



# NEW 2024 SPECIAL ULISSE RIVIERA AND ITALIAN ISLANDS



20009 Campania - Napoli - Ischia TRATTATIVA RISERVATA

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# **1 DAY ARRIVAL FRASCATI**

Transfer to Castelli Romani area with your guide. Visit of the historic center of Frascati with the Church of Santa Maria in Vivaro of the IX century, the Cathedral of the Baroque period, the Episcopal Palace, the Church of Gesù, Palazzo Micara and finally the Palazzo of the Palazzo of Town Hall. Accomodation at your Hotel. Dinner and overnight.

# 2 DAY TERRACINA

Breakfast and departure for the Riviera of Ulysses with a stop at Giardino di Ninfa, natural monument site in the Cisterna Latina area, defined as the most romantic garden in the world. A singular path will make the visitor relive the suggestions and emotions that writers have imprinted in their works. The travel goes on to the Abbey of Fossanova, perfect example of transition from Romanesque to early Italian Gothic style. Almost devoid of frescoes, inside there is a room where San Tommaso d'Aquino lived, prayed and meditated. The tour goes on to Terracina. Accomodation, dinner and overnight.

# **3 DAY RIVIERA ULISSE**

Breakfast and meeting with the guide and departure for the visit of the historic center of Terracina: ancient Anxur, Spartan colony, then Etruscan, Volsca and finally Roman city from 406 BC. The ancient Emilian Forum is now the main square overlooked by the Duomo (consecrated in 1074) and built on the cell of a temple dedicated to Augustus. From here you can also see the two symbols of Terracina: the sea and the Temple of Jupiter Anxur. Continue to Sperlonga and visit this seaside village, one of the most lively tourist centers on the Pontine coast, where the legendary Amyclae founded by the Spartans probably stood; the city has preserved the remains of the medieval walls and a nucleus of white houses with a typically Mediterranean style, connected by picturesque alleys with bridges and stairs. Like a "Capri" of the Tyrrhenian Sea with its natural beauty, a meeting place for the international jet set already in starting from the 1950s. Continue to Gaeta, visit to the Montagna Spaccata, a magical place that attracts thousands of visitors fascinated by the three fissures found on the promontory. Here stands the Sanctuary of the S.S. Trinity built in the 11th century and overlooking Mount Orlando. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

# 4 DAY PONZA

Breakfast, meeting with the guide and transfer to the port. Departure for Ponza, duration ca. 70 minutes. Island tour by minibus. Ponza is the largest of the Pontine islands, a place of exile for important people like Nerone and Agrippa. Already arriving on the island, one is fascinated by the semicircle of pink and white houses that surrounds the port, while stacks, caves, crystal clear sea, make Ponza one of the most beautiful islands in Italy and perhaps in the world. In the afternoon return to Terracina, dinner and overnight.

# 5 DAY MONTECASSINO, MOZZARELLA DI BUFALA

Breakfast and departure for Cassino, land of San Benedetto on which stands the famous Abbey of Montecassino. Almost totally destroyed by the bombings of the Second World War, and for this reason also known as the Martyr City, it was totally rebuilt after the war. After the visit it will be curious to go to a local dairy where you can see how the mozzarella di Bufala from Campania is produced, famous all over the world. In addition to the visit there will be a succulent tasting based on mozzarella and local products. Continue to Caserta and visit to the Royal Palace of Caserta, the largest in the world for volume commissioned by Charles of Bourbon in 1750. Arrive in Pozzuoli. Dinner and overnight.

#### 6 DAY CAMPI FLEGREI AND ISCHIA

Breakfast and with the guide we will visit the suggestive area of Campi Flegrei. First of all visit of Pozzuoli and particularly to the Amphitheater, it is the third in size after that of Rome and Capua. It is divided into 3 rings closed at the top by an attic and at the bottom by a portico elliptical exterior built on travertine slabs. Begun under Nerone, it was completed by Vespasian (69-96 AD). The cellars have been well preserved, where it was possible to study the complex system of raising the cages with wild animals. Visit continues to the Aragonese Castle of Baia. Construction of the fortress began in 1495, along with other fortifications in the Kingdom of Naples. The Castle of Baia was part of a defensive system that allowed to control the approach of enemy fleets. The visit ends with an hour-long excursion with a glass-bottomed boat in the Bay of the Submerged Park, unique example in the Mediterranean area of archaeological and naturalistic underwater protection. After the visit transfer by ferry from Pozzuoli to Ischia (about 45 minutes). Accomodation in Hotel. Dinner and overnight.

#### 7 DAY ISCHIA

Breakfast and full day in Ischia with bus and guide. Stop at panoramic points particularly suggestive, with the possibility of visiting one of the famous thermal gardens and why not the suggestive Aragonese Castle of Ischia. It is the largest of the islands in the Gulf of Naples, of volcanic origin and rich in thermal springs and with luxuriant vegetation. Free afternoon. Dinner and overnight.

NOTICE: The iconic Bay of Naples island of Procida was named Italian culture capital for 2022. We suggest to add one day excursion to this wonderful island.

# **8 DAY NAPLES**

Breakfast and transfer from Ischia to Naples. Meeting with the guide and visit of the city: Piazza del Plebiscito, Galleria Umberto I, Maschio Angioino and the Royal Palace. In the afternoon guided tour of the Archaeological Museum of Naples. Accomodation in Hotel, dinner and overnight.

# 9 DAY DIFFERENT NAPLES

Breakfast and for approx. 2 hours you will be accompanied in the subsoil of Naples. Before going down to a depth of 40 meters we assist to an informative projection that tells the story of underground Naples with the help of images. The excursion is also included Greek-Roman Theater in the subsoil. If you want you can go and visit the Sansevero Chapel / Museum in the heart of Naples where you can admire the famous Veiled Christ. (Admission  $\in$  8.00 Audio guide  $\in$  3.50 on site)

Free time for shopping in Naples. Dinner and overnight.

NOTICE: it is possible to participate to a Pizza course (from EURO 39.00 PERSON). Together with the chef, you will learn the art of kneading and filling. At the end Pizza for everyone !!

**10 DAY DEPARTURE** 

















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