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**JUNE 2-10, 2010**

**LAND PROGRAM:** June 3-10, 2010

Full Price	Special Savings	Alumni Price
\$3,045	\$250	\$2,795*

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VAT is an additional \$125 per person.

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## **AIR PROGRAM:** June 2-10, 2010

For your convenience, AHI offers a flexible Air Program featuring special air fares available at an additional cost in conjunction with the Land Program.

AHI has designated specific Group Air Schedules for this departure utilizing round-trip scheduled jet service from North America to **Naples, Italy**. Those participating on these flights will enjoy motorcoach transfers between the arrival/departure airport abroad and the hotel, including baggage handling. Prices are dependent upon dates, air routes and class of service chosen and will be reflected on your *Reservation Confirmation*, which will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation. Air schedules will be sent with your final invoice approximately 90 days before departure. Prices quoted to you will include all domestic and foreign governmental airport departure taxes and fees and any applicable fuel surcharges. AHI ticketed passengers will also receive *Automatic \$250,000 Flight Insurance*, subject to policy terms.

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**A**long the coast of Campania, the sea sparkles with sunlight while pastel-colored towns cling to craggy cliffs. Delight in the scenic grandeur of the Amalfi Coast, with its varied architecture and amazing vertical landscape. Nicknamed *The Divine Coast*, the serpentine Amalfi Drive winds around towering cliffs and sandy coves, past charming villages and brightly colored villas. During your stay in the seaside resort of Amalfi, visit Ravello with its 13th-century Villa Rufolo; and Positano, Italy's most vertical town. Explore the cliff-top village of Sorrento, the ruins of Herculaneum and Pompeii, and the Temples of Hera and Athena at Paestum. Immerse yourself in the beauty and classical antiquity of Capri, the *Isle of Dreams*.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Relax for **seven nights** on the spectacular Amalfi Coast at the **Grand Hotel Excelsior**.
- Explore **Campania**, known as Italy's "*breadbasket*." Visit a farm famous for the regional specialty, buffalo mozzarella.
- Marvel at the breadth of Italy's prodigious history. See three UNESCO *World Heritage List* sites: the **Amalfi Coast**; the archeological sites of **Herculaneum** and **Pompeii**; and the Greek ruins at **Paestum**. Plus, visit the **World War II landing beach** in Salerno.
- Cross the Gulf of Naples to spend a day on the enchanting **Isle of Capri**.
- Admire the spectacular cliffside town of **Positano**.

### INCLUDED FEATURES

#### Accommodations

- **Seven nights** in **Amalfi** at the First-Class **Grand Hotel Excelsior**.

#### Activities and Events

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by **local experts**, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- Attend a **Welcome Reception**.
- Gather for a **Farewell Reception** and **Graduation Ceremony** followed by a **Farewell Dinner**.

#### Extensive Meal Program

- Enjoy seven breakfasts, four lunches and five dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** during select meals at featured **local restaurants**.
- Take advantage of **leisure time** to try the **local cuisine** independently.

### MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of a friendly, professional **Campus Director** and expert **English-speaking local guides** throughout your stay.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- **Tipping** of all guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

### AIR PROGRAM

- Round-trip, scheduled jet service.
- Round-trip motorcoach transfers between the airport and hotel, with baggage handling at the hotel.
- All domestic and foreign governmental airport/departure taxes and fees.
- Automatic \$250,000 Flight Insurance for all passengers ticketed by AHI Travel, subject to policy terms.

## INCLUSIVE PROGRAM ITINERARY

### DAY ONE

Depart your gateway city for **Naples, Italy**, aboard scheduled jet service. (Provided for Air Program participants only.)

### DAY TWO

Upon arrival, transfer by motorcoach to **Amalfi** and the First-Class **Grand Hotel Excelsior**, majestically situated on one of Italy's most beautiful stretches of the Amalfi Coast. (Provided for Air Program participants only.)

This evening, gather for a private *Welcome Reception and Dinner* at the hotel.

### DAY THREE

**Educational Focus: *The Amalfi Inspiration.***

**Excursion: *Ravello and Amalfi.***

This coastal experience begins this morning with a scenic ride to the charming town of Ravello. Visit the exquisite Villa Ruffolo, the place that gave Richard Wagner his inspiration. The excursion continues to the charming town of Amalfi.

**Local Flavor:** Lunch is served at a restaurant in Amalfi.

**Excursion: *Positano.*** A private boat awaits to take you on a cruise along the coast to picturesque Positano. After a visit of this unique town, return to Amalfi and the hotel. The entire Amalfi Coast has been designated as an UNESCO *World Heritage List* site.

### DAY FOUR

**Excursion: *Sorrento.*** Coasting along the Sorrento shoreline, Ulysses had to tie himself to the mast to resist the call of the Sirens. This village built atop a cliff has long been heralded by poets. Rendered in pastel-hued houses, it is ringed with whispering groves of lemon trees and awash in beautiful gardens.

**Educational Focus: *The Horror & Splendor of Vesuvius.***

**Independent Exploration:**

The afternoon in Sorrento is free for shopping and sightseeing on your own.

### DAY FIVE

**Excursion: *Herculaneum and Pompeii.*** Visit the UNESCO *World*

*Heritage List* sites of Herculaneum and Pompeii, which were destroyed when Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79. The ancient seaside town of Herculaneum was preserved by mudflows on that fateful day, while Pompeii, the larger of the two cities, was covered by ash. Pompeii is known for its museum and well-preserved frescoes.

**Local Flavor:** Lunch is served next to the archeological site at Pompeii.

### DAY SIX

**Excursion: *Isle of Capri.*** Take a boat to Marina Grande on the enchanted Isle of Capri. Then, take a private boat around the island to see the White Grotto and Faraglioni rock formations. Enjoy time for independent exploration and lunch on the island before a boat ride to Amalfi and the transfer back to the hotel.

**Educational Focus: *Meet the People.***

### DAY SEVEN

**Educational Focus: *Campamao Cuisine.***

**Excursion: *Mozzarella and Paestum.*** Visit a local farm where mozzarella cheese is produced from the milk of buffalo indigenous to the area. Continue to Paestum, which is a UNESCO *World Heritage List* site. Admire the beautiful temples of Hera and Athena. The ruins of Paestum, including these temples, are the best-preserved examples of Greek architecture outside of Greece. Before returning to the hotel, visit the World War II landing beach of Salerno.

**Local Flavor:** Lunch is served at a restaurant overlooking the temples.

### DAY EIGHT

**Independent Exploration:** The day is at leisure to pursue individual interests.

Tonight, gather with fellow travelers for a *Farewell Reception and Graduation Ceremony* followed by dinner at the hotel.

### DAY NINE

Transfer to the Naples airport for the return flight(s) to your gateway city. (Provided for Air Program participants only.)

## ACCOMMODATIONS



### GRAND HOTEL EXCELSIOR

Perched on a scenic cliffside high above the sea, the *Grand Hotel Excelsior* in Amalfi is located just 10 minutes from the historic town center. Its restaurant serves fine traditional and contemporary Italian cuisine. Featured amenities include a private beach, swimming pool and solarium. Each well-appointed, air-conditioned guestroom is fitted with a telephone, satellite television, minibar and hair dryer. Step out onto the balcony overlooking aromatic lemon and lime trees and marvel at breathtaking panoramic views of the Amalfi Coast!



Front page (top to bottom):  
View over Amalfi  
Positano, Amalfi Coast

*NOTE: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change due to local conditions. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking as some of the finest attractions are located in areas not closely accessible by motorcoach.*



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**Land Program**

- I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.
- Please call me/us to discuss my/our air options.
- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$250 (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

**Land and Air Program**

- I/we reserve the Land Program and request the Air Program to/from Naples, Italy to depart from:

\_\_\_\_\_ Departure City

- Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

*Please note: Air prices will be sent to you with your Reservation Confirmation and air schedule sent at 90 days before departure. International flight arrangements can be canceled with no obligation up to 75 days before departure.*

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by March 19, 2010 (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard or Visa. Make checks payable to AHI International.

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