



A UNIQUE VIEW OF ITALY: Sicily and the Amalfi Coast

Sorrento, Positano, Capri, Taormina,
Syracuse, Catania and Mt. Etna

If you have a special love for the sea, historic towns and the lure of volcanoes, this is the perfect Italian trip for you. You'll fly into Naples, then head to Sorrento. Transportation: your private car and English-speaking driver. You will tour Pompeii, the country's best-preserved ancient town, with sites that date back to 79 A.D. – and have lunch on Mt. Vesuvius, the first of your trip's volcanoes. You'll move on to the

Vacation length: 11 days/10 nights

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Amalfi Coast, with a private boat trip to Capri. Swimming in the perfectly blue waters and grottoes will feel like a dream come true. Then on to Sicily, where you will spend five days exploring the best this great island has to offer. From historic Syracuse, with its archeological treasures to the cobbled streets and famous chocolate of Modica...from Taormina, where history and the Mediterranean meet, to Catania and Mt. Etna, the height of every trip to Sicily... to a boat tour of the Taormina coast...this is Your Own Italy, more than you could have imagined.

Highlights and what's included

- Private Mercedes transfers to and from the airport.
- English-speaking tour guides throughout.
- 10 nights' accommodation in your choice of hotels or apartments in historic center in Sorrento - 4 nights, Syracuse – 3 nights and Taormina – 3 nights.
- Tour of Pompeii with a private tour guide.
- Lunch in wine-producing villa on Mt. Vesuvius.
- Full day excursion in private car to Positano, Amalfi and Ravello.
- Full day excursion with guide in private boat to Capri & Anacapri. • Private walking tour of Syracuse.
- Day Excursion to Ragusa and Modica.
- Private walking tour of Taormina.
- Day Excursion to Catania and Mt. Etna.
- Boat tour of the Taormina Coastline.



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DAY 1 Welcome to Italy!

Your Private driver will pick you up at Naples airport and accompany you to your hotel. After relaxing, you will have time on your own to explore Sorrento. Perched atop cliffs that separate the town from its busy marinas, it's known for sweeping water views and Piazza Tasso, a cafe-lined square. The historic center, a warren of narrow alleys, includes the Chiesa di San Francesco, a 14th-century church with a tranquil cloister. Spend some time discovering Sorrento's colorful street and enjoy dinner on the terrace of a recommended restaurant.

DAY 2 Explore Ancient Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius

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Your private driver will pick you up at your hotel - destination Pompeii. The most well-preserved ancient town, with its intact streets, and many buildings up to the second story is a true experience of time travel. See how the ancients entered their city through one of the main gates, lived in courtyard centered airy homes with vivid frescoes depicting the leisurely life of the wealthy inhabitant. Live also the footsteps of the commoner eating on the go at one of the many "fast food" restaurants on his way to the baths followed by an imaginary discussion at the temple in the main Forum. Close your eyes while sitting in the

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500-person theater imagining a performance about to begin, all in the shadow of the Vesuvius. After lunch at a wine producing villa on Mt. Vesuvius, you will have the option of a tour of Mt. Vesuvius. Its crater, at an altitude of about 3,400 feet, offers spectacular views of the Sorrento Peninsula, the Gulf of Naples, and the islands of Capri and Ischia. Your private driver will then take you back to your hotel in Sorrento.

DAY 3 Let the Coast Awaken Your Spirit

Your driver will pick you up for an experience of a lifetime. The winding roads that cling to the mountain side of the Amalfi Peninsula await the expertise of your Italian driver – and your excitement! First stop after a breathtaking view of the Sea from dizzying heights is the jewel of Positano. A tiny town that clings to the side of a mountain tumbling down to sea level. Enjoy a picturesque walk through some of the loveliest shops displaying the Positano style: white linen dresses, artisan sandals and jewelry, dotted by open air art exhibits in the beautiful courtyards just beyond the white washed walls that define the narrow winding road from top to bottom. Enter one of the bars with terraces overlooking the bluest sea and enjoy a “granite al limone” or Italian lemon ice, the best way to cool off. With the abundance of flowers, the white buildings and deep blue sea, you will feel part of the visual richness which is Italy. From Positano you will be taken to the top of Mount Cerreto to the town of Ravello where you will have lunch on the most spectacular, panoramic terrace you have ever seen followed by a stroll in the lovely gardens of Villa Rufolo, the home of the world-famous summer music festival. As you wind down the mountain with your driver make sure to stop for breathtaking views and photos. Wrap up the day in main town of Amalfi where you will visit the 11th century Saint Andrew’s cathedral, the patron saint of the town.



DAY 4 Dive into the Waters off Capri

You will spend an unforgettable day on a private boat to Capri. Be prepared to dive in the pristine blue waters of the world-famous grottos that encircle the base of the famed island. The captain of your private boat will take you to nearly private coves where the colors of the water dance amongst the many hues of the deep blue that characterizes this enchanting island. No need to bring towels or drinks...your private guide is well prepared for impromptu toasts of prosecco as he purposefully has the boat linger under the lovers’ cove. Upon docking, dry off and meet your private taxi driver who will transport you in an open vehicle up the hairpin, narrow road to Anacapri. On the way, sneak a few peeks at the white washed villas masked by an abundance of colored flowers. A stroll at the top of the mountain to visit the famed Capri sandal makers as well as a breathtaking view from the enchanting villa San Michele perched on the furthest edge overlooking the bay. A sumptuous seafood lunch awaits you upon your return to the dock at a famed restaurant where the fresh catch of the day is all that is offered. Your captain awaits to take you back to Sorrento.

DAY 5 Transfer to Sicily and Arrival in Syracuse

This morning, your driver will take you to Naples Airport for your flight to Catania on Sicily’s eastern coast, where your private driver will be waiting to bring you to Syracuse, once one of the most important cities in the Greek Empire.



DAY 6 Private Tour of Syracuse

Your private guide will begin your tour with a visit to Syracuse's Museo Archeologico Regionale Paolo Orsi. Much of modern Syracuse was destroyed during WWII, but its archeological treasures – one of the most important collections in Europe -have been preserved. Next, you will visit the nearby Archeological park, which boasts the world's largest Greek theater and a Roman amphitheater. After lunch, you will tour Syracuse in a golf cart permitting driving in the narrow streets of Ortygia - the historic center.



DAY 7 Day Excursion to Ragusa and Modica

This morning, you set off from your hotel for a full-day tour of the Baroque towns of Ragusa and Modica. Starting in Ragusa at the top of Ragusa Superiore, the upper town, your guide takes you down the 242 winding steps that lead to the lower town, Ragusa Ibla, enjoying the rooftop panoramas along the way. You then leave your guide and take a private car to have some free time to explore the cobbled streets of Modica, where you can sample some of the chocolate for which the city is known.



DAY 8 Transfer to Taormina, with Private Tour of the City Center

Your driver will pick you up at your hotel in Syracuse for the drive to Taormina. After checking into your hotel, your local guide will introduce you to this Sicilian gem. First artists, then expatriates, and then simply the very rich have washed across the city. Where else in the world can you take in the view of an Greco-Roman 3rd century amphi-theater, a smoking volcano, and the blue Mediterranean without even turning your head?



DAY 9 Day Excursion to Catania and Mt. Etna

Your driver will pick you up at your hotel and take you to Catania, Sicily's second largest city, dominated by Mt. Etna. Much of the town was rebuilt in the eighteenth century, following a volcanic eruption and then an earthquake. Your visit will include a tour of the lively daily fish market, located behind the Duomo.

After lunch at a selected restaurant, your driver and guide will accompany you to Mt. Etna, the culmination of a visit to Sicily. Etna has been erupting for half a million years or more. Your visit to the volcano will include taking the cable car to the 2,500-meter mark where you will enjoy the spectacular views.



DAY 10 Boat tour of the Taormina Coastline

Your guide will pick you up at your hotel and accompany you to your private boat in Taormina's port. You will see Taormina from the best vantage point, the sea, then relax as you tour along the Sicilian coastline with stops on the famed Isola Bella and the Bay of the Mermaids where you will be able to swim in the cool, clear waters. After a sumptuous lunch, you will visit the Blue Grotto with its famed colorful shades of blue and green.



DAY 11 Departure

Your driver will pick you up at your hotel with plenty of time to make your flight from Catania's international Airport for departure. We salute you with a warm and heartfelt "arrivederci"! See you again! Now that you've traveled with us, know that you have friends here in Your Own Italy.



- Please wear comfortable footwear as the tours on your vacation involve a lot of walking.
- There is a dress code for churches and basilicas.
- Shoulders and knees must be covered; shorts, miniskirts and sleeveless shirts are not permitted. It is recommended that you not take large bags or backpacks on tours that include churches as storage accommodations are not always available.
- The tour of Pompeii is not fully accessible for wheelchair users or people with walking disabilities.
- However, please contact us directly and we will be able to take you on alternative routes suitable for you.
- The private Boat tour to Capri is subject to weather conditions. In the case of inclement weather, your guide will accompany you on a larger ferry.
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