

**“Our Brilliant Italy” Italian Tour 2019**  
**12 Days/ 11 Nights in Beautiful Italy**  
**September 20-October 1, 2019**

Small Group -limited to 8 travelers

**\$4399 per person (double occupancy)**

single room occupancy supplement \$999

**Overnight Stays:**

**Florence (3 nights) Ravello (3 nights) Naples (2 nights) Rome (3 nights)**

Also Visiting: Pompeii, Sorrento, Positano & Amalfi!

**Plus:**

**Enjoy Italian Language and Culture Lessons Every Day!!!!**

**Itinerary At a Glance: \***

**Friday 20 Sept | Day 1 | Benvenuto - Welcome to Florence!**

We'll be happy to see you in Florence! How "bout a hug and kiss (Italian style)! We'll help you register and get settled into your home for the next 3 days. Then the remainder of the afternoon is yours. In the evening we'll see you again for our "Welcome to Italia and Florence" dinner (included) at a place where not only will we eat and drink well but also be in the good hands of our friend Franco, the manager of Enoteca Trattoria Antellesi. [Dinner.](#)



**Saturday 21 Sept | Day 2 |**

**Florence** After a delicious and plentiful breakfast let the fun continue as we visit one of the most iconic sculptures on earth, Michelangelo's David at the Accademia Museum. We'll enjoy a private walking tour personally designed for us and to give us an introduction and orientation to the historical center of Florence. As we "fare

una passeggiata” (take a stroll ) we will pass famous churches, historical buildings, palaces and shopping areas. For the remainder of the day, you are free to explore on your own.

[Breakfast.](#)

### **Sunday 22 Sept | Day 3 | Florence**

The entire day is yours!  
Experience and explore.  
You may consider entering the Uffizi Gallery, Medici Chapels, Palazzo Vecchio, Pitti Palace or Boboli Gardens, enjoying the sights, smells and tastes at the Mercato Centrale, shopping for gold at the Ponte Vecchio or perhaps taking a train ride to Pisa or Lucca. If you are interested a day trip to

Wine Country, we can arrange that with our friend Marco.

[Breakfast](#)



Roberto doesn't mind shopping- he's happy to go with you to help you get the best deals! Don't hesitate to ask!!!





**Monday 23 Sept | Day 4 | Amalfi Coast.** “All Aboard” as we take the train to Naples. Upon arrival in Bella Napoli we’ll meet our private transfer, guide and good friend Aldo who will transport us to our hotel in breathtaking Ravello. We will pass the imposing Mt. Vesuvius and all along the way you will enjoy the beautiful vistas of the Sorrentine Peninsula and Amalfi Coast. If Lorian is smiling (or possibly

crying happy tears), it’s because she is “home” ! Following check- in , we will take a walking tour of Ravello together to orient ourselves to this magical town suspended between sea and sky. The remainder of your afternoon and evening is free to relax and explore. As always, Robert and Lorian are here to help you with everything. [Breakfast](#)

## **Tuesday 24 Sept | Day 5 | Amalfi Coast**

Have your camera ready! Our private, guided full day tour of the Amalfi Coast includes stops in Sorrento, Positano and Amalfi. After our return to Ravello, we’re having at least one “aperitivo” (a before-dinner drink). Then you are free to join us or enjoy dinner on your own. Relax and enjoy yourselves!

[Aperitivo](#)





### **Wednesday 25 Sept | Day 6 | Amalfi Coast**

A well deserved free day. The options are endless! You may decide to remain in Ravello and visit the Belvedere of Infinity and the magical gardens of Villa Cimbrone , explore the 11th century Moorish Villa Rufolo with the iconic view from Ravello, walk up to the picturesque village of Scala, return via taxi or bus to Amalfi or Positano or take the boat to the island of Capri. Roberto and Lorianana will help you organize all you want to do! [Breakfast](#)





### Thursday 26 Sept | Day 7 | Naples

“A Napule!” In the Neapolitan language this means “To Naples!” By the way , the smile you see on Roberto’s face is because he is on his way “home.”

On the way to Naples our private transfer will bring us to Pompeii where our private guide will transport us back in time to the year 79 A.D. Before reaching Napoli, we’ll stop at the Sorrentino Winery on the slopes of Vesuvius for a wine tasting /light lunch.



Then, Roberto will exclaim, “finalmente Napoli”! After checking in at our centrally located hotel and resting a bit, we we’ll go out for dinner . Be certain Roberto will want to take us to a pizzeria. After all, it was invented here in Napoli. [Breakfast](#) ,[Lunch](#)



### Friday | 27 Sept Day 8 | Naples

Today we feel the excitement of Napoli! Walking where the locals walk, eating where the locals eat and drinking an espresso the Neapolitan way, “ ‘na tazzulella ‘e caffè.” The day starts with a must see, the Archeological Museum followed by una passeggiata through the historical center. We will enter the Capella Sansevero to see the exquisite statue of the “Veiled Christ”- the one statue in the world that will have you thinking “how did they do that”? Of course, we will stop for lunch and shopping as we walk to the beat of the soul of Napoli- Spaccanapoli, the street that divides the city in two! In the evening an experience no other tour can offer- dinner in Roberto’s cousins’ home. See how the Italians live while enjoying an evening of home-cooked Neapolitan cuisine and vino.



Breakfast, dinner.



### Saturday 28 Sept| Day 9 | Rome

All roads lead to Rome! After checking into our hotel in the historical center, let’s explore Rome with a private walking tour of this elegant city. We will walk to the Campo dei Fiori, the most famous market in Rome, Piazza Navona, Pantheon (inside visit), Trevi Fountain, and Spanish Steps. It’s the Italian way to experience “una pausa caffè” stop for “un caffè” (a coffee) at the famous Sant’ Eustachio, Il Caffè. You’re free to breathe in the Eternal City the remainder of the day and evening. [Breakfast](#)





### Sunday 29 Sept | Day 10 | Rome

The history of Rome! A bit of your imagination adds to an enjoyable and informational private tour of the Colosseum/ Forum/Palatine Hill. The remainder of the day and evening is free. [Breakfast](#)



### Monday 30 Sept | Day 11 | Rome

A visit to the heart of Rome begins with our private tour of the Vatican Museums and Michelangelo's masterpiece - the Sistine Chapel. Then we enter one of the world's largest Church buildings - St Peter's Basilica. The rest of the day is free. [Breakfast](#)



**Tuesday 19 May | Day 12 | Arrivederci** Enjoy your breakfast, check-out from the Hotel . It's been fun but now we must say.....Arrivederci, Roma!  
[Breakfast](#)

Of course, if you would like to extend your Italian Adventure , we would be most happy to assist in your planning!

### What's Included in the "Our Brilliant Italy" Tour:

**Small Group Travel** : tour is limited to 8 people

**Personalized Assistance and Attention to our Guests**

**Informal and Topical Italian Language Lessons every day**

**11 nights lodging** (Depart from USA on Thursday and return on Tuesday )

**Meals included:** all breakfasts, 2 dinners, 1 Wine Tasting/lunch, 1 aperitivo

**Transportation included:** Train transportation from Florence to Naples, train or private van transportation from Naples to Rome, private van transfers between Naples and the Amalfi Coast, taxi transfers to train station in Florence and in Naples on our departure from each respective city, taxi transfer from train station in Rome to hotel upon our arrival in Rome.

**Excursions and Tours included:** full day private tour of the Amalfi Coast, admission and private tour of Pompeii, private walking tours of Florence, Rome, and Naples. Admissions to the Accademia Museum (Florence), Naples Archeological Museum, Naples Capella Sansevero. Admissions and Private tours of the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, Roman Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill.

### **What's Not Included in the "Our Brilliant Italy" Tour:**

Airfare, airport transfers, baggage claim, expenses, travel insurance, optional excursions, optional museum or attraction admissions, and anything that is not specified as included. The price does not include any personal or travel related expenses outside of the scheduled itinerary. The food and wine included in the group dinner in Florence , the home-hosted dinner in Naples , and the Wine Tasting near Pompei is what is presented during the meals: all other food or beverage related items ordered by the traveler are not included. Tour price does not include any optional gratuities to restaurant personnel , drivers, maids, etc. ; these gratuities will be at the sole discretion of each individual traveler and are not required.

### **Our Brilliant Italy 2019 Tour Philosophy:**

We have purposely included an ample amount of free time during the entire tour, but in no way will you be alone. Roberto and Loriania will be available throughout the tour for recommendations, suggestions, and assistance. Loriania is available for pre-trip or post-trip personalized interest and itinerary planning (art, music, architecture, history, food and wine, etc.) so your free time can be customized to your interests or areas of focus. Naturally your free time is also our free time, so you are certainly welcome to join us for dinner, drinks, exploring and touring.

The tour starts in Florence on Friday, September 20, 2019 and ends in Rome on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 . If you would like assistance in extending your stay before or after, please let us know.

\*itinerary, accommodations and schedule subject to change



## **Before You Join Us.....**

This tour is arranged through :

**Roberto Alvarez at Learn A Language**  
**[www.learnitalian.us](http://www.learnitalian.us)**

**Loriana Hoffman at Italessence Customized Travel**  
**[www.italessence.com](http://www.italessence.com) Florida Seller of Travel #ST38673**

To reserve a spot, you will need to provide a 50% deposit per person, as well as a completed Trip Registration Form and acceptance of our Terms and Conditions , which you can request by sending an email to Roberto Alvarez at **[ralvarez@learnitalian.us](mailto:ralvarez@learnitalian.us)** or Loriana Hoffman at **[loriana@italessence.com](mailto:loriana@italessence.com)**. The remainder of the cost of the tour will be due by June 1, 2019.

You can pay by check or credit card. You will receive a \$125.00 discount for paying the total trip cost by check.

