

The Stonehill College Alumni Travel Program Presents:

Italy: Amalfi Coast & Rome

October 7 – 17, 2016

Day 1: Boston to Rome: Your trip begins with a regularly scheduled overnight (direct) flight to Rome.

Day 2: Arrival in Italy: After arriving in Rome, we will meet our tour director and head south to the famous Abbey of **Montecassino** and then on to **Caserta** for a tour of the Royal Palace. Arrival at our hotel in Sorrento with time to relax before an orientation meeting with a Welcome Drink and an included Welcome Dinner.

Day 3: Sorrento & Marignano Farm Visit: Take a walking tour of **Sorrento** in the morning, including a visit to the museum of Correale. Then visit **La Sorgente**, a picturesque agricultural farm belonging to the Marignano family. Enjoy homemade wine and bread and sample the mozzarella before returning to Sorrento for an afternoon of leisure.

Day 4: Isle of Capri: Visit the beautiful **Isle of Capri** on a full-day excursion which includes a ferry ride and a guided tour of the island with stops at Piazza Umberto and Augustus Gardens. This evening we'll have **dinner** at a local Sorrentine restaurant and see the "Teatro Tasso" musical **show**.

Day 5: Amalfi Drive: Take a drive along one of the world's most scenic roads – **Amalfi Drive**. We will visit the **Positano** resort area and the main republic of Amalfi, with time to see the Cathedral of St. Andrew before returning to Sorrento.

Day 6: Pompeii & Naples: Visit the excavations of the 'lost city' of **Pompeii**, buried by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. **Lunch** is included in Pompeii before heading to **Naples** for the stunning views, Medieval Castel dell'Ovo, the Archeological Museum and Piazza del Plebiscito.

Day 7: Paestum & Salerno

A morning guided tour of **Paestum** will feature the Temple of Poseidon and a Roman amphitheater. After lunch journey to **Salerno** to see its medieval quarter and castle.

Day 8: Herculaneum, Miglio d'Oro & Rome: Also destroyed by Mount Vesuvius, **Herculaneum** is even better preserved than Pompeii. We will visit the ruins before seeing the **Golden Mile** of wealthy villas along the Corsica Resina (with a tour of Villa Campolieto) and then arriving Rome.

Day 9: Ancient & Modern Rome: A full day of sightseeing in **Rome** includes a morning of ancient Roman sights and an afternoon of the more modern experiences. Don't miss the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Pantheon and more!

Day 10: Vatican City: The morning will feature visits to **St. Peter's Basilica** (and Sistine Chapel) as well as the **Vatican Museum**. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure before the **Farewell Dinner**.

Day 11: Rome to Boston: Your trip ends with a regularly scheduled, direct flight to Boston.

We are pleased to announce that Professor of Religious Studies **Rev. Richard Gribble, C.S.C.** has agreed to serve as this trip's faculty host. His research interests focus on American Catholicism in the 20th century and he brings a unique perspective as we visit sites like The Vatican, the Abbey of Montecassino, the Cathedral of St. Andrew and more. In 2013 Stonehill honored him with the Louise F. Hegarty Award for Excellence in Teaching. He authored "Fulfilling a Dream," the history of Stonehill's first 50 years. In addition to his academic background, Fr. Rick will offer Mass for interested participants while in Italy.

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\$3199 per person (double occupancy – single supplement is \$530)
Price includes \$659.85 in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges which are subject to change.

\$450 non-refundable deposit needed to secure reservation.

11-day tour includes:

- Round trip direct airfare to/from Boston
- Transfers to and from the airport and hotel and between destination cities
- Hotel accommodations (6 nights in Sorrento and 3 nights in Rome)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Three dinners and one lunch
- Full time services of a Tour Director
- Coach transfers where specified

Comprehensive Sightseeing of:

- Ancient & Modern Rome
- Naples
- Sorrento
- Montecassino
- Salerno
- Isle of Capri
- Amalfi Drive

Entrance fees to:

- The Vatican Museum
- St. Peter's Basilica
- The Colosseum
- Royal Palace of Caserta
- Pompeii
- Herculaneum
- Marignano Farm
- Naples Archeological Museum
- Villa Campolieto