

BEST OF AMALFI & SICILY from Rome

Multilingual Tour - 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

(SEMI-ESCORTED TOUR FROM ROME TO AMALFI – ESCORTED TOUR in SICILY)

OPERATED ON SATURDAY FROM APRIL TO OCTOBER 2021											
APRIL	10	17	24			AUGUST	7	14	21	28	
MAY	1	8	15	22	29	SEPTEMBER	4	11	18	25	
JUNE	5	12	19	26		OCTOBER	2	9	16		
JULY	3	10	17	24	31						
AVAILABILITY: ON REQUEST						RELEASE: ON REQUEST					
HOTEL											
CITY	HOTEL										
AMALFI	G. H. EXCELSIOR / PALAZZO FERRAIOLI / LA BUSSOLA										4* O SIMILAR
PALERMO	MERCURE PALERMO CENTRO / IBIS STYLE PALERMO CRISTAL										4* O SIMILAR
CATANIA	IL PRINCIPE HOTEL / ROMANO HOUSE HOTEL										4* O SIMILAR

ITINERARY: ROME – NAPLES – POMPEII – AMALFI (2 nights) – NAPLES – FERRY TO PALERMO (1 night) – PALERMO (2 nights) – MONREALE – CEFALU – CATANIA (2 nights) – ETNA – TAORMINA - CATANIA

DAY 1 - SATURDAY

ROME – NAPLES – POMPEII – AMALFI

Departure from Destination Italia Sightseeing office at 7:30 a.m. (pick-up can be arranged from hotels in Rome centrally located). Upon arrival in Naples, walk around the city centre, discovering Piazza del Plebiscito, Palazzo Reale, Galleria Umberto I and Teatro San Carlo. Lunch in a local restaurant to taste authentic Neapolitan pizza. Proceed to Pompeii for the guided tour of the archaeological excavations. This ancient Roman city was destroyed when Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD and buried it, preserving it under a sea of volcanic ash for nearly 1700 years. Enjoy a stop in a cameos and coral shop. Transfer to Amalfi, the main city of the Amalfi Coast.

Check-in at the hotel, dinner at leisure and overnight stay.

DAY 2 - SUNDAY

AMALFI

Breakfast in the hotel. Day at leisure for exploring the beauty of the area. Possibility to add optional tours to visit the Amalfi Coast, one of the most enchanting places in Italy, with its mountains dropping sheer to the sea, picturesque villages and breathtaking landscapes.

Dinner at leisure and overnight stay.

DAY 3 - MONDAY

AMALFI – NAPLES – FERRY TO PALERMO

Breakfast in the hotel. In the morning free time in Amalfi. Transfer from Amalfi to Naples harbour to board your night ferry to Palermo. Overnight on board.

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Day 4 – TUESDAY

PALERMO

Arrive in Palermo and private transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. In the evening you will meet our tour-leader and your travel companions and enjoy a welcome dinner. Overnight in hotel.

Day 5 – WEDNESDAY

MONREALE - PALERMO

After breakfast in hotel, the morning will be spent visiting Monreale, its huge Norman Cathedral, proclaimed the Eighth Wonder of the World, and its splendid Cloister in Arab-Norman style: admirable masterpiece of art, sculpture, and semi-precious stones marquetry! Later you will discover the stunning Palermo, one of the richest towns in the island for its history and art. Palermo stands on a bay dominated by Mount Pellegrino, a headland described by Goethe as the loveliest he had ever seen. While the Baroque predominates, there is a profusion of different architectural styles reflecting the city's multicultural past: Punic walls, Art Nouveau villas, noble residences, 17th century squares, including an elegant opera house. Visit of the wonderful eclectic Cathedral, the astonishing Martorana Church and the amazing Cappella Palatina, admirable example from an historical and an artistic point of view, and a prove of how different cultures, religions and way of thinking apparently incompatible can coexist. Ruggero II employed Bizantyne, Muslim and Latin workers. During the day, you will have a stop for a surprise to taste the local street food in the famous Antica Focacceria San Francesco. Free time for lunch. Along the path you will admire the famous Teatro Massimo and the debated fountain in Pretoria Square, situated in the ancient Kalsa area and adorned with 16th century sculptures. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 6 – THURSDAY

CEFALU' - CATANIA

After breakfast transfer to Cefalù, charming Medieval town situated at the northern coast of Sicily. Visit of its stunning Norman Dome and free time to stroll through the town or to visit the famous and well-known Mandralisca Museum. Arrival in Catania and free time for lunch. Later on the tour will continue visiting Catania's historical centre stated Unesco World Heritage Site, with its original Baroque style and its unique streets built with black lava stone. The colour scheme of the city-centre buildings is black and dark grey, relieved with white limestone details around doors and windows. The effect is extremely elegant! The walking tour will start from the scenic Duomo square with its magnificent Cathedral and the famous "Liotru" statue, antique lava-stone elephant, symbol of the city. Not far from here we will reach University Square and we will have a walk along the splendid baroque Via dei Crociferi, the most representative 18th century street in Catania, where we will admire the famous S. Benedict Monastery, Unesco World Heritage Site. Continuing the visit enjoy a break in a historical bar of the city centre to taste the typical "granita & brioche". Dinner at the hotel or in a restaurant nearby and overnight.

Day 7 – FRIDAY

ETNA VOLCANO – TAORMINA

This morning after a short visit of the famous "pescheria" (the ancient fish market) in Catania, the tour will continue with an excursion to the Mount Etna, the highest (c. 3350m) volcano in Europe and one of the largest and most active in the world, nowadays Unesco World Heritage Site. Its regional park protects 59.000 hectares of unique geology, flora and fauna, villages and farms, and traditional methods of forestry, bee-keeping, wine manufacture, stonework and carpentry. Views of stunning landscapes will amaze you heading to Rifugio Sapienza. You will reach the "Crateri Silvestri", small volcanic cones now inactive, surrounded by ancient lava flows. The view beyond the mountain's hundreds of subsidiary cones and craters, can extend across the whole of Sicily, the Aeolian islands and Calabria. The spectacle is unique! You will have a stop to enjoy the local homemade honey and some typical products of the area. The tour continues towards Taormina, charming town renowned for its magnificent position above the sea commanding a celebrated view of Etna. Free time for lunch and in the afternoon visit of Taormina's

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fascinating Greek theatre which will leave you breathless for its commanding view on Giardini Naxos bay and the Etna mountain! Free time for a nice walk among the picturesque Medieval typical narrow streets, to go shopping and looking around the local handicrafts (coral jewels, precious laces, ceramics, pastries and much more). The day will end with an overview of the beautiful Riviera dei Ciclopi. Back to the hotel in Catania for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 – Saturday

CATANIA

Our tour ends today. Breakfast in hotel and end of our services.

ASSISTANT DURING THE WHOLE TOUR WILL BE PROVIDED BUT NOT IN AMALFI AND ON DAY 3 AND DAY 4 (until the meeting with our tour leader and the rest of the group at the Hotel in Palermo)

GROSS RATES PER PERSON				
APRIL / MAY / JUNE / OCTOBER				
DBL	SGL	TRIPLE		
€ 1382,00	€ 2035,00	ON REQUEST		
JULY / AUGUST / SEPTEMBER				
DBL	SGL	TRIPLE		
€ 1422,00	€ 2115,00	ON REQUEST		
	- CITY TAX NOT INCLUDED AND TO BE PAID DIRECTLY ON THE SPOT - ONLY 1 SUITECASE (ANY SIZE) + 1 HAND-BAG PER PERSON ALLOWED			

RATES INCLUDE:

AMALFI COAST:

- 2 nights in a 4* hotel in Amalfi
- 2 American breakfasts
- 1 lunch to taste a Neapolitan pizza (drinks not included)
- Walk around Naples
- Guided tour of the archaeological site of Pompeii
- Transportation by air conditioned bus
- Multilingual tours in English – Spanish - French
- Private transfer from Hotel in Amalfi to the Port of Naples
- Night ferry from Naples to Palermo (room only) with overnight stay in internal cabin

SICILY:

- Private transfer from Palermo Harbour to the Hotel in Palermo
- Multilingual Tour leader and professional travel guide (English, Italian or Spanish) for the whole tour, from the evening of the 1st day to the evening of the 8th day, local guides or audio-guides where necessary
- Deluxe bus form day 2 to day 4
- Whisper kit
- Accommodation in charming 4 stars hotels mostly located in the city centre, international breakfast

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included.

- 4 dinners in hotels or local restaurants (dinner – 3 main courses fixed menu , beverages not included) to have a taste of Sicilian and Italian cuisine.
- Visit of the main suggestive Unesco World Heritage Sites: Monreale, Palermo, Cefalù, Catania city centre, Etna.
- Tasting of Sicilian typical products: Palermo (day 2) tasting of local street food; Catania (day 3) tasting of Sicilian “granita & brioche”; Etna (day 4) visit of a beekeeping honey company and honey tasting.

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Transfer out in Sicily
- Beverages
- Entrance fees at monuments/museums in Sicily *
- City taxes (where compulsory)
- Tips and extras in general
- Anything not specified under “Rates include”

***EXTRA FEES ENTRANCES IN SICILY (subject to changes):**

- Monreale Cathedral € 4,00 p.p.
- Monreale Cloister € 6,00 p.p.
- Palermo Cappella Palatina € 12,00 p.p.
- Palermo Martorana Church € 2,00 p.p.
- Taormina Greek theatre € 10,00 p.p.

THE PICK-UP / DROP-OF TIMES WILL BE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE LOCAL ASSISTANT

FOR ORGANIZATIONAL REASONS OR DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE THE ITINERARY MAY BE MODIFIED