B,L)



Below: Bernini's *Apollo and Daphne* in the Borghese Gallery. Bottom left: View from Rome's Palatine Hill.

Day 5: **At leisure OR Optional Activities**

Enjoy a full day at leisure to relax and explore Rome on your own. Alternatively, choose a guided half-day excursion (at additional cost) to a



wonderful food market, then learn to prepare what you bought and enjoy it for lunch. OR, take an optional, full-day excursion (at additional cost) to Tivoli, a town hosting some of Italy's top cultural treasures, less than one hour's drive from Rome. Begin at the World Heritage site of Hadrian's Villa, a 2nd-century A.D. complex of buildings featuring marvelous pools, baths, fountains, gardens, theaters, and the Imperial Palace. After an included lunch in Tivoli's charming town center, continue on to another World Heritage site, the magnificent Villa d'Este, a superb Renaissance palace with an elaborate garden with dozens of fountains. Return to Rome for an evening at leisure. (B) (L with optional excursions)

"The whole tour was immaculately organized... All in all, a fantastic experience." - Elizabeth, BC, Canada

Day 6: Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel | St. Peter's Basilica | Piazza Navona | Pantheon

Early this morning drive to the Vatican and enjoy breakfast within the Vatican Museums, before their official opening. Then enter the ornate Raphael Rooms and Michelangelo's masterpiece, the Sistine Chapel. Explore the sumptuously decorated St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world. Admire Michelangelo's wonderful *Pietà* and the gigantic bronze canopy by Bernini. Enjoy some free time in the most important church in all Christendom; perhaps see the tombs of the Popes or ascend the dome for magnificent views of the entire city. After lunch, you may choose to be driven back to your hotel or join a splendid guided walk past the famous Castel Sant'Angelo (Castle of the Holy Angel), a towering cylindrical building built by Emperor Hadrian as his family's mausoleum that was later used by the popes as a fortress and castle. Cross the Tiber River to the grand Piazza Navona, originally an ancient stadium, and gaze upon Bernini's celebrated Fountain of the Four Rivers (with Egyptian obelisk). Continue to the awe-inspiring Pantheon, built in the 2nd century A.D. by Emperor Hadrian as a temple to all the gods. It remains the largest unreinforced concrete dome ever built and a testament to ancient Roman engineering. Return to your hotel with the balance of the afternoon at leisure. Savor another included dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Janiculum | Sperlonga | Capua | Naples

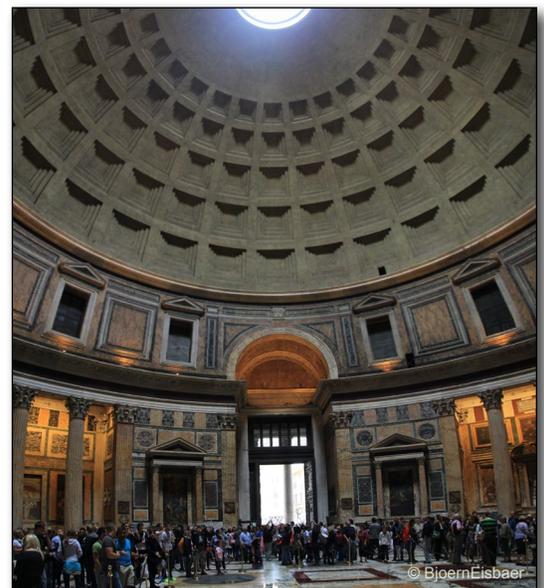
Before departing Rome stop at Garibaldi Park on the Janiculum Hill for panoramic views of Rome's domes and bell towers. Drive south to the cave of Emperor Tiberius at Sperlonga and the local museum with magnificent sculptures recounting the deeds of Odysseus that were carved by the same sculptors who produced the *Laocöon and His Sons*, which we saw in the Vatican Museums. Next stop is Capua to see the Flavian Amphitheater,



Above: The pool, *Canopo*, at Hadrian's Villa. Below: The magnificent St. Peter's Square and Basilica, the largest church in the world.



Above: The grand Piazza Navona with magnificent fountains and an Egyptian obelisk. Left: Michelangelo's magnificent and restored ceiling in the Sistine Chapel with scenes from the Book of Genesis. Below: The Pantheon, temple to all the gods. It is the largest unreinforced concrete dome ever built.



second largest in the world, and renowned because the gladiator and slave rebel Spartacus trained here. Visit briefly the adjacent, two-room Gladiator Museum. Continue to your hotel in Naples and enjoy an evening at leisure. **Overnight for two nights at a centrally-located hotel in Naples.** (B,L)

“One of our best-ever tours. We stayed in some great hotels.”

- Al and Sandy, Virginia

Day 8: **Pompeii | Naples Archaeological Museum**

Explore Pompeii, one of the world’s most fascinating archaeological sites. In A.D. 79, the catastrophic eruption of Vesuvius buried and thus preserved the ancient city under tons of ash, pumice, and lapilli. Excavations have revealed life in a prosperous ancient Roman city beneath lofty Mount Vesuvius. Highlights may include the House of the Faun, Villa of the Mysteries, the brothel, Garden of Fugitives, and more. Enjoy acclaimed Napoli pizza for lunch. Then visit the Naples Archaeological Museum with one of the world’s finest collections of Greco-Roman art and artifacts. The Farnese Collection includes celebrated bronze and marble statues, as well as ancient paintings and important artifacts from Pompeii and Herculaneum. Highlights include the marble statue called the *Farnese Hercules* and the exquisite mosaic of Alexander the Great confronting the Persian King Darius III, which measures nearly 9 ft. x 17 ft. Return to our hotel, freshen up, and then meet for a sumptuous dinner at a luxurious private villa on the Bay of Naples. (B,L,D)

“The ‘culinary’ part of the trip was outstanding.” - Edward, Missouri

Day 9: **Herculaneum | Oplontis | Mount Vesuvius | Amalfi**

Discover Herculaneum, where excavations reveal the customs, habits, and art of an ancient holiday resort for wealthy Romans. Among the most important buildings are the theater, the Basilica adorned with marble and paintings, the spa with gym, and the House of Argos. Next visit Villa Poppea (Oplontis), an ancient seaside villa with superb wall paintings that was probably owned by Emperor Nero. Then drive up the slopes of Mount Vesuvius to savor lunch at a charming winery. Afterwards drive to the celebrated seaside town of Amalfi, population 6,000. Check into your hotel, freshen up, and savor another special dinner. **Overnight for three nights at a well-located hotel in Amalfi.** (B,L,D)

Day 10: **Paestum | Optional visit to Villa Rufolo**

Drive along the Mediterranean coast to the World Heritage site of Paestum, the most impressive Greek site in all of mainland Italy. Founded in the 7th century B.C., Paestum has three magnificent and massive Doric Greek temples. Also visit the onsite museum with artifacts and frescoes from nearby tombs such as the famous Tomb of the Diver. After lunch, return to your hotel. Enjoy the balance of the day at leisure, or join an optional excursion (at additional cost) to the nearby Villa Rufolo with magnificent gardens overlooking the sea. The evening is at leisure. (B,L)

Day 11: **Capri & Villa Jovis | Farewell Dinner**

This morning enjoy a ferry ride to the fabled island of Capri, the favorite place of Emperor Tiberius. Explore the largest and most opulent of Tiberius’ twelve villas, Villa Jovis, a secluded spot of legendary debauchery. Completed in A.D. 27, the entire complex rises on many terraces atop Capri’s second highest peak, commanding lovely vistas. Villa Jovis is an astounding achievement of ancient Roman architecture and engineering. After lunch, return to your hotel and relax before your farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 12: **Private transfer to Naples Airport | Fly home**

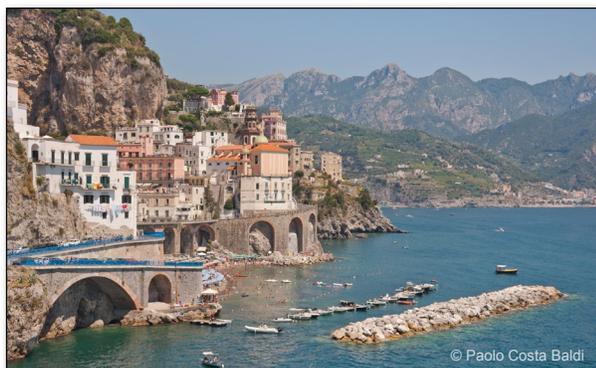
You are met at the hotel for your private transfer to Naples International Airport (NAP). Or, we can assist you with extending your stay in Amalfi. (B) ■



Above and below: Two views of the extensive ruins at Pompeii, which was both buried and preserved by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius.



Above: Paestum has three magnificent and massive Doric Greek temples. Below: The breathtaking town of Amalfi, where we spend three nights. Bottom: A view of the Tyrrhenian Sea from above the town of Amalfi.



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- Choose your travel companions. Your private group can be as small as two, with no maximum.
- Select your private group's travel dates:
 - Value Season :** November 6-April 14 (not including December 22-January 6);
 - Peak Season:** April 15-November 5 and December 22-January 6.
- Select 3-star, 4-star, or 5-star hotels (all are well-located).
- Opt to have a **private trip manager** (at additional cost).
- If you wish, choose from among **optional excursions** (at additional cost) for your free time:
 1. Wine tasting with dinner;
 2. Half-day market shopping, cooking class & lunch;
 3. Full-day (with lunch) to Tivoli for Hadrian's Villa and Villa d'Este;
 4. Villa Rufolo with magnificent gardens.
- Contact AIA Tours for a per person price:
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ESTIMATED TOUR PRICES PER PERSON (10 NIGHTS)

# of Guests	3-star Accommodations		4-star Accommodations		5-star Accommodations	
	Value Season	Peak Season	Value Season	Peak Season	Value Season	Peak Season
2	\$7,200	\$7,670	\$8,760	\$9,500	\$11,400	\$11,900
3	\$6,100	\$6,540	\$7,630	\$8,380	\$10,300	\$10,800
4	\$5,300	\$5,760	\$6,860	\$7,600	\$9,500	\$10,000
5	\$4,860	\$5,300	\$6,385	\$7,130	\$9,050	\$9,555
6	\$4,550	\$5,000	\$6,080	\$6,825	\$8,740	\$9,240
7	\$4,780	\$5,200	\$6,300	\$7,050	\$8,970	\$9,465
8	\$4,550	\$5,000	\$6,080	\$6,825	\$8,740	\$9,245
9	\$4,380	\$4,800	\$5,900	\$6,650	\$8,570	\$9,070
10	\$4,250	\$4,700	\$5,770	\$6,500	\$8,435	\$8,930
11	\$4,125	\$4,560	\$5,650	\$6,400	\$8,320	\$8,800
12+	\$4,000	\$4,470	\$5,560	\$6,300	\$8,220	\$8,700
Single Supplement	\$765	\$1,000	\$1,975	\$2,700	\$3,940	\$4,150

WEATHER IN ROME, NAPLES, AND AMALFI

Month	Average Temp F ⁰			High Temp F ⁰			Low Temp F ⁰			Sunshine Hours			Avg. Rainfall Inches			Avg. Rainfall Days		
	Rome	Naples	Amalfi	Rome	Naples	Amalfi	Rome	Naples	Amalfi	Rome	Naples	Amalfi	Rome	Naples	Amalfi	Rome	Naples	Amalfi
January	45	48	46	55	55	54	37	41	37	4	3.7	4	1.0	3.2	1.9	7	11	9
February	47	48	47	57	55	55	37	41	39	5	4.4	4	0.8	3.9	1.2	6	9	8
March	53	53	51	63	61	59	43	45	43	7	5.1	5	0.8	3.2	1.1	7	10	8
April	57	56	55	68	64	64	46	48	46	7	6.3	6	0.7	3.9	1.5	9	13	10
May	69	64	63	75	73	72	55	54	54	9	7.9	8	1.3	2.4	1.1	7	8	8
June	73	70	70	84	79	79	63	61	61	9	9.3	9	0.2	1.2	1.3	4	5	5
July	78	76	74	90	86	84	66	66	64	11	10.1	10	0.3	1.2	0.9	3	4	5
August	75	76	74	86	86	84	64	66	64	10	9.5	10	0.0	1.2	1.5	0	4	6
September	71	71	69	81	81	79	61	61	59	8	7.8	8	1.7	3.2	1.7	6	9	9
October	64	64	62	73	72	72	54	55	52	6	6.1	6	1.5	1.2	1.5	8	11	8
November	55	55	54	64	63	63	46	46	45	4	4.2	4	1.9	5.5	1.9	8	14	11
December	49	49	48	59	55	55	39	43	41	3	3.4	3	3.8	3.9	2.6	9	14	13

Flights & Private Transfers

Airfare from/to home is **not** included. Private transfers **are** included on your arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Airport (FCO) and on your departure from Amalfi to Naples International Airport (NAP). Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to the tour. **Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first.** We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to your domestic or international airline tickets.

For Questions, Price Quotes, and Reservations, please contact us:

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A price quote request form can be found in the final pages of this brochure.

Prices Include:

- **Ten nights at well-located, 3-, 4-, or 5-star hotels:** 5 nights in Rome, 2 nights in Naples, and 3 nights in Amalfi;
- **Delicious meals at carefully-selected restaurants:** 10 buffet breakfasts; 8 lunches and 5 dinners with bottled water or soft drinks, plus coffee/tea and wine with dinners; including 1 breakfast at the Vatican Museums and 1 dinner at a private villa overlooking the Bay of Naples;
- **Expert archaeology and art history guides plus professional drivers;**
- **All excursions** and sightseeing as per itinerary;
- **Special arrangements** include visits to the Temple of Antoninus and Faustina, and the upper levels and underground tunnels in Rome's Colosseum;
- Transportation by **private cars or mini-buses**, including bottled water; and round-trip **ferry tickets** from Amalfi to Capri;
- **Private airport transfers on arrival and departure;**
- **All gratuities** to your private guides, drivers, waiters, and porters;
- **Baggage handling** at hotels;
- **All VAT, local taxes, and service charges;**
- **Comprehensive pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading guide, travel guide, and packing list.

Prices Do Not Include: Airfare from/to home; optional activities as per itinerary; passport and visa fees; airport fees and departure taxes; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation of excess baggage; meals other than those listed in the itinerary; personal tips; items of a personal nature, such as laundry; alcoholic or other beverages except as noted above; taxi, telephone, and fax charges; deviations from scheduled tour; other items not listed as included. Note: optional excursion prices are based on the number of participants.

Passenger Cancellation Fees: All requests by passengers for cancellations must be received in writing by AIA Tours. Cancellations received at least 121 days prior to departure are fully refunded less an administrative fee of \$500 per person. Cancellations received between 120 and 91 days prior to departure are subject to a fee equal to 50% of the tour cost. Cancellations received 90 days or less before departure are subject to a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost. You are strongly encouraged to obtain trip cancellation insurance (an application will be sent with confirmation of receipt of your deposit).

Payments: A deposit of 10% of the total cost is required to reserve your space and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to "EOS-AIA Romans PD." Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure and must be by personal check only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure and elsewhere published.

Prices, itinerary, and hotels are subject to change. No refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to passengers who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

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CHOOSE YOUR OPTIONS:

How many people are in your group? (include yourself) _____

Travel Dates (choose a season, fill in your preferred dates, include the year)

Value Season (Nov. 6 - April 14, not including Dec. 22 - Jan. 6): _____

Peak Season (April 15 - Nov. 5 and Dec. 22 - Jan. 6): _____

Accommodations:

(check 2 options for a comparative quote)

- 3-star hotels
- 4-star hotels
- 5-star hotels

Would you like to include a Trip Manager?

- Yes
- No

Which optional excursions are you interested in?

(see brochure itinerary for detailed descriptions)

(Day 4) Wine Tasting & dinner (# participants _____)

(Day 5) Half day: Market & Cooking Class (# participants _____)

or

Full day: Tivoli/Hadrian's Villa/Villa d'Este (# participants _____)

(Day 10) Villa Rufolo (# participants _____)

Please send me quote information by email postal mail both

Based on your selections, we will calculate the per person cost of your tour and send your quote.

Please feel free to call with questions or to adjust your trip requests.

If you choose to accept the quote and wish to reserve your trip, a deposit of 10% of the total cost will be required. We will hold your options open, without financial obligation, for 90 days while you make your decision and/or your reservation form is in the mail.

After 90 days, quotes may need to be reviewed and reissued.

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