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Southern Italy & Sicily

with Optional 2-Night Rome Post Tour Extension

October 4 – 16, 2023

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Book Now rates valid until Apr 05, 2023, valid on air inclusive packages only.
IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel after November 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

*The ricotta demonstration may not be available while sheep are nurturing their young.

**The ferry to Positano is subject to weather conditions. In case of adverse sea conditions, the boat ride may be replaced by a bus transfer to Positano.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

This comprehensive tour features multiple long bus transfers exceeding 3 hours. In particular, the transfers from Palermo to Agrigento and from Agrigento to Giardini Naxos require 4-plus hours of driving. The full-day transfer from Giardini Naxos to Matera is 7-plus hours of driving and the transfer from Matera to Sorrento is 5-plus hours in length. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Palermo, Taormina, Matera and Sorrento, which all require the ability to walk up and down hill on narrow, cobblestoned streets and stairs. For your comfort, we recommend bringing comfortable walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our Client Care Agents can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Our air passengers will depart from Rome airport.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of March 29, 2023 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 05, 2023. Deposits are refundable up until April 05, 2023.

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For important reservation information visit
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13 Days • 18 Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Palermo, Monreale, Choices on Tour, Agrigento, Valley of the Temples, Taormina, Giardini Naxos, Mt. Etna Volcano, Matera, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast, Pompeii

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| Day 1 | Overnight Flight |
| Days 2 – 4 | NH Palermo, Palermo |
| Day 5 | Baia di Ulisse , Agrigento |
| Days 6, 7 | Una Hotel Naxos Beach Sicilia, Giardini Naxos |
| Days 8, 9 | UNA MH Matera Hotel, Matera |
| Days 10, 11 | Hotel Michelangelo, Sorrento |
| Day 12 | Shangri-la Hotel , Rome |

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 Overnight Flight The hidden treasures of Southern Italy and Sicily are yours to explore, for it's here you'll find breathtaking scenery, historic cities, centuries-old hilltop villages and iconic cuisine.

Day 2: Thursday, October 5, 2023 Palermo, Sicily - Tour Begins Your Italian sojourn opens in Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Discover the city's vibrant culture as you take in its picturesque harbors, cobblestone piazzas, and captivating energy. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. (D)

Day 3: Friday, October 6, 2023 Palermo Get to know "Palermo in a Nutshell" and discover the city's Moorish, Norman, and Spanish architecture on a walking tour. Explore the Kalsa district – home to Mafia legends and lush gardens – before continuing your walk through Palermo's famous landmarks such as the Fontana Pretoria, the Quattro Canti, and the Cathedral. This evening visit a medieval palace, where a countess guides you through her family's home, joining you for an aperitif and hors d'oeuvres. (B)

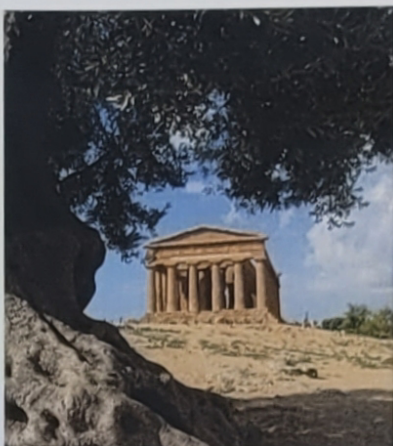
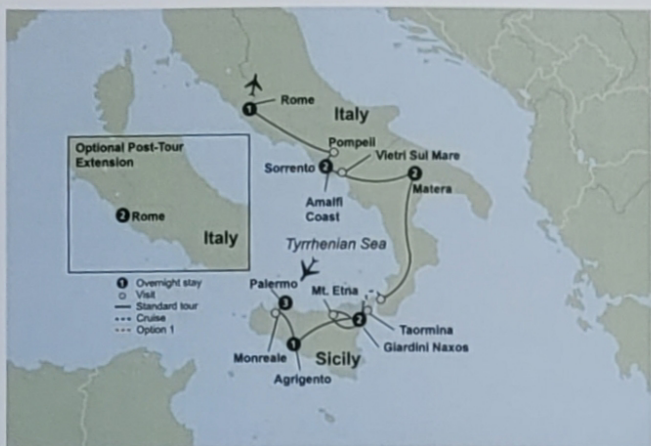
Day 4: Saturday, October 7, 2023 Palermo Decide how you spend your day in the Sicilian capital. Perhaps you'll peruse the open-air markets, visit one of Palermo's art galleries, or relax in an outdoor café. Or you might venture further afield and join a full-day optional excursion to medieval Cefalù (UNESCO). Tour this remarkable seaside town with a local guide before visiting a nearby farm for a ricotta cheese* demonstration and farm-to-table dinner, made with family recipes. (B)

Day 5: Sunday, October 8, 2023 Palermo - Monreale - Agrigento - Valley of the Temples Visit the nearby hilltop town of Monreale (UNESCO), ascending on foot to its 12th-century cathedral for a guided tour of its majestic Byzantine mosaics. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore the cathedral's cloisters, taking in their serene atmosphere of the monastic complex **-OR-** ascend the southern tower to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo. Travel over rolling hills and peaceful farmland to the town of Agrigento. Upon arrival, explore the stunning Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), one of the world's most esteemed archeological sites, and get an up-close view of the temples of Juno, Concordia, and Hercules. (B, D)

Day 6: Monday, October 9, 2023 Agrigento - Taormina - Giardini Naxos Journey east to Sicily's Ionian Coast. En route, discover beautiful Taormina, home to ancient relics, rocky hills, and charming gardens. With an expert local guide, you'll stroll the lively pedestrian only main street, the Corso Umberto, see the imposing Corvaja Palace, and the city's well-preserved Greek theatre. Later this afternoon, continue on to Giardini Naxos – the "garden of Sicily" – for your 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 7: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 Giardini Naxos - Mt. Etna - Giardini Naxos This morning, set out for the impressive Mt. Etna Volcano National Park (UNESCO) where a local expert introduces you to the park's spectacular landscapes sculpted by nature. This afternoon, enjoy free time in Giardini Naxos to relax in this seaside resort. Or perhaps you'll join an optional tour to charming Savoca. This historic hill-top village was one of the filming locations for the classic 1972 movie *The Godfather*. Then let traditional Sicilian melodies fill the air as you savor a traditional Sicilian dinner before returning to Giardini Naxos. (B)

Day 8: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 Giardini Naxos - Matera Take a short ferry ride to Villa San Giovanni, located on Italy's mainland. Pass through the unspoiled region of Calabria to the Basilicata region. Wander through the twisting vines of a local winery before touring the cellar for a tasting. Linger over regional cuisine at dinner in the winery's *agriturismo* restaurant. (B, D)



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Day 9: Thursday, October 12, 2023 Matera - Alberobello -

Matera Explore the Sassi di Matera (UNESCO), an ancient settlement of carved cave dwellings. A local guide shares the history and explains why film producers are seeking out this unique landscape. Visit a local shop and get a taste of regional specialties. This afternoon decide how you explore because **it's your choice!** Discover more of Matera with a guided tour of an underground cistern followed by free time to browse the city's stores and cave churches **-OR-** head to Alberobello (UNESCO) and marvel at the town's whimsical *trulli* homes, known for their distinct, cone-shaped roofs. (B, D)

Day 10: Friday, October 13, 2023 Matera - Sorrento After a stop at a sustainable buffalo farm for a taste of freshly made mozzarella and a peek into the history of this iconic cheese, arrive in Sorrento, where you'll settle in for a 2-night stay. Later this afternoon, discover this charming seaside town during a walking tour and learn about the local tradition of wood marquetry. (B)

Day 11: Saturday, October 14, 2023 Sorrento - Positano - Sorrento This morning, take in the sights and colors of the

Mediterranean Sea as you sail** along the breathtaking Amalfi Coast (UNESCO). Gaze out over the deep blue hues of the sea paired with the bright citrus fruits lining the hillsides. Pause in Positano with its pastel-colored houses and pebbly beaches. Spend time in this legendary locale browsing the posh boutiques or resting along the beach, before returning to Sorrento for an afternoon at leisure. This evening, celebrate the end of your journey with a delightful farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 12: Sunday, October 15, 2023 Sorrento - Pompeii - Rome Journey north to Rome. En route, experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii (UNESCO). A local guide gives you an in-depth look into this 2,000-year-old Roman town, nestled in the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. Step into another time as you explore its preserved buildings and imagine life in the 1st century. Later, check in to your hotel located close to Fiumicino Airport. (B, D)

Day 13: Monday, October 16, 2023 Rome - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

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