



## **EVOO Southern ITALY TOUR 2017**

**October 8th -14th, 2017**

### **Day 1 October 8**

You leave USA on Saturday and travel to Italy- arriving in the Sorrento region on Sunday.

*(Note the half day you lose you gain on your return.)* Meet your hosts & guide at the airport or in Naples Complete details to be announced. Travel by bus to our home-base for the week in time to settle into our hotel on a hill near the Bay of Naples. Sunday evening we enjoy a meet and greet wine reception and welcome dinner at the hotel.

### **Day 2 October 9**

We have our first cooking class that captures the local culinary dishes and traditions. Focus is on the local crop, eggplant, lemons and other citrus. Limoncello will surely show up! We cook our own lunch today! The afternoon will see us enjoying a little train ride to admire the landscapes and learn about the area where we are spending our week. Trattoria dinner is in our program for the evening meal.

### **Day 3 October 10**

Our day will start with the visit of a local olive mill, to learn about the evolution of the olive pressing systems followed by an olive oil tasting, then we will go to the farm where the olives are from, they also have a traditional "Limoneta", a lemon orchard, so we will also learn about their fruits and taste the different products they make with them....then between one taste and another it will be time to go and visit one of the oldest cheese makers of the area, where we will learn the local techniques of making cheese and enjoy a cheese tasting. Before heading to the cheese farm though we will have to make sure to prepare our dough which will be ready later to make our Pizza, but not just any pizza—this is Napoli where they wrote the book on pizza! Tonight the keyword for dinner will be PIZZA!

### **Day 4 October 11**

Today we will travel and visit an historical pastificio (pasta maker) where learn local techniques of pasta making directly from the inventors! (There is no shipping from here so bring extra room in your suitcase for pastas you like.) Then we will drive to the bottom of the volcano, Vesuvius, to a family run winery. We enjoy lunch here. A panoramic drive through the coast will lead us to our cooking class which will see us busy learning traditional dishes we will enjoy for dinner.

### **Day 5 October 12**

A drive inland Italy will allow us to see different landscapes and take us to a very an old winery where we will learn about the local grape varietals before enjoying lunch with traditional products. It will time then to visit a pretty town built on tufo rocks and explore an historical palace with its fascinating underground cellars....wine tasting is a must before we drive back to our hotel. Dinner is on our own tonight and Bob and Lenore will have suggestions. Shuttle

### **Day 6 October 13**

Departure to the coast through a panoramic drive on the Amalfi road which will fill our eyes with breathtaking views! We stop along the way to visit a local Limoncello factory to learn about the "more industrial" way of making this re-known drink; tasting to follow, of course! Some personal time in Amalfi to experience the locals before we head back to our hotel. A small relaxing time and we will be ready for our Farewell dinner at the hotel.

### **Day 7 October 14 Transportation to the airport**

Our departure, already! Our bus will take us to the airport, but we'll all have to go to catch the earliest flight.

## TOUR FEATURES

- 6 night's accommodations double rooms with baths, at our home base
- Our personal multi-lingual, Italian tour director, now resident of Portland OR
- Comfortable bus transportation for our day trips with fabulous scenery and guided commentary
- All dinners but one dinner with local wines and 5 lunches together; at least 2 opportunities to shop for souvenirs
- 1 winery wine and product tastings; 2 limoncello tasting
- 1 visit to a local olive oil mill (followed by tasting)
- 1 class in pasta making where pasta was invented!
- 1 drive to the Amalfi coast and time for lunch and shopping
- All gratuities included
- Cultural sightseeing with all applicable taxes, service fees, entrance fees as per program

**TUITION** \$3500 US does not include air fare or *highly recommended* trip insurance. Trip itinerary may be required to change to equal experience or different itinerary sequence. No refund for missed activities. Payment-in- full is required based on minimum of 12 and maximum 14 guests. Participants must be able to walk moderate distances and embark/disembark ground transportation independently.



You are invited but not required to come to our [PRE TRIP EXPERIENCE Date TBD](#)

Tour guests are invited to attend a pre-trip “meet and greet” party at EVOO sometime in September (TBA). This is the opportunity ask questions of our tour director in person as well as make final arrangements for ground transportation. Payment by credit card is encouraged as it provides some insurance and also incurs a 3.5 % fee.