

OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR EXTENSION PROGRAM:

This tour may be booked as a pre-tour extension to the Italy: 1944 program or as a standalone tour.

FROM SALERNO TO CASSINO: TRACING ITALY'S ROAD TO LIBERATION

OCTOBER 2-5, 2026

\$3,599 per person based on double occupancy | \$4,799 single occupancy

\$199 taxes and fees are additional.

The Neapolitan countryside has always been famous for its stunning scenery, exceptional cuisine, and 2,500 years of cultural heritage. But in 1943 and 1944, it was transformed into a fierce battleground, where Allied forces confronted some of their toughest German opposition of the Italian Campaign.

On this brand-new tour, follow the Allied advance from the beaches of Salerno to Monte Cassino, home to the Benedictine abbey founded in 529 AD and the site of one of World War II's defining struggles. Led by historian and best-selling author Keith Lowe along with an expert battlefield guide, you'll explore pivotal sites that shaped the outcome of the war in Italy. Along the way, you'll encounter the ancient ruins, medieval castles, and baroque palaces that stood witness to centuries of conflict and resilience—and formed the backdrop to the liberation of Italy.



Featuring
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Monte Cassino



Ruins of apartment houses in the waterfront district of Naples, October 2, 1943. Photo by US Signal Corps. US National Archives.

ITINERARY

OCTOBER 2, 2026 | ARRIVE NAPLES

Arrive Naples International Airport (NAP) / Transfer to Grand Hotel Parker's / Welcome Reception and lecture by Keith Lowe / Evening at leisure

Accommodations: Grand Hotel Parker's (R)

OCTOBER 3, 2026 | SALERNO

Invasion of Salerno and beach tour led by Keith Lowe and expert battlefield guide / Group lunch / Return to Naples / Evening at leisure

Accommodations: Grand Hotel Parker's (B, L)

OCTOBER 4, 2026 | NAPLES

Naples walking tour / Church of Santa Chiara / Lunch on own / Castel Sant'Elmo and the Italian Uprising / Evening at leisure

Accommodations: Grand Hotel Parker's (B)

OCTOBER 5, 2026 | MONTE CASSINO

Monte Cassino / Group lunch / Transfer to Rome for *Italy: 1944* tour, independent travel, or departure from Rome Fiumicino Airport (FCO) on independent flight home (B, L)

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Unique and exclusive itinerary designed by The National WWII Museum and Keith Lowe
- Full-time logistical Tour Manager
- Expert local guides
- Roundtrip airport transfers (when arriving and departing on scheduled group tour dates)
- 3 nights at the luxury five-star Grand Hotel Parker's Naples
- Private, first-class, air-conditioned motor coach transportation
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, porters and servers
- 3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 1 Reception

FEATURED TOUR HISTORIAN



Naples waterfront after Allied bombing, and destruction by the Germans before their retreat to the north. October 2, 1943. Taken by US Signal Corps. US National Archives.

KEITH LOWE

is a writer and historian whose works have been translated into more than 20 languages worldwide. He is the author of several books about



World War II, including the international bestseller *Savage Continent: Europe in the Aftermath of World War II* (2012), which won the Hessell-Tiltman Prize for History and Italy's national Cherasco History Prize; *The Fear and the Freedom* (2017), which was described by the Wall Street Journal as "one of the best, most useful books on World War II to have emerged in the past decade"; *Inferno: The Devastation of Hamburg 1943* (2007); and *Prisoners of History* (2020). His latest work, *Naples 1944*, describes the liberation of Italy, and the political and economic chaos that followed. Lowe regularly speaks on TV and radio, and has lectured at universities, conferences, and literary festivals all over the world. He has written for a variety of newspapers and journals, including *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *El País*, and the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*. He serves on the historical advisory board for Liberation Route Europe and is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. A graduate of Manchester University, he lives in London, England.

LUXURY ACCOMMODATIONS



THE GRAND HOTEL PARKER'S is the oldest hotel in Naples, a symbol of timeless elegance and Neapolitan hospitality. Since 1870, it has welcomed generations of travelers, hosting writers such as Robert Louis Stevenson, Virginia Woolf, and Oscar Wilde. During World War II, the hotel served as the German headquarters, and it was here that the German commander, Colonel Walter Schöll, unofficially capitulated to Neapolitan Resistance fighters during the famous Four Days Uprising. Today, Parker's remains one of the most exclusive hotels in the city and boasts magnificent views across the Bay of Naples toward Vesuvius.

