

Southern Italy & Sicily

featuring Taormina, Matera and the Amalfi Coast

with optional Post Tour Extension

Highlights...

Palermo • Choices on Tour • Monreale • Agrigento • Valley of the Temples • Taormina • Giardini Naxos • Mt. Etna Volcano • Matera • Sorrento • Amalfi Coast • Pompeii



13 Days • 19 Meals: 11 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 7 Dinners

Collette experiences

- Stand in awe before the ancient Greek theatre in Taormina.
- Tour a vineyard and cellar with an expert guide.
- Experience Mt. Etna Volcano National Park with a local expert.

Must-see inclusions

- Venture along the breathtaking Amalfi Coast.
- Experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius.
- Journey to Sassi di Matera, known for its cave dwellings.

Culinary inclusions

- Sample Sicilian snacks at a popular 19th-century eatery.
- Indulge in a delicious regional dinner inside a winery's *agriturismo* restaurant.
- Sample local specialties at a family-owned limoncello factory.

Day 1: 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: 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 picturesque harbors, cobblestone piazzas, and captivating energy. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Palermo

Get to know "Palermo in a Nutshell" and discover the city's Moorish, Norman, and Spanish architecture on a walking tour. Explore the Kalsa district - home to Mafia legends and lush gardens - before tasting local snacks at a 19th-century eatery. Decide how you spend your afternoon because **it's your choice!** Embark on a walking tour of the historic city center and visit La Martorana church, Fontana Pretoria, and more **-OR-** tour the Teatro Massimo Opera House, the third largest in Europe and seen in *The Godfather Part III*. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 4: Palermo - Optional Excursion

The entire day is yours! Take time to peruse the open-air markets, visit one of Palermo's art galleries, or relax in an outdoor café; the decision is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to medieval Cefalù (UNESCO) with a local guide before visiting a nearby farm for a ricotta cheese demonstration* and farm-to-table meal, made with family recipes. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 5: Palermo - Monreale - Agrigento - Valley of the Temples

Visit the nearby town of Monreale (UNESCO) and wander along the paintings, mosaics, and cloisters of its 12th-century cathedral. Travel over rolling hills and peaceful farmland to the town of Agrigento. As the sun begins to set, explore the stunning Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), one of the world's most esteemed archeological sites, and get an up-close view of the temples of Juno, Concordia, and Hercules. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: Agrigento - Taormina - Giardini Naxos

Set out for beautiful Taormina, home to ancient relics, rocky hills, and charming gardens. With an expert local guide, you'll see Corso Umberto, the verdant public gardens, and the city's well-preserved Greek theatre. Later this afternoon, continue on to Giardini Naxos – the "Garden of Sicily" – for your 2-night stay. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 7: Giardini Naxos - Mt. Etna - Giardini Naxos

Journey east to Sicily's Ionian Coast. En route, discover the impressive Mt. Etna (UNESCO) Volcano National Park where a local expert introduces you to the park's spectacular landscapes sculpted by nature. Enjoy free time to relax or independently explore on your own. Return to Giardini Naxos for the evening. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 8: Giardini Naxos - Matera

Take a short ferry ride to Villa San Giovanni, located on Italy's mainland. Pass through the unspoiled region of Calabria to the Basilicata region. Wander through the twisting vines of a local winery before joining an expert for a tour of the cellar with a tasting. Linger over regional cuisine at dinner in the winery's restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 9: Matera - Alberobello - 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. This afternoon decide how you explore because **it's your choice!** Discover more of Matera with a guided tour of an underground cistern followed by free time to browse the city's stores and cave churches **-OR-** head to Alberobello (UNESCO) and marvel at the town's whimsical *trulli* homes,

known for their distinct, cone-shaped roofs. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 10: Matera - Sorrento

After a stop in Vietri sul Mare, famous for its precious majolica pottery, 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. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 11: Sorrento - Amalfi Coast Drive - Sorrento

This morning, take in the sights and colors of the Mediterranean Sea as you wind your way along 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 to sample regional specialties at a family-owned limoncello factory, before returning to Sorrento for an afternoon at leisure. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 12: 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. Later, check in to your hotel located close to Fiumicino Airport. This evening, celebrate the end of your journey with a delightful farewell dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 13: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

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. At night the illuminated temple is a sight to behold. Come see why the Greeks chose this site on a cliff a few miles from the ocean. Experience the beautiful ocean view and the soft, cool breezes.

Your itinerary at a glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Hotel NH, Palermo or Hotel Garibaldi, Palermo
Day 5	Baia di Ulisse Hotel, Agrigento
Days 6, 7	Hellenia Yachting Hotel, Giardini Naxos or Una Hotel Naxos Beach Sicilia, Giardini Naxos
Days 8, 9	MH Matera Hotel, Matera
Days 10, 11	Hotel Michelangelo, Sorrento
Day 12	Shangri-la Hotel, Rome
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

Collette's Flagship: Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

Please Note:

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

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

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.

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

*The ricotta demonstration may not be available while sheep are nurturing their young.

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.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. 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 our clients traveling abroad 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 after January 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, 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/>

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 (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Palermo, Taormina and Matera, which all require the ability to walk up and down hill on narrow, cobblestoned streets and stairs. For your comfort, we recommend bringing comfortable walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

Extend your vacation with...

Optional 3 Days 2-Night Rome Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$999.00 per person, double, land only

3 Meals: 2 breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 13: Rome - Extension Begins

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Classical Rome, leading you through the Eternal City's most iconic monuments. Begin your exploration with an in-depth visit to the Colosseum. Hear the distant echoes of 45,000 cheering spectators when you visit the Colosseum, the site of legendary gladiator contests. Walk up the steps that millions have before you, marveling at the ingenuity and scale of this world-famous structure. Your walking tour continues with a visit to Piazza Navona, one of Rome's most breathtaking Baroque piazzas. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Perhaps you'll wander through one of Rome's many museums, such as the Borghese Gallery.

Day 14: Rome

The day is yours! Perhaps you'll visit Castel Sant'Angelo, a fortress located a short distance from Vatican City. Or consider joining an optional tour* to the Vatican Museums and

St. Peter's Basilica, including the world-famous Sistine Chapel. In the evening, join your fellow travelers and celebrate the end of your Italian trip with dinner at a local restaurant in Rome's bohemian *Trastevere* district. (B, D)

Day 15: Rome - Depart for Home

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

Please Note:

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

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.

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 4 passengers is not met to operate.

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Optional Hotel Upgrade Available

May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023 \$30.00 per person, double, land only

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During your stay at the Baia di Ulisse Hotel in Agrigento, you can choose to upgrade to a frontal Sea View room, providing the opportunity to enjoy breathtaking views of Le Dune seaside. Upgrade available at the above cost per person, double. Please inquire at time of booking.

Important reservation information:

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***Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all vacation packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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