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Great Southern Italy 2024

13 DAYS TOUR
START IN ROME - END IN PALERMO

Small Groups (16 pax) – All Excursions Included
Minimum Two Meals Per Day
Comfortable Departure Time
First Class Hotels - Fully Escorted



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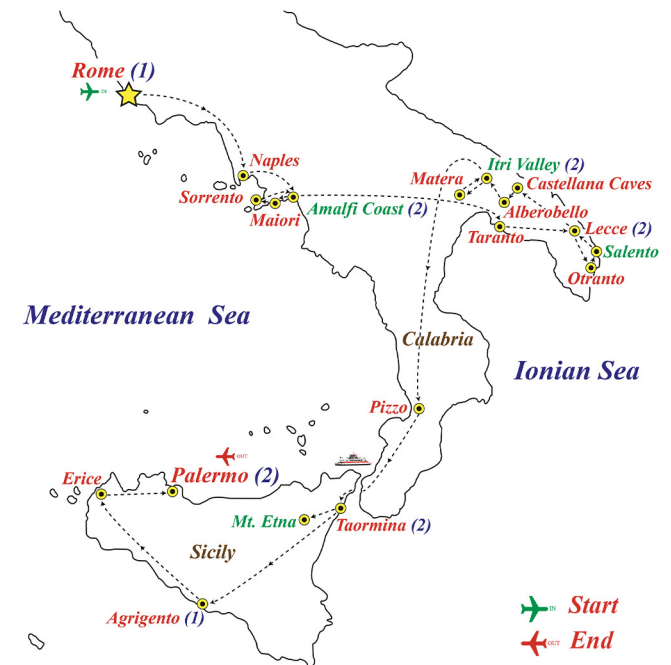
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Day 1 – Arrive in Rome, Italy!

Welcome to Rome Int. Airport (FCO)! Meet our tour guide & driver, head to your hotel via transfer bus at (9:30 am, 12:30 am, or 3:00 pm) where you may rest or explore the “Eternal City” on your own. Later, enjoy a sightseeing tour followed by a special Welcome Dinner at one of Rome’s lively restaurants.

Hotel: Massimo D’Azeglio, Aurelia Antica or similar (1 night)

Day 2 – Naples – Amalfi Coast

After breakfast, you’ll follow the Highway of the Sun, passing the hilltop monastery of Cassino to Naples! This morning our local guide will share the history of the Triumphal Arch of New Castle, St. Charles Theater, the Royal Palace, the Galleria Umberto, and the semicircular Piazza Plebiscito where you can enjoy free time to taste the original Espresso or enjoy the world famous Pizza Napoletana. In the afternoon, drive towards the Amalfi Coast to reach your hotel where you have some free time at your own pleasure before enjoy an included dinner.

Hotel: GH Excelsior, La Lucertola or similar (2 nights)

Day 3 – Amalfi Coast – Sorrento

Today, enjoy panoramic views of the enchanting towns along the Amalfi Coast (overlooking Amalfi and Positano) with some free time to enjoy at your own pleasure in Maiori. Lunch will be served at local restaurant. In the afternoon free time in Sorrento for shopping before drive back to your hotel. Enjoy the evening at your own pleasure.

Day 4 – Taranto – Lecce

This morning leave the Amalfi Coast to reach Taranto on the Ionian sea, lies between the Mar Grande (Big Sea) and Mar Piccolo (Little Sea) bodies of water. Bridges link the mainland to the old town on a small island. Enjoy some free time to see the 15th-century Aragonese Castle, the San Cataldo Basilica. In the afternoon, enjoy a scenic drive to beautiful Lecce, also known as “The Florence of the South”. Guided on a sightseeing tour we’ll see this delightful city including the stunning Basilica and its monumental Piazza Del Duomo. Tonight, discover the flavors of typical regional dishes.

Hotel: GH di Lecce, GH Tiziano or similar (2 nights)

Day 5 – Otranto – Salento

Enjoy a full excursion through the Salento province including a visit to the ancient Roman & Byzantine town of Otranto, the easternmost point on the Italian peninsula. Walk through the 1000 year old walled hamlet & the 11th century Norman cathedral with the best preserved mosaic floors in southern Italy. The picture-perfect blue waters, white buildings, & diving rocks make Otranto a frequent cover star of maps, books, & articles about the Apulia region. You will have the pleasure of enjoying lunch at a traditional Italian restaurant before enjoying beautiful Lecce at your own pace.

Day 6 – Castellana Caves – Alberobello

This morning, follow a local guide to explore the amazing Caves of Castellana. In the afternoon reach the village of Alberobello, known for its strange white Trulli buildings with their circular structures and conical roofs. Enjoy free time to stroll around the many local boutiques and coffee shops before dinner at a local restaurant.

Hotel: GH Olimpo, Masseria Chiancone Torricella or similar (2 nights)

Day 7 – Matera – Itria Valley

Today drive to the famous Sassi of Matera, a fascinating cluster of prehistoric cave dwellings built into the rock stone of deep ravines, for a walking tour featuring a visit to one of the most picturesque cities of this tour. In 1993 the town was made a UNESCO World Heritage site for being “the most outstanding, intact example of a troglodyte settlement in the Mediterranean region, perfectly adapted to its terrain and ecosystem”. Dinner will then be served at a local restaurant.

Day 8 – Pizzo Calabro – Taormina

Leaving the town of Matera, we will drive through the unforgettable landscapes of the Calabria region down to Villa San Giovanni. Free time for lunch in the beautiful village of Pizzo. In the afternoon we will take a forty-five minute ferry ride to Sicily before heading to Taormina area, affectionately called “The Pearl of the Ionic Sea”. Founded in 400 BC, this beautiful city overlooks the peak of Mount Etna and the sea. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Hotel: Villa Diodoro, Ceaser Palace or similar (2 nights)



Day 9 – Mt. Etna

This morning visit the 3rd century Greek Amphitheater, the second largest of its kind in Sicily. Situated above the city, it affords spectacular views of the bay and Mt. Etna. Later, we embark on an exciting excursion to Mt. Etna. Weather permitting, we will ascend 5,400 feet to the highest active volcano in Europe. Lunch will be served on the slopes of Etna with wine tastings from local farms. Then, explore Taormina & its beauty at your own pleasure. In the city, find homemade lace, coral jewels, ceramic, & much more by simply walking down Corso Umberto or through the tiny streets.

Day 10 – Agrigento

Drive to Agrigento for a tour of the Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage (<https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/>) site home to five ancient Greek temples dating back to the 6th century BC. It is here that we will find some of the world’s most striking and well-preserved Grecian ruins outside of Athens. Tonight’s dinner will be served at a local restaurant.

Hotel: Exclusive, Blu Kaos or similar (1 night)

Day 11 – Erice – Palermo

Today we explore the medieval town of Erice, situated 2,887 feet above sea level, surrounded by ancient Etruscan & Phoenician walls on the northeastern side of the city. Stroll through the charming old stone streets and medieval churches like the Cathedral of Erice which was built in the 14th century in Gothic Catalan style complete with solid marble ornate carvings where we see the picture of the famous Black Virgin venerated. Dinner will be served at a local restaurant followed by a short drive to Palermo where we will spend the evening at your own pace.

Hotel: Piazza Borsa, Palazzo Sitano or similar (2 nights)

Day 12 – Palermo – Monreale – St. Rosalia – Mondello

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city, the honey-colored Cathedral and Piazza Bellini. From there, travel to the town of Monreale & visit the magnificent 12th century Norman Cathedral. Picturesque views of the Conca d’Oro, famous for its 50,000 square feet of precious Byzantine mosaics, will astonish you as you make your way through this ancient city. This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant to celebrate the success of your vacation.

Day 13 – Leaving for home:

Arrivederci Italia! Our Departure transfer bus will arrive at Palermo Int. Airport (PMO) at 5:30 am and 7:30 am

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Transportation:

- Private airport transfer for your tour on arrival & departure in Rome. (see the Itinerary)
- Luxury air-conditioned private minibus
- Ferry from Calabria to Sicily

Accommodations:

- First Class Hotels (4**** or 5****)
- Includes all taxes (including city tax)
- Baggage handling included (ask your driver)
- All standard gratuities for hotel personnel

24 Meals:

- 12 breakfast buffets
- 4 lunches to include:
1 wine and olive oil tasting with fine local food
3 lunch – two main courses, dessert, local fine wine (1/4)
- 8 dinners to include:
8 dinner – two main courses, dessert, local fine wine (1/4)
- All Standard gratuities for restaurant personnel

Tour Guide & Tour Driver:

- Your tour will be conducted by our tour guide & tour driver. They will take the worry out of foreign travel as they manage the intricate details of your tour, keeping you entertained with anecdotes and stories to make sure your vacation is educational, entertaining, fun and safe!
- Any gratuities are at your pleasure for our tour guide & tour driver

Equipment:

- Wireless headsets to hear our guides clearly and distinctly in public places allowing you to roam & explore sites (within 60 feet) without missing any insight from your local guides (group of 9 or more)
- Travel documents (PDF) included
- One umbrella per person in case of rain



View, Visit, Walking tour, Museums, and Gallery:
(WLG) = With local guide and wireless headsets

Rome:

- Comfortable sightseeing bus tour of the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, St. Peter Square, the Circo Massimo and Via Veneto

Naples:

- View of the Triumphal Arch of the New Castle, St. Charles Theater, the Royal Palace, Galleria Umberto, and the semi-circular Piazza Plebiscito, and Posillipo Hill

Lecce:

- Guided tour through the center city, see the Basilica and its monumental Piazza del Duomo (WLG)

Otranto:

- Visit the beautiful city and enjoy the view of the Castle

Castellana Caves:

- Visit the remarkable karst cave system (WLG)

Alberobello:

- Walking tour through the Trulli of Alberobello

Matera:

- Visit the Sassi and the Park of the Rupestrian Churches of Matera (WLG)

Taormina:

- Visit the 3rd-century Greek Amphitheater and Mont Etna

Agrigento:

- Visit the Valley of the Temples (WLG)

Palermo:

- Visit of the city including the Cathedral, the “Palatina” Chapel, and panoramic tour of the town (WLG)

Monreale:

- Visit the magnificent 12th century Norman Cathedral (WLG)

Suggested attire:

Comfortable shoes are important for walking on the uneven surfaces.

Attire for Italian Churches:

No shorts, skirts, tank tops, or bare shoulders for men or women are permitted. Bermuda shorts are permitted.

LAND PRICE FOR PERSON (USD)

DEPART - END DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	YOUNG (5-12)
April 02 - April 14	3900	5070	3705	3627
April 16 - April 28	3900	5070	3705	3627
April 30 - May 12	4000	5200	3800	3720
May 14 - May 26	4000	5200	3800	3720
May 28 - June 09	4000	5200	3800	3720
June 11 - June 23	4100	5330	3895	3813
June 25 - July 07	4100	5330	3895	3813
July 09 - July 21	4100	5330	3895	3813
Sept 03 - Sept 15	4100	5330	3895	3813
Sept 17 - Sept 29	3900	5070	3705	3627
Oct 01 - Oct 13	3900	5070	3705	3627
Oct 15 - Oct 27	3900	5070	3705	3627
Oct 29 - Nov 10	3900	5070	3705	3627

LAND PRICE FOR PERSON (CAD)

DEPART - END DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	YOUNG (5-12)
April 02 - April 14	5655	7352	5373	5260
April 16 - April 28	5655	7352	5373	5260
April 30 - May 12	5800	7540	5510	5394
May 14 - May 26	5800	7540	5510	5394
May 28 - June 09	5800	7540	5510	5394
June 11 - June 23	5945	7729	5648	5529
June 25 - July 07	5945	7729	5648	5529
July 09 - July 21	5945	7729	5648	5529
Sept 03 - Sept 15	5945	7729	5648	5529
Sept 17 - Sept 29	5655	7352	5373	5260
Oct 01 - Oct 13	5655	7352	5373	5260
Oct 15 - Oct 27	5655	7352	5373	5260
Oct 29 - Nov 10	5655	7352	5373	5260

LAND PRICE FOR PERSON (NZD)

DEPART - END DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	YOUNG (5-12)
April 02 - April 14	6240	8112	5928	5804
April 16 - April 28	6240	8112	5928	5804
April 30 - May 12	6400	8320	6080	5952
May 14 - May 26	6400	8320	6080	5952
May 28 - June 09	6400	8320	6080	5952
June 11 - June 23	6560	8528	6232	6101
June 25 - July 07	6560	8528	6232	6101
July 09 - July 21	6560	8528	6232	6101
Sept 03 - Sept 15	6560	8528	6232	6101
Sept 17 - Sept 29	6240	8112	5928	5804
Oct 01 - Oct 13	6240	8112	5928	5804
Oct 15 - Oct 27	6240	8112	5928	5804
Oct 29 - Nov 10	6240	8112	5928	5804

Prices are subject to change according to international currency rates and price changes by distribution channels without further notice.

Price per person in Double, Single, Triple room occupancy
Price include Tax, city night tax, credit cards fee, currency exchange



LAND PRICE FOR PERSON (AUD)

DEPART - END DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	YOUNG (5-12)
April 02 - April 14	5850	7605	5558	5441
April 16 - April 28	5850	7605	5558	5441
April 30 - May 12	6000	7800	5700	5580
May 14 - May 26	6000	7800	5700	5580
May 28 - June 09	6000	7800	5700	5580
June 11 - June 23	6150	7995	5843	5720
June 25 - July 07	6150	7995	5843	5720
July 09 - July 21	6150	7995	5843	5720
Sept 03 - Sept 15	6150	7995	5843	5720
Sept 17 - Sept 29	5850	7605	5558	5441
Oct 01 - Oct 13	5850	7605	5558	5441
Oct 15 - Oct 27	5850	7605	5558	5441
Oct 29 - Nov 10	5850	7605	5558	5441

Why our tours are so special?

- **Small group of max. 16 passengers**, means intimate and personalized experience, enjoy authentic local restaurant, learning more with a peace of mind
- **All excursions are included at no additional cost**, which will turn an already amazing experience into the trip of a lifetime (skip the line tickets, restaurants, venues, local guides, transportation, excursions and more). There will be no surprises along the way
- All our tours have been planned with **comfortable morning departure times**. Never leaving your hotel before **8:00 am**.
- **Included every day you will have a minimum of two meals**; our selected family owned restaurants will certainly be unforgettable!
- **You will never feel alone**. Your tour director and tour driver who will be ready to fulfill your needs with the utmost professionalism and safety
- Tour price include **Tax, city night tax, credit cards fee**
- **Travel and connect with locals** "Traveling the Italian Style"