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Southern Italy & Sicily

featuring Taormina, Matera and the Amalfi Coast

10 DAYS From ~~\$3,999~~ **\$3,849** pp* Save up to **\$250**

About This Tour

Journey through a crossroads of civilizations in Sicily and on to the spectacular coastlines of Southern Italy. Uncover Sicily's capital Palermo and its Moorish and Norman influences. Explore Agrigento's ancient Valley of the Temples. Travel to the historic hilltop town of Taormina. Visit a local winery for a wine tasting and agriturismo dinner. Venture to the ancient cave dwellings of Sassi di Matera. Discover spectacular Mt. Etna Volcano National Park. Explore the stunning Amalfi Coast and Sorrento. Walk in the footsteps of ancient Romans in the excavated Pompeii. Allow the unique culture to capture your heart and get a glimpse into an age-old heritage composed of ancient monuments and cultivated lands.





Your Tour Includes

- 5 Handpicked Accommodations
- 13 Meals
- 4 Choice on Tour Options

Included Highlights

- Palermo
- Monreale
- Choices on Tour
- Agrigento

Your Tour at a Glance

Stay 	10 Days 9 Nights
Meals 	13 Meals 8 Breakfasts 5 Dinners
Activity 	3 What's This?
Travel Style 	Classic What's This?

Customize Your Tour

Pre Tour 3 Night Rome **\$1,430.00 pp**
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Post Tour 2 Night
Positano & Isle of
Capri

\$910.00 pp

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Optional Excursions Starting at \$130.00

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Itinerary

Day 1: 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.

Hotel

Culinary

Day 2: 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 harbours, cobblestone piazzas, and captivating energy. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine.

Hotel

Culinary

NH Palermo

Dinner

Day 3: 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 Fontana Pretoria, the Quattro Canti, and

the Cathedral. This evening visit a medieval palace, where a countess guides you through her family's home and joins you for an aperitif and hors d'oeuvres.

Hotel	Culinary
NH Palermo	Breakfast

Day 4: 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.

Hotel	Culinary
NH Palermo	Breakfast

Day 5: 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 archaeological sites, and get an up-close view of the temples of Juno, Concordia, and Hercules.

Hotel	Culinary
Baia di Ulisse	Breakfast & Dinner

Day 6: 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.

Hotel

Una Hotel Naxos
Beach Sicilia

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 7: 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 savour a traditional Sicilian dinner before returning to Giardini Naxos.

Hotel

Una Hotel Naxos
Beach Sicilia

Culinary

Breakfast

Day 8: 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.

Hotel

UNA MH Matera
Hotel

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 9: 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.

Hotel

UNA MH Matera
Hotel

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 10: Matera - Pompeii - 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, experience the extraordinary 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. End your day in Sorrento, and settle in for a 2-night stay. Discover this charming seaside resort town and learn about the local tradition of wood marquetry.

Hotel

Hotel Michelangelo Breakfast

Day 11: Sorrento - Positano - Sorrento

This morning, take in the sights and colours 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.

Hotel	Culinary
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Hotel Michelangelo	Breakfast & Dinner
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Day 12: Sorrento - Tour Ends

Say arriverderci to Italy as your tour comes to a close today.

Hotel	Culinary
	Breakfast

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