

Rome to Taormina

Rome – Pompeii – Sorrento – Palermo – Marsala – Catania – Ragusa – Taormina

12 days/11 nights

Price includes:

- Deluxe coach
- Accommodation in 4-star or 3-star hotels
- Meals as per itinerary
- Panoramic visits as per itinerary
- Portage service for Florence and Venice
- Luggage
– 1 piece per person

Price excludes:

- Air fares
- Passport and visa fees
- Drinks and meals not specified
- Entrance fees to monuments or museums
- Archeological sites in Sicily
- Extra luggage fee euro 10.00 per piece
- Travel insurance
- Optional tours
- Tips

Highlights

The Amalfi coastline runs approximately 25 miles along a thin peninsula between the Bay of Naples and the Gulf of Salerno. The landscape is so precipitous, you have to wonder how ancient engineers thought they could build here. They did so by perfecting the concept of a cascading town. Like a waterfall, peach and pink stucco buildings descend to the shore, with more elaborate buildings near the bottom.

Day 1 – Rome

Independent arrival at your hotel in Rome. Overnight stay in Rome.

Day 2 – Rome – Naples – Pompeii – Sorrento

After breakfast depart by coach on the 'Sun Route' motorway driving through the regions of Lazio and Campania, where you can admire the view of the Abbey of Montecassino. Upon arrival in Naples there will be a short panoramic city tour of Mergellina, Castel dell'Ovo, Plebiscito Square, the Royal Palace, the

Maschio Angioino and the port. Stop for lunch then continue to Pompeii for a tour of the excavations of the famous Roman city, which was destroyed by the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Continue on to Sorrento for dinner and overnight stay. (B & D)

Day 3 – Sorrento – Capri – Sorrento

After breakfast transfer to the port for a boat ride to the Island of Capri. Weather and sea conditions permitting, visit the Blue Grotto. After lunch time at leisure



to explore more of Capri before returning to Sorrento. Dinner and Overnight stay. (B & D)

Day 4 – Sorrento – Palermo

After breakfast free time to explore Sorrento before departing for the port to board our boat for Palermo. Overnight on board. (B)

Day 5 – Palermo

Transfer to your hotel. Dinner and overnight stay. (B & D)

Day 6 – Palermo – Monreale – Palermo

After breakfast join us for a walking tour of the town of Palermo. Visit the Palatine Chapel, the Cathedral of Palermo, continue to Monreale to visit the Cathedral and its Cloister. Afternoon is free for you to enjoy more of the Sicilian capital or take an optional excursion to Cefalù, where you can visit the famous Cathedral and Castelbuono, a beautiful village on the Madonie mountains. Return to Palermo for dinner and overnight stay. (B & D)

Day 7 – Palermo – Segesta – Erice – Marsala

After breakfast depart for Segesta to visit the Doric Temple, situated on a hill and surrounded by beautiful landscape. Continue on to the medieval village of Erice with its stony narrow streets. After lunch continue on to Trapani to view the salt windmills and then to Marsala for a taste of the well-known Marsala wine. Complete the day with a special dinner. Overnight stay in Marsala. (B & D)

Day 8 – Marsala – Agrigento – Piazza Armerina – Catania

After breakfast depart for Agrigento to visit the amazing Valley of the Temples. Continue to Piazza Armerina where you will have time for lunch. Afternoon at your leisure to visit the Roman Villa del Casale renown for its 3500 square metres of well preserved mosaics. Continue on to Catania for dinner and overnight stay. (B & D)

Day 9 – Catania – Syracuse – Ragusa

After breakfast enjoy a morning tour of Catania before departing for Syracuse. Visit the Greek Theatre, the Dyonisios Ear, the Latomie of the Paradise and the historical and Baroque centre situated on

the Ortigia Island. After lunch, depart for Ragusa to visit the historical centre in Ragusa Ibla, then on to a local restaurant for dinner. Overnight stay. (B & D)

Day 10 – Ragusa – Etna – Taormina

After breakfast depart for Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe. Weather permitting, an excursion to an elevation of 1800 meters to view some of the Sylvester Craters. After this memorable experience, stop for lunch at a farmhouse and have a taste of the Etna wine. Continue to Taormina, the pearl of the Mediterranean. Dinner and overnight stay. (B & D)

Day 11 – Taormina

After breakfast, time at your leisure to enjoy the beautiful bay of Naxos or visit the Greek Theatre. After lunch you can take an optional excursion which includes a visit to the village of Savoca, the famous catacombs of the Cappuccini convent and the Bar Vitelli, (which was used for the filming of the “Godfather” in 1971.) Continue for a scenic drive to Forza D’agro’, where we stop for a walking tour of the city. Dinner and overnight stay. (B & D)

Day 12 – Taormina

Breakfast. Self transfer to the airport.

End of Tour

