POMPEII was once a thriving Roman city that was founded in 6–7th century BC. Pompeii was completely buried under massive amounts of ash as a result of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Each of our groups enjoys a guided tour of these ancient ruins, and when weather permits, after lunch we hike up Mount Vesuvius, looking down into the volcano craters and enjoying the breathtaking views from the summit.