

# Special Weeks

## *(1) – The routes of art: historical artistic routes on land and sea.*

Boarding on Friday at 4.00 p.m. in Castellammare di Stabia, and departure with route towards Naples. Dinner on board with boat moored in harbour.

Saturday morning visit to the historic centre, that keeps the ancient Greek-roman lay-out, relative to the foundation of the city, and that tells its history through the rich historical artistic presences, that are possible to meet during the route. The beautiful gothic basilicas of San Lorenzo Maggiore and Santa Chiara are near the suggestive barocco of the churches of Gesù Nuovo and San Gregorio Armeno, overlooking on the characteristic omonime street, peopled by the shops of crib's puppets. And also, not to be lost, the eighteenth century chapel of the prince of San Severo, that keeps the masterpiece of Cristo Velato (the Veiled Christ), sculpture of Giuseppe Sammartino.



You can choose to stop at the **National Archeological Museum**, that keeps the rich collections of paintings, sculptures, mosaics and various and precious objects coming especially from Pompeii and Ercolano's escaves, at the **Museum of Capodimonte**, whose picture gallery, made up, in its historical centre by the Farnese Collection, recently added to the Neapolitan Gallery, keeps works of enormous value, with



paintings of Masaccio, Botticelli, Tiziano and Caravaggio; at the **Museum of San Martino**, placed in the ancient Charterhouse, whose rich building is made up by the beautiful baroque church, the apartment of the Prior, the cloister and the gardens. In the ancient places that keep traces of the fine decoration, there is the exposition of important collection of crib art, and images and memories of the city.

Coming back on the boat and dinner on board in harbour.

On Sunday morning departure towards Baia, sailing along the coasts in the gulf the hill of Posillipo, with visit to the Castle built in aragonese age, and dropping on the sea. Enlarged by the Spanish vice king don Pedro de Toledo, since 1993 it has been hosting the

Archeological Museum of the Flegrea Zone, whose many reperts give us a show of the life of these centres that were the favourite destinations of the politic and military aristocracy of Rome. Lunch on board and departure towards Pozzuoli, with a visit to the Solfatara and to the ancient theatre. Coming back on the boat and dinner on board.

On Monday departure towards Procida, trip around the island to admire the small island of Vivara, the marines of the Corricella and of Chiaiolella, free tour of the island, and dinner on board in port.

On Tuesday departure towards Ischia, trip on the island to admire the Aragonese Castle, the Bay of Casamicciola, Forio, Cetara, Sant'Angelo, Maronti. After the lunch on board, the guests have the afternoon free to visit the island or to relax in a Spa of the island. Dinner on board. The ship will be moored in harbour.

On Wednesday morning departure towards Capri, visit to Monte Solero, Villa Axel and touristic tour in Anacapri. Dinner on board.

On Thursday circumnavigation of the island and possibility to visit the Azzurra Grotto.

Departure sailing along the coasts of the naturalistic reserve of Punta Campanella, and arrival in Sorrento. Free afternoon to visit the city and dinner on board with ship moored in harbour.

On Friday morning coming back to Castellammare di Stabia and transfer by train to Pompeii, with guided visit to the excavations. The ancient Vesuvian city buried by the violent eruption of Vesuvius in 79 A.D., come back to light thanks to the excavations began in 1748, is today one of the most visited artistic sites in the world. Pompeii gives us the unique emotion to go back in time and to live again the city as it was during the Emperor's age, crowded and cosmopolitan, with its wide roads, the shops with stalls, the temples and the theatres, the Spa and the monumental houses. Return on board and end of the holiday.



## ***(2) – Sailing in Salerno's gulf: the Amalfi coast.***

Boarding in Castellammare di Stabia on Friday at 4.00 p.m. and departure towards Capri. Dinner on board in harbour.

On Saturday morning disembarkation on the island that, for its beauty and the pleasantness of its places was the favourite residence of Emperors Augusto and Tiberio. Visit to Villa Axel, to the Charterhouse of San Giacomo and to Villa Jovis, and ascent on Monte Solaro. Return to the ship and dinner on board.

On Sunday circumnavigation of the island, to enjoy the suggestive beauty of the stacks and of the natural arch, and possibility to visit the Azzurra Grotto; departure towards the Amalfi coast, sailing along the coasts of the natural reserve of Punta Campanella, the Island of Galli and arrival to Positano. Lunch on board and free afternoon to visit the characteristic small town of Positano, placed in the rocky ridge of the Amalfi coast, that keeps the mediterranean beauty of the town overlooking the sea, with its sunny terraced white houses. Once characterized by an ancient seafaring vocation, today it is an elegant centre where it is possible to enjoy the charming natural weather, walking in the little roads full of shops, or standing in the comfortable cafès on the marine.

Dinner on board, moored in harbour.

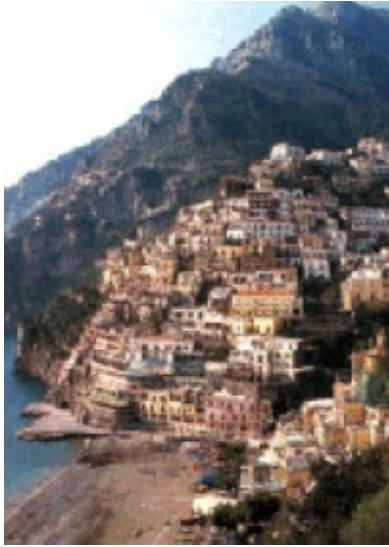
On Monday, sailing along the coasts of Vettica, Praiano, Furore and Conca dei Marini, arrival to Amalfi.

Disembarkation and departure towards Ravello, charming and quiet village, dipped in a nature of wonderful beauty. The Arabic Sicilian taste of the buildings and of the churches reminds the glorious trade past of the village, that is also witnessed by the majestic Cathedral, rich of memories.

Villa Rufolo and Villa Cimbrone boast of medieval origins and continue, with their gardens full of colours and scents, an unforgettable tour.



Return to the ship in the late afternoon, dinner on board and possibility to spend the evening in Amalfi.



On Tuesday visit to Amalfi, that keeps its suggestive placing, closed between the valley of Mulini and the sea. The village, with its thick plait of little roads and its white houses, is dominated by the majestic Cathedral, masterpiece of the romanic architecture, near the celebrated cloister of Paradise, where the suggestions of the Arabic world are clear in the decorations and in the plait of the acute arches.

The excursion at the valley of Mulini is not to be lost; there, among the orange groves and the little waterfalls, the ancient Papermills still exist. Visit to the small village of Atrani. Dinner on board.

On Wednesday sailing towards Vietri, sailing the coasts of Minori, Maiori, Erchie, Cetara, visiting the ancient village of fishermen. Arrival to Vietri sul Mare and visit of the town, famous for its pottery. Return on board and dinner in

harbour.

On Thursday return to Amalfi and possibility of trekking on the Sentiero degli Dei (Gods' walking), that, in a fantastic walking, joins Amalfi and Positano. Boarding at Positano and dinner on board.

On Friday sailing along the coasts to return to Castellammare di Stabia; arrival foreseen in the first hours of the afternoon.