



## **Amazing Mediterranea - 11 Days (#16755)**

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### **Overview**

Rome-Naples-Pompeii-Sorrento-Capri-Palermo-Monreale-Erice-Saline della Laguna-Marsala-Agrigento-Ragusa Ibla-Noto-Siracusa-Taormina.

#### Trip Highlights

Discovering Rome by night (our regular sightseeing tour 8C).

Tour of Pompeii with “Skip the Line” and a lunch with an authentic Neapolitan pizza and 1 drink included.

Visit the Blue Grotto in Capri.

Entrance tickets to all archaeological sites are included!

Baroque Sicily.

Visit a historic cellar. Wine tasting with a light lunch in Marsala.

Local guides in Palermo, Agrigento.

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## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01

#### Day 01: Arrive Rome

Benvenuti a Roma! After your arrival at the airport, make your own way to your hotel and then enjoy your first day in the city at your own leisure. At 07:45 pm pickup from the hotel and reach via del Teatro Marcello. Our local expert guide will lead you to discover the wonders of the Eternal City, charming by day - absolutely romantic at sunset. You will cross the characteristic area of the Jewish Ghetto, one of Rome's most beautiful neighbourhoods, full of history and with a real Roman atmosphere. As you know, one of Rome's typical landmarks are its beautiful fountains, and one of the prettiest is the Turtle Fountain (Fontana delle Tartarughe) in Piazza Mattei. The Jewish Ghetto of Rome is the second most ancient after the one in Venice and it can be considered the heart and soul of Roman cuisine! Then you will walk into Piazza Della Rotonda and enjoy the lit view of the Pantheon, the former temple of Marcus Agrippa later converted into a church: This is the only ancient Roman temple that remained untouched through the centuries and it's stunning at night when the crowds are away. Next Stop...Close your eyes and throw a coin over your right shoulder straight into the Trevi Fountain: it's said that those who do so, are granted to come back to Rome someday. Your walk continues towards Piazza di Spagna, one of the city's most popular squares, known for its setting at the bottom of the Spanish Steps. Walk up these famous steps to enjoy a lovely view from the top! After this intense and gratifying walk, there is only one thing missing to end this experience: relax and enjoy a creamy and tasty Gelato, it's on us! The tour ends in the Spanish Steps area. Enjoy on your own the rest of the night. Return to the hotel on your own and overnight stay.

Meeting point and time: Fantasia departing from Rome leaves from the hotel St. Martin at 7:15 am.

### Day 02

#### Day 02: Rome · Naples · Pompeii · Sorrento

After breakfast, pick up at your hotel at 7:00 am approximately. Departure by coach heading south crossing the regions of Lazio and Campania. Arrival in Naples and a short panoramic tour climbing up to Vomero hill to enjoy beautiful views over the Gulf of Naples with the Vesuvius, Capri, Ischia, Procida and the city below; time to take some nice pictures. Descending towards the port of Mergellina, you will leave the city and travel south towards Mount Vesuvius and, once you reach the town of Pompeii, you will have lunch with the real Neapolitan pizza! After lunch, you will enter into one of the most important archaeological sites in the world: a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the ruins of Pompeii, with Skip the Line entrance and a guided tour. Visit the haunting ruins of Pompeii, traveling back in time to the tragic days in 79 AD when the silent Mount Vesuvius suddenly erupted, covering the prosperous Roman city in deadly volcanic ashes and poisonous gases, leaving this prosperous city crystallized until our days. You'll learn how people lived at that time, visiting houses and "bars" of the time, admiring frescoes and mosaics to imagine how rich and prosperous the city was before the dreadful day. After



the visit, you will drive along the Sorrentine Coast, arriving in Sorrento for dinner (dress code: jacket for men) and overnight in your new hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 03**

**Day 03: Sorrento - Capri - Sorrento**

After breakfast, get ready for an exciting excursion to the island of Capri: one of the most exclusive summer destinations in the Mediterranean! Depending on the weather and sea conditions, you will admire the dreamy Blue Grotto on a small rowboat. Afterward, free time for lunch (lunch not included) and then roam the island at your own pace. Once back on the mainland, return to the hotel for dinner and your last overnight in Sorrento.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 04**

**Day 04: Sorrento · Palermo (Overnight on ferry boat)**

Breakfast at your hotel, then spend a leisurely morning exploring Sorrento. In the afternoon, you will reach the port of Naples, where you will board on the Tirrenia/Snav ferry to Palermo. Let the waves rock you to sleep. Dinner and breakfast are not included on the ferry.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 05**

**Day 05: Palermo**

Arrive in Palermo and transfer to your hotel. That night, have dinner in the hotel and rest up for the adventure that lies ahead.

**Meal:** Dinner

**Day 06**

**Day 06: Palermo**



Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, and then head out on a morning excursion to Monreale, recently included on the UNESCO World Heritage List, an ancient royal town famous for its almonds, olive oil and citrus fruits, as well as for its fine Norman architecture. Visit the elaborate Cathedral of Monreale and then enjoy some shopping of local delicatessen and souvenirs. Back to Palermo and continue with a walking tour of the city. Wander the streets of the Old Town, hearing tales of Palermo's 3,000-year history and discovering attractions like Palermo Cathedral. Walk inside the impressive-looking place of worship and marvel at its arches, cupolas and mosaics - with an incredible mix of influences coming from several dominations on the island. Enjoy free time in the late afternoon and return to your hotel for dinner. Overnight.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 07**

**Day 07: Palermo · Erice · Saline della Laguna · Wine tasting and light lunch in a historic winery · Agrigento**

Early breakfast and departure to Erice, a medieval village stacked into the side of Monte San Giuliano. Many say that little has changed in the village since the sixth century, and its labyrinth-like twist of lanes is perfect for a cool and pleasant morning amble. Continue to visit the Saline, an extraordinary lagoon, where history, nature, and archaeology find a perfect synthesis and allow the visitor to try different, unique and charming experiences. Afterward, we'll set off to Marsala, whose lands are known for its Marsala wine. You'll take part in a sensorial experience, for you will visit a traditional tavern and taste regional wine and products during a light but unforgettable lunch. Return to your coach and travel to Agrigento, your final destination of the day. Visit Ancient Greek monuments and ruins at the Valley of Temples (entrance included) - a UNESCO World Heritage site - and learn about archaeological relics like the Classical Temple of Concord the Temple of Hercules; the Temple of Jupiter, one of the largest Doric-style buildings. Check in to your hotel in the evening. Dinner and overnight.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 08**

**Day 08: Agrigento · Ragusa Ibla · Ragusa**

Breakfast at the hotel and travel to Ragusa and visit the enchanting historical centre "Ibla", with its stunning baroque palaces and churches; together with other seven cities in the Val di Noto, Ragusa is listed among the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Visit the old gate of San Giorgio, the Giardini Iblei and then walk to Piazza Pola where we will visit the church of San Giuseppe: a little gem. Be enchanted by the elegant Cathedral of San Giorgio, the Church of the Souls in Purgatory and the magnificent Cosentini palace, one of the most interesting Late Baroque palaces in Sicily! Arrive in hotel, dinner and overnight.



**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 09**

**Day 09: Ragusa · Noto · Siracusa · Taormina**

Breakfast at the hotel and travel to Noto, a picturesque fishing town popular for its stately Baroque architecture. Visit the Cathedral of San Nicolò, recently restored after an earthquake, and then have a nice walk in the town's centre. Continue along the south coast to Syracuse, on Sicily's south-eastern tip. Arrived in Syracuse, cross one of the city's bridges for a visit to the island of Ortygia - the most ancient part of Syracuse - home to a wealth of Baroque churches and medieval palaces. In the late afternoon arrive in Taormina, check in to your hotel and enjoy dinner.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 10**

**Day 10: Taormina**

Breakfast at your centrally located hotel and then head off to Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe and the highest mountain in Italy. Learn about volcanic activity and marvel at the old lava fields and black magma rock that comprises Etna's landscape. If weather permits, you have a chance to climb to the summit (1800 m). After, return to Taormina, the beautiful and romantic town located on Mount Tauro. Return to Taormina in the afternoon and spend the rest of your day at leisure. Overnight.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 11**

**Day 11: Depart Taormina**

Enjoy one final breakfast before the tour comes to an end.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## **Inclusions**

- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- Monolingual tour escort in English.



- Accommodation in 4 stars.
- Meals as per itinerary (please inform us at the moment of the booking, in case of any food allergy or alimentary restriction).
- Entrance tickets to the archaeological site in Pompeii with “Skip the Line” (when included in the itinerary).
- Visits with a local expert guide as per itinerary.
- Entrance tickets to the archaeological sites in Sicily.
- Visit a historic Cellar, wine tasting and light lunch in Marsala.
- Visit the Blue Grotto in Capri (when included in the itinerary).

## Exclusions

- Tips.
- Porterage service.
- Drinks.
- Entrance fees to monuments or museums when not mentioned.
- City tax for overnight stays (according to each city council's rules).
- Everything that is not mentioned in the paragraph “The Tour includes”.

## Note

Hotels Used OR Similar

FLORENCE - RAFFAELLO 4\*

VENICE - DELFINO (MESTRE) 4\*

ROME - ST.MARTIN 4\* OR HOTEL DIANA ROOF GARDEN 4\*

SORRENTO - MICHELANGELO / VESUVIO 4\*

PALERMO - MERCURE 4\*

AGRIGENTO - DELLA VALLE 4\*

RAGUSA - POGGIO DEL SOLE 4\*

TAORMINA - HOTEL SPLENDID 4\*

We inform all clients that rates do not include city tax when applicable. City tax will have to be paid directly from clients at the hotel upon arrival or at the checkout. We remind you that the city tax may change according to the hotel category.

Rates indicated include Service and the current applicable VAT. All prices are subject to automatic change without prior notice due to VAT increase, local fees or bus congestion charge.

Important Note



City tax not included: it shall be paid directly at the hotel.

Drinks not included in meals (except in Pompeii included).

\*In case of bad weather conditions, the boat trip will be replaced with the visit inside the mill "Mulino Ettore e Infersa".

During peak season, visiting the Blue Grotto in Capri may involve long lines and limited capacity. If access is not possible, or the weather conditions do not allow it, our guides will suggest alternative attractions to ensure a satisfying and memorable tour (e.g. Faraglioni rocks).

## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

## Fixed Departure

**23 Mar, 2025**

4 Star

AUD 5,434 P P twin share

AUD 6,987 P P single

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