

PREMIUM

11D8N SOUTH ITALY, SICILY + MALTA

TOUR CODE: ECTISW

Venture to the uncommon territories in Italy for an extraordinary escapade, where the wonders of nature and history will leave you exhilarated and inspired.

AZURE WINDOW, GOZO ISLAND, MALTA



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HIGHLIGHTS

SOUTH ITALY

ROME

- Trevi Fountain
- Bocca della Verità (Mouth of Truth)
- Piazza Navona
- Spanish Steps

SORRENTO

- Piazza Tasso
- Chiesa di San Francesco
- Via di San Cesareo

CAPRI

- Capri Village
- Blue Grotto

SICILY

PALERMO

- Piazza Bellini
- Church of the Immaculate Conception

MONREALE

- Norman Cathedral

AGRIGENTO

- Valley of Temples

TAORMINA

- Greek-Roman Theatre
- Corso Umberto I

SYRACUSE

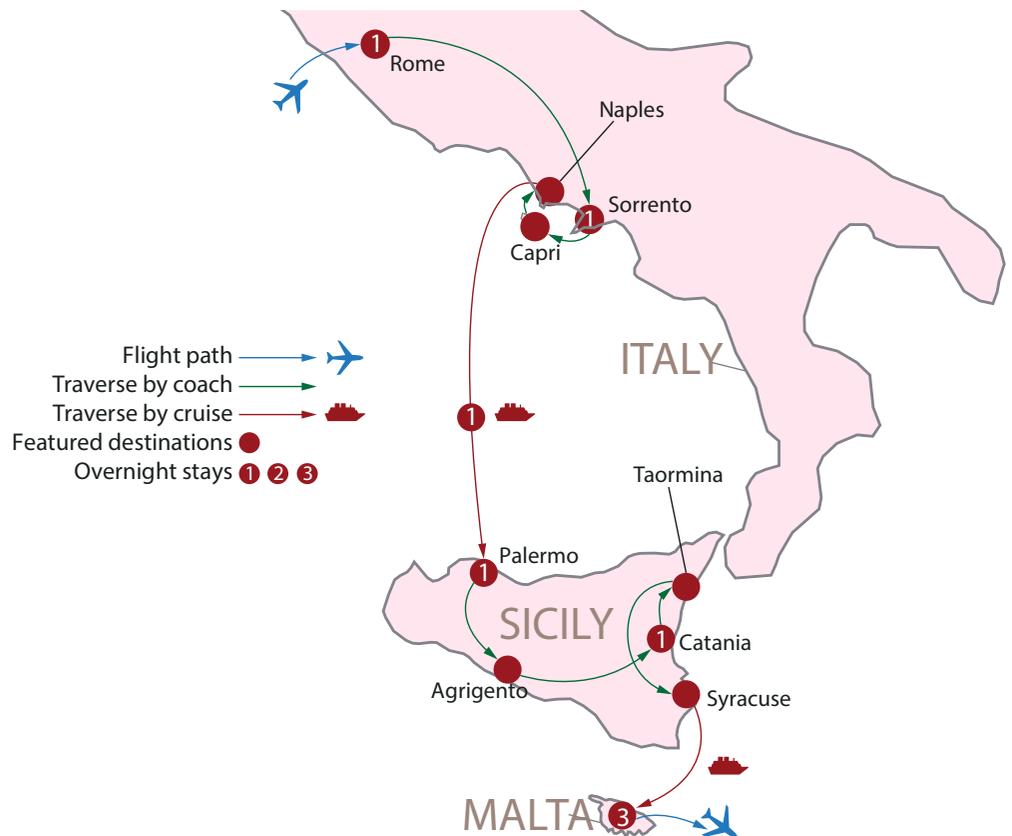
- Shrine of Our Lady of Tears

MALTA

VALLETTA

- Co-Cathedral of St. John
- Upper Barrakka Gardens

MDINA



SPECIAL

Overnight ferry experience from Naples to Sicily

DAY 1

HOME ► ROME

Meals on Board

Assemble at the airport and depart for the capital city of Italy, **Rome**.

DAY 2

ROME

Meals on Board, Dinner

Enjoy a novel side to Rome as you explore the more unconventional attractions. Marvel at the masterpiece of **Trevi Fountain**, the city's largest Baroque fountain. Next, see the legendary **Bocca della Verità**, also known as the Mouth of Truth, and put your courage to the test by placing your hand in. Make sure to stop by the **Piazza Navona**, a veritable showcase of ornate fountains and baroque mansions, and view its main attraction – the **Fountain of the Four Rivers**. Last but not least, view the majestic **Spanish Steps** and the equally famous **Barcaccia Fountain** located at its foot.

DAY 3

ROME ► SORRENTO

Breakfast, Dinner

Start off with an orientation tour of **Sorrento** and visit its iconic attractions – **Piazza Tasso square**, **Chiesa di San Francesco church** and shopping street **Via di San Cesareo**. You may also wish to make an optional trip to **Pompeii** to enjoy a guided tour of its archaeological sites and find out how this ancient Roman civilization was buried following the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. Explore the well-preserved city, including buildings, temples and other structures with their contents inside fully intact, as they offer you a glimpse of the fascinating day-to-day lives of the citizens during the ancient times. *Optional: Historical Pompeii*

DAY 4

SORRENTO ► CAPRI ► NAPLES ► SICILY

Breakfast, Lunch

Explore the rugged beauty of the **Isle of Capri** through the city tour and their natural geological landscapes of caves, caverns, cliffs and peaks. Take a boat tour to check out the **Blue Grotto**, a renowned lagoon where the sunlight reflects off the limestone floor and walls, casting a brilliant shade of turquoise blue throughout the cave's waters. Thereafter, board on an overnight cruise which will take you to the largest island in the Mediterranean, **Sicily Island**.

Note: It is not possible to guarantee ahead of time and with certainty if the grotto will be open or closed. In event of rough or high seas, it is impossible to access the cave.

DELICACIES

Meal Plan

8 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 4 Dinners

4★ HOTELS

ROME Holiday Inn

NAPLES Holiday Inn

PALERMO Astoria Palace

CATANIA UNA Palace

MALTA Golden Tulip

**Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered similar accommodations as stated in this list.*

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AGRIGENTO, SICILY

DAY 5 PALERMO

Breakfast, Dinner

Depart for **Palermo city** and embark on a guided sightseeing tour, where you can take in the sights of **Piazza Bellini**, the bustling local market **Mercato di Capo**, the **Church of the Immaculate Conception** and its exquisite baroque architecture and the remarkable exterior of the Cathedral. Then, make your way to **Monreale** for a panoramic view at the **Conca d'Oro** and also drop by the **Norman Cathedral** for a view of their glorious gold mosaics.

DAY 6 PALERMO > AGRIGENTO > CATANIA

Breakfast, Dinner

Go on a guided tour through the breathtaking **Valley of the Temples in Agrigento**; be awed by one of the most outstanding monuments of ancient Greek – a magnificent row of **Doric temples** supported by massive columns and pillars which opens up to the sky. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the ancient Mediterranean city remains largely intact and well-preserved with 24 centuries of history.

DAY 7 CATANIA > TAORMINA > SYRACUSE > MALTA

Breakfast, Lunch

Brighten your morning with a visit to the charming hilltop town of **Taormina** that overlooks the **Ionian Sea**. Make your way to

the Greek-Roman Theatre, whose damage during the wars afforded visitors a panoramic view of the seaside bays. Take a leisure stroll along the **Corso Umberto I**, the busy main street of Taormina where you can indulge in some shopping. Then, head to **Syracuse** to visit the sacred **Shrine of Our Lady of Tears**, within which you can find a small plaster image of the Madonna that was rumoured to have emanated tears in 1953. Proceed to **Malta** by ferry for your night's stay.

DAY 8 MALTA > VALLETTA > MDINA > MALTA

Breakfast, Lunch

Jumpstart your day with a tour of capital city **Valletta**, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its long and eventful history. Despite its small size, it is one of the densest historic areas, holding all 320 monuments from the numerous era of rulers. Enjoy a leisure walk to see the sights of the **Co-Cathedral of St. John** and the beautiful **Upper Barrakka Gardens**. Next, make a trip to **Mdina** and embark on a city tour of 'the noble city' with its impressive palaces and baroque architecture.

DAY 9 MALTA > GOZO ISLAND (OPTIONAL)

Breakfast

Enjoy the day free at leisure to do some shopping or sightseeing at your pleasure. You may wish to take an optional day excursion to Gozo Island. It include a ferry trip to the **Gozo Island** to visit its capital, **Victoria**.

Visit iconic attractions such as the **Azure Window**, a towering limestone arch over the sea and the **Calypso Cave**, which according to Maltese tradition was where the nymph Calypso kept Odysseus as his prisoner. Move on to the **Ggantija Temples**, the oldest free standing structures dating back to 3600-3000 BC.

Optional: Gozo Island

DAY 10 MALTA > HOME

Breakfast

Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home.

DAY 11 HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your vacation with our company and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

Suggested Excursions:

Additional activities that complement your holidays will be at your own discretion and is entirely optional.

**minimum group size may apply*

- Historical Pompeii: €49
- Gozo Island: €89 / €79

Tipping Guideline: (based on 11D8N)

- €77 per person

Note:

- A minimum group size of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- Activities are subject to prevailing weather conditions.
- During major events, accommodation may be re-located to outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.