



COUNTRY ROADS OF SOUTHERN ITALY AND SICILY



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Lazio - Roma - Roma

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Experience the treasures of Rome, Pompeii and the Neapolitan Riviera, the unique "trulli" houses of Alberobello and the Sassi di Matera, and the rich heritage of Sicily.

1° Day: WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Rome is the former religious, political and commercial heart of a vast empire. Arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Airport and transfer by private bus to your Hotel.

2° Day: ROME

Breakfast and meeting with your local guide and enjoy the very best of the city's highlights including a tour at the Vatican Museums, culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. The visit ends with the visit of the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica. In the afternoon the visit goes on with the spectacular Trevi Fountain, don't forget to throw a coin in the beautiful fountain as you are guaranteed to return to Rome if you do; Navona Square, Spanish Steps and the Pantheon.

3° Day: ANCIENT ROME

Breakfast and meeting with the local guide. The visit proceeds to the ancient Rome with the Roman Forum and the grand ruins of Colosseum, also known as Amphitheatrum Flavium. Afternoon free time for your own visits and shopping.

4° Day: CAPRI EXCURSION

Breakfast and transfer to the pier in Sorrento. Meeting with the local guide and cruise to Capri Island for a visit. Capri is known as the 'Pearl of the Mediterranean' and a trip to this marvelous island is definitely worthwhile for any visitor to Italy. Tour of the Island by minibus and free time for own visit.

5° Day: POMPEII, MATERA, ALBEROBELLO

Breakfast and departure to Pompeii, buried in AD79 by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Departure along country roads to Matera and exploration of the extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage Site "Sassi", a labyrinth of cave dwellings, churches, staircases and arches, hewn out of the solid rock. Mel Gibson chose Matera as the biblical backdrop for his film "The Passion of the Christ". After the visit continue on to Alberobello.

6° Day: ALBEROBELLO

Alberobello is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, its narrow street crowded with conical, white-washed trulli. After the visit transfer to Locorotondo, the paradise for wine-lovers, for a tasting of red wine and local products.

7° Day: ARRIVAL IN SICILY

Breakfast and travel to the very toe of Italy and board your ferry bound for Sicily.

8° Day: TAORMINA AND SYRACUSE

Breakfast and in Taormina meet with your local guide for a visit to the Greek Theater, graced with the most spectacular of backdrops. Take leisure stroll along the Corso Umberto I, the most important shopping street in Taormina. The visit continues to Syracuse's Paradise Quarry and its unusual "Ear of Dionysius", a grotto in the shape of an earlobe. Next door stands the superb Greek Theatre, carved out of solid rock, one of the largest of the ancient world.

9° Day: AGRIGENTO AND ON TO PALERMO

Breakfast and journey along the southern coast of the island, to Agrigento. With local guide you will explore the Valley of the Temples, Sicily's finest Greek sanctuary. Continue to the Sicilian capital of Palermo.

10° Day: PICTURESQUE PALERMO

In the morning there is the option to explore the bustling Ballarò market, before starting the guided tour. Visit Palermo Cathedral, with a mixture of styles, having been altered many times over the years. In Monreale visit the finely decorated cathedral, its magnificent gold mosaics are masterpiece of Arab-Norman art. Return to Palermo and enjoy free time.

11° Day: EXPLORING ERICE AND TRAPANI

Wind your way up to the charming hilltop walled town of Erice. Walk through the labyrinth of quiet alleyways, past medieval churches and enjoy sea view. The excursion goes on to Trapani where you will visit a local farm for a wine tasting with local products. Back to Palermo.

12° Day: CEFALU

Breakfast and departure to the quaint fishing town of Cefalu. The town's imposing cathedral was erected to fulfil a vow made by the Norman King Roger II. Stroll down to the medieval stone fountain and seek out the Gothic arch of the Porta Marina. Free time and back to Palermo.

13° Day: ARRIVERDERCI

Breakfast and free time before the pick up to go to the airport. ARRIVEDERCI Bella Italia.

