

HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

Tour Overview

 Start Point Rome	 End Point Rome	 Meals 9 Breakfasts 1 Lunch 3 Dinners	 Transport Air-conditioned coach & ferry	 Tour Type Fully- guided tour
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Itinerary

Day 1: Start of tour in Rome

 Dinner  BV Oly Hotel (or similar)

Welcome to Rome! Meet your fellow travellers as your tour leader gives you an overview of the upcoming itinerary. Then, embark on an orientation tour of the city before enjoying some free time. Alternatively, join the optional Vatican Museums Guided Tour to experience the spellbinding masterpieces of the Vatican. Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant this evening.

Included:

- Discover Rome on an orientation tour
- Enjoy a welcome dinner in Rome

Optionals:

- Vatican Museums Guided Tour

Day 2: Rome - Pompeii - Amalfi Coast

 Breakfast, Lunch  Grand Hotel Salerno (or similar)

En route to the Amalfi Coast, explore Pompeii in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius. Enjoy a guided tour of this fascinating UNESCO-listed archaeological site before sitting down for an included lunch. Afterwards, travel to tonight's hotel in Salerno. This evening, join the optional excursion to explore the Salerno Cathedral and Old Town before sitting down for an authentic Italian dinner.

Included:

- See Mount Vesuvius and the ruins of Pompeii

Optionals:

- An Evening in Salerno

Day 3: Amalfi Coast: Free Day

 Breakfast  Grand Hotel Salerno (or similar)

Made up of a number of gorgeous old towns hugging the coastline, the Amalfi Coast is our base for the day. Choose our optional excursion to the stunning towns of Positano and Amalfi. Take in postcard-perfect views, wander through Positano and Amalfi's lively streets, sit down for a tasty lunch, and visit a limoncello factory and paper museum.

Optionals:

- Highlights of the Amalfi Coast

Day 4: **Amalfi Coast - Matera - Alberobello**

 Breakfast  Hotel Ara Solis (or similar)

Explore the southern Italian region of Apulia. Stop in the ancient cave city of Matera, known as "la Città Sotterranea" (the Subterranean City). Matera is famous for its cave-dwelling districts; the 'Sassi'. After, head to Alberobello and admire its famous 'trulli' houses. Find a spot to enjoy dinner this evening before heading to the hotel.

Included:

- Visit Matera; an ancient cave city
- Explore Alberobello

Day 5: **Alberobello - Taormina**

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hotel Kennedy (or similar)

Enjoy a coastal drive along the Ionian Sea this morning. Enjoy a ferry ride to the island of Sicily, home of Mount Etna. Prepare for stunning views while on the way to Taormina. Arrive in this beautiful hilltop town, and enjoy free time. This evening, top off the Sicilian experience with an included dinner in Taormina.

Included:

- Catch a ferry to Sicily
- Discover Taormina
- Enjoy dinner in Taormina

Day 6: **Taormina: Free Day**

 Breakfast  Hotel Kennedy (or similar)

Enjoy a free day in enchanting Taormina. Why not embark on an optional day trip to Mount Etna? Walk in the volcanic ash and learn more about the volcano from the local guides. After, indulge in a feast of local produce at a charming enoteca. Alternatively, relax on the beach and swim in Taormina's crystal clear waters!

Optionals:

- Mount Etna Day Trip

Day 7: **Taormina - Syracuse - Agrigento**

 Breakfast  Hotel Dioscuri Bay Palace (or similar)

Drive through the heart of Sicily today and stop in Syracuse, an ancient Greek town home to an excellent food market, making it a perfect spot for lunch. Later, head to Agrigento, known for the 'Valle dei Templi' (Valley of the Temples). Explore outstanding examples of Magna Grecia art and architecture on a sunset tour with an expert local guide.

Included:

- Visit Syracuse
 - Explore the Valley of the Temples
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Day 8: Agrigento - Cefalù - Palermo

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hotel Villa D'Amato en Palermo (or similar)

This morning, drive to Cefalù, a historic town that boasts some of Italy's finest beaches. Enjoy free time or join the locally-guided tour which includes lunch at a local restaurant. Next, travel to Palermo. Enjoy a walking tour through the city's highlights including the Piazza Indipendenza, Porta Nuova and the Cathedral of Palermo. Dinner is included tonight.

Included:

- Visit Cefalù
- See the sights on a walking tour of Palermo

Optionals:

- Scenic Cefalù: Guided tour & lunch

Day 9: Palermo: Free Day

 Breakfast  Grandi Navi Veloci S.p.A (or similar)

Enjoy a free day to explore Sicily's capital! To discover this city's many historical hidden gems, join the Hidden Palermo optional excursion. Admire beautiful churches, diverse architecture and art! Palermo is renowned for its delicious cuisine and sweet treats, don't forget to try some during your free day. This evening, take an overnight ferry back to the Italian mainland.

Optionals:

- Hidden Palermo

Day 10: End of tour in Rome

 Breakfast

Arrive in Naples this morning. Continue on the coach and travel back to Rome, where the tour will come to an end. Please note that the ferry times may differ throughout the year. Take this into account when booking your outbound flight. Alternatively, stay an extra night in Rome and book accommodation with our partner Booking.com. Arrivederci, Italy!

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