

# Amalfi Coast Italy

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The Amalfi Coast Italy has been chosen by National Geographic as “One of the fifty places you should visit in your lifetime” and they go on to describe it as “Italy’s most scenic stretch of coastline”.

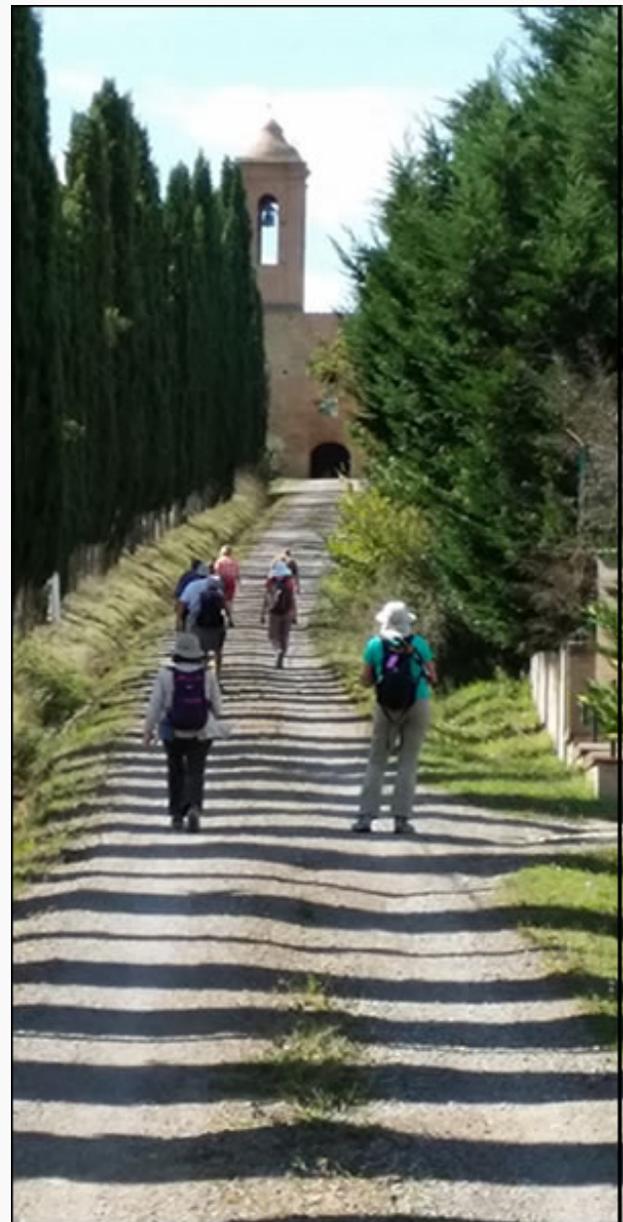
Walking Connection Co-Founders Gene and Jo Ann Taylor will lead you through its picturesque network of pathways, once lifeline between terraced land and rural villages, magnificent views above lemon gardens and vineyards set a midst terraced cliffs over the crystal blue sea. Immerse in a bright landscape and a fascinating heritage as we walk through Amalfi and its neighbors: Positano, Atrani and Ravello, a mixture of memorable sights and unique environments.

**A combination of interesting historic sites, charming destinations, celebrated flavors of Italian cooking and fascinating rural traditions characterizes our walking experience in Italy.**

As the pace of life continues to accelerate and when time is seeming to fly by, taking a step back to an old country can be the perfect anecdote to resetting your life’s clock. Tramonti is a quiet rural village nestled in a hilly landscape overlooking the Mediterranean sea and famous for its wine producers and the fabulous food. It is the perfect place to stop, take deep breaths and let the pine-scented salt air of the Mediterranean Sea wash over your soul.

Dramatically beautiful, wild, daring and romantic, the Amalfi Coast defines the perfect Italian adventure vacation. Its amphitheatres of rocks, water and flowers blend their bright colors perfectly with the pastel color of the houses that drape the steep hillsides from their peaks to the sea below. The peninsula has some of the world’s most bewitching coastal beauty and is an oasis of tranquility set among unique seascapes. There is the perfect combination of planned guided walks with plenty of time for you to explore on your own or with a new found friend.

In addition to its natural diversity, the wealth of art and architecture, perfect weather, each day offers a new chance to “walk up a good appetite,” and then satisfy it by sampling some of the finest southern Italian cuisine while taking in the



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backdrop of steep cliffs, lush green terraces and fragrant gardens suspended over the sparkling sea. **The Amalfi Coast is beautiful beyond imagination.**

We carry on to Amalfi the perfect hub to reach the “must sees” of the area. And we’ll end our journey enjoying a scenic location along the coast in the seaside village of Praiano.

### **Highlights:**

- Hosted by Walking Connection Co-Founders, Gene and Jo Ann Taylor
- Scenic Rugged Coastline
- Quiet Seaside Villages To Walk Through & Enjoy
- Wonderful Italian Wines & The Local Speciality, Limoncello Liqueur
- Coastal Walks
- Guided Walks & Hikes along coastal paths, through medieval villages & rolling farmland
- Pathway of The Gods
- Historical Pompeii
- Mount Vesuvius
- Isle of Capri
- Many days offer the options of riding or walking, so there is something for everyone

**This trip begins in Naples, Italy on September 24, 2016.**

**This trip ends in Naples, Italy, on October 1, 2016.**

## **Day 1 – Welcome to the green gate of the Amalfi Coast!**

The journey begins in Tramonti, a quiet rural village nestled in a hilly landscape overlooking the Mediterranean sea and famous for its wine producers and the fabulous food of its’ renowned restaurants. The location of this village is the perfect jumping off point for our adventure with easy access to inspiring coastal walks.

In the evening we will meet our guide and enjoy our welcome dinner as we get into the rhythm of Italy!

Meals Included: Dinner

La Casa di Farfalle E Gabbiani is our home for three nights.

**Overnight:** [La Casa di Farfalle E Gabbiani](#) (1 of 3 Nights)

## **Day 2 – Vesuvius & Pompeii**

Today experience a visit to Mount Vesuvius before exploring the Pompeii ruins. A private transfer brings us to the summit where we can visit the big crater and enjoy panoramic views over the Bay of Naples. On the way to Pompeii we’ll visit a wine producer, tasting the Lacryma Christi (Tears of Christ), the region’s most famous wine. Then we reach the world’s most captivating Roman excavation and experience a real intact image of this ancient world. The devastating eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in AD 79 trapped 25000 inhabitants of Pompeii, many of whom left impressive examples of everyday life in the 1st Century.

Tonight dinner will be enjoyed in a local Pizzeria of Tramonti.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Light Lunch, Wine Tasting and Dinner

**Overnight:** [La Casa di Farfalle E Gabbiani](#) (2 of 3 Nights)

### **Day 3 – Maiori to Minori**

After breakfast we will transfer to Maiori. Here we start our walk towards the near village of Minori, savoring the lemon specialties that give the real distinctive flavor of the village. Today's walk from Maiori to Minori is an easy & lovely hike along a dazzling trail overlooking the Amalfi Coast.

This evenings dining experience features delicious local produce and traditional local dishes in a renovated Tramonti Restaurant.

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

**Overnight:** [La Casa di Farfalle E Gabbiani](#) (3 of 3 Nights)

### **Day 4 – Valley of the ancient Mills and Ravello**

Today we visit Ravello, one of the most celebrated villages of the Coast. We'll have free time to explore this town of rich and noble traditions, with its houses built in Arabic/Sicilian style, the prestigious twelfth-century Cathedral, the spectacular thirteenth-century Villa Rufolo and the magnificent lookout at Villa Cimbrone. In the afternoon, depending on your preference there will be an option to reach Amalfi by local bus or walking the valley of the ancient mills. Either way we'll we reach the town of Amalfi famous for its illustrious maritime history where we will call home for the next two nights of our journey.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Light Lunch and Dinner

Hotel Marina Riviera is our home for two nights.

**Overnight:** [Hotel Marina Riviera](#) (1 of 2 Nights)

### **Day 5 – Isle of Capri**

We'll catch the ferry in the morning heading for the Isle of Capri. Passing the famous "Piazzetta", we will walk towards the Arco Naturale and following a coastal path we'll reach the spectacular Faraglioni, the peculiar rocks jutting out of the sea. In the afternoon choose to explore Capri at your own relaxed pace visiting the island's chic shops or take a walk to visit the Convent of San Giacomo, dating back to the 14th century, along with the Gardens of August.

Meals Included: Breakfast

**Overnight:** [Hotel Marina Riviera](#) (2 of 2 Nights)

### **Day 6 – Ferriere Walk**

Today we walk along the beautiful natural scenery of the Ferriere valley. By public bus we reach the starting point of our next walking experience. Ferriere valley is an interesting nature reserve into the rugged landscape of the Lattari Mountains. We pass through striking vertical cliffs, little waterfalls and natural springs immersed in an unchanged microclimate which allows for the preservation of the Woodwardia radicans, a rare type of long-leafed fern from the pre-glacial age. Continuing in the valley through the chestnut trees we reach the hamlet of Pogerola where we will enjoy lunch. Our private transfer will return us to our beautiful hotel in Praiano

Meals Included: Breakfast and Light Lunch

Tramonto D'Oro is our home for two nights.

**Overnight:** [Tramonto D'Oro](#) (1 of 2 Nights)

## Day 7 – Pathway of the Gods and Positano

A truly unique walking experience is in store, one of the main highlights of our adventure. The famous Pathway of the Gods is like nowhere you've experienced before. Perhaps that's why so many people return time and time again. By private transfer we'll climb up the zigzag coastal road enjoying impressive views of the land terraces built over centuries and preserved by local communities. Our walk begins in Bomerano and offers inspiring coastline landscapes with the famous cliffs of Capri marking lands' end. Along the pathway we can admire the full splendor of the Divine Coast. As we arrive at Nocelle, a tiny mountain village, we descend through lush terraces and olive groves to the vertical charming resort of Positano. There is time to explore the labyrinth of alleyways surrounded by scarlet bougainvillea and elegant boutiques, before taking the local bus to Praiano

Meals Included: Breakfast, Light Lunch and Dinner

Tramonto D'Oro is our home for two nights.

**Overnight:** [Tramonto D'Oro](#) (2 of 2 Nights)

## Day 8 – Departure

After breakfast we will transfer back to Naples.

Those who want to extend their stay can book some extra days in Positano, Sorrento, Naples, Rome, Florence or enjoy a self guided walking tour in Tuscany, Cinque Terre & Italian Riviera– please enquire at time of booking.

Meals Included: Breakfast

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*Itinerary: Please note that the details of this itinerary are subject to change. Many of the planned activities are organized according to availability, events or seasonal dates, appropriate weather conditions, schedules of hosts, or the discretion of our guides. We make every effort to provide the experience described in the itinerary with the understanding that some things may change.*

\*Please note that both Gene and Jo Ann are designated hosts and escorts for this trip if the minimum of 10 guests is met. Another host or escort may be substituted if either or both are unable to lead this adventure for any reason.

### Departures:

The trip begins in Naples, Italy September 24 & ends in Naples on Oct.1, 2015.

### Your Walking Connection Experience Includes:

- Trip hosted by the Walking Connection co-founders Gene and/or Jo Ann Taylor
- Expertly planned custom itinerary exclusive to The Walking Connection including visits to little known destinations not typically frequented by tourist groups.
- 7-Night/8-Day Walking/Hiking/Sightseeing Adventure including all park fees, site entry fees, and sanctuary fees as listed on the itinerary.
- 7-Nights premium accommodations with en suite bathrooms as designated in the itinerary.

- All meals as designated in the itinerary. Wine as indicated in the itinerary, Coffee and tea will be provided with meals
- Luxury air conditioned transfer vehicles throughout.
- Transfers by boat and public transport as designated in itinerary.
- Expert local guide throughout. (Provide alternative walks and hikes when possible and practical).
- Authorized Archaeological Guide for Pompeii ruins.
- Transfers and transportation to and from airport when arriving or departing on the scheduled day of the itinerary.
- Detailed “Know Before You Go” information including recommended website, reading lists, packing list, what to bring, weather and much, much more.

**Your Walking Connection Experience does NOT include:**

- Tourist tax to be paid locally at each hotel. (This tax can not be prepaid by tour operator)
- All international and domestic airfares with taxes not outlined in the above inclusions.
- All items of a personal nature including beverages, guide gratuities, laundry and shopping.
- All passport and visa application fees, vaccination and medical consulting fees.
- All international departure taxes collected at airport of departure.
- Gratuities for the local guides, drivers, baggage handlers.
- Travel insurance
- Early check in & late check out of rooms
- Optional tours or items of a personal nature such as drinks
- Airport transfers and transportation are NOT included if you arrive or depart on any dates other than the scheduled arrival and departure days of the itinerary.
- Photographs & phone calls
- No discounts or refunds on any unused portion of the tour.
- Anything that is not expressly stated in the itinerary or on the inclusions page as included.

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**Trip Price per person:** \$4698 USD per person (based upon double occupancy)

Single occupancy: Limited availability, \$1200 USD supplement

**Deposits:** A deposit of \$500 USD per person is required to reserve your space. No space will be held without a complete deposit. Deposits may be made by check or credit card. Our tour prices are subject to change due to currency fluctuation at the time of final payment.

**Payments:** All payments must be made according to the schedule & are subject to the cancellation & penalty policy. Final payment is due on or before 90 days prior to the trip. We request that all final payments be made by check.

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**Special Supplier Gifts and Items:** As a local custom, vendors, suppliers, ground operators, restaurants and hotel properties may offer complimentary beverages that may or may not contain alcohol. Should you elect not to accept this gift, complimentary water may not be offered as a replacement and may only be offered for a fee. This is a local custom beyond the control of The Walking Connection.

**Travel Roommates and Single Supplements:** If you have registered for double occupancy but don't have a travel roommate, the Walking Connection will attempt to locate one for you. In the event that a roommate cannot be found, you may be charged for a Single Supplement for any portion of the trip where you will be rooming as a single.

Travel roommates are assigned in the order in which we receive deposited and confirmed reservations. Final roommate assignments will be made and you will be notified of any Single Supplement charges due 30 days prior to the due date of your final payment.

**Air Arrangements:** The Walking Connection does not typically make any airline reservations, either domestic or international: BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR AIRLINE ARRANGEMENTS, PLEASE RECONFIRM THE FINAL ASPECTS OF THIS TRIP. The Walking Connection will provide you with the recommended arrival and departure airports, times and any additional information you may need BEFORE YOU BOOK YOUR AIR for this trip.

**Trip Minimum:** 10 Full Paying Guests: Because the Walking Connection specializes in traveling in small groups, many times we stay in small boutique hotel properties, historical Inns, private homes and bed and breakfasts. For this and contractual related reasons, some trips may require a minimum number of guests traveling together to go. FOR THIS TRIP, an additional Small Group Surcharge or \$200 a person may be assessed or the trip may be cancelled at the option of the Walking Connection if sign ups does not meet the 10 person minimum. This trip will be guaranteed to be conducted either when we have reached the minimum number of guests or evaluated 120 and 90 days prior to departure. Also, should the minimum not be met, the Walking Connection at it's sole discretion may elect to operate the trip with just one Walking Connection host. Please do not make your international or domestic air arrangements until trip is confirmed.

**Waiting List Policy:** On occasion, Walking Connection tours sell out and a waiting list is formed. If this should happen, the following policy will apply. To be put on the waiting list, a fully refundable deposit is due with reservation. If space becomes available, you will be notified at that time and if you choose to go, the standard cancellation policy will then apply. If not, your money will be refunded in full.

**Cancellation, Penalty & Refund Policies:** Should you have to cancel your tour the following terms will apply: Due to the exclusive and small group nature of this adventure, all cancellation requests will incur a \$300 per person administrative fee.

For cancellations from 91 – 120 Days prior to the trip: deposit is forfeited.

For cancellations from 61 – 90 days prior to the trip 40% penalty of the total trip cost.

For Cancellations and no shows 60 days before trip, no refunds.

No refunds will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

All cancellations must be made in writing and delivered to The Walking Connection via e-mail and/or United States Post Office. Your cancellation date is the date your notice is received and confirmed by The Walking Connection, not the postmark date.

**Travel Insurance:** [Travel Insurance](#)

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