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FEATURING PROFESSOR OF ITALIAN LITERATURE
ALFONSO PROCACCINI

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Relax for **seven nights** in Vietri sul Mare at the **Hotel Raito** on an incredible stretch of the Amalfi Coast.
- Marvel at the breadth of Italy's prodigious history. See five UNESCO World Heritage sites: the **Amalfi Coast**; the historic city center of **Naples**; the archaeological sites of **Herculaneum** and **Pompeii**; and the Greek ruins at **Paestum**.
- Cross the Gulf of Naples to spend a day on the enchanting **Isle of Capri**.
- Admire the spectacular towns of **Positano, Sorrento** and **Amalfi**.
- Explore **Campania**, known as Italy's breadbasket. Visit a farm famous for the regional specialty, buffalo mozzarella.

Alumni Campus Abroad® Advantages

The unique, value-added features of Alumni Campus Abroad® programs deliver an outstanding educational experience in a special environment

- **Unpack only once** for a stay of seven nights and the opportunity to immerse yourself in the local culture and lifestyle.
- **A carefully selected hotel** provides comfortable accommodations and the perfect base for exploring the region's renowned landmarks and off-the-beaten-path treasures.
- **Groups are limited to 14-36 travelers** to maximize your travel experience.
- **An extensive meal plan** is seasoned with traditional specialties.
- **Meet the People** opportunities allow you to interact with local residents and gain personal insight into their everyday lives.
- **Knowledgeable guides** lead your excursions and **local experts** present insightful educational lectures.
- **An experienced Campus Director** ensures attentive service for the duration of your stay.
- **All gratuities** for excursion guides and drivers are included.

Here, mountains erupt from the waters of the Mediterranean and pastel buildings cascade down their sides. The glistening sea and architecture act as prisms, creating a spectacular spectrum of colors as they are kissed by daylight. This is the Amalfi Coast — a handful of villages that will be the backdrop of your journey. Travel the fabled, serpentine Amalfi Road from destination to destination. Along the way, take in the breathtaking views that inspired countless artists, gain historical perspectives and see exactly why the Divine Coast has drawn royalty and celebrities for decades.

YOU MAY HAVE THE UNIVERSE,
IF I MAY HAVE ITALY.

— GIUSEPPE VERDI,
ITALIAN OPERA COMPOSER,
1813-1901

Above: Ravello





Dear Alumnae and Friends,

Discover *Amalfi~The Divine Coast*, one of the most incredible regions in Italy. Home to Ulysses' mythical sirens, the Amalfi Coast still calls out to visitors with its beauty. Discover the quaint coastal towns of Vietri sul Mare, Amalfi, Positano and Ravello, all which cascade down mountains to the sea. Step back in time at the ancient ruins of Pompeii, Herculaneum and Paestum. Cruise sparkling blue waters to the Isle of Capri to see its natural wonders, and discover lovely Sorrento. Throughout this program, sample delicious cuisine while immersing yourself in the Italian lifestyle.

Travel experts have meticulously planned this exciting program, which showcases the highlights of the Amalfi Coast. Enjoy preferred access to popular attractions and an exclusive educational program that will enhance your appreciation of the people and the culture. Our educational program features expert local speakers and is the hallmark of our Alumni Campus Abroad programs.

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. You will enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with a group of like-minded people and, during your free time, feel the thrill of making your own discoveries!

Space on this amazing journey is limited to 14-36 travelers. Be sure to make your reservations today.

Sincerely,

Carrie Brown Ed.M '82
Executive Director
Alumnae Association of Smith College

Please contact Smith Travel at **800-225-2029** with questions regarding this tour.



Alfonso Procaccini is Professor of Italian Literature at Smith College. His special interest and focus is on Italian Renaissance art and literature. Professor Procaccini received his Ph.D. at The Johns Hopkins University in 1975, and following six years of teaching at Yale University he came to Smith in 1981. In addition to his scholarship and the various courses he has taught in the Italian Department and the Medieval Studies Program at Smith, Professor Procaccini particularly cherishes teaching a course in the Comparative Literature Department, "Consuming Passions: Eating/Reading," focusing on the complex symbolic use and meaning of food in the Western literary tradition. Presently, he is working on a book dealing with the theme of imaginary space and the poet's peculiar vision in numerous Italian authors from Dante to Galileo.

AMALFI

INDULGE IN THE MAJESTY OF THE DIVINE COAST

Along the coast of Campania, the sea sparkles with sunlight while pastel-colored towns cling to craggy cliffs. Delight in the scenic grandeur of the Amalfi Coast, with its varied architecture and amazing vertical landscape. Admire The Divine Coast as you travel the winding Amalfi Drive around towering cliffs and sandy coves, past charming villages and brightly colored villas.

DAY ONE

Depart your gateway city for **Naples, Italy**, aboard scheduled jet service.*

DAY TWO

VIETRI SUL MARE D

Upon arrival, transfer* to **Vietri sul Mare** and the deluxe *Hotel Raito*, majestically situated on the Amalfi Coast.

This evening, meet your fellow travelers at a *Welcome Reception and Dinner* at the hotel.

DAY THREE

PAESTUM B/L/D

Educational Focus: *Magna Grecia.*

The Greeks began to settle in southern Italy during the eighth and seventh centuries B.C. Learn how these colonists left a lasting imprint in Italy.

Excursion: *Mozzarella.* Visit a local farm where mozzarella cheese is produced from the milk of buffalo indigenous to the area. Enjoy a tasting of this famous cheese.

Excursion: *Paestum.* Continue to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Paestum.

After being abandoned in the ninth century, this Greco-Roman city was overtaken by forest and forgotten until the 18th century. See a variety of ruins including three well-preserved Doric temples, which are some of the best-preserved examples of Greek architecture outside of Greece.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch at a restaurant overlooking Paestum's temples.

Satyr, Pompeii



DAY FOUR

RAVELLO, AMALFI AND POSITANO B/L

Educational Focus: *The Amalfi Inspiration.*

Discover the allure of the beautiful Amalfi Coast and how it has served as an inspiration to artists and writers.

Excursion: *Ravello and Amalfi.* Explore the Amalfi Coast during a scenic ride to the charming town of Ravello. Visit the exquisite Villa Rufolo, known for its beautiful gardens and unique architecture, built in the Arabesque style. Continue to Amalfi and enjoy a walk through the town, admiring its piazza and Duomo di Sant'Andrea.

Local Flavor: Sample Italian specialties during lunch in Amalfi.

Excursion: *Positano.* Board a private boat and cruise to Positano, a town that clings to the rocky coast. Spend the afternoon visiting this picturesque town at your leisure before returning to the hotel.

Independent Exploration: The evening is yours to pursue individual interests.

DAY FIVE

NAPLES B/L/D

Educational Focus and Excursion:

Museo Archeologico Nazionale.

Travel back in time with a visit to the Museo Archeologico Nazionale in Naples. With its collection of artwork and various



UNESCO

The **Amalfi Coast** (1997), the **Archaeological Areas of Pompeii and Herculaneum** (1997) and the **Archaeological Site of Paestum** (1998) are UNESCO World Heritage sites featured in this program. These sites are distinguished due to universal scenic, historic, artistic or scientific value.

objects from Herculaneum and Pompeii, it is one of the most important archaeological museums in the world.

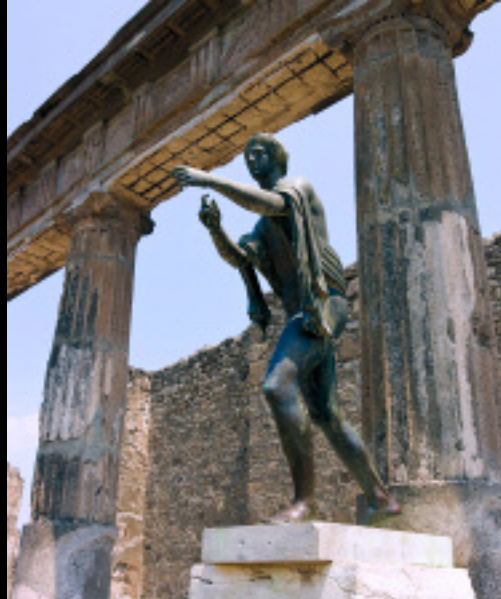
Excursion: *Naples*. Enjoy a walking tour of the historic center of Naples to see the Piazza Plebiscito, Palazzo Reale and San Francesco di Paola.

Local Flavor: *Meet the People*. Dine on local specialities during lunch at a seaside restaurant and chat with local residents about life in Italy today.

DAY SIX

HERCULANEUM/POMPEII *B/L/D*

Educational Focus: *The Horror and Splendor of Mount Vesuvius*. Learn about the history of Mount Vesuvius and its



impact on the ancient cities of Herculaneum and Pompeii.

Excursion: *Pompeii and Herculaneum*.

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Herculaneum and Pompeii, which were destroyed when Mount Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79. Pompeii, the larger of the two cities, was covered by ash. Pompeii is known for its museum and well-preserved frescoes and mosaics. The ancient seaside town of Herculaneum was preserved by mudflows on that fateful day.

Local Flavor: Lunch is served at a restaurant next to the archaeological site of Pompeii.

DAY SEVEN

SORRENTO AND CAPRI *B/L*

Excursion: *Sorrento*. This morning, depart for lovely Sorrento. Built atop a coastal cliff, this village has been heralded by poets for its beauty. Rendered in pastel-hued houses, it is ringed with groves of lemon trees and awash in beautiful gardens.

Independent Exploration: Enjoy some leisure time in Sorrento.

Excursion: *Isle of Capri*. Described as “a piece of paradise fallen from the skies,”

Clockwise from far left:

The Duomo and Piazza, Amalfi

Vineyards of the Amalfi Coast

Statue and Temple of Apollo, Pompeii

Terrace overlooking the Gulf of Naples, Sorrento

Faraglioni Rocks



the enchanted Isle of Capri is one of the world's most glamorous places. Cruise to Marina Grande before embarking on a private boat ride around the island to see the White Grotto and incredible Faraglioni rock formations. Then, spend some time exploring picturesque Capri.

Local Flavor: Sample Italian cuisine during lunch at a restaurant in Capri.

Independent Exploration: Your afternoon on the Isle of Capri is free to explore, relax or shop.

Independent Exploration: Enjoy the rest of your evening at leisure.

DAY EIGHT

VIETRI SUL MARE

B/D

Independent Exploration: Your final day in Vietri sul Mare is at leisure to pursue your own interests. Finish up any last-minute sightseeing, shopping or relax at an outdoor café while admiring the stunning views.

Tonight, gather with fellow travelers for a *Farewell Reception and Graduation Ceremony*, followed by a *Farewell Dinner* at the hotel.

DAY NINE

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After breakfast, transfer to the Naples airport for the return flight to your gateway city.*

Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

Included meals indicated each day as B/L/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner.

** Provided for Air Program participants.*

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- **Seven nights** in **Vietri sul Mare** at the deluxe **Hotel Raito**.

Meals

- **Enjoy an extensive meal program**, including seven breakfasts, five lunches and five dinners, in addition to in-flight dining service. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner. Take advantage of leisure time to try local cuisine independently.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** at local restaurants.
- Attend a special **Welcome Reception and Dinner**.
- Gather for a **Farewell Reception and Graduation Ceremony** followed by a **Farewell Dinner**.

Your Exciting Travel Program

(For full details please refer to the day-by-day itinerary.)

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by **local experts**, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions:**
 - Discover the allure of the Amalfi Coast, with visits to **Ravello, Amalfi** and **Positano**.
 - Admire **Paestum's** ancient temples.
 - Drive along a scenic stretch of the **Amalfi Drive**.
 - Visit picturesque **Sorrento**.
 - Cruise to the **Isle of Capri**.
 - Explore the riches of **Naples**.
 - Discover the ancient ruins of **Pompeii** and **Herculaneum**.

Many Included Extras

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of a friendly, professional **Campus Director** and **expert English-speaking local guides** throughout your stay.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist you in your planning.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel wallet.



Vietri sul Mare

ACCOMMODATIONS



HOTEL RAITO

Located above the peaceful village of Vietri sul Mare, the luxurious *Hotel Raito* overlooks the dazzling Amalfi Coast and is surrounded by verdant gardens. In addition to its own sun-drenched beach, the hotel has an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, and a spa with a full range of treatments. Its restaurant is one of the most famous along the coast and offers a selection of fine local specialties. Each beautifully decorated guest room offers a view of the sea and includes a hair dryer, Internet, plasma TV and minibar.



Reserve your trip to the Amalfi Coast today!

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Smith College Travel Program
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I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

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Departure City

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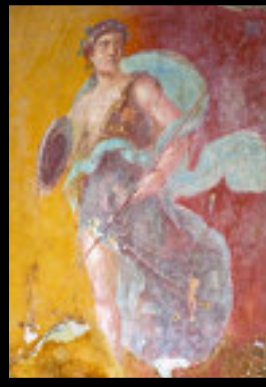
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Top to bottom:
*Handcrafted pottery,
Vietri sul Mare*
Bountiful lemons
Beach huts, Sorrento
Fresco, Pompeii
Cover photos:
*Spectacular cliffside
village of Positano*



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