

QUINTANGO ON THE AMALFI COAST: FANS & FRIENDS TOUR 2015



Tango & Italy are the perfect pair -- so we are excited to invite you to travel with us to the Amalfi Coast October 16 - 24, 2015. Think Moorish *palazzos*, Mediterranean nights, and Tango in the golden autumn splendor of Italy's most spectacular coast. This Quintango Fans & Friends tour is sponsored by the Amalfi Coast Music Festival. Sasha Katsnelsen and Leslie Hyde, the directors of the Amalfi Coast Music Festival, have a longtime association with Quintango and are two of my favorite people.

For those who have never traveled with us, let me set the scene. We will arrive at the Naples airport on Friday, October 16. The Festival will whisk us to our hotel in Maiori, a centrally located sea resort popular since Roman times. Medieval architecture, a 9th century castle, a monastery filled with stunning murals, and the longest stretch of beach on the Amalfi Coast await you. Three UNESCO sites are within 30 minutes -- Amalfi, Ravello, and Positano.

What do we do all day? We have breakfast and dinner together daily -- one of my favorite parts of our trips because the food and the views are incredible and we have time to sit and chat. In the evening there will be memorable music. Quintango will perform three or four concerts in distinctive settings -- villas, cloisters, monasteries, vineyards. Sasha & Leslie are in Italy now selecting concert sites that reflect Amalfi's rich Greek, Roman, Norman, Saracen and Arab-Sicilian past. You will share the sweat, the tears, and the glory of being "on tour with the band," reveling in our performances in front row seats and enjoying the post-concert celebrations and camaraderie of the trip home. You will be tempted by tango dance lessons and open Quintango rehearsals at the hotel, plus a geology talk or two and, of course, late night socializing with the incomparable local *limoncello*!

During the day we will visit great cultural landmarks and meet unforgettable local personalities. In Ravello, one of the most beautiful places in the world, we will visit the great villas and gardens where Wagner composed *Parsifal* -- the setting for his magical Klingsor's garden. In Amalfi, we will tour the stunning 9th century cathedral and stroll through the honeycomb of medieval lanes filled with colorful shops and food emporiums. We will explore the haunting excavations of Pompeii and view the treasures unearthed there that now





reside in the National Archeology Museum in Naples. We will travel by boat to Capri and/or Positano, experiencing the dramatic coastline from the sea and the exhilarating climb to the peaks. We will also spend a couple of days in Naples, one of the oldest continually inhabited cities in the world. We will marvel at Naples' 27 centuries of culture and historic city center, the largest in Europe. A highlight of our Naples stay will be *La Notte di Tango*, sponsored by the Naples tango community and featuring a QuinTango concert and a *milonga* (tango dance). On Saturday the 24th, our hosts will accompany us to the Naples airport for the flight home.

TRAVEL: Flights from Washington to Naples currently run from \$900 - \$1400. Please check with me before making your flight reservations to make sure that we are coordinated. If you want to plan additional travel before or after the trip and prefer to fly to Rome, you can get to Naples by train and meet us at the Naples airport.

DETAILS:

- \$3300 double occupancy (not including air fare).
- Includes Breakfast, Dinner with wine, some lunches
- Includes concert and excursion entrance fees
- Includes transfer to and from Naples airport
- Single supplement is \$600
- Payment schedule*: first payment, May 15 - \$1100; second payment, July 1- \$1100; final payment, September 1- \$1100 (\$1000 for those who already paid the \$100 deposit)
- Trip insurance is always recommended

To reserve a place, send your address, email and phone number + a \$100 check payable to QuinTango. Send to: QuinTango, 812 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302

Ciao, Joan

PS – Some fans are interested in a 2-3 night pre-trip to Istanbul, taking advantage of the very reasonable air fares for flights on Turkish Air (which go on to Naples). The pre-trip will be both low key and low budget and is not part of the Festival-sponsored trip. If the pre-trip might interest you, let me know.

FLASH: Lovers of red wine, take note: This just in from Sasha – we will be visiting one of Italy's premiere wineries, *Cantine Antonio Caggiano*, makers of one of the reds currently nominated for the Italian wine Oscar (Taurasi Macchia dei Goti 2010)!

* if you prefer to pay by credit card, there is an additional 3.5% charge. Call Joan at 703-548-6811. We use SQUARE for our credit card transactions.