

JEWISH CULTURAL JOURNEY

Rome, Napels, Pomeii, Capri, Amalfi coast

11–19 May 2018

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Welcome on a Jewish cultural trip to some of the world's most beautiful and mythical places: Rome, Naples, Pompeii, Capri and the Amalfi Coast. Romantic nature, breathtaking views, enchanting cities, wonderful food and a blue sea that meets steep, rugged rocks.

Rome is full of treasures. The city's history is reminiscent of Roman-era pillars, medieval alleys, Renaissance palaces, baroque fountains and elegant squares. Rome is also the only city in Europe where Jews have been living continuously for 2 200 years. During August, 40,000 Jews lived here. The city's ghetto dates back to 1555. We spend a full day in Jewish Rome and will visit many interesting places. We will also see the Vatican and, of course, we are guided through classic Rome – by bus and by foot – to experience places like Piazza Navona, Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and much more.

After three intense days in Rome, we head south to the beautiful Amalfi coast. On the way we visit Pompeii – the ancient city buried in 79 AD during Vesuvius eruption, rediscovered and digged bit by piece. Excavations have given a unique picture of everyday life in a Roman city center and testify that graffiti was as common as now!

It's not for nothing the proverb says: "See Naples and then die". Naples enchants with its vibrant city center, magnificent palaces and lively working class areas. Naples can also pride itself with an underground city and breathtaking views. To Naples we make an all-day excursion with both Jewish and clas-

sical monuments, we visit the ghetto and the Synagogue and meet representatives from the Jewish Community. Naples Synagogue was opened in 1864 and was funded by the German bank family Rothschild.

On the Amalfi coast, we live centrally in Sorrento, close to shops and restaurants. Just outside the town is the exclusive paradise island of Capri where we make a trip and will have a guided tour at Axel Munthes villa San Michele and his famous garden.

One day we will also visit a farm and get an insight into the production of the famous buffalo mozzarella!Q

The Amalfi Coast is just as dramatic and beautiful as the photographs show. During our trip we will experience the coast both from the road and the sea. The region has a subtropical climate that makes lemons and oranges grow and there is an everlasting greenery and magnificent flowering, all year round. Ravello is located on the hillside and in Amalfi there are small charming shops. Positano is perhaps the most famous and most beautiful of the villages along the coastline.

In the program we have also added a free day when we offer a easy walk along the coast to the ruins of Queen Johanna's villa – a Roman villa that was magnificent in its time.

Throughout the trip we have with us TEMA TOSCANA's tour guide Catherine Wallerman, since 40 years living in Italy. Our guided tours in towns are made by authorized guides and / or guides specialized in Jewish history.

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Preliminary program

Day 1 Friday 11/5 PANORAMATOUR ROME

Meeting at 6 pm in the hotel's lobby for introduction and panorama tour by bus and guide through the eternal city of Rome – in twilight magically beautiful. In every corner there are ancient landmarks, medieval art treasures, magnificent palaces and magnificent churches. The tour ends at a restaurant where we enjoy Shabbat dinner.

INCLUDED: Shabbat dinner

Day 2 Saturday 12/5 CLASSICAL ROME & VATICAN

Piazza Navona, Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Campo de' Fiori, Piazza Venezia ... The list can be done long on Rome's classic sights. Together with our authorized guide, we make a cultural walk through Rome ending with lunch. After lunch we visit the Vatican where our guide will establish a Jewish perspective. Afternoon and evening on your own. Rome is the most densely populated city in the world and includes the suburbs there are 900 churches. See Sant'Ignazio, Santa Maria in Trastevere or Chiesa del Gesù. And of course the Pantheon – one of the best conserved temples that remain from the ancient Roman empire. In the evening, the Romans go to the more Bohemian district of Trastevere on the other side of the Tiber. Rome is immersed in roaring folklore and cultural offerings to far into the night. We will give tip on concerts as soon as programs are spotted!

INCLUDED: breakfast & lunch

Day 3 Sunday 13/5 JEWISH ROME

A Jewish day in Rome! In 1848, the Jews were relieved to live in the city's ghetto and many houses were demolished, but luckily everything was not destroyed without traces remaining. We visit the synagogue and several places with traces of Jewish history. During the day, you will also have time to see Rome on your own. For art lovers, perhaps a visit to the Borghese Gallery, considered to host the world's finest art collection. For those who like shopping there are several famous designer boutiques on Via del Corso. Or why not sit down on a café and study the people over a cup of coffee. In the evening we gather for dinner at restaurant.

INCLUDED: breakfast & dinner

Day 4 Monday 14/5 MONTE CASSINO & POMPEII

After breakfast we check out and start our trip to the Amalfi Coast. On the way we pass Monte Cassino with its magnificent monastery. Further to Pompeii where we have lunch together before we get a guided tour through the historic city. The city of Pompeii is located near the 1277 meter high Vesuvius volcano. The volcano had not been erupted



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Fontana di Trevi.

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in 800 years when the inhabitants were suddenly overtaken by its magma on August 24th in 79 AD. When Vesuvius finally stopped after 28 hours, Pompeii was buried under a six-meter deep layer of ash and pumice stone. Excavations have been going on since the 18th century and the city has become an important chapter in understanding Europe's ancient history. Although the renowned houses of Pompeii are luxurious, it's the city's art that impresses most. We continue to Sorrento where we will spend the remaining five nights. Dinner together.

INCLUDED: breakfast & lunch & dinner

Day 5 Tuesday 15/5 CAPRI

Few places are so frequent and referred to as the island of Capri. We leave Sorrento and take us by boat (about 30 min) to Capri to spend the day on this magnificent island. We visit Axel Munthe's Villa San Michele with its breathtaking view and garden and get a guided tour. Axel Munthe was the medical of Queen Victoria who was married to the Swedish king Gustaf V. At Capri, Munthe lived occasionally from the late 19th century and collected art treasures from around the world. Lunch on your own and in the afternoon there is time to explore the island by yourself. Capri is a small island and has a limited road network. The best way to get around is to stroll or take the local bus that runs between Anacapri, Capri city and Marina Grande. The ticket costs about 2 euros. Taxi for two people from Anacapri to Marina Grande costs around 30 euros. In the late afternoon we go back to Sorrento for dinner.

Tip! Visit Sorrento's market, which takes place on Tuesdays from 08:00 before departure to Capri. An experience! Here everything sells, from food to clothing and decor, and you can find a bargain!

INCLUDED: breakfast & dinner

Day 6 Wednesday 16/5 NAPLES

We make a full day trip to Naples with visits to the ghetto and synagogue and are also guided through the city's classic parts. Naples is Italy's third largest city and has almost one million inhabitants. Its entire old town is a World Heritage site occupied on UNESCO's list. After lunch taken on your own there is time to stroll in the city by yourself. For those who wish we go together and visit more cultural sights, such as Santa Chiara with its beautiful courtyard or Piazza del Plebiscito with the famous Palazzo Reale, former residence of Naples kings. Right next door is Europe's oldest opera house, the 17th century Teatro San Carlo. Naples's famous shopping gallery, Galleria Umberto, dates back to the late 1800s and hasn't got a great variety, but is worth a visit for the sake of architecture. In the evening we return to Sorrento for dinner.

INCLUDED: breakfast & dinner



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Day 7 Thursday 17/5 AMALFI COAST

We go for a guided daytrip along the Amalfi coast. This dramatic coastline is world-renowned and belongs to the UNESCO natural heritage. We stop to look at Ravello before walking on to the charming city of Amalfi, once a powerful maritime republic, where we have lunch together. Amalfi climbs along the mountain with its churches, towers and houses and at the bottom is the small harbor of the city. Cultural attractions in Amalfi include the magnificent St. Andrew's Cathedral and the Paradise Monastery. After Amalfi we continue to Positano – maybe Amalfi Coast's most famous and picturesque city. Here we spend the afternoon strolling on our own before returning to Sorrento for dinner. INCLUDED: breakfast & lunch & dinner



Day 8 Friday 18/5 FREE DAY / WALKING

A day without programs. Take a stroll in Sorrento, sit down at a cafe and watch the folklore. Or why not take a dip in the ocean. Sorrento dates back to Roman times, and became popular among the societies during the 19th century, which wanted to access the picturesque streets, the charming harbor and the pleasant climate. Sorrento is also one of Italy's oldest seaside resorts and a visit to any of the city's spa hotels is recommended. Sorrento is also famous for its digestif – limoncello – after dinner. Even soaps, chocolates and ice cream are made from the lemon of the funnel. In Sorrento there are many cultural attractions such as the Cathedral, St. Francesco Monastery and the Correal Museum.



For those who wish we organize an easier walk starting at 11.00. The walk starts from Sorrento's center and follows a path to the ruins of Queen Johanna's villa. The villa's real name is Villa Pollio Felice and is from about 100 BC. It is called Queen Johanna's villa because of the Queen of Naples, Joan d'Anjou, who in the 1300's settled here. The villa must have been magnificent and, among other things, there are leftovers from a Roman irrigation system. Under the promenade there will be the opportunity to have a swim.

In the afternoon we gather at the hotel to head for a farm where we can see the production of the famous buffalo mozzarella. We get a taste of the culinary delights of the region and have farwell dinner together.

INCLUDED: breakfast & dinner

Day 9 Saturday 19/5 RETURN JOURNEY

Breakfast and check-out. Transfer is arranged according to possible orders made to TEMA TOSCANA and based on participants' individual flight schedules and airports.

INCLUDED: breakfast

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

Date: 11–19 May 2018

Number of travelers: 30

Price excluding flight and transfers: 21,000 SEK

Additions for singel room: 4,000 SEK

The price includes:

- 8 nights accommodation incl. breakfast.
- 10 meals incl. Shabbat dinner.
- Guided panoramic tour Rome, classical Rome, the Vatican, Pompeii, Jewish/classical Naples, Capri and visit to Axel Munthes villa, journey among Amalfi coast, visit to local farm watching making the buffalo mozzarella, tasting of local products, walking.
- Entrance fees to Jewish museums and attractions according to the program.
- Certified guides for classical tours and specialist guides for Jewish sights.
- Tour leader Catherine Wallerman throughout the stay.
- Donations to synagogues.
- Tip to bus drivers.
- Tourist taxes & airport taxes.

Additional on request:

- flight tickets and transfer to/from airports in Italy.

Tour operator:

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Terms:

Registration is binding. When registering, you will receive a deposit of SEK 2,000 (non-refundable) to be paid within ten days. Final invoice is sent out two months prior to departure, to be paid 30 days before departure. Flight tickets are sent out about two weeks before departure.

Prices are based on euro exchange rate xx/xx 2017. We make the reservation for changes in exchange rates which may affect the price.

The tour is conducted in English

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