



ROME & SICILY JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 17029)

STARTS AND ENDS

Rome to
Taormina

TRAVEL PERIODS

21 Mar 27 - 31 Oct 27

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Discover the ancient wonders of Rome and Sicily's rich heritage, from iconic landmarks and UNESCO sites to charming Baroque towns, local wines and dramatic volcanic landscapes. Experience Italy's history, culture and cuisine on this unforgettable journey.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Small group of maximum **25 People**
- **NEW: Flight ticket included** Rome - Palermo
- Explore the **Colosseum, Palatine Hill** and **Roman Forum**
- Discover the **Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel** and **St Peter's Square**
- Admire **Palermo's historic centre** and magnificent **Monreale Cathedral**
- Discover **Ragusa, Noto, Syracuse, Taormina** and **Mount Etna**

Entire Bonus

This holiday package is carefully designed by our team to give you complete Peace of Mind, with access to trusted local partners and expert support at your destination.

Experience the timeless beauty of Italy on a captivating journey through Rome and Sicily. Discover Rome's ancient wonders, from the Colosseum and Roman Forum to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel. Continue to Sicily, exploring Palermo, Monreale, Erice, Marsala and Agrigento, before uncovering the Baroque treasures of Ragusa, Noto and Syracuse. From historic landmarks and UNESCO World Heritage Sites to local wines, authentic cuisine and the dramatic landscapes of Mount Etna, this journey offers an unforgettable blend of culture, history, gastronomy and breathtaking scenery.



GUARANTEED
DEPARTURES



VARIED GROUP
SIZES



SUSTAINABLE
TRAVEL



ENGLISH-ONLY
EXPERT GUIDES



HANDPICKED
CENTRAL HOTELS



AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCES



✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period

✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind

✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support

✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices

✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited

✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 10-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Flight from Rome to Palermo included
- Transportation by deluxe coach
- Daily breakfast
- Wine tasting with light lunch in Marsala
- Guided tour of the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel
- Guided tours in Palermo and Agrigento
- Explore the Baroque architecture of Ragusa Ibla, Noto and Siracusa, and medieval village of Erice
- Skip-the-Line Access, Entrance tickets to the Valley of Temples and Cathedral of Monreale
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Rome

Welcome to Rome! After meet at the airport your driver, you will be transferred to your hotel Enjoy on your own the rest of the day.

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



Day 2

Rome

After breakfast, pick up at the hotel at 07:45 am approximately ly and reach the archaeological area with our driver. Get ready for an unforgettable archaeological adventure in Rome, and make sure to have comfortable shoes handy!

Walk inside the Flavian Amphitheatre, seeing the places where the Ancient Romans used to watch a variety of events, such as gladiatorial shows or staged animal hunts, and learn more about the way Romans used to enjoy their leisure time.

Stroll around the Palatine Hill, the place where Rome was founded and where Roman emperors used to live: the view is spectacular from here, so get your camera ready for some perfect shots from above! Also reach the Roman Forum, the pulsating heart of ancient Roman life, to see some very well preserved ruins of that time: let the tour guide take you back in time and try to imagine how it was like to be a Roman citizen. Free time in the late after noon and return to your hotel by your own.

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

Breakfast



Rome

After breakfast, begin your morning with an included “Skip the Line” tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter’s Square. Discover the Galleries of Tapestries and Maps, Raphael’s Rooms, and Michelangelo’s masterpiece in the Sistine Chapel. The visit ends in St. Peter’s Square, where you can view the Basilica’s majestic exterior.

Spend the rest of the day at your own pace.

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

Breakfast, Dinner



Rome

After breakfast, the entire day is yours to enjoy as you wish. Take the opportunity to experience more of the Eternal City, wandering through Rome’s charming streets and discovering the unique atmosphere of neighbourhoods such as Trastevere or Monti.

Make your day even more special by choosing from our selection of optional experiences, available at an additional cost and upon reservation.

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

Breakfast



Day **5**

Rome Palermo

After breakfast, at the scheduled time, meet the driver for the transfer to Rome Fiumicino Airport and **board your included flight to Palermo**. Upon arrival in Sicily, transfer to the hotel and check in.

In the late afternoon, meet your tour leader for a welcome briefing and an introduction to the journey ahead. In the evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel and relax before beginning your Sicilian adventure.

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

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **6**

Palermo Monreale 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 some shopping of 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, columns and mosaics - with an incredible mix of influences coming from several dominations on the island. Enjoy free time in the late afternoon and return to the hotel for dinner.

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

Breakfast, Dinner



MONREALE CATHEDRAL

Day **7**

Palermo Erice Marsala Agrigento

Early breakfast and departure to Erice, a medieval village stacked into the side of Monte San Giuliano. Many say that little has changed in the village since the sixth century, and its labyrinth-like twist of lanes is perfect for a cool and pleasant morning amble.

Afterwards, set off to Marsala, whose lands are known for its Marsala wine. Take part in a sensorial experience, visit a traditional tavern and taste regional wine and products during a light but unforgettable lunch.

Return to your coach and travel to Agrigento, the final destination of the day. Visit Ancient Greek monuments and ruins at the Valley of Temples (entrance included) - a UNESCO World Heritage site - and learn about archaeological relics like the Classical Temple of Concord the Temple of Hercules; the Temple of Jupiter, one of the largest Doric-style buildings.

Check in to your hotel in the evening and enjoy dinner.

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

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **8**

Agrigento Ragusa Ibla Ragusa

Breakfast at the hotel and travel to Ragusa and visit of the enchanting historical centre “Ibla”, with its stunning baroque palaces and churches; together with other seven cities in the Val di Noto, Ragusa is listed among the UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Visit the old gate of San Giorgio, the Giardini Iblei and then walk to Piazza Pola, and visit the church of San Giuseppe: a little gem. 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!

Check in and enjoy your dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Ragusa at **Poggio Del Sole Resort** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **9**

Ragusa Noto Siracusa Taormina

Breakfast at the hotel and travel to Noto, a picturesque fishing town popular for its stately Baroque architecture. Visit Cathedral of San Nicolò, recently restored after a earthquake, and then have a nice walk in the town's centre.

Continue along the south coast to Syracuse, on Sicily's southeastern tip. Arrived in Syracuse, cross one of the city's bridges for a visit to the island of Ortygia - the most ancient part of Syracuse - home to a wealth of Baroque churches and medieval palaces. In the late afternoon arrive in Taormina, check in to your hotel and enjoy dinner

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

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 10 Taormina Mount Etna Taormina

Breakfast at your centrally located 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 (1800 m).

After, return to Taormina, the beautiful and romantic town located 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** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 11 Taormina

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

Transfer to the airport of Catania and Arrivederci!

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

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.



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.



Poggio del Sole Resort

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.



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

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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