

SICILY DISCOVERY

TOUR 6340—10 days from Rome to Rome

Priced From \$1,359^{US}



PALERMO

YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

Individual headsets 

SIGHTSEEING: Visits to Rome, Sorrento, Taormina, Piazza Armerina Roman Villa, Selinunte Acropolis, Erice, Marsala

■ Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description including admission charges where applicable

GUIDES: Local Guides for city sightseeing in Agrigento archaeological site, Trapani, Palermo, Naples; professional Tour Director while touring

SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS: Mount Etna

TRANSPORTATION: Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach; ferry Villa San Giovanni-Messina; overnight ferry Palermo-Naples in 2-berth cabins

HOTELS: Listed below or equivalent. Rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, portage, tips and service charges

ROME Holiday Inn Parco dei Medici (F) . **NEAPOLITAN RIVIERA** Central Park (ST) at Massalubrense, **TAORMINA AREA** Albatros (ST) at Letojanni or Kennedy (ST) at Sant'Alessio, **AGRIGENTO** Kore (F) or Della Valle (ST). **PALERMO** Politeama (F) or Ibis Styles (ST). **ROME** Holiday Inn Parco dei Medici (F)

MEALS: Buffet breakfasts (B) daily except Day 9; 3 dinners (D)

MyACCOUNT: Personalise your tour ahead of time with additional excursions. Visit our website for details and conditions.

Day 1, Thu. ARRIVE IN ROME, ITALY.

Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore Italy's ancient capital. Tonight, meet your local host/Tour Director and fellow travellers.

Day 2, Fri. ROME-NEAPOLITAN RIVIERA.

Travel south along the Highway of the Sun to spend the afternoon at leisure to enjoy the

charming bayside resort of Sorrento with its cafés, shops, beaches, and colourful alleys. (B,D)

Day 3, Sat. NEAPOLITAN RIVIERA-VILLA SAN GIOVANNI-FERRY CROSSING-TAORMINA AREA.

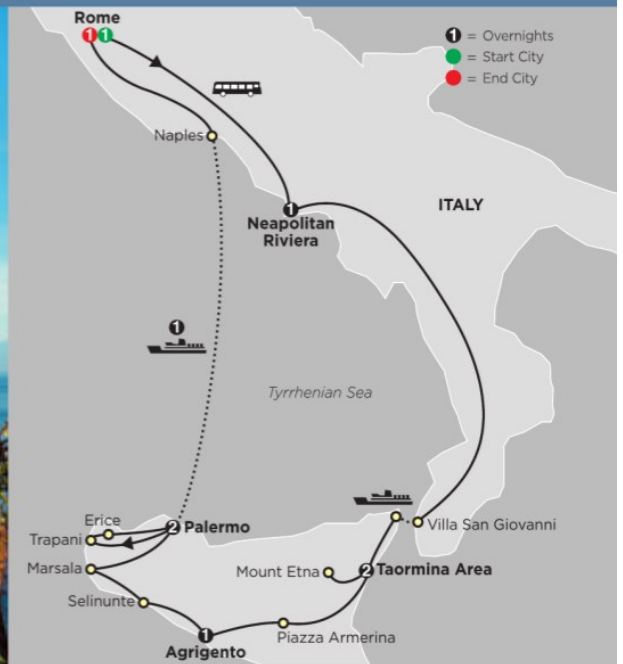
Today, travel through the rustic mountainous scenery of Italy's southernmost region, Calabria, before boarding the FERRY for a 45-minute



ROMAN VILLA'S MOSAICS, PIAZZA ARMERINA



TAORMINA



crossing to Sicily. Continue to the Taormina area. (B,D)

Day 4, Sun. TAORMINA AREA. EXCURSION TO MOUNT ETNA.

Magnificently situated on a 700-foot plateau overlooking the Ionian Sea, the heart of Taormina is Piazza Nove Aprile, a paved square with unrivalled views of the sea and Mount Etna. Take a stroll along the Corso Umberto, and maybe taste a refreshing *granita* or a sumptuous *cannolo*? Later, enjoy a visit to the heights of MOUNT ETNA with the option of a jeep or cable-car ride for a better view of Europe's largest active volcano (subject to weather conditions). (B)

Day 5, Mon. TAORMINA AREA-PIAZZA ARMERINA-AGRIGENTO.

Drive to Piazza Armerina, a maze of steep streets positively overflowing with the colourful atmosphere of Sicilian life. At nearby Casale, visit the ROMAN VILLA, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and famous for its mosaics, including the whimsical "Bikini Girls". On to Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, one of Italy's archaeological jewels. Visit the DORIC TEMPLE OF CONCORD, one of the finest examples of Greek civilisation existing today, and the hilltop TEMPLE OF JUNO LACINIA. (B,D)

Day 6, Tue. AGRIGENTO-SELINUNTE-

MARSALA-PALERMO. Leave for Selinunte, one of the most striking and interesting sites in Sicily. At the apex of its power before 409 BC, the city exceeded 30,000 people, excluding slaves. Here, you will see the remains of the ACROPOLIS with its temples and fortifications. On the western coast of Sicily, stop in Marsala, known for its celebrated *Marsala* wine. Here, you will visit a local SALT MILL and learn how this local product is extracted and refined. Then, head to Palermo, capital of Sicily. (B)

Day 7, Wed. PALERMO. EXCURSION TO

TRAPANI & ERICE. Two Sicilian treats are on the agenda today. First, visit enchanting Trapani with a Local Guide, set on a harbour that was once at the heart of a powerful trading network stretching from Carthage to Venice. The city centre stretches along the port and was built in primarily baroque style. Next is the medieval hilltop town of Erice, reached by cable car. Situated about 2,500 feet above sea level, it immediately impresses with its defensive walls and castle, affording breathtaking views over the Trapani Gulf and Egadi Island and on clear days, all the way to the African coast. Return to Palermo. (B)

Day 8, Thu. PALERMO (EMBARKATION)-OVERNIGHT FERRY CROSSING TO

NAPLES. A full day to enjoy this busy and colourful city full of interesting squares

and marketplaces, churches, and *palazzos* in every style—from Moorish to baroque. Join the included sightseeing tour to learn more, and visit the magnificent CAPPELLA PALATINA. This evening, embark for an overnight FERRY crossing from Palermo to Naples. (B)

Day 9, Fri. NAPLES (DISEMBARKATION)-

ROME. Get to know Naples with a Local Guide. You'll discover a multifaceted city, elegant and decadent at the same time, lively, fascinating, and colourful. Later, return to Rome, the "eternal city."

Day 10, Sat. ROME. Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

■ Combine this tour with "The Splendours of Italy" (page 130) or "Rome, Sorrento & Capri" (page 134).

TOUR 6340 DATES & PRICES

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Departure Number	Start Rome	End Rome	Land Only	Departure Number	Start Rome	End Rome	Land Only	Departure Number	Start Rome	End Rome	Land Only		
0315	Thu 15 Mar	Sat 24 Mar	1359	0614	Thu 14 Jun	Sat 23 Jun	1549	0920	Thu 20 Sep	Sat 29 Sep	1549		
0322	Thu 22 Mar	Sat 31 Mar	1359	0621	Thu 21 Jun	Sat 30 Jun	1549	0927	Thu 27 Sep	Sat 06 Oct	1549		
0329	Thu 29 Mar	Sat 07 Apr	1429	0628	Thu 28 Jun	Sat 07 Jul	1509	1004	Thu 04 Oct	Sat 13 Oct	1459		
0405	Thu 05 Apr	Sat 14 Apr	1479	0705	Thu 05 Jul	Sat 14 Jul	1509	1011	Thu 11 Oct	Sat 20 Oct	1459		
0412	Thu 12 Apr	Sat 21 Apr	1479	0712	Thu 12 Jul	Sat 21 Jul	1509	1018	Thu 18 Oct	Sat 27 Oct	1429		
0419	Thu 19 Apr	Sat 28 Apr	1479	0719	Thu 19 Jul	Sat 28 Jul	1509	1025	Thu 25 Oct	Sat 03 Nov	1429		
0426	Thu 26 Apr	Sat 05 May	1479	0726	Thu 26 Jul	Sat 04 Aug	1509	1101	Thu 01 Nov	Sat 10 Nov	1359		
0503	Thu 03 May	Sat 12 May	1549	0802	Thu 02 Aug	Sat 11 Aug	1509	1108	Thu 08 Nov	Sat 17 Nov	1359		
0510	Thu 10 May	Sat 19 May	1549	0809	Thu 09 Aug	Sat 18 Aug	1509	1115	Thu 15 Nov	Sat 24 Nov	1359		
0517	Thu 17 May	Sat 26 May	1549	0823	Thu 23 Aug	Sat 01 Sep	1509	1229	Sat 29 Dec	Mon 07 Jan	1509		
0524	Thu 24 May	Sat 02 Jun	1549	0830	Thu 30 Aug	Sat 08 Sep	1549	2019					
0531	Thu 31 May	Sat 09 Jun	1549	0906	Thu 06 Sep	Sat 15 Sep	1549	0314	Thu 14 Mar	Sat 23 Mar	1359		
0607	Thu 07 Jun	Sat 16 Jun	1549	0913	Thu 13 Sep	Sat 22 Sep	1549	0321	Thu 21 Mar	Sat 30 Mar	1359		

Prices are per person, based on double room occupancy. Single room supplement: \$580; guaranteed shares: see page 5; no triple room reduction.

Extra nights per person in Rome:
in single room \$124-\$144, in twin / in triple \$76-\$92

Departure 0329 Easter departure.
Departure 1229 New Year's in Taormina.
2019 departures are subject to itinerary and price modification.
Details will be available in September 2018.