

FROM \$4,325 PP
TRIP START DATES

2022	2023
APR 16, 23, 30	APR 15, 22, 29
MAY 07, 14, 21, 28	MAY 06, 13, 20, 27
JUN 11, 25	JUN 10, 24
JUL 09, 23	JUL 08, 22
AUG 06, 20	AUG 05, 19
SEP 03, 10, 17, 24	SEP 02, 09, 16, 23, 30
OCT 01, 08	OCT 07



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PRICES AND SPECIAL OFFERS

∧ COUNTRY ROADS
ACTIVITY LEVEL: **BALANCED**

14 DAYS
2 COUNTRIES
20 MEALS
13 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Alberobello: Dine at Trattoria Terra Madre, where owner Alessandro and his nonna have built a restaurant that focuses on sustainability and creating jobs for locals. Everything is grown organically and harvested on site, and excess produce is donated to their community.

INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

Vatican City: Gain priority access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

INSIGHT CHOICE

Capri: Choose to visit the exquisite Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert. Alternatively, indulge with a limoncello tasting, Capri's renowned lemon liqueur.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Welcome Dinner in Rome • Dine-Around options in Taormina Riviera • Celebration Dinner in Palermo.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Travel by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri • Ride an open-top taxi on Capri • Ride a ferry across the Strait of Messina.

Visit the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento • Greek Amphitheatre of Taormina • Palermo Cathedral and Palatine Chapel in Palermo.

City tours of Rome, Pompeii, Isle of Capri, Matera, Alberobello, Taormina, Agrigento and Palermo, all with Local Experts.

COUNTRY ROADS OF SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

"This trip is the perfect combination of must-see places and a discovery of striking, hidden gems that most people have never visited, but that hold the real magic of what genuine southern Italy is like." – Margherita, Travel Director



FARM-TO-TABLE,
ALBEROBELLO

A #MAKETRAVELMATTER
EXPERIENCE



POMPEII



@ALYCIA_PAPDOPOLOS, ALBEROBELLO



DAY 1 WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, renaissance palaces and baroque churches. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 17:30, and get to know your fellow travelers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (DW)

Welcome Piram Hotel, Rome.

DAY 2 ROME WITH THE LOCALS

Rome is about art, antiquity, piazzas and pizza, and our guided walk with a Local Expert has it in abundance. Toss a coin into the spectacular Trevi Fountain, see the Pantheon, the best-preserved monument from the Roman period, and enjoy free time to do as the Romans do.

Perhaps join a tour to discover the incredibly characteristic Roman quarter of Trastevere? (B)

DAY 3 VATICAN, ST. PETER'S BASILICA AND ON TO SORRENTO

Meet your Local Expert for a guided visit through the Vatican Museums, culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Your priority visit includes fast-tracked entry and a behind-the-scenes look at the Bramante Staircase. Continue your visit to St. Peter's Basilica and later, depart for Sorrento. (B)

Hotel Isabella, Sorrento.

DAY 4 CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

Cruise by hydrofoil through the impossibly blue sea to the sun-drenched island of Capri. On arrival, enjoy an escorted ride in an open-top taxi to Capri Town and meet your Local Expert for an orientation walk through narrow alleyways. Explore Capri with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the immaculate Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert and admire the views over Faraglioni Rocks. Alternatively, enjoy a tasting of limoncello, Capri's famous lemon liqueur.

Descend to the port by funicular, before returning to Sorrento where you are at leisure for the rest of the day. (B)

DAY 5 POMPEII AND ALBEROBELLO

With your Local Expert, explore the streets of Pompeii, buried in A.D. 79 by the historic eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

Venture on to Alberobello. (B) (DW)

Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri, Alberobello.

DAY 6 THE TRULLI OF ALBEROBELLO

Relaxed Start. With a Local Expert, admire the Trulli of Alberobello, circular structures with conical roofs, built from limestone and stacked without mortar.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Trattoria Terra Madre. Alessandro, the owner, shares his philosophy of using home-grown organic and seasonal produce. See Nonna making orecchiette pasta during a demonstration, before a delicious four-course, Farm-to-Table Highlight Dinner. (B) (DW)

DAY 7 ALBEROBELLO AT LEISURE

Relaxed Start. The day is free for you to enjoy this fascinating town. Perhaps visit Ostuni with its whitewashed buildings and narrow cobbled streets? (B)

DAY 8 JOURNEY SOUTH TO MATERA

Relaxed Start. Visit Matera with a Local Expert for an in-depth exploration of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sassi. This intricate labyrinth of cave dwellings, churches, staircases and arches was hewn out of the solid rock.

This evening, indulge in a delicious meal at a local restaurant. (B) (DW)

MH Matera Hotel.

DAY 9 TO SICILY AND THE TAORMINA RIVIERA

Travel to the very toe of Italy and board your ferry bound for Sicily, across the Strait of Messina. Join a Local Expert for a visit to the Greek Theater of Taormina, graced with the most spectacular of backdrops.

Take your pick of specially selected restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

RG Naxos Hotel, Taormina.

DAY 10 FREE TIME ON THE TAORMINA RIVIERA

Relaxed Start. The day is at leisure to relax at your resort's private beach. Don't miss the chance of an optional drive through the national park to Mount Etna. (B)

DAY 11 A NEW DAWN IN SICILY

Relaxed Start. Early risers may experience what D.H. Lawrence christened the 'dawn coast of Europe.' The day is free to explore Taormina at your leisure, or to embark on an Optional Experience to Syracuse.

In the evening, venture to a local restaurant for a tasty meal accompanied by wine. (B) (DW)

DAY 12 AGRIGENTO, THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES AND ON TO PALERMO

Drive to Agrigento and walk along the fortified ridge of the Valley of the Temples, with a Local Expert. See the massive Temple of Concord and cliff-top Temple of Juno, overlooking the sea. In the afternoon, continue to the Sicilian capital of Palermo. (B)

NH Palermo.

DAY 13 PALERMO AND THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE NORMANS

Join a historian on a guided walk to see the hidden gems of the old city. Venture inside Palermo Cathedral and see the amazing Palatine Chapel in the Palace of the Normans.


The afternoon is free to explore on your own.

In the evening, join your fellow travelers at a local restaurant for a Celebration Dinner of delicious local cuisine and wine. (B) (DW)


DAY 14 DEPART PALERMO


Your journey draws to an end. Departure transfers arrive at Palermo Falcone-Borsellino Airport at 06:00 and 08:00. (B)

KEY

 Join/Leave Options

 UNESCO Heritage Site

 Central Hotels + Nights

 Scenic Hotels + Nights

 Place Visited


 Optional Place Visited

 Cruise

CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travelers.



 **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Cruise to the glamorous Isle of Capri. *(Photo by @pollonlaura, Day 4, Capri)*



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