

CROSSCURRENTS: ROME, AMALFI COAST, AND NAPLES

October 18-31, 2025 (14 days | 18 guests) with Professor Emerita Susan Ashley







Pompeii Naples Amalfi

Colorado College Faculty Leader



Susan Ashley is a beloved Colorado College Professor Emerita of History. She has led several student and faculty trips to Italy and has designed this special itinerary for alumni, family, and friends of the college. Professor Ashley arrived at CC in 1970 after graduating from Carleton College and then earning a M.A. and Ph.D.

from Columbia University. She chaired the History Department at CC twice and served as Dean of the College and Dean of the Faculty from 2005 - 2012. Professor Ashley also directed the Associated Colleges of the Midwest Florence and London-Florence programs three times.

"We'll explore Rome, Naples, and Amalfi, three cities located along the coast of the Tyrrhenian Sea. All three register two and a half millennia of cultural conflict and connection as soldiers, merchants, scholars, and pilgrims carried their worlds of difference from place to place across the Mediterranean. All three cities commanded influence. Each one both absorbed outside practices and imposed their own on others. We'll see striking evidence of the resulting mix of cultures in the layout of streets, in architecture and art, and in museums and monuments. And as we look, we'll recognize the origins and improbable persistence of the features that now define 'the West.' Along the way, we'll take in some spectacular views (Vesuvius, anyone?), do justice to local food and wine, and enjoy the company of fellow CCers."

- Professor Susan Ashley









Dear Colorado College alumni and friends,

I invite you to join Dr. Susan Ashley, Professor Emerita of History, who will introduce you to the secular and religious histories of this diverse and extraordinary region of Italy. You will see and learn about the ways distinctly different cultures intersected in ancient times, the Middle Ages, and the Renaissance and Baroque periods. You will also examine how these strands and layers of the past still shape the present.

Explore ancient sites such as the Colosseum, Pompeii, and Paestum. Visit ancient temples and Christian churches, including the Pantheon and St. Peter's Basilica. Admire public and private art in the Vatican Museums and Naples Archaeological Museum, as well as in churches and in unexpected places. You will also have the option to hike to the crater of Mt. Vesuvius and along the Sorrento Peninsula's "Path of the Gods."

What you will see and learn with Professor Ashley will make this an unforgettable immersion into the diverse cultural heritage of this Mediterranean-bordering area of central Italy. Professor Ashley will be joined by an expert tour manager/guide and local guides. Enjoy a total of 12 nights at well-located, 4-star hotels: six nights in the center of Rome; three nights along the beautiful Amalfi Coast; and three nights in Naples, right on the shore of the Gulf of Naples. Delicious meals, featuring many regional specialties, are included.

This trip is limited to 18 travelers so, if you are enticed, you should reserve your spot immediately by contacting Eos Study Tours, the specialty tour operator who has worked so closely with Professor Ashley in designing this trip. Email tigertravel@studytours.org or call toll-free (800) 856-8951.

Sincerely,

Ciady Hyman

Cindy Hyman '82 Associate Vice President for Engagement Office of Advancement



Mosaic at the Naples Archaeological Museum



La Bocca della Verità, the "mouth of truth," inside the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin (Rome)



Michelangelo's magnificent and restored ceiling in the Sistine Chapel.



Rome



The Roman Forum

ITINERARY

B= Breakfast • L= Lunch • R= Reception • D= Dinner

Saturday, October 18, 2025: Depart home and fly to Rome, Italy

Sunday, October 19: Arrive in Rome | Transfer to hotel | Welcome reception Upon arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Airport (FCO), you are met for a transfer to our hotel in Rome's city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Gather for an introductory meeting with our faculty leader and tour manager, followed by a welcome drink and appetizers. Dinner is on your own. *Six nights at the 4-star Hotel dei Mellini*. (R)

Monday, October 20: Rome top to bottom: Capitoline Hill, Palazzo Valentini, Basilica of San Clemente | Welcome dinner

After an introductory lecture, we explore Capitoline Hill with the medieval Basilica of Santa Maria in Aracoeli; the Renaissance Campidoglio Square; and the modern Vittoriano, the monument dedicated to King Victor Emmanuel II. Explore the ancient Roman Domus of Palazzo Valentini where the mosaics, wall decoration, and polychrome floors have been enhanced using technology to give visitors a sense of how Roman patricians must have lived. After lunch we visit the Basilica of San Clemente and follow Rome's long history in the layered sequence of structures beneath it. Return to our hotel and gather for a welcome dinner. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, October 21: Ancient Rome: Roman Forum, Colosseum, House of Augustus, Circus Maximus, Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin

Begin the day with a walk through the Roman Forum, the public center of ancient Rome, where the popular assembly and senate met. Continue to the Colosseum, where 50,000 spectators watched naval battles and gladiatorial



contests. After lunch visit the House of Augustus (Rome's first emperor), which reopened in 2008 after extensive restoration; its colorful wall paintings and mosaic floors are stunning. Tour the Circus Maximus, the first and largest chariot-racing and mass entertainment stadium in the Roman Empire. We end the day at one of the oldest churches in Rome, the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin. Return to our hotel, where the balance of the day and dinner are at leisure. (B,L)

Wednesday, October 22: Ancient and Papal Rome: Pantheon, Castel Sant'Angelo

We begin today with a visit to the Pantheon, "temple of all the gods." The Pantheon's dome, still the largest unsupported masonry dome in the world, inspired Renaissance architects and sculptors including Brunelleschi, Donatello, and Michelangelo. Proceed to the Castel Sant'Angelo, an immense cylindrical structure built by Emperor Hadrian. It began as a mausoleum for Hadrian and his family, was converted by the popes into a fortress and eventually, in the 17th century, was used as a prison before becoming a museum in 1925. The balance of the afternoon and lunch are at leisure, until we gather for dinner. (B,D)

Thursday, October 23: Papal Rome: Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica, St. Peter's Square and St. Peter's Dome

This morning we explore the Vatican Museums (pending confirmation). Enter the ornate Raphael Rooms and Michelangelo's masterpiece, the Sistine Chapel. Then, visit the sumptuously decorated St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world, to see Michelangelo's *Pietà* and the gigantic bronze canopy by Bernini. After lunch we head to St. Peter's Square and, if you wish, climb the Dome (by elevator to the terrace, and an additional 320 steps on foot) to see its structure from the inside and a commanding view of the city from the outside. Enjoy an independent dinner this evening. (B,L)

Friday, October 24: Baroque & Modern Rome: Walking tour: Piazza Navona, Church of San Luigi dei Francesi, Sant'Ignazio di Loyola, Trevi Fountain, Quirinale Palace, Santa Maria della Vittoria

Today we add a Baroque overlay to ancient and Renaissance Rome. Begin in Piazza Navona, once a chariot racing track, now a gathering place centered around Bernini's *Four Rivers* fountain. Walk by Palazzo Madama, a palace built for the Medicis in the High Renaissance, which currently houses the Senate of the Italian Republic. Continue to the Church of San Luigi dei Francesi to see Caravaggio's cycle of paintings depicting the life of Saint Matthew. Pass by



St. Peter's Square (Rome)



The Inspiration of Saint Matthew by Caravaggio, in the Church of San Luigi dei Francesi (Rome)





The Tomb of the Diver, a ceiling fresco now in the museum at Paestum



Palazzo Montecitorio, where the Italian Chamber of Deputies meets, and cap off the morning at the imposing church of Sant'Ignazio di Loyola with its arresting ceiling fresco. After lunch we will see the Trevi Fountain and the Quirinale Palace, once residence to the Kings of United Italy and now home to the President of the Italian Republic. Conclude with one more icon of the Baroque, Bernini's *Ecstasy of Saint Theresa* in the church of Santa Maria della Vittoria. Dinner is at leisure. (B,L)

Saturday, October 25: High speed train to Naples | Medieval Amalfi: Cathedral of Sant'Andrea, Paper Museum | Minori

This morning we board a high-speed train to Naples. Upon arrival we drive to Amalfi, which was a maritime republic active throughout the Mediterranean in the late Middle Ages, stopping en route for lunch at a local restaurant. Visit the 13th-century Cathedral of Sant'Andrea, which shows the influence of Amalfi's interaction with the Byzantines. Tour the Paper Museum, located in a medieval paper mill, where Amalfitani made by hand their prized paper. Continue to Minori, where we check-in to our hotel and gather for dinner. *Three nights at the 4-star Villa Romana Hotel & Spa.* (B,L,D)

Sunday, October 26: Magna Graecia: Paestum, Cheese tasting and lunch, Villa Cimbrone Gardens in Ravello | PM at leisure in Minori Today set out on a drive along the Tyrrhenian seacoast to Paestum, a site that testifies to the size of the ancient Greek Empire. Founded in the 7th century B.C., Paestum has three well-preserved Doric Greek temples. Visit the on-site museum, which features artifacts from nearby tombs, including frescoes from the Greek Tomb of the Diver. Drive to a local cheese farm for a mozzarella tasting and lunch. En route to our hotel we stop at the medieval town of Ravello to explore the Gardens of Villa Cimbrone, an English-style garden with unforgettable views. Return to our hotel, where dinner and the evening are at leisure. (B,L)

"It was an incredible learning experience thanks to the knowledge shared by Susan Ashley and [our tour manager]."

- Mary, Maine

Monday, October 27: Positano: At leisure <u>OR</u> Optional hike on the Path of the Gods | Minori

This morning we drive to Positano to either explore independently OR to take an optional hike. Positano is a town that runs vertically in an intricate labyrinth of streets, alleys, and stores displaying the colorful clothes of the renowned Moda Positano. In the center of town, the large parish church of Santa Maria Assunta offers an example of the confluence of cultures and epochs.

Optional excursion (at additional cost and weather dependent): Hike the Path of the Gods with a local guide that will take you past shepherds' huts and ancient stone houses carved into the limestone and

provide dazzling views of the sea. Difficulty: Intermediate, Length: 3 miles, Duration: 2 hours, Drop: +/- 550 ft.

After an independent lunch, and time to explore Positano further, we return to our hotel and gather for dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

Tuesday, October 28: Pompeii | Optional hike on Mount Vesuvius <u>OR</u> visit Herculaneum | Naples

Check out of our hotel this morning and drive to Pompeii, one of the world's best known and most compelling sites. Preserved in A.D. 79, when the eruption of Vesuvius buried the city under tons of ash, pumice, and lapilli, excavations have revealed the details of life in this prosperous ancient Roman city. We then have lunch at a winery located at the base of the volcano, which will include a wine tasting where we discover how volcanic soils give birth to distinctive wines.

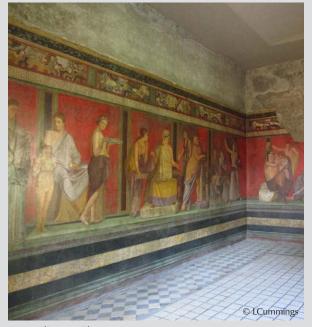
After lunch, choose one of two activities: (1) Guided 2-hour hike at Vesuvius National Park: Meet your guide and hike to the top of Mount Vesuvius. Difficulty: Moderate, Length: 2.5 miles, Duration: 2 hours, Drop: +/- 500 ft. The path is broad, the incline moderate, and the views into the crater and out over the Gulf of Naples are well worth the effort. OR (2) Guided visit to the archaeological site of Herculaneum: The eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79 buried the city beneath more than 52 feet of ash and mud. This layer of detritus preserved the internal architecture and décor of two-story homes. Features in wood and marble, decorations, jewelry, and even organic remains, like food, provide a unique insight into the daily lives of the ancient population of Herculaneum.

Continue to Naples and check-in to our hotel, where dinner is at leisure. *Three nights at the 4-star <u>Grand Hotel Santa Lucia.</u>* (B,L)

Wednesday, October 29: Ancient and Baroque Naples: Archaeological Museum, Chiesa del Gesù Nuovo, Sansevero Chapel

This morning we visit the Naples Archaeological Museum, which hosts the Farnese Collection of Greco-Roman artifacts, one of the world's finest. This collection also includes ancient paintings and important artifacts from Pompeii and Herculaneum. Greeks founded Naples, and we will focus on





Fresco (Pompeii)



Lunch on Mt. Vesuvius



signs of their life in the city. Enjoy an independent lunch in the lively district of Spaccanapoli, the main street of the old historic center, with a wide selection of typical Neapolitan street food. In the afternoon we visit the church of Gesù Nuovo and the Sansevero Chapel to experience the Baroque, Naples style, and to view the sculpture of the *Veiled Christ*, renowned for the tissue-like quality of the marble. Gather for dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

Thursday, October 30: Naples: Capodimonte Palace and royal apartments, Castel Nuovo | Farewell dinner

In the morning we explore the Capodimonte Palace, now an art museum featuring works from the Middle Ages to the 21st century. Among the collection's highlights is Caravaggio's *The Flagellation of Christ*. After lunch visit the royal apartments, theater, and chapel in the palace built by the Kings of Naples in the 17th century. Walk back to the hotel or opt for a last visit to Castel Nuovo (or *Maschio Angioino*), castle and fortress of the Kings of Naples from 1279 to 1815. This evening we gather for a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

Friday, October 31: Transfer to Naples Airport | Fly home You are met at the hotel and transferred to Naples International Airport (NAP) for flights homeward. (B)

"[I most enjoyed] Susan Ashley's lectures, her good humor, her mind, and her general leadership of the group."

- Sarah, Indiana

What to Expect



MODERATE: Must be able to walk one to three miles per day on mostly flat, but often uneven, terrain.

You must be able to make long walks, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, sometimes with difficult footing. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. Participants who choose to take part in the optional hikes must be physically fit and prepared for multiple hours of activity. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask when in close proximity to others. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you.

Rome will be celebrating its Jubilee in 2025. The first Jubilee was announced in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII and now occurs every 25 years in Rome. While it is a busy time to visit Rome it is also a special and unique time to visit and see the many cultural and religious celebrations planned throughout the city. Most of our time in Rome will be spent in areas not visited by Jubilee visitors and, when we are, we will take measures to mitigate crowds whenever possible.

Traveling along the coast you should expect narrow, winding roads. Hotels have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort. Included meals are of a high quality. Average October temperatures in this region range from 50° to 77° (F). Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.



Herculaneum



Tour Prices Per Person (12 nights)

| Double Occupancy (17-18 participants) | \$10,495 |
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| Double Occupancy (11-16 participants) | \$10,895 |
| Single Supplement | \$2,145 |

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability). With fewer than 11 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

Prices Include:

- Leadership of Colorado College Professor Emerita Susan Ashley, plus a professional tour manager and local guides as needed
- Twelve nights at elegant, well-located, 4-star hotels: 6 nights in Rome, 3 nights on the Amalfi Coast, and 3 nights in Naples
- **Delicious meals**: Breakfast daily; 8 lunches; 6 dinners which include welcome and farewell dinners, with bottled water or soft drinks, plus coffee/tea and wine/beer; and a welcome reception with appetizers
- Excursions and sightseeing per itinerary
- Transportation by **modern**, **air-conditioned vehicle** with water provided
- **High-speed train ticket** from Rome to Naples
- Personal listening audio devices during excursions
- Individual/group airport transfers on arrival and departure dates
- **All gratuities** to the tour manager, local guides, drivers, waitstaff at included meals, and porters
- Baggage handling at hotels and train station (two pieces per person)
- VAT, local taxes, and service charges
- Comprehensive pre-departure information, including a suggested reading/media guide, travel guide, and packing list

Flights & Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. Individual and/or group transfers (times TBD) are included on your arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Airport (FCO) and on your departure from Naples International Airport (NAP). Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to tour departure. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first. We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.

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"All personnel were excellent and contributed to a top-notch experience."

- Suzanne, Connecticut

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