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Sorrento and the Bay of Naples, with Mount Vesuvius, on a 19th-century painting by John Gadsby Chapman (free of copyright c/o Wikimedia Commons)

"SORRENTO AND THE BAY OF NAPLES"

Wednesday, November 21, to Saturday, December 1, 2018

Eleven days of dolce vita in one of the most magnificent coastal areas in the entire Mediterranean, with fabulous sights such as the ruins of Roman Pompeii, mighty Mount Vesuvius, the superb Amalfi Coast, the jet-set island of Capri, the amazing Greek temples of Paestum, and the unforgettable city of Naples. Conducted by historian Jacques R. Pauwels, PhD, author of 'Beneath the Dust of Time: A History of the Names of Peoples and Places' (London, 2009).

Only \$3,395 from Toronto, based on double occupancy – land only: \$2,570
Single room supplement: \$495; supplement for "double room used as a single": \$615

ITINERARY:

Day 1 – Wednesday, November 21: Evening departure from Toronto on Air Canada's non-stop flight to Rome. Dinner and a light breakfast will be served on board.

Day 2 – Thursday, November 22: Arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Airport around 9AM. A private coach will be waiting to take us via the Autostrada to Sorrento, a distance of about 280km. En route, visit to the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Monte Cassino, site of one of the major battles in World War II. On to Sorrento, the world-famous resort on the shores of the beautiful Bay of Naples, where we check into the centrally located four-star/first-class Hotel Michelangelo, our home for the next eight nights (<http://michelangelohotel.it/en>). Time to settle in and relax, and dinner at the hotel.

Sorrento is one of the most beautiful resorts in all of Italy, and indeed of Europe. It is spectacularly situated in a verdant setting of orange, lemon, and olive groves, on a high ridge overlooking the blue waters of the magnificent Bay of Naples and, in the distance, the mighty hulk of Mount Vesuvius . . . In the 1800s, Sorrento became an obligatory stop on the European “Grand Tour” and welcomed famous visitors such as Byron, Keats, Scott, Dickens, Goethe, Wagner, and Nietzsche. The great Italian poet Torquato Tasso was born here in 1544. With a population of around 18,000, Sorrento is also an important centre for arts and crafts, specializing in lace and inlaid wood. The beauty of Sorrento is celebrated in a famous song, “Torna a Surriento,” here performed by the legendary Italian tenor Enrico Caruso: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sm42AWUGkjc>

Day 3 - Friday, November 23: After breakfast, leisurely walking tour of Sorrento, including sights such as Tasso Square, the Cathedral, the busy shopping area, and the public gardens, with wonderful views of the Bay of Naples. Also visit to the exquisite Correale di Terranova Museum with paintings, sculptures, and other art objects from the 17th and 18th centuries, as well as a fine garden overlooking the Bay of Naples (<http://www.museocorreale.it>). Afternoon at leisure.

HOTEL MICHELANGELO:

The *Hotel Michelangelo* is a well-run four-star or “first-class” property, located in the centre of Sorrento, slightly back from the main street, Corso Italia, close to restaurants, shops, and cafes, and only a few hundred meters from the cozy square Piazza Tasso. The rooms are comfortably furnished and are equipped with all the usual amenities, such as bath/shower, WC, telephone, satellite TV, minibar, safe, air conditioning, and a hairdryer. Since the hotel is located a little away from the road, guests are not disturbed by traffic noise. On Tripadvisor, 90% of the customer reviews assign the hotel a note of “excellent” or “very good.”

Day 4 - Saturday, November 24: Morning coach tour of the Sorrento Peninsula, which juts out between the Bay of Naples to the north and the Bay of Salerno to the South. You will pass through quaint villages like Sant’Agnello, Massa Lubrense, Sant’Agata sui Due Golfi, and Positano, enjoying fabulous views of the two bays, dotted with islands such as Capri, Ischia and Procida. We will also visit a traditional farm cultivating olives and lemons and producing byproducts such as jams, soaps, and of course the famous limoncello liqueur, which you will be able to taste! Afternoon at leisure.



The Sorrento waterfront (photo by Jensens c/o Wikimedia Commons)

Day 5 - Sunday, November 25: Full-day excursion to Pompeii and the Amalfi Coast. In Pompeii, thorough visit of the world-famous ruins of the prosperous Roman city which was buried by the ashes of Vesuvius, to be brought to light by archaeologists almost two thousand years later! On to the Amalfi Coast, unquestionably the most beautiful stretch of coastline in all of Italy, with exuberant Mediterranean vegetation, breathtakingly steep cliffs, ruins of ancient watchtowers, and quaint fishing villages. The town of Amalfi used to be an independent, wealthy and powerful “maritime Republic” in the Middle Ages, and its ornate cathedral contains the tomb of the Apostle Andrew. Weather permitting, there may be an opportunity to enjoy a boat tour in Amalfi. Return to Sorrento in time for dinner.

Day 6 - Monday, November 26: Full-day excursion by boat to Capri, home of the international jet-set and possibly the most beautiful island in the Mediterranean. Arriving in the port of Marina Grande, we motor by minibus to the picturesque hilltop community of Anacapri, offering amazing views of the island and the

surrounding sea! Visit to the superb villa of the Swedish author Axel Munthe, followed by time for lunch. On to the town of Capri for a leisurely walking tour, followed by free time to enjoy a cappuccino or an ice cream, shop, and/or explore the town on your own. Weather conditions permitting, an *optional* visit may also be offered to the famous Blue Grotto. Return to Sorrento in late afternoon.



Capri as seen from Anacapri, with the Sorrento Peninsula in the background (c/o Wikimedia Commons)

Day 7 - Tuesday, November 27: Day at leisure. This morning we recommend a visit to Sorrento's colourful weekly street market on Via San Renato, a paradise for shoppers and photographers! (<https://www.summerinitaly.com/guide/street-market-in-sorrento>) In the afternoon, *optional* sidetrip to Ercolano for a visit to the ruins of the Roman town of Herculaneum, destroyed together with Pompeii by the 79 AD eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Please note: on account of the different way in which it was destroyed, namely covered by mud rather than hot ashes, the ruins of Herculaneum are very different from those of Pompeii! *Price: approximately \$50; please note that this optional tour needs to be booked prior to departure from Canada.*

Day 8 - Wednesday, November 28: If interested in ancient history, you should not miss our *optional* full-day tour to Paestum with its Greek temples and fine museum with the marvelous painting of "the diver," as well as the famous old university town of Salerno with its fascinating cathedral. *The price is approximately \$100, and this option also needs to be booked prior to departure from Canada.* This evening, opportunity to enjoy a traditional Neapolitan show of music and dance, including the popular Tarantella, in a local nightclub! *Price,*

including a drink: approximately \$50; it will be possible to book this option locally.

< One of the fabulous Greek temples of Paestum (photo by Norbert Nagel c/o Wikimedia Commons)

Day 9 - Thursday, November 29: Your last full day in Sorrento is entirely at leisure.

Day 10 - Friday, November 30: After breakfast, departure from Sorrento. We motor to the great seaport of Naples,

founded more than 2,500 years ago by Greek colonists who called this settlement *Nea Polis*, "new city." First, panoramic tour of major sights such as the harbour with Castel Nuovo and Castel dell'Ovo, the former Royal



Palace, and the famous San Carlo Theatre. Second, guided visit to the superb National Archaeological Museum, the world's most important Roman museum, bursting with artefacts ranging from marvelous bronze statues to everyday household utensils, gladiator helmets and other weapons, wall paintings, and mosaics - found in Pompeii, Herculaneum, and other archaeological sites in the Naples area, complemented by the amazing Farnese collection of Roman sculptures originally discovered in Rome. After our lunch break, we continue via the Autostrada to Rome, where we will stay in the four-star/first-class Holiday Inn EUR Parco dei Medici, located in a residential district on the western outskirts of the site, close to Fiumicino Airport (www.holidayinn.com/rome-parcoi). Dinner in the hotel's restaurant.

Naples, the Bay of Naples, and Mt Vesuvius on a wall in a Naples pizzeria (Photo by J. Pauwels) >

Day 11 - Saturday, December 1: After breakfast, short transfer to Fiumicino Airport by hotel shuttle service, and return flight to Toronto via Montreal with Air Canada, departing around 10AM and arriving around 5PM.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO EXTEND YOUR STAY IN SORRENTO OR ROME, BUT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE WELL IN ADVANCE!

TOUR COST: \$3,395 from Toronto, based on double occupancy – land only: \$2,570
Single room supplement: \$465; supplement for “double room used as a single”: \$615



Included in the tour price:

- Return flight Toronto-Rome with Air Canada, including all airport taxes, security fees, and fuel surcharges;
- Accommodation in four-star/first-class hotels, based on double occupancy - the single room supplement is \$495; supplement for “double room used as a single”: \$615
- Breakfast and dinner except dinner on day 9;
- Airport transfers, sightseeing and visits as outlined in the itinerary;
- Services of our tour escort.

Not Included:

Beverages with meals; items of a personal nature; and travel insurance, available upon request.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and registration form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 61 days before departure: 25% of tour cost
60 to 31 days before departure: 50% of tour cost
Within 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable.

By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

RELEASE & AGREEMENT:

By placing my deposit and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. We shall not be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotels, transportation and other travel services are provided subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.
2. I know that tour programs include walking, and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potential hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.
3. To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in

connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from, and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub-contracted agents or tour operators. This release also includes activities not offered that may be considered risky. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.

4. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.
5. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during stay-ahead/stay-behind option periods if the stay-ahead/stay-behind period does not include the services of a Tour Director.
6. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions are to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behavior be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.
7. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to.) I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved, I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.
8. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. Pauwels Travel retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact the traveller's parent(s) and/or guardian or emergency contact with regard to health issues or any matters whatsoever that relates to the traveller's tour. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.
9. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and also use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

A WORD ABOUT *GROUP* AIRFARES:

Please note that when booking one of our air inclusive tours, Pauwels Travel has negotiated reduced rates with the airline that we are able to confirm and lock in up to 359 days before travel. While it is wonderful to share the savings and flexibility this provides with you, our valued guests, the privilege does come with some restrictions. In some cases it may not be possible to collect frequent flyer miles, you may not be able to check in online 24 hours before travel, or you may need to try checking in with your ticket number rather than your booking reference and, in almost ALL cases we are not able to offer advanced seat selection.

It is the airline that makes the reservation and has control over the booking so it is their policy, not ours, that prevents us from assigning specific seats. If a request is made, it is passed on to the airline by our staff when they submit the names to the airline, i.e., 30-60 days prior to departure. Calling us several days before you leave will not change this fact nor will getting upset with our staff.

If a certain type of seat is indispensable to you, we suggest that you book our tour on a “land only” basis and make individual flight arrangements, in which case you may be able to get the seat of your choice; Pauwels Travel would be happy to assist you with that reservation at absolutely no additional charge. We will offer you the best fare available, but please note that this can only be done once a tour is a guaranteed departure because your individual airfare’s conditions are likely to involve cancellation penalties. We thank you in advance for your kind understanding of the above!

APPLICATION FORM

Please book ___ seat(s) on the "Sorrento and the Bay of Naples" tour of Nov. 21 to Dec. 1, 2018.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)

Please indicate with an X if you intend to travel on Group flights _____ or Land only _____.

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for an interim payment of \$1000.00 and the balance due 45 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

PASSPORT NAME(S): **Please** indicate the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag:
(e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth")

Address _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Would you like a Single room _____ or Double room for single use _____

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin _____ double _____?

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We find the earlier a request is made, the more success we have in filling it, so please list any dietary requests, allergies, any special physical needs or frequent flyer numbers etc here. We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

Insurance, Please call the office for premiums then record it on application and add premium to deposit.

I /we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

All-inclusive Package _____ Non-medical Package _____

Other _____ **OR** Decline Insurance _____

PAYMENT: Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Visa Mastercard American Express

Amount Paid: _____ Card Number: _____

Expiry: _____ Security Code: _____ Signature: _____

"I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment".

Date _____ **Signature(s)** _____

Please forward this completed and signed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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