

The Traveling Professor Presents

LA DOLCE VITA: THE AMALFI COAST AND FLORENCE

An Experience in Art, Culture, Food, and Natural Beauty – In Grand Italian Style

Thursday, October 13 to Thursday, October 20

Dreams come true with a luxury trip to the scenic Amalfi Coast and Renaissance Florence. The Traveling Professor has designed a special itinerary and has taken care of all the details. Enjoy the very best of Italy in style.

Perfect for couples, solo travelers, friends traveling together, mother/daughter, or sisters on a holiday. The only reason you will want to go home is to tell everyone what a great time you had.

Included on Your Trip:

- **4 Nights in Amalfi, 3 Nights in Florence:** On the Amalfi Coast, enjoy the 5-star seaside [Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria](#), set upon 5 acres along the Neapolitan Riviera. The [Guelfo Bianco](#) is consistently ranked as one of the top hotels, in the heart of Florence. Large and luxurious rooms are exquisitely decorated.
- **Personal Limo Pick-Up at the Airport.** Regardless of arrival time, be greeted by a driver at the Florence airport or train station for transfer directly to the door of the hotel for check-in. How easy is that? If not starting in Florence, we provide private transfers from the hotel in Sorrento to the Naples airport or train station.
- **Champagne Welcome.** Get to know your traveling companions upon arrival.
- **In Florence** our professional guide lets you in on some of the secrets of this Renaissance city. Florence offers shopping, cooking classes, artisans, craftsmen, markets, museums, and some of the best people-watching in Europe. We also have a delicious authentic lunch at a fattoria deep in the Tuscan countryside.
- **Amalfi Coast Private Driving Tour.** In our luxury limo, drive the stunning coast stopping at scenic vistas on the way to the hilltop town of Ravello. Enjoy a relaxing lunch overlooking the seaside village of Positano.
- **A Day in Capri.** A 20 minute cruise brings us to the blue waters of Capri. We'll have an exclusive museum tour with the rest of the day at your leisure.
- **Small group size** limited to 10-14 travelers. Move around the city quickly and efficiently. Visit places big tour groups can't get to. Dine at intimate and authentic restaurants. Small group size allows for a flexible and personalized itinerary.
- **Professional Tour Guide Services.** Professional, licensed guide services separate The Professor's tours from the rest. Our guides are knowledgeable, engaging, and maximize the tour experience.
- **Personalized, attentive service.** Your professional guide takes care of the details, serving as the group's private concierge. *The Traveling Professor* is available to answer questions, guide your stay, and to offer personal advice on everything from dining to touring to shopping. We can help plan side-trips to places like Pompeii, Lucca, Siena, or Pisa. We are here to help before, during and after the tour.
- **Flexibility.** Each day we follow a well-planned itinerary based upon what YOU want to see. And, if you wish to skip the daily itinerary - no problem! We can help in planning a delightful day on your own.
- **Meals:** All breakfasts are included as well as lunch at dramatic cliff-side fattoria in Positano. We don't include dinners because of various dietary requirements travelers have these days. Who wants to be told what to eat and when to eat, anyway? We do set up group dinners every night if you wish to join us, and about half the group usually does.
- **What Else is Included?** All local transportation in Italy. VIP admission to top museums, even those not on the itinerary. We handle ALL the details. All you need to do is enjoy a luxury Italian vacation.
- **Best of All** – The cost is only \$3,699 per person, double occupancy. For a single room, add \$1,199. It's a great value for the quality of hotels and services provided. Add \$399 per person (double occupancy) or \$800 (single occupancy) for a sea view room in Sorrento.
- **Venice Add-On Available** - Add 3 nights in romantic Venice after the tour. See the complete details below.



Useful Notes:

- Hotels are top-rated and have the spaciousness and amenities as would be expected in US hotels
- The Professor will be more than happy to communicate with you prior to the trip via e-mail or telephone to answer questions or address concerns.
- On some days travelers must be able to walk 2-4 miles, up and down stairs, and on different grades of pavement in order to enjoy the pace of the tour. This tour is NOT for those with mobility or health issues. Overseas health/emergency evacuation insurance is strongly recommended. See <http://safeguardtravel.com/> for insurance information and purchase options.
- Airfare is **NOT** included. This allows the most flexibility in planning a trip. Travelers not adding on options should book flights into Florence, Pisa, Bologna or Milan. Return flights should go out of Naples or Rome. The Professor is happy to help in making air arrangements.
- This trip is PERFECT for single travelers as well as accompanied travelers. Although all tours vary, most travelers are 45+ years old and half are usually solo travelers.

For More Information Contact Professor Solosky at info@travelingprofessor.com

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The Wonders of Venice

A Visit to the Most Unique City in the World

Monday, October 10 to Thursday, October 13

As a special add-on to our luxury Amalfi Coast and Tuscany tour, we are happy to propose an add-on tour to wonderful Venice.

Included on Your Trip:

- **3 Nights, 4 Days in Venice:** The [Hotel American Dinesen](#) is in the exclusive Dorsoduro section, quietly located away from the tourist crowds. It is conveniently situated between the Peggy Guggenheim Collection and the Accademia. The American Hotel Dinesen has been recently renovated and is one of the top boutique hotels in this fascinating city. It is renowned for its special location and personal service.
- **Small group size** limited to 10-14 travelers. This side-trip is a definite "go".
- **Professional Tour Guide Services.** Professional, licensed guide services separate The Professor's tours from the rest. Enjoy an informative private tour of St. Mark's Square, the Basilica, and the Doge's Palace. We'll even give you a two vaporetto passes to help discover places like Murano, Burano, Torcello and the other wonders of Venice during the best season of the year.
- **Private Water Taxi Pickup at Hotel:** Upon departing Venice, a private water taxi picks us up right at the hotel. How easy is that?
- **Personalized, attentive service.** Your professional tour leader takes care of the details, serving as the group's private concierge. *The Traveling Professor* is available to answer questions, guide your stay, and to offer personal advice on everything from dining to touring to shopping.
- **What Else is Included?** Breakfast at the hotel. High-speed train transportation from Venice to Florence. We handle ALL the details. All you need to do is enjoy your Venetian holiday.
- **Best of All** – All of this at a special price of \$989 per person, double occupancy. Single occupancy is \$399.



The American Dinesen Hotel is Yellow in Color, to the Right Center



View from Dinesen Hotel



Hotel Dinesen is 3rd Building on Left

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Professor, how do you run your trips?

Answer: About six weeks before we depart, each traveler is surveyed. Based upon the responses, an itinerary is developed. Travel with us using that plan, or explore independently. If venturing on your own, go with our complete guidance, instruction, and tips in order to make the day productive and go smoothly. Each evening we arrange for a group meal at an affordable, authentic restaurant for those who wish to join us.

Question: Can you tell me more about how the trip is guided?

Answer: Our extensive private guide services make The Professor's trips stand out from the rest. Guides are licensed and experienced professionals. They accompany the group from start to finish, even staying in the same hotel. Travelers take advantage of their expertise in history, art, and culture. An expert guide greatly enhances the touring experience. Combine this with our philosophy of small group travel for a tour that goes beyond what is offered elsewhere.

Question: How do you prepare us for the trip?

Answer: You'll know exactly what to expect in terms of packing, money, language, customs, weather, and related issues. You will be alerted of special activities such as art exhibits, concerts, and other events. We're happy to speak with you over the phone or by e-mail to answer any type of question or concern regarding the trip.

Question: Do we meet as a group prior to our departure?

Answer: In order to get economical and convenient flights, book from your city. We're able to help in finding a flight for you. Our private limo driver greets you at the airport and drives directly to the hotel for check-in.

Question: Can I share a room with another traveler?

Answer: We don't recommend sharing a room unless you know your roommate very, very well.

Question: I have lots of questions and concerns regarding traveling to Italy. Are you available to answer them?

Answer: We strive to provide our customers with a something that is difficult to find these days – outstanding customer service with a personal touch. We're available to answer questions and address concerns – either by telephone or email. We are here to help.

Question: Why should I travel with a group? Can't I do this on my own?

Answer: We take all of the frustration out of traveling independently. It's easier and more fun. All the details (tickets, passes, reservations, domestic transportation, etc.) are handled by us. Itineraries are well-planned with YOUR input. Because groups are small, we move around the city quickly and efficiently, faster than if you had to figure it out by yourself. Our groups are friendly. For all you get with this tour, it is impossible to do it less expensively on your own. Most importantly, there's no comparison to having a professional guide lead a trip as opposed to relying on guide books or audio guides.

Question: Who goes on your trips?

Answer: They are healthy, active adult travelers who like to see and do a lot. Most are between their mid-40's and early '70's. Every trip is different, but usually about 40% of our travelers are solo travelers and the rest travel with a companion like a friend, spouse, or partner. Anyone under 25 years of age is not permitted on our tours.

Question: Can you help me get the best airfare?

Answer: Absolutely. We can't book flights for you, but we help in finding the best air itinerary at the best price.

Question: How do I book?

Send a \$350 deposit per person made to "Traveling Professor LLC" and send to: **TRAVELING PROFESSOR. PO BOX 747, GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230.** Deposits are fully refundable, no questions asked, within 21 days of receipt. No payments or deposits are refundable within 61 days of departure.

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