**GROUP TRAVEL DETAILS**

1. Airport to Rome Hotel (Sophia & Barbara)

Rome: April 9th- 12th, Thursday through Sunday, again on Monday, April 19th, **5 nights**

*Domus Giulia*

*Bed and Breakfast in Rome*

Largo dei Fiorentini, 1

000187 Roma,, (Citta Metropolitana di Roma – Italia)

Telephone: +39 066 880 6730

E-mail: info@domusgiulia.com

Notes: Fumicino Airport (land at 1:30 p.m.),

**From Fiumicino ( Leonardo da Vinci) international airport:**

- By car take the GRA (Grande Raccordo Anulare) directed to Aurelia, then take the 1st exit

- By train take the line Leonardo Express until Termini Station.

- Shuttle Service: contact the B&B to get detailed info about the service and prices.

# **From Roma Termini Station you have 2 options:**

1. You can take a **bus no. 64** direction **Pza. Stazione S. Pietro** and get off to **PONTE VITTORIO EMMANUELE BUS STOP**.

- And continue to take a walk for 2 mins. By following this map. **Print Map**

2. Take a **subway or underground train (Metro A)** direction **Battistini** and get off after 2 stops in **Barberini Station**.

- From Barberini Station take a **bus no. 62** direction **TRASPONTINA** and get off to **PONTE VITTORIO EMMANUELE BUS STOP**.

- And continue to take a walk for 2 mins. By following this map. **Print Map(from hotel website)!**

1. Rome to Praiano (Christian and Collin)

Amalfi Coast – Praiano: April 13th -15th, Tuesday – Thursday, **3 nights**

*Hotel Margherita/Ristorante M’ama!*

Via Umberto 70

84010, Praiano, Amalfi Coast, Italy

Telephone: +39 08 987 4628

E-mail: info@hotelmargherita.info

Notes: Take bus to Rome Termini Station, another train to Sorrento, Sita bus to Praiano to Hotel Margherita, e-mail Hotel, go into details of our reservation, ask them for directions and suggestions

By Train

Whether your final destination is Sorrento, Capri, Positano, or Amalfi, you will first have to travel to Naples. The best way to do this is by train.

This journey takes between 60 minutes to three hours, depending on the train you choose.

##### Trenitalia

Trenitalia, Italy’s national rail service, has three classes of trains. The **frecce trains** (*frecciarossa*, *frecciargento*, and *freccebianca*) are the fastest, with travel times of around one hour or slightly longer. These are the most expensive Trenitalia trains. These trains need to be booked in advance.

**Intercity trains** take about 2 hours and reservations are recommended.

**Regionale trains** take about 3 hours and do not have seat reservations.

**How to book your Trenitalia tickets online:**

[Trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com/) is the main website. The website is offered in English but you will have to input city names with their Italian spelling (Roma for Rome and Napoli for Naples).

[Italiarail.com](https://www.italiarail.com/) is easier to use than Trenitalia (no Italian names necessary) but there is small booking fee ($5 USD) for using this website.

#### By train - From Naples, take the Circumvesuviana train to Sorrento.

Upon arrival in Napoli Centrale, follow signs for “Circumvesuviana.” The train platform is downstairs. You can purchase tickets at the ticket office located next to the platform or at the newspaper/tobacco shops in the train station.

Purchase a ticket to Sorrento (€4.50). Trains leave approximately every 30 minutes. There is no need to purchase this ticket in advance. ([Click here](http://www.sorrentoinsider.com/en/naples-to-sorrento-train-schedule) for the Circumvesuviana timetable). Make sure you validate your ticket before getting on the train. **It takes between 45 minutes and 75 minutes to travel between Naples and Sorrento.** The *direttissimo* trains are the fastest because they make the fewest stops.

The Circumvesuviana is a commuter train, a local train that is more like the subway in New York City than the Italian high speed trains. There is no air conditioning and during the summer months it can get quite hot and crowded on this train. Sometimes it can be standing room only. And beware of pickpockets, not only on the trains but also in the train stations. Still need to get from Sorrento to Praiano!

What companies run services between Sorrento, Italy and Praiano, Italy? Sita Sud operates a bus from Sorrento to Praiano hourly. Tickets cost $5 and the journey takes 1h 15m. Marozzi VT also services this route once daily.

BUS OPERATORS

Sita Sud and Marozzi VT

3a. Praiano Hotel to Island of Capri (Nick and Antonio both 3a and 3b)

Notes: Contact Hotel Margherita for more details on all activities in PraianoThis is the explanation of the Capri tour:

To visit the island that Tiberius, the second Roman emperor, made famous, we recommend going by one of the private and traditional boats of the area, “Romeo and Giulietta.” You may book the boat in advance from us. The tour begins at 8:30 a.m. when we will take you in our van to the beach at Marina di Praia. We will also pick you up at the same beach when you return. The tour will pass near the island group of Li Galli, you will also see the White Grotto, the Faraglioni, the Green Grotto and finally the Blue Grotto. At the last grotto, you may also enter it in a small boat (14 euro). From here, your private boat will take you to be beginning of the island tour, disembarking at the Marina Grande. There is a funicular (small tramway) that leads to the central piazza about 200 meters from the port. We highly recommend taking this tram since the street has many sharp turns and the funicular is very comfortable and takes less than five minutes. From the central square of Capri you can take the scenic path to the Gardens of Augustus. Augustus, of course, was the first emperor of Rome and is credited with exploring Capri. We also suggest taking a bus to Anacapri, where you should visit the Villa San Michele. The time on Capri is about 3 hours. On the return trip, there will be a stop at a beautiful beach for swimming. The return to Praiano will be about 18:00. The cost for this tour is 85 euro per person.

3b. Praiano Hotel to Positano, via boat to the harbor in Positano or by hotel transport and back again. Find out details and cost if we travel by boat. Find out times and reservation details if the hotel takes us. I believe it is a service of the hotel.

From the hotel site: “We offer free service to Positano from Praiano (so how about in reverse?)

* We are in the heart of the Amalfi Coast!
* Free transfer to Praiano center and to the beach (from 8am to 7pm)
* Free bus to Positano
* Free guided tour on the NaturaArte\* route

4. Praino to Sassi/Matera (Zully & Charlie)

Matera – I Sassi: April 16th, 17th and 18th, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, **3 nights**

*Hotel Antico Convicino*

Via San Pietro Caveoso 18/30

75100 Matera, Basilicata

Phone: +39 0835 332669

E-mail: info@anticoconvicino.it

Notes: Contact Hotel Margherita above to find out best way to get from there hotel to Salerno.

There is a train station in Salerno, find out an efficient way to get to Matera. If we get into the heart of Matera, either by bus or train, we can walk to the hotel. I am not sure the train from Salerno travels to Matera. I think it drops off at a station about 15 minutes away. Contact Hotel Antico Convicino and ask them about it, make sure you give them all of the details.

5. Matera to Rome (Jared & Derek)

Rome: Monday, April 19th, **1 night**

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And also contact the hotel and see what they suggest in addition to a specific google search. Also, find out how to get from the train station to the hotel. You might be able to use the same method as Sophia and Barbara use from the Termini Station to the hotel.

Or, is there a direct bus between Matera and Rome? Yes, there is a direct bus departing from Matera and arriving at Rome, Rome Tiburtina Bus station station. Services depart four times a day, and operate every day. The journey takes approximately 6h 50m. Then we have to get from the Tiburtina Station to the hotel (suggest by private van).

Or, I found this regarding train travel: The city is served by a private **rail** line, Ferrovie Appulo Lucane every day except Sundays and holidays. To reach **Matera** take a **train** to Bari on the national **train** line, **go** out of the station and around the corner to the smaller Ferrovie Appulo Lucane station where you can buy a ticket and take a **train** to **Matera**. Perhaps do this in reverse, take a train to Ferrovie Appulo Lucane Station, then a train to Bari, then a train to Rome.

6. Rome to Airport for return trip home (Sophia and Barbara)

Notes: Contract through hotel for a van for all of us so we make it there on time and do not run into any snafu’s! Or, we could do exactly we did on the way in from the airport to the hotel.