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RAV MENACHEM NISSEL'S 2025 ITALIAN ADVENTURE JUNE 23RD - 29TH



AMALFI COAST, CAPRI, ROME



*The first step to knowing Hashem
Is through his beautiful world (Rambam)*



DEAR FRIENDS ^{ע"ה}
Viva L' Italy

What's the most beautiful coastline in the world? The Amalfi Coast south of Naples regularly tops the list. With its breathtaking landscapes it dazzles with dramatic grottos, craggy cliffs and shimmering bays. Terraced vineyards and lemon groves offer a lush contrast to the deep blue waters. We will take a boat ride to the jewel of the Mediterranean, the legendary Island of Capri. We will also experience gorgeous Naples, the devastation of Pompeii and the awe of Imperial Rome.

Italy also has two thousand fascinating years of our history. From the Coliseum drenched with the blood of Jewish slaves to the Holy Chaburah of the Ramchal in Padua. Rav Moshe Dovid Valli, senior talmid of the Ramchal, described Italian Jewry as the "harmony" between Ashkenaz and Sefard Jewish scholarship. Its colorful communities have produced Torah giants to the point that it is virtually impossible to open up any classic Torah sefer without encountering the Torah of Italy. It is the land of book publishing, but also of book banning and book burning.

Did you know that the Italian prayer nusach is the oldest in Europe? Or that at the climax of neilah, the holiest moments of the year, we say the piyyutim of Italian Gaonim? Or that Italy produced the first Jewish dictionary, encyclopedia and rabbinical autobiography?

My rebbe, Rav Shlomo Wolbe zt"l, taught us that a vacation was an opportunity to see Hashem through lenses that our daily lifestyle does not generally allow us. He would mimic the clichéd American tourist who, when seeing a glorious sunset over the mountains, would rush to take a photograph and then move on. He would lament, "They are hiding behind teknika (technology)".

Vacation sensitizes us to see Hashem, and to learn priceless life lessons, out of the proverbial "box". Nature is the gateway to emunah. The Big Wide World gives us "harchavas hadaas." Experiencing history opens our eyes to the future.

B'ezras Hashem we look forward to taking to the next level last year's synthesis of a fantastically enjoyable holiday with memories to last a lifetime while ensuring that we come out informed, invigorated and inspired.

WE LOOK TO SHARING THIS EXPERIENCE WITH EVERY ONE OF YOU.

Arrivederci!

RAV MENACHEM & DEBBI NISSEL
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DAY 1 - MONDAY 23RD

Welcome to Naples, known as the “heart of Italy”, famous for its historic center which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will visit the imposing gothic Nuovo Castle, built in 1279 and royal residence of the Kings of Naples. Even if our budget doesn't allow for an impromptu Gucci shopping spree, we can pretend it's Shabbos and window shop at the iconic Naples Galleria Umberto while enjoying the electric atmosphere. Dinner at the Chabad Center. Overnight in our private chateaus with stunning scenic views of Amalfi.



DAY 2 - TUESDAY 24TH

Under the imperious gaze of Mount Vesuvius, history's most notorious volcano, lies the devastation of Pompeii. You're literally traveling back in time, standing in 2000-year-old houses that held the Roman paparazzi in the generation after the destruction of the Bais Hamikdash. Afterwards time for some fun as we go kayaking in Sorrento.



DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY 25TH

The Path of the Gods (also called Sentiero degli Dei, but we like to call it the Path of Hashem) is arguably the most beautiful hike in Italy. Every twist and turn offers another jaw-dropping view of the Amalfi Coast. Its less than four miles, but will take it sloooooow so that we can overload on picture taking. Followed by free time to stroll around the postcard-perfect picturesque town of Positano, the epitome of Amalfi Coast charms. We will stock up on souvenir shopping so we can fill our suitcases with metzias and tchotchkeles that will hopefully survive your Pesach cleaning.



DAY 3 - THURSDAY 26TH

The day you've dreamed of your whole life, visiting the glamorous island of Capri. While honestly, we'd rather bump into you guys than a Kardashian, you will chupp what the hype is all about. Early morning boat ride to the island. We will take the chairlift to Mount Solaro in Anacapri and take in the spectacular views from above. We will get our own private boat to tour the island and visit iconic locations such as the Faraglioni and the Blue Grotto sea cave.

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DAY 5 - FRIDAY 27TH

Say farewell to our chateaus as we head north to the Caserta Royal Palace, Italy's version of Versailles (actually larger). A triumph of Italian baroque, this majestic palace is surrounded with 11 acres of gorgeous gardens complete with cascading fountains and pools. On to the Eternal City of Rome where we will be greeted by a master chef who will teach us the art of quality Italian pasta making. To the modern artistic CitizenM Hotel and prepare for Shabbos.



DAY 6 - שבת THE 28TH

Acharon acharon chaviv. A Shabbos of a lifetime in the heart of Jewish Rome. Davening with the locals at the imposing and stunning Tempio Maggiore, the Great Shul of Rome. Walking tour of the cities famous sites including Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. We won't want Shabbos to end, but if it has to, at least we can taste Olam Haba with a beautiful Melave Malka singing the zmiros of the true Dovid Hamelech, not the Michelangelo version.



DAY 7 - WEDNESDAY 25TH

Today is the most important day for Jewish History as we visit Ancient Rome. Words cannot describe the emotions we will share at the Coliseum, Pantheon and Roman Forum. Our trips climactic moment will be under the Arch of Titus as we recreate the holy words of the Ponevezher Rov, "Titus, Titus where are you now?" Our day ends with a gourmet inspirational farewell banquet. Why do good things have to come to an end?



DAY 8 - SUNDAY 28TH

*Arrivederci Italia!
L'shana Haba B'Yerushalayim!!*

