



Holy Land Cruise 2011 Celebrity Silhouette

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Overview

- This 13 day cruise departed from Rome.
- The itinerary was Santorini, Greece, Athens, Greece, Haifa, Israel, and Naples, Italy.

Santorini

The island of Santorini was formed from the remains of a volcanic crater.

Legend has it that when Santorini exploded, it created a tidal wave that destroyed Crete in the Ancient world—was this the destruction of Atlantis?



Winding Path to Fira Photo Anne Schrader



Path 1000 feet down to the water—
note the mules Photo Anne Schrader



Fira, Santorini Photo Anne Schrader



Greek Orthodox
Church, Santorini
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Sunset at Santorini

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Athens

- Capitol of Greece, home to over 4 million people, Athens is crowded & congested with traffic .
- It is the birth place of the idea of democracy in the ancient city state of Athens.
- Ancient Athens was a true cultural hearth—many advances in geometry, geography, philosophy & science came from the ancient Greeks.

Acropolis, Athens Photo Anne Schrader



What the Acropolis Used to look Like Photo Wikipedia



Pantheon Photo Anne Schrader



Hank in front of the Pantheon

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Wall carvings on the Pantheon

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Statues on the top of the Erechtheion, another temple on the Acropolis

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View of the crowded city of Athens from the Acropolis Photo Anne Schrader



Temple of Hephistos, below the Acropolis in the Agora, Athens

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Jerusalem

- Jerusalem is the capital of Israel.
- It is a holy city to Judaism, Christianity & Islam.

The Old City of Jerusalem

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Dome of the Rock

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Western Wall Photo Anne Schrader





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Station 4 of the Cross

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Coptic Church
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Calvary, Church of the Holy Sepulcher

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Church of the
Holy Sepulcher
Tomb of Jesus
The Aedicule
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Naples

- Our last port served as the gateway to 3 great areas of Italy.
- We visited Positano, Sorrento & Pompey

Positano

- Positano is a beautiful cliff side village on the Amalfi Coast.
- Shopping, a tiled dome church, and a wonderful beach along with luxury hotels & great restaurants make this a top tourist destination.

Positano
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Shops in Positano Photo Anne Schrader



Sorrento

- Sorrento is a small town on the Bay of Naples.
- Smaller Cruise ships will tender in Sorrento but larger ships port in Naples.

Sorrento Coast
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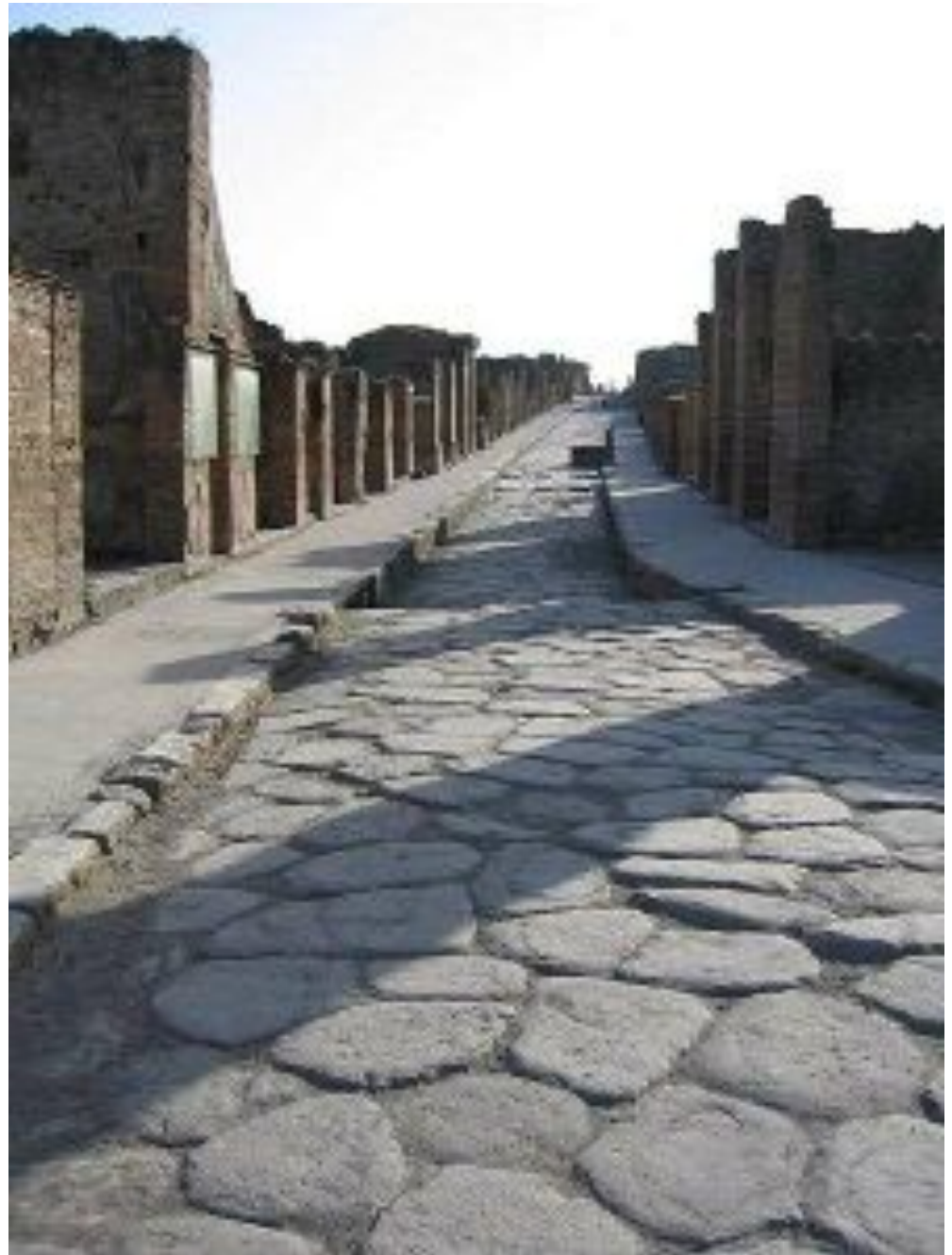
Sorrento Coast Photo Anne Schrader



Pompeii

- Pompeii was destroyed in 79AD by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius.
- It has over 2.5 million visitors a year.
- This is a chance to see what a Roman city was like almost 2000 years ago.

Pompeii Street
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Pompeii Street Note
the stepping stones &
the chariot ruts in the
road

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Pompeii Market Area Photo Anne Schrader



Wall Fresco Photo Anne Schrader



House of Faun, Pompeii

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Gateway in Pompeii

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Main Forum Area

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