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ALL ITALY: ROME TO TAORMINA JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 12371)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
Rome to Taormina	13 Apr 26 - 26 Oct 26	Group Journeys Escorted Cultural	Escorted Group Tour

Uncover the timeless beauty of Italy with a journey across its breathtaking regions. Visit Florence, Venice, Rome, Capri, Palermo and more!

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Group of maximum **40 People**
- "**Skip the Line" access** of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Square and of Pompeii Site
- Visit **Assisi, Siena, Bologna, and the Tuscan** wine region, with traditional lunches and tastings along the way
- **Experience local flavours** with a spritz and cicchetti in Venice, a gastronomic tasting in Bologna, and wine in Marsala
- Discover **Sicily's treasures**—from Mount Etna's dramatic landscapes to the Baroque beauty of Ragusa Ibla, Noto, and Siracusa

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Italy entices tourists all over the world with its diverse landscape, the greatest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the world, mouth-watering cuisine and so much more. This incredible, 17-day tour takes you to the most beautiful regions and cities of Italy from Rome to Sicily.

Explore the medieval cities of Assisi and Siena en route to Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance and the sanctuary of many famous Italian artists. Continue to Venice, Italy's *Floating City*, via Bologna and Padua. Discover the highlights of religious and ancient Rome at the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel. Head south to Sorrento, the garden of Italy, visiting the archaeological excavations of Pompeii along the way and take an excursion to the beautiful Isle of Capri.

Return to Naples and board a ferry to Palermo, the magnificent capital of Sicily. Enjoy a tour to Monreale to see the town's splendid Norman architecture, explore the beautiful villages of Erice and Saline, and depart for Agrigento, a hilltop city known for its Greek monuments and ruins at the Valley of Temples. Visit Sicily's most fascinating towns, including Piazza Armerina, Ragusa, Noto, Siracusa and Taormina. You'll also have an opportunity to climb Europe's largest active volcano, Mount Etna, depending on the weather and your eagerness for thrill and adventure

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES | VARIED GROUP SIZES | SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL | ENGLISH-ONLY EXPERT GUIDES | HANDPICKED CENTRAL HOTELS | AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

PEACE OF MIND BOOKING PLAN

- ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 15-night accommodation in 4-star hotels and 1-night onboard
- 1 night onboard the Tirrenia/Snav Ferry
- Gastronomic Experience in Bologna
- Visit of the Cathedral of Mondreale andthe Valley of Temples (entrance tickets included)
- Transportation by coach
- Daily breakfast
- Lunch and Dinners as per itinerary
- Have lunch in piazza Santa Croce, in the heart of Florence in day 2
- Traditional Tuscan lunch in Montepulciano in day 5
- Visit Mount Etna
- Tour of Pompeii, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's Square with Skip-the-Line
- Visit of a historic Cellar in Marsala, Wine tasting and Light Lunch (regional products)
- Visit the Blue Grotto in Capri (weather permitting)
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Day 1 Rome Assisi Siena Florence

Depart at 7:15 a.m. by deluxe coach to **Assisi**, a medieval town surrounded by ancient walls. Visit the Basilica of St. Francis, featuring frescoes by Giotto and Cimabue and enjoy a lunch in Assisi.

Continue toSiena, UNESCO-listed and famous for its shell-shaped Piazza del Campo and Palio horse race. Next, you will continue to **Florence**, where you will check in at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Hotel Raffaello** or similar.

Lunch

ASSISI

Day 2 Florence

Explore Florence, cradle of the Renaissance. Visit the **Duomo**, **Brunelleschi's Dome**, **Giotto's Bell Tower**, and **Baptistery**. See **Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio**, and **Santa Croce Basilica**. Enjoy lunch in a traditional Tuscan restaurant.

In the afternoon, choose between free time in the city or an optional visit to Pisa, with its Leaning Tower and Piazza dei Miracoli.

Dinner is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Hotel Raffaello** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch

FLORENCE

Day 3 Florence Bologna Mestre

Depart for **Bologna** and enjoy a walking tour through its arcaded streets, visiting **Piazza Maggiore**, the **Basilica of San Petronio**, and historic landmarks.

Delight in a light local lunch, savoring regional specialties.

We will continue our journey to Venice (Mestre). Upon arrival, check in at your hotel for a restful overnight stay.

Overnight stay in Mestre at **Hotel Delfino** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch

NEPTUNES FOUNTAIN BOLOGNA

Day 4 Mestre Venice Mestre

Begin your day in **Piazza San Marco**. Visit the **Doge's Palace** and stroll by the **Bridge of Sighs.**

End the tour with a Venetian aperitif and cicchetti. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your leisure exploring the canals.

Overnight stay in Mestre at **Hotel Delfino** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch

VENICE

Day 5 Mestre Montepulciano Rome

Depart Venice and travel through Tuscany to **Montepulciano**, a hilltop town known for “Vino Nobile” and stunning views. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, paired with a glass of fine Tuscan wine.

After lunch, take some free time before heading back to Rome, where the tour concludes.

Overnight stay in Rome **at Hotel St. Martin** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch

TUSCANY VINEYARDS

Day 6 Rome

Enjoy a guided tour of the **Vatican Museums with skip-the-line access**. Discover the **Galleries of Tapestries** and **Maps, Raphael’s Rooms, and the Sistine Chapel**. Tour ends in **St. Peter’s Square**.

Enjoy the rest of the day exploring the city at your own leisure.

Overnight stay in Rome **at Hotel St. Martin** or similar.

Breakfast

ST. PETER'S SQUARE

Day 7 Rome

Enjoy an energetic breakfast at your hotel before spending the day exploring Rome on your own in the city or its surroundings. Return to the hotel for your last overnight in Rome.

Overnight stay in Rome **at Hotel San Martin** or similar.

Breakfast

FIUGGI CIOCIARIA

Day 8 Rome Sorrento

Depart early for **Sorrento** via Lazio and Campania. Enjoy stunning views of the Amalfi Coast.

Arrive in Sorrento and check in. Afternoon at leisure or join an optional tour.

Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay.

Overnight stay in Sorrento at **Grand Hotel Vesuvio** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner

POMPEII

Day 9 Sorrento Capri Sorrento

After breakfast, get ready for an exciting excursion to the island of **Capri**: one of the most exclusive summer destinations of the Mediterranean! Depending on the weather and sea conditions, you will admire the dreamy **Blue Grotto** on a small rowboat.

Afterward, time to roam the island at your own pace.

Once back on the mainland, return to the hotel for dinner and your last overnight in Sorrento.

Overnight stay in Sorrento at **Grand Hotel Vesuvio** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner

CAPRI

Day 10 Sorrento Pompeii Naples Palermo (overnight on ferry boat)

Depart for **Pompeii** and enjoy a guided tour of the archaeological site with skip-the-line access and headsets.

After the visit, transfer to Naples port and board the overnight ferry to **Palermo**.

Dinner and breakfast are not included on the ferry.

Overnight onboard the **Tirrenia/Snav Ferry** to Palermo.

Breakfast

AMALFI COAST

Day 11 Palermo

Arrive in Palermo and transfer to your hotel.

Enjoy a dinner in the hotel and rest for the adventure that lies ahead.

Overnight stay in Palermo at **Mercure Palermo Centro** or similar.

Dinner

PALERMO

Day 12 Palermo

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, and then head out on a morning excursion to **Monreale**, recently included on the UNESCO World Heritage List, an ancient royal town famous for its almonds, olive oil, and citrus fruits, as well as for its fine Norman architecture. Visit the elaborate **Cathedral of Monreale** and then enjoy shopping at the local delicatessen and souvenirs.

Back to **Palermo** and continue with a walking tour of the city. Wander the streets of the Old Town, hearing tales of Palermo's 3,000- year history and discovering attractions like **Palermo Cathedral**. Walk inside the impressive-looking place of worship and marvel at its arches, cupolas, and mosaics - with an incredible mix of influences coming from several dominations on the island. Enjoy free time in the late afternoon.

Dinner at the hotel is included.

Overnight stay in Palermo at **Mercure Palermo Centro** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner

CATHEDRAL OF MONREALE

Day 13 Palermo Erice Marsala Agrigento

Travel to **Erice**, a well-preserved medieval village with ancient charm. Continue to Marsala for a light lunch and wine tasting in a traditional winery. After this flavorful experience, head to **Agrigento**.

Visit the **Valley of the Temples**, a UNESCO site, and explore ruins like the **Temple of Concord, Hercules, and Jupiter**. Check in to your hotel.

Dinner at the hotel is included.

Overnight stay in Agrigento at **Hotel Della Valle** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

VALLEY OF TEMPLES

Day 14 Agrigento Ragusa Ibla Ragusa

Drive to **Ragusa** and visit the charming Ibla district. Be enchanted by the elegant **Cathedral of San Giorgio**, the Church of the Souls in Purgatory, and the magnificent **Cosentini palace**, one of the most interesting Late Baroque palaces in Sicily!

Dinner at the hotel is included.

Overnight stay in Ragusa at **Hotel Poggio del Sole** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner

Day 15 Ragusa Noto Siracusa Taormina

In the late afternoon, arrive in Taormina, check in to your hotel, and enjoy dinner.

Breakfast at the hotel and travel to **Noto**, a picturesque fishing town popular for its stately Baroque architecture. After the visit, cross one of the city's bridges to visit the island of **Ortygia** - the most ancient part of Syracuse - home to a wealth of Baroque churches and medieval palaces.

Arrive in **Taormina** and check-in to your hotel.

Overnight stay in Taormina at **Splendid Hotel Taormina** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner

SIRACUSA, SICILY

Day 16 Taormina Mount Etna Taormina

Breakfast at your hotel and then head off to **Mount Etna**, the largest active volcano in Europe and the highest mountain in Italy. Learn about volcanic activity and marvel at the old lava fields and black magma rock that comprises Etna's landscape. If weather permits, you have a chance to climb to the summit (1800m).

Lastly, return to Taormina, the beautiful and romantic town on **Mount Tauro**. Return to Taormina in the afternoon and spend the rest of your day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Taormina at **Splendid Hotel Taormina** or similar.

Breakfast

ETNA VIEW

Day 17 Taormina

Enjoy one final breakfast before the tour comes to an end.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Quality Hotel Delfino

Venice

Hotel Delfino Venezia Mestre is ideally located at the gateway to Venice, making it a convenient base for discovering the charm and history of the lagoon city. Easily accessible by car or public transport, the hotel offers modern comforts, attentive service, and a welcoming atmosphere for both leisure and business travelers.

Hotel St. Martin

Rome

Hotel St. Martin is a contemporary 4-star hotel in Rome that has been recently renovated. Conveniently situated near the Castro Pretorio metro station and Roma Termini train station, and just a short walk from Piazza della Repubblica, its prime location makes it an excellent choice for both business travelers and tourists exploring the city.

Grand Hotel Vesuvio

Sorrento

Enjoy breathtaking views of Mount Vesuvius and the Sorrento Peninsula from a serene location just minutes from the city centre. With a semi-Olympic pool, citrus grove, shuttle service, and elegant dining overlooking the Gulf of Naples, it's the ideal escape for holidays, events, or business—where nature meets comfort in the enchanting Land of the Sirens.

Mercure Palermo Centro

Palermo

Immerse yourself in the vibrant soul of Palermo at Mercure Palermo Centro. Just steps from Teatro Massimo and Teatro Politeama, this modern, stylish hotel is your gateway to the city's rich history, bustling markets, and bold flavours. Enjoy 93 comfortable rooms, free Wi-Fi, meeting spaces, and a chic Lobby Bar—all in a prime location on Via Roma. Discover authentic Palermo with expert local tips from the welcoming staff.

Hotel Della Valle

Agrigento

Hotel della Valle is a 4-star hotel with 112 comfortable rooms and suites, located a short distance from the Valley of the Temples, but also close to the historic center of the city, once called Akragas. The Valley of the Temples is the archaeological park characterized by the exceptional state of conservation of the Doric temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1997.

Hotel Poggio del Sole

Ragusa

Located between central Ragusa and the Mediterranean Sea, **Poggio del Sole** is an imposing **19th-century country manor**. The property features an outdoor swimming pool, a modern wellness centre and spacious, elegant and modern rooms.

Raffaello Hotel

Florence

The Hotel Raffaello, which is situated just at the city's entry, is the best place to start your exploration of Florence, learn about its past, and take in the beauty and allure of this genuinely exceptional city. Whether you're traveling by vehicle or train, Hotel Raffaello is easily accessible and offers a courteous, professional, and attentive welcome.

Splendid Hotel Taormina

Taormina

Awaken your senses at Splendid Hotel Taormina, where refined flavours, elegant details, and enchanting scents meet stunning views and heartfelt hospitality. A truly unforgettable escape, crafted to inspire.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- No age limit, maximum group size up to 40 people.
- All passengers must be able to indepently board and alight the coach

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package

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