

A Week in Naples with Allan Langdale

(including Pompeii, Herculaneum & Paestum)



Detail of 13th century mosaics in the Naples cathedral

General Description:

This is an in-depth week in Naples and its environs, including Pompeii, Herculaneum, Paestum, and other significant art, archaeological, and architectural sights. It includes visits to the Museo Nazionale to see the artefacts from Pompeii and Herculaneum, a visit to the Capodimonte Museum, the catacombs of San Gennero, and various other wonderful sights of the city. Explore Naples with someone who knows the city well and can reveal its many secrets.

Introduction:

Dr. Allan Langdale is an art and architectural historian who has travelled widely in Italy, Turkey, Greece, and other Mediterranean and Middle Eastern countries. He often works on trips for Smithsonian Journeys, Lindblad/National Geographic, and Zegrahm Expeditions. He is the author of several articles and books such as *In a Contested Realm: An Illustrated Guide to the Art, Archaeology, and Architecture of Northern Cyprus* (2012) and *Palermo: Travels in the City of Happiness* (2015). You can find out more about Allan, and follow his travel blog, by searching on the internet for Allan's Art and Architecture Worlds.

Itinerary:

- Day 1 (Nov. 12): Flights from Canada / USA to Naples. Transfers to hotels.
- Day 2 (Nov. 13): Meet 10:00 for walk to the cathedral of Naples AM; lunch, then walk through the old town and take the funicular to Monte. Dinner on your own.
- Day 3 (Nov. 14): Meet 9:00 am. Take the *Circumvesuviana* Train to Herculaneum and visit the site. Lunch in Ercolano. Train to Pompeii. Return PM. Dinner on your own.
- Day 4 (Nov. 15): Meet 10:00 and go to the Naples Archaeological Museum. Lunch. Walk in the old town, visit the Galleria and the Castello Nuovo. Dinner on your own.
- Day 5 (Nov. 16): Meet 7:00 am and go to train station for day outing to Paestum. Return dinner time. Dinner on your own.
- Day 6 (Nov. 17): Meet 9:00 am and take bus to Capodimonte Museum. Lunch. Afternoon visit the catacombs on San Gennero.
- Day 7 (Nov. 18): Meet 9:00 am to take hydrofoil ferry to Sorrento for day trip. Option to go to Capri instead. Lunch in Sorrento or Capri, Return to Naples. Optional visits to Naples major churches.
- Day 8 (Nov. 19): Optional trip by train and bus to the Roman Baths at Baia, Perhaps with stop at the Roman amphitheater at Pozzuoli. PM return to Naples. Group farewell dinner.
- Day 9: (Nov. 20): Transfers to airport for return journeys.



How the Trip Works:

Guests are responsible for their own flights, airport transfers, hotel reservations, entry fees, meals and all sundry expenses of travel. In other words nothing is included in the trip. The advantage of this is that you can use your miles for the airfare and book hotel rooms that are within your desired price range (as long as we are all close to one another). The group size is limited to six people maximum, four minimum, who have good walking abilities and who are in good health. Travel and health insurance is required and a waiver exempting your Tour Leader from any liabilities must be signed before the commencement of the trip. We shall all rendezvous at a designated time and place and meet every day to enjoy the itinerary together. As your Tour Leader I'll facilitate all aspects of your days, including transportation (usually public transportation; though walking is involved). Guests will contribute \$75 per day per person for seven days. This will cover your Tour Leader's air fare, transportation, meals, lodging, site entry fees, and guiding and lecturing duties. Since the group will be small, we can have lectures (4-5 of them) in hotel rooms equipped with large screen TVs. This avoids the high costs for hotel conference rooms. Half the amount (\$260.00 per person) would be paid in advance two months before the journey, and the remainder in cash (US dollars or equivalent local currency) at the start of the trip. Tipping is entirely discretionary. Contact me regarding cancellation policies.



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