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with Optional 3-Night Rome Post Tour Extension

October 4 – 16, 2024



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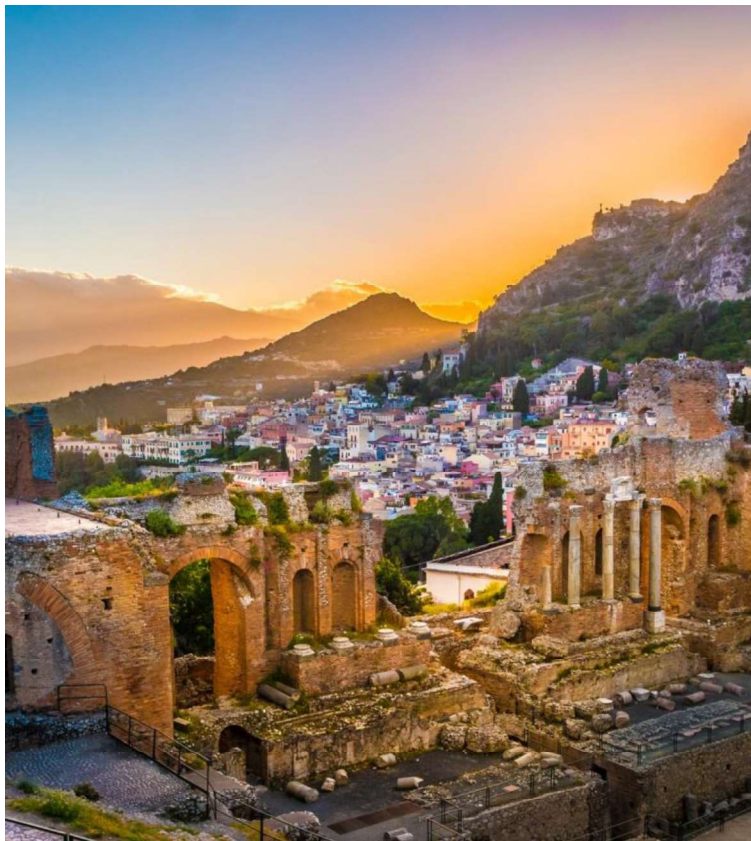
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13 Days • 20 Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 8 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Palermo, Cefalù, Monreale, Choice on Tour: Monreale Cathedrals' Cloisters or Monreale Cathedrals' Terraces, Agrigento, Valley of the Temples, Piazza Armerina, Giardini Naxos, Taormina, Winery Tour & Tasting, Matera, Sorrento, Positano, Pompeii

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	NH Palermo, Palermo
Days 4, 5	Baia di Ulisse , Agrigento
Days 6, 7	Una Hotel Naxos Beach Sicilia, Giardini Naxos
Days 8, 9	UNA MH Matera Hotel, Matera
Days 10, 11	Hotel Michelangelo, Sorrento
Day 12	Radisson Blu GHR, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Friday, October 4, 2024 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.

Day 2: Saturday, October 5, 2024 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 gritty, unshakable spirit and captivating energy. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. (D)

Day 3: Sunday, October 6, 2024 Palermo - Cefalù - Palermo This morning, set off for the stunning seaside town of Cefalù on Sicily's northern coast. Stroll the charming medieval streets with a local guide and visit the city's impressive cathedral showcasing Norman architecture. Next, journey to a family-owned farmhouse, picturesquely set in the surrounding hills. Meet the owners and discover what a typical day on a Sicilian farm is like. Later, sit back and tuck into a hearty farm-to-table dinner, made with family recipes. (B, D)

Day 4: Monday, October 7, 2024 Palermo - Monreale - Agrigento Begin the day with a walking tour of Palermo's old town. Uncover cobblestoned piazzas and ornate buildings, many worn by time and conflict. Visit hilltop 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. This afternoon relax aboard your bus as you travel over rolling hills and peaceful farmland to Sicily's southern coast for a relaxing 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 5: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 Agrigento - Valley of the Temples Step back 25 centuries and delve into ancient Greek history for a visit of the stunning Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), one of the world's most esteemed archeological site. Get an up-close view of the temples of Juno, Concordia, and Hercules during an extensive walking tour of this vast archeological site. The afternoon is yours to relax. Perhaps you'll venture into Agrigento's old town or stroll along the beach close to your hotel, taking in the glittering Mediterranean Sea. This evening, pause for dinner at a local restaurant and an evening view of the illuminated Valley of the Temples. (B, D)

Day 6: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 Agrigento - Piazza Armerina - Giardini Naxos Venture deep into Sicily's countryside to Piazza Armerina, home of the ancient Villa Romana del Casale (UNESCO) and explore the site with an expert insider for a locally guided tour of its impressive mosaics. In the afternoon, journey east to Sicily's Ionian Coast and to Giardini Naxos – the “garden of Sicily” – for your 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 7: Thursday, October 10, 2024 Giardini Naxos - Taormina - Giardini Naxos This morning, explore beautiful Taormina, home to ancient relics, rocky hills, and charming gardens. With an expert local guide, you'll stroll the lively pedestrianized main street, see the imposing Corvaja Palace and climb to the city's well-preserved Greek theatre. The afternoon is yours to explore more of this hillside resort or opt to see Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. During this optional tour, stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks. This evening let traditional Sicilian melodies fill the air during an optional Sicilian dinner with musical accompaniment. (B)

Day 8: Friday, October 11, 2024 Giardini Naxos - Matera Take a short ferry ride to Villa San Giovanni, located on Italy's mainland. During your full day bus transfer, pass through the unspoiled region of Calabria to the Basilicata region. Wander through the twisting



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IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

vines of a local winery before touring the cellar for a tasting. Linger over regional cuisine at dinner in the winery's *agriturismo* restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Saturday, October 12, 2024 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. The afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps you'll join an optional tour to Alberobello (UNESCO) in the nearby region of Puglia. Here, marvel at the town's whimsical *trulli* homes, known for their distinct, cone-shaped roofs. (B, D)

Day 10: Sunday, October 13, 2024 Matera - Sorrento After a stop at a sustainable buffalo dairy farm* for a taste of freshly made mozzarella and a peek into the history of this iconic cheese, arrive in Sorrento where you'll settle in for a 2-night stay.** Later this afternoon, discover this charming seaside town during a walking tour and learn about the local tradition of wood marquetry. (B, L)

Day 11: Monday, October 14, 2024 Sorrento - Positano - Sorrento

This morning, take in the sights and colors of the Mediterranean Sea as you sail*** along the initial stretch of 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. (B)

Day 12: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 Sorrento - Pompeii - Rome

Journey north to Rome. En route, experience the 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. An afternoon-long transfer leads to Rome where you arrive in the early evening. Celebrate the end of your journey with a delightful farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 13: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 Rome - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

Experience It! The Valley of the Temples

Travel to the Valley of the Temples, in Agrigento, Sicily, where you'll see some of the best preserved ruins of ancient Greece. Among the countryside full of blooming almond trees are wonderful ruins of the temples that, in the course of time, kept intact their architectural magnificence. Seven major temples are found in this valley. The temples have a Doric style, with six majestic columns on the front side, except for the Temple of Olympian Zeus. The most impressive is the Temple of Concordia, built in 440 B.C. It is nearly perfectly preserved and has continued to be used over time. Come see why the Greeks chose this site on a cliff a few miles from the ocean.

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For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit

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PLEASE NOTE:

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

*The mozzarella production takes place at nighttime, ending prior to your visit. Therefore, travelers will not see the production in process.

**Select groups may be accommodated in one of Sorrento's neighboring towns along the Sorrentine Peninsula.

***The ferry to Positano is subject to weather conditions and operates between April 1 and October 31, yearly. In case of adverse sea conditions or if travelling to Sorrento between November 1 and March 31, the boat ride will be replaced by a bus transfer to Positano. Travelers prone to seasickness should take proper precautions.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices. This comprehensive tour features multiple long bus transfers exceeding 3 hours. In particular, the transfers from Palermo to Agrigento and from Agrigento to Giardini Naxos require 4-plus hours of driving. The full-day transfer from Giardini Naxos to Matera is 7-plus hours of driving and the transfer from Matera to Sorrento is 5-plus hours in length. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Palermo, Cefalù, Monreale, Taormina, Matera and Sorrento, which all require the ability to walk up and down hills on narrow, cobblestoned streets and stairs. The archeological sites of the Valley of the Temples and Pompeii cover several square miles and require extensive walking over uneven, often unpaved terrain with gravel and loose stones. For your comfort, we recommend bringing comfortable walking shoes.



If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Our air passengers will depart from Rome airport.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of January 29, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 05, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until February 05, 2024.

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BOOKING NUMBER: 1220504

TOUR: Southern Italy & Sicily featuring Taormina,
 Matera and the Amalfi Coast

DEPARTURE DATE: October 4, 2024

GROUP NAME: WTMJ

Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Giardini Naxos

The Flavors of Sicily

\$90 USD

Linger over an exquisite four-course meal while traditional Sicilian melodies fill the air. Join us on your free evening for an unforgettable dinner at a popular local restaurant. Your evening begins with a typical Italian antipasto and continues with a variety of local specialties and fine Sicilian wines. Delight in the lively music performed by talented local musicians who are sure to have you clapping and singing along. Sit back and savor the flavors of Sicily during a fun-filled evening with true Italian ambiance and local cuisine. *Duration: Approximately 2.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Mount Etna Offroad Adventure

\$60 USD

See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. Stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the afternoon exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks before returning to your hotel in Giardini Naxos in the early evening. This option must be booked no later than 30 days prior to departure. Please note that you will reach an elevation of approximately 6,500 feet (2,000 meters) above sea level. *Duration: Approximately 5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Matera

Alberobello's Fanciful Trulli

\$65 USD

Journey to Puglia, Italy's bread-basket region. In the company of an expert local guide, explore fanciful Alberobello, a whimsical, UNESCO-protected city that hosts a collection of cone-shaped trulli homes. Enjoy some free time to meander through a labyrinth of these gnomish houses, sometimes featuring symbols with superstitious connotations before returning to Matera in the early evening. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
 (Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print EXACTLY as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	The Flavors of Sicily	90.00
	Mount Etna Offroad Adventure <i>This option must be booked no later than 30 days prior to departure. Please note that you will reach an elevation of approximately 6,500 feet (2,000 meters) above sea level.</i>	60.00
	Alberobello's Fanciful Trulli	65.00

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4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts • 1 Dinner

Day 13: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 Rome - Extension Begins

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Classical Rome, leading you through the Eternal City's most iconic monuments. Walk over cobblestone streets and weathered passageways to discover famous sights such as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and Piazza Navona, one of Rome's most breathtaking Baroque piazzas. Then, tread in the footsteps of ancient gladiators during an in-depth visit of the Colosseum. The evening is yours. Perhaps you'll stroll to the top of the Spanish Steps for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's lively Monti district to soak in the local life. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 14: Thursday, October 17, 2024 Rome - Vatican City - Rome

Early this morning join an expert local guide for a visit of the Vatican Museums* and St. Peter's Basilica, including the world-famous Sistine Chapel where Michelangelo's Last Judgement fresco is situated. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll explore Rome's bohemian Trastevere district and wander through its maze-like, ivy-clung streets. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 15: Friday, October 18, 2024 Rome

The day is yours to explore Rome's cultural treasures. Perhaps you'll wander through one of Rome's many museums, such as the Capitoline or stroll the Avenue of the Imperial Forum. Your tour manager will be on hand to offer more suggestions. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner and toast to new friends and memories made during your time in Rome! Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 16: Saturday, October 19, 2024 Rome – Tour Ends

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

The space on this extension is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Applicable charges may apply at time of request.

*The Vatican Museums may operate on a different day on select departures due to availability of reservations and closure on Sundays and holidays.

Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

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We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 15 passengers is not met to operate.

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