

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-departure Itinerary

The Island of Ischia and Sorrento

9 DAYS: Saturday, October 3-Sunday, October 11, 2026

Called Europe's best-kept island secret, Ischia is a verdant and vivacious island-sized garden in the Gulf of Naples. Join us in October as The Travel Club discovers its gorgeous beaches, quaint pastel villages, a castle unlike any other, natural hot springs – followed by three nights in charming Sorrento. We'll visit the enchanting La Mortella Botanical Garden, the picturesque village of Sant'Angelo and ferry to the colorful island of Procida. Spend a day at the renowned Poseidon Thermal Gardens on Ischia's scenic bay of Citara - highly praised for its extensive thermal pools, beautiful natural setting, and wellness benefits. As we ferry back to the mainland we'll discover Herculaneum - buried by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius - and visit a winery for a tasting and light lunch. The beautiful coastal town of Sorrento is known for its stunning views, charming streets, and vibrant culture. Enjoy a half-day guided visit of Sorrento followed by a pizza-cooking class at an agriturismo. Enjoy the sights of Sorrento on your day of leisure. Visit Piazza Tasso - the main square, bustling with cafes and shops; Marina Grande - a picturesque harbor with colorful fishing boats and waterfront restaurants; beautiful gardens and terraces that offer stunning views of the Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius, indulge in a limoncello tasting; Sorrento is famous for its lemons; don't miss out on tasting the local limoncello or take a ferry to Capri.

RATES

\$4499 per person double occupancy

INCLUDES round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge and fees. **Single supplement is \$520.** Triple accommodations may be available upon request. Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change. Passport required. Per person deposit is \$300.

FEATURES

Guided tour including La Mortella Gardens and the village of Sant'Angelo. Guided excursion by ferry to the island of Procida. Spend a day at the thermal park-transfer and entrance fees included, (treatments are at extra cost). Visit to Ercolano for a guided visit of the excavations. Wine tasting and light lunch. Half-day guided visit of Sorrento followed by a pizza-cooking class at a local agriturismo. Day at leisure in Sorrento.

INCLUDES

- Round-trip regularly scheduled ITA flights from Boston to Naples, via Rome. (land only pricing available if you prefer to make your own air arrangements)
- Round-trip hydrofoil transfers from Naples to Ischia and Ischia to Sorrento
- Seven nights' four-star accommodations:
- Hermitage Resort & Thermal Spa, Ischia 4 nights, with balcony; Hotel Cesare Augusto, Sorrento 3 nights
- Welcome beverage at Hermitage
- Eleven meals, seven continental/buffet breakfasts, one lunches, three dinners with wine
- Pizza making class
- Escorted, private, round-trip airport/hotel transfers
- Services of local guides and assistance

Day 1: Overnight flight from Boston to Rome

Day 2: Arrive Rome – connecting flight to Naples – hydrofoil to Ischia – hotel check-in

After passport control and immigration, proceed to baggage claim. Pass through customs and meet our Tour Manager, who will help you transfer to the hydrofoil crossing to Ischia. Check-in at the **Hermitage Resort & Thermal Spa**. Enjoy a welcome beverage and dinner at the hotel. **(D)**



Hermitage Resort & Thermal Spa

Just 1640 feet from the historic center of Ischia, Hotel Hermitage features a wellness center, and a Mediterranean garden with sun terraces and three thermal pools. All rooms offer a balcony. Rooms at the Hotel Hermitage & Park Terme include satellite TV and cool tiled floors. Each room has a private bathroom with hairdryer and toiletry set. Breakfast is an extensive buffet including sweet and savory food. At the Cinthia dell'Hermitage spa, guests can book beauty treatments and massages. Facilities include a hot tub, sauna, and Turkish bath. WiFi is available in public areas.



Day 3: Ischia touring

After breakfast depart for a full day's sightseeing of Ischia that includes a visit to the **La Mortella Botanical Garden** – an oasis of greenery with sculptures, water lilies and rare plants from around the world. Later we'll visit the picturesque village of **Sant'Angelo**, known for its cliffside whitewashed houses. Dinner tonight at the hotel. **(B D)**



La Mortella Botanical Garden





Sant'Angelo

Day 4: Procida Island

Today we'll take the public ferry to Procida island where we'll explore its cobblestone streets, fishing villages and authentic atmosphere. Return to Ischia and dinner will be on your own tonight. **(B)**





Day 5: Ischia – day at the thermal park – Giardini Poseidon Terme

Today we'll indulge in a day of relaxation at the thermal park where we'll enjoy the thermal waters. Transfers to the park and your entrance fee are included. Individual treatments are at your own cost. THE ENTRANCE FEE INCLUDES: saltwater pools; outdoor thermal pools; indoor thermal pools; Kneipp baths; hydromassage, water jets, and cervical waterfalls; thermal showers; use of gardens and terraces; beach access; umbrellas, deck chairs, and sunbeds; changing rooms and showers. Dinner will be on your own tonight. **(B)**

Poseidon Thermal Gardens is the biggest thermal park on the island of Ischia: highly curative thermal waters feed over twenty pools surrounded by greenery, three sea water pools for swimming, a thermal steam grotto in the Greek-Roman tradition carved into the tuff, three alternating temperature baths to aid circulation and a cardiovascular exercise course for the lower limbs. There is also a private beach.



Day 6: Ischia – transfer to Sorrento

Depart the island by ferry for the mainland. Enjoy an exploration of the excavations at Ercolano/Herculaneum. Later we'll visit a winery for a wine tasting and light lunch before we head to our accommodations in Sorrento at Hotel Cesare Augusto. **(B L)**





SORRENTO



Grand Hotel Cesare Augusto, Sorrento

The Grand Hotel Cesare Augusto has spacious rooms, panoramic views, and a rooftop garden with swimming pool. In a central position in Sorrento, the beach is just a 10-minute walk from the property. Wi-Fi is free throughout. The Grand Hotel's 120 rooms have air conditioning, a satellite TV, and a minibar. Each has a private bathroom with a hairdryer and bathtub or shower. Breakfast is a varied buffet, and tasty snacks are available at the bar throughout the day. The restaurant specializes in regional and international cuisine. From the Cesare Augusto, you can walk to the nearby Piazza Tasso, and enjoy shopping in the many boutiques that surround the hotel. Guests are close to public transportation and the Circumvesuviana train.





Day 7: Tour of Sorrento

After breakfast we'll meet with our guide for a half-day tour of Sorrento followed by a pizza cooking class at a local agriturismo. **(B)**



Day 8: Sorrento

After breakfast, we'll enjoy a full day at leisure to explore on our own. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening at a local restaurant. **(B D)**

Here are our favorite things to do in Sorrento!

1. Explore Piazza Tasso

Visit the main square, lined with cafes and shops. It's a great place to relax and people-watch.

2. Visit the Marina Grande

Enjoy fresh seafood at local restaurants and take in views of the colorful fishing boats.

3. Stroll through the Historic Center

Wander the narrow streets filled with shops, artisan boutiques, and historic buildings.

4. Visit the Sedile Dominova

Explore this beautiful historic building, which is a great example of Sorrento's architecture.

5. Enjoy the Views from Villa Comunale

Relax in this public park that offers breathtaking views of the Bay of Naples.

6. Day Trip to Capri

Take a ferry to the stunning island of Capri, known for its cliffs, shops, and the Blue Grotto.

7. Explore the Museo Correale di Terranova

Discover a collection of Neapolitan art and artifacts in this beautiful museum.

8. Try Limoncello

Sample the famous local lemon liqueur, often made from the large lemons grown in the region.

These activities will give you a taste of Sorrento's charm and beauty!

Day 9: Return to Boston

Transfer to Naples airport and board your flight to Rome. Upon arrival proceed to your international flight to Boston.

Please note – if you wish to extend your tour or request air or hotel upgrades, please advise us at the time of booking.





Proof of Citizenship is required for all trips outside the United States. U.S. citizens require a valid passport to travel; with at least 6 months' validity. All non-US citizens should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for additional entry requirements. Passports are the responsibility of each traveler.

PLEASE NOTE: This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.

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