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Southern Italy & Sicily

featuring Taormina, Matera, Alberobello and the Amalfi Coast

Departing November 9 – 20, 2017



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Per Person

Highlights...

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

12 Days • 16 Meals: 10 Breakfasts • 6 Dinners

BOOK by 5/10/2017: Double \$4,039; Single \$4,439; Triple \$4,009

Regular rates: Double \$4,239 ; Single \$4,639; Triple \$4,209

** All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change*

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Greater Buffalo Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers, Gratuities for Tour Manager and Bus Driver

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$280 per person

Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

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COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Tour a vineyard, sample the wine, and dine at its agriturismo restaurant.
- ★ Be amazed by the Greek Theatre in Taormina.
- ★ Travel to “Sassi di Matera,” an ancient town known for its cave dwellings.
- ★ In mystical Alberobello, marvel at some of the most unusually built homes—known as *trulli*.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us in exploring the hidden treasures of Southern Italy and Sicily. Enjoy breathtaking scenery, historic cities, centuries-old hilltop villages and wonderful cuisine.

Day 2: Palermo, Sicily - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Palermo, the capital of Sicily. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring traditional Sicilian cuisine. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Palermo - Monreale - Palermo

A cultural tour of Palermo features the lovely squares of Quattro Canti, Piazza Pretoria and Piazza Bellini. Note the exotic mixture of Moorish, Norman and Spanish Baroque styles that make this city special. View the Palace of the Normans, La Martorana church, and the cathedral which houses the Imperial Crown of Constance of Aragon. **In the nearby town of Monreale, visit the 12th-century cathedral with its dazzling interior of multicolored marbles, paintings, mosaics and cloisters.** The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax or perhaps visit the city’s museums and shops. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Palermo - Agrigento - Giardini Naxos

Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager offers up a few key phrases of the native language before traveling through the countryside with rolling hills and working farms toward the town of Agrigento. Upon arrival, **explore the stunning Valley of the Temples, one of the most important archaeological sites in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage site.** From ancient times to the present day, the Valley of the Temples’ ruins, landscape and colors have inspired poets, writers and

painters. Here you get an up-close view of the temples of Juno, Concordia, Hercules and Jupiter. Continue on to Giardini Naxos, the "garden of Sicily," for your 3-night stay. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Giardini Naxos - Taormina - Giardini Naxos

This morning, travel to beautiful Taormina, known for its charming atmosphere, significant monuments and flowering gardens. Join a local guide for a tour introducing you to the city. You will see Corso Umberto and the bountiful public gardens and visit the Greek Theatre. Enjoy some free time to independently explore this delightful town. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 6: Giardini Naxos - Catania - Mt. Etna - Giardini Naxos

Journey to vibrant Catania. The choice is yours! You may join a local guide to visit the cathedral and view the main sights of this historic and Baroque city (UNESCO). Witness the daily spectacle of bartering for fresh fish and produce when you visit the local market. Or, perhaps you would prefer to visit the Museo dello Sbarco (Allied Landing Museum). This fascinating museum is dedicated to the Allied landing on the southern coast of Sicily in 1943. Later, **everyone comes together to discover the impressive Mt.**

Etna Volcano National Park with a local expert and take in the spectacular landscapes sculpted by nature. Return to Giardini Naxos. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 7: Giardini Naxos - Matera

Travel to Messina where you will take a short ferry ride to Villa San Giovanni on Italy's mainland. Travel through the beautiful and unspoiled region of Calabria and into the Basilicata region. This afternoon you'll visit one of the area's local wineries for a wine tasting and informative walk through the cellars and vineyards. Linger over a delicious regional dinner in the winery's own "agriturismo" restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 8: Matera - Alberobello - Matera

Today, explore the "Sassi di Matera," an ancient settlement of carved cave dwellings. A local guide will help you learn the history of this site and why it has recently caught the eye of many film producers. Afterward, stop at a local shop for a chance to sample some regional produce. Enjoy some free

time in Matera to browse the shops or taste the local cuisine before heading to the mystical town of Alberobello. **See some of the most unusually built homes (UNESCO)—known as trulli**—that have cone-shaped roofs. Surprisingly, no mortar is used to hold the stones together. Return to your hotel for dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 9: Matera - Salerno - Sorrento Peninsula

Today, travel towards Campania and the Bay of Naples, one of the most breathtaking areas of Italy. Make a stop in Salerno to explore the historical city center at leisure. Take a moment to gaze at its impressive cathedral, considered to be the most beautiful medieval church in Italy. Arrive at the Sorrento Peninsula in the late afternoon. Sit back and take in the views of this magical place. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 10: Sorrento - Amalfi Coast Drive - Amalfi - Minori - Sorrento Peninsula

Take time to discover the lovely seaside resort town of Sorrento on your own. Then, begin your adventure experiencing the breathtaking Amalfi Coast. Make a special stop in the charming town of Amalfi where you will have time to explore. Then it's off to Minori where you have the opportunity to sample some of the local specialties at a family-owned limoncello factory. You'll also enjoy a typical Italian afternoon break at a local café and pastry shop. Your evening is at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 11: Sorrento Peninsula - Pompeii - Rome

Drive along the Bay of Naples and experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. Soak in the history of the preserved original buildings of a typical Roman town 2,000 years ago. A local guide will provide an in-depth view of this remarkable archaeological site. Later, travel to Rome where you will spend your last evening. Celebrate the end of your journey with a farewell dinner at a popular local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 12: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour ends 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
Day	2, 3	Hotel Federico II Central Palace, Palermo
Day	4 – 6	Hellenia Yachting Hotel, Giardini Naxos
Day	7, 8	Hotel del Campo, Matera
Day	9, 10	Hotel Michelangelo, Sorrento
Day	11	Donna Laura Palace Hotel, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Please Note:

Book Now rates valid until May 10, 2017, valid on air inclusive packages only.

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

The Italian Stability Law has introduced a potential increase in the VAT tax. The increase (which would begin on January 1, 2017) has not been included in the land cost of your tour. If enacted, you will be notified of the additional charges.

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

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 prescheduled times.

Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts.

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

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.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

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