



ITALY

SOUTHERN ITALY JOURNEYS WITH SICILY EXTENSION (TOUR CODE: 12983)

STARTS AND ENDS

Rome to
Palermo

TRAVEL PERIODS

31 Mar 24 - 10 Nov 24

EXPERIENCE

Escorted

TRAVEL STYLE

Group Journeys

An 14-day journey providing you with a diverse and captivating experience of Italy's rich history, stunning landscapes, and culinary delights.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures.** Small group sizes (max **24 passengers**). English Speaking only Tour with an experienced Tour Director.
- Enjoy a boat trip to discover the **Costiera Amalfitana**, stopping in Amalfi & Positano.
- Uncover the breathtaking frescoes in the **Sistine Chapel** ceiling and "**The last Judgment**" both by **Michelangelo**
- Explore **Taormina** Greek Theater and the amazing view to Mount Etna.
- Discover the vibrant streets of **Palermo** and marvel at the architectural splendor of **Monreale**.

Embark on an unforgettable 14-day journey through Italy, starting in Rome. Your trip begins with guided visits to Rome's iconic landmarks, including the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. You'll then venture south to Pompeii, visit of the ancient city ruins. Experience the breathtaking Amalfi Coast by boat, marveling at the picturesque towns of Amalfi and Positano. Discover the grandeur of the Royal Palace of Caserta.

Continue your journey wandering through the ancient ruins of Paestum, basking in the sun at Scalea beach, immersing ourselves in the history of the Greek Theater in Taormina through a guided tour, discovering the unique flavors of Sicilian specialties during an excursion to Noto and Siracusa, marveling at the grandeur of the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, and concluding your adventure with a city tour of Palermo and the awe-inspiring beauty of Monreale.



**GUARANTEED
DEPARTURES**



**SMALL GROUP
SIZES**



**SUSTAINABLE
TRAVEL**



**ENGLISH-ONLY
EXPERT GUIDES**



**CITY-CENTRE
QUALITY HOTELS**



**SPECIAL EVENTS
INCLUDED**



**SLOWER-PACED
ITINERARY**



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support

- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 13-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by luxury coach
- Private transfers to/from airport as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfast
- Light lunch in Scalea Beach
- Vesuvian wine tasting & light lunch at the vineyard.
- Guided visits in Rome (Sistine Chapel entrance included), Naples, Sorrento, Amalfi, Positano, Royal palace Caserta, Pompeii ancient city ruins
- Amalfi Coast Boat Excursion
- Visit the Roman Villa, Piazza Armerina
- Noto & Siracusa Excursion including of Sicilian specialties
- Guided visit in Agrigento, Palermo and Monreale
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Southern Italy Journeys with Sicily Extension



Day 1 Rome Airport Rome

Meet & greet at the airport and take a private transfer to your hotel.

At 19:00, meet with your Tour Director (TD) at the hotel's Reception Desk for a welcome meeting. You will also meet your fellow travelers. Your TD will give you all the relevant details of the city and will inform you of the schedule for the following day.

The rest of the day is at leisure

Overnight stay in Rome at **Villa Pamphili** or similar.



Day 2 Rome

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Set out for morning city discovery and enjoy one the most historical cities in the world, Rome City tour. We finish our tour at

Saint Peter's Square located directly in front of Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

Afterwards, we will visit (entrance included) the famous Sistine Chapel. Its importance lies mainly in the frescoes that decorate the interior, most particularly the Sistine Chapel ceiling and The last Judgment both by Michelangelo.

In the early evening, join your fellow travelers for a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant at the "Trastevere quarter."

Nowadays, **Trastevere** maintains its character thanks to its narrow-cobbled streets lined by ancient houses.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Villa Pamphili** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 3

Rome

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Day at leisure for you enjoy this magnificent eternal city of Rome. Alternatively, you can add one of our optional extras to discover the art of Rome visiting Major Basilica Santa Maria Maggiore, San Giovanni in Laterano (The cathedral of Rome), & Michelangelo's Moses in San Pietro in Vincoli (extra cost).

Overnight stay in Rome at **Villa Pamphili** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 4

Rome Pompeii

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Early departure to **Pompeii**. Visit of the ancient city ruins stopped in time after a devastated eruption of the Vesuvius. (Entrance included)

After visiting Pompeii, it's time to try some Vesuvian wine (**Lacryma Christi**) **Wine tasting & light lunch** at the vineyard.

Overnight stay in Pompei at **Habita79 Pompeii - Mgallery Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 5

Pompei

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today the day is at leisure for you enjoy your time.

Alternatively, you can add one of our optional extras to Naples to take the boat to Capri (extra cost).

Overnight stay in Pompei at **Habita79 Pompeii - Mgallery Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **6**

Pompei Amalfi Coast & Positano Pompei

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Board for Salerno. Take a stunning boat trip to discover the **Costiera Amalfitana**. Stops in Amalfi & Positano.

Dinner at your hotel in Pompeii is included.

Overnight stay in Pompei at **Habita79 Pompeii - Mgallery Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **7**

Pompei Cosenza

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Our initial stop is the ancient Roman ruins of **Paestum**. Following that, we'll proceed to the serene **Scalea Beach** in Calabria for a relaxing break and a **light lunch**.

Finally, we'll reach our next stop, Cosenza.

Overnight stay in Cosenza at **Hotel Royal**.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day

8

Cosenza Strait of Messina Taormina Catania

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We'll continue our adventure by taking a ferry to reach Sicily, crossing the Strait of Messina.

Our exploration of Sicily begins in **Taormina**, where a guided tour awaits. This tour will encompass the renowned Greek Theater and the breathtaking view of Mount Etna.

Finally, reach Catania for your accommodation.

Overnight stay in Catania at **Villa del Bosco**.

Breakfast



9 Catania

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Day at leisure for you enjoy the city of Catania. Alternatively, you can add an optional tour to Mount Etna is one of the world's most active volcanoes and is in an almost constant state of activity. *(It can be booked on site).*

Overnight stay in Catania at **Villa del Bosco**.

Breakfast



Day 10 Catania Noto & Siracusa Catania

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel

Our excursion to **Noto and Siracusa** will include a visit to an agriturismo where we will have the opportunity to taste Sicilian specialties, as well as oil and wine.

Overnight stay in Catania at **Villa del Bosco**.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **11** Catania Piazza Armerina Agrigento

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Continue exploring the amazing island of Sicily visiting the **Roman Villa at Piazza Armerina**. (Entrance included)

Afterwards, we will discover the valley of the temples in Agrigento (Entrance included).

Overnight stay in Agrigento at **Colleverde Park**.

Breakfast



Day **12** Agrigento Trapani Palermo

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Later, we'll make our way to **Trapani**, where you can enjoy some leisurely time.

If you'd like, you have the option to visit the medieval city or explore Erice. This charming town is perched atop Mount Erice, offering captivating views at an elevation of about 750 meters (2,460 feet) above sea level (*extra cost- to be purchased on-site*).

Overnight stay in Palermo at **Federico II Central Palace**.

Breakfast



Day 13 Palermo Monreale Palermo

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Set out for morning city discovery and enjoy a guided tour of Palermo and Monreale.

Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Palermo at **Federico II Central Palace**.

Breakfast



Day 14 Palermo

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Day at leisure. Alternatively, you can join a tour to the seaside town of Cefalu (*extra cost- to be purchased on site*).

Farewell dinner in a local restaurant in Palermo.

Overnight stay in Palermo at **Federico II Central Palace**.

Breakfast, Dinner

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Villa Pamphili

Rome

Experience an exceptional 4-star hotel offering a range of amenities that define luxury and convenience. With 235 well-appointed rooms, each boasting a private balcony, your comfort is paramount. The expansive 17,000-square-foot conference center encompasses 15 versatile venues, catering to your event needs. Indulge in exquisite dining at our two restaurants, "Acquaviva" and "Terrazza Pamphili," or unwind at the "Rendez-V" bar. Take in stunning city vistas from the panoramic rooftop terrace at "Terrazza Pamphili" (open May to September). For relaxation and wellness, our 800-square-meter spa is exclusively available to guests aged 16 and over, complemented by well-equipped gyms and a personal trainer option. Delight in the semi-Olympic outdoor pool, and bask in the 5,300-square-foot poolside lounge area with the V-Hip pool bar (available May to September).



Habita79 Pompeii - Mgallery Hotel

Pompei

MGallery Hotel Collection offers a new travel experience and represents the ideal starting point for discovering the Pompeii excavations, the other enchanting archaeological sites of the region as well as the Sorrento peninsula and the Amalfi coast, whose beauty is renowned all over the world.

Located in the heart of Pompeii, a few steps from the entrance to the UNESCO heritage site, HABITA79 combines contemporary hospitality with the high international standards guaranteed by the Accor group.

Equipped with a very modern panoramic rooftop, the hotel is located just 25 minutes by car from the center of Naples and is served by 3 railway stations in the immediate vicinity.



Hotel Royal

Cosenza

Situated at the heart of Cosenza, The Royal Hotel stands just a stone's throw away from the MAB, the Bilotti open-air museum. This four-star establishment boasts a range of services that prioritize comfort, complemented by its prime location steps away from Corso Mazzini and Cosenza's Cathedral. Ideal for both business and leisure travelers, the hotel offers convenient amenities like internal parking, catering to the needs of business guests seeking efficiency and leisure travelers drawn to the historic center's allure and architectural marvels.



Villa del Bosco

Catania

Nestled within Villa del Bosco is an unparalleled hotel known for its captivating ambiance and enchanting charm. It epitomizes the flawless fusion of opulent 19th-century luxury, evoking the spirit of eras gone by, and the modern ethos characterized by the harmonious blend of essential comfort and the utmost in exclusive design. The hotel boasts 28 charming classic rooms, each distinct from the others, adorned with meticulous care and an unwavering focus on intricate details.



Colleverde Park Hotel

Agrigento

Nestled in a verdant park with breathtaking vistas of the Valley of the Temples and the sea, Colleverde Park Hotel offers a harmonious blend of timeless tradition and modern convenience. Adorned with exquisite ceramics, Sicilian 19th-century furnishings, and Persian carpets, the hotel emanates an elegant ambiance with a warm familial touch. Within its confines, guests can unwind with a refreshing beverage, lose themselves in literature, or simply bask in relaxation while gazing at the panoramic expanse enveloped by lush Mediterranean and tropical flora.



Hotel Federico II Central Palace

Palermo

Hotel Federico II Central Palace seamlessly blends classic and innovative design, ideally situated near Palermo's cultural, tourist, and business hubs. Whether for business or leisure, its elegant rooms, some with private terraces, offer a luxurious stay. Indulge in a rich breakfast buffet and savor Mediterranean delights at "Aromas – Mediterranean Mood" Restaurant. Relax in the bar or Wellness Area for a complete experience.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- No age limit
- All passengers must be able to independently board and alight the coach.
- When the group is made up of 12 or fewer passengers, the circuit will have no guide, but a knowledgeable expert driver.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.
- A minivan with driver/guide, normally not equipped with wifi, will be provided if the number of participants is equal to or less than 12.
- For organizational reasons, the itinerary may be reversed or modified without notice. In this case, our supplier ensures similar visits and excursions in accordance with the spirit of the tour program.
- Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fee
- Lisbon and Porto Local City Tax are not included, to be paid directly to the hotel
- 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 (Entrance tickets to sites and museums)

IN PARTNERSHIP

