

Sicily 12 Nights 13 Days

Day 01 Rome – Pompeii – Sorrento

Arrive Rome (FCO) 0650hrs, meet and greet, transfer to Pompeii (02hrs 30mins).



Pompeii

Your private tour will cover the ruins of **Pompeii**, which was an ancient Roman city. Discover the story of how this city along with Herculaneum, Boscoreale, Stabiae and more were buried under volcanic ash from Mount Vesuvius in the first century. Explore this *UNESCO World Heritage Site* and one of the most popular tourist attractions Italy has to offer.

Afterwards you will be driven to Sorrento (45mins), hotel transfer, check-in and relax. Overnight Sorrento.

Day 02 Sorrento

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, your private tour begins with a Boat Ride to the **Bay of Naples** where you will see **Marina Piccola** and **Capri**. Enjoy amazing views as you learn about the archaeological sites between Castellammare and Naples. The Marina Piccola bay is a great beach spot with the incredible Faraglioni rock formations in the background, get off at Capri.



Marina Piccola



Villa San Michele

Next take a Walking Tour to **Villa San Michele**, a 19th century structure built by a Swedish physician and author. Enjoy panoramic views of the town of Capri, Mount Vesuvius and the Sorrentine Peninsula from the villa's gardens. The area is adorned with relics and ancient Egyptian works of arts.

Your last point of interest is the **Garden of Augustus**, beautiful botanical gardens established in the early 20th century, originally known as '*Krupp Gardens*'. Explore the terraces overlooking the sea and admire the rich flora with various plants and flowers including brooms, dahlias and geraniums. Hotel transfer, overnight Sorrento.

Day 03 Sorrento – Ravello

Hotel breakfast, check-out and drive to **Ravello** through the Amalfi Coast, on the way visit **Positano, Amalfi** and **Salerno**.

Welcome to **Positano**, a unique village in Italy, tucked away in the Amalfi Coast where houses line up through the city all the way down to the sea portraying amazing sun-bleached peach, terracotta and pink colours. *Moda Positano* was born here in the 60's and the town was famous for being the first in Italy to import bikinis from France.



Positano

Contrasting with your next town **Amalfi** located at the mouth of a deep ravine at the foot of Monte Cerreto, a great spot for photos as the area is surrounded by towering cliffs and coastal beauty. Explore this *UNESCO World Heritage Site* and learn about the famous patron Saint Andrew, whose relics are kept at the cathedral.



Arechi's Castle

Your final stop on the way to Ravello is the city of **Salerno**, separated into three areas; the 19th century sector, the medieval sector and the post-war sector. There are many points of interest here including **Arechi's Castle** and **Park of Mercatello**. Once ready, you will be driven to Ravello, hotel transfer, overnight Ravello.

Day 04 Ravello

Breakfast at hotel, your private tour includes **Villa Cimbrone, Villa Rufolo** and **The Duomo**.

Begin with the crown laurel of Ravello, **Villa Cimbrone**, from the 11th century, standing tall atop a hill offering incredible views of the coastline and Mediterranean. The well-kept gardens were renovated in the early 20th century and is a popular place for weddings, honeymoons and other receptions.



Villa Cimbrone



Villa Rufolo

Continue to **Villa Rufolo** found in the heart of town overlooking the front of Cathedral Square. The layout dates to the 13th century, originally belonging to the powerful Rufolo family, with flower gardens that are in bloom throughout most of the year. Some rooms form a small museum while another interesting section is a large courtyard elevated like a cloister.

End your day at **The Duomo**, facing the main square, considered the spiritual and social centre of Ravello. The 11th century structure's white façade still shines bright while the bronze door is considered noteworthy because fewer than two dozen of these are still intact in Italy.

Hotel transfer, overnight Ravello.

Day 05 Ravello – Palermo

After breakfast, check-out, airport transfer, depart Naples (NAP) U24807 1555hrs, arrive Palermo (PMO) 1700hrs, hotel transfer, overnight Palermo.

Day 06 Palermo

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, the morning has been allocated as free time for you to enjoy at your leisure.

Your afternoon Walking Tour takes you to Monreale where points of interest include the **Cathedral** and **Palatine Chapel**.

Find yourself on the slope of **Monte Caputo** where amazing views of The Golden Shell ('*La Conca d'oro*') can be enjoyed, famous for the orange, olive and almond trees which are all exported. Interestingly Monreale forms its own archdiocese and the **Palermo Cathedral** is renowned, considered a national monument of Italy and one of the most important attractions in Sicily.



Palermo Cathedral

Hotel transfer, overnight Palermo.

Day 07 Palermo – Agrigento

Hotel breakfast, check-out, drive to **Agrigento** and on the way stop off at **Erice**, **Marsala** and **Mazara del Vallo**.



Erice

Enjoy a relaxing day with incredible views as your journey from Palermo to Agrigento, stop by **Erice**, a medieval village on Monte San Giuliano. The village overlooks the city of Trapani and the low western coast towards **Marsala** which is your next destination. Marsala is a pretty coastal town on the westernmost point of Sicily.

Drive further south to **Mazara del Vallo**, an agricultural and fishing centre where the port gives shelter to the largest fishing fleet in Italy. This ancient town has incredibly old structures, travel back in time as you walk through this historic place. Head to the town of **Agrigento** and discover an abundance of ancient Greek monuments and ruins such as the **Valley of Temples**.



Agrigento

Hotel transfer, overnight Agrigento.

Day 08 Agrigento

Breakfast at hotel, enjoy your full day city tour which covers **Valley of the Temples**, **The Regional Archaeological Museum of Agrigento** and a **Walk via Athena**.



Valley of Temples

Begin with the **Valley of Temples**, Sicily's most interesting archaeological site comprises of many points of interest including the ancient city of Akragas and the well-preserved **Temple of Concordia**. You will be transported into the past as you walk by these ancient structures in the Eastern and Western Zones.

Journey just outside of town in the S. Nicola District to visit **The Regional Archaeological Museum of Agrigento**. Enjoy a panoramic view of the Hill of Temples and discover the story of ancient Agrigento. The immense collection contains fantastic historical texts including the Telamon (over seven meters high) and the Ephebe of Agrigento. End your day with a **Walk via Athena** where you will go past shops, boutiques and coffee houses where we recommend the ricotta-based pecorino ice-cream.

Hotel transfer, overnight Agrigento.

Day 09 Agrigento – Taormina

After breakfast, check-out and transfer to Taormina, on the way you will stop off at **Noto** and **Syracuse**.

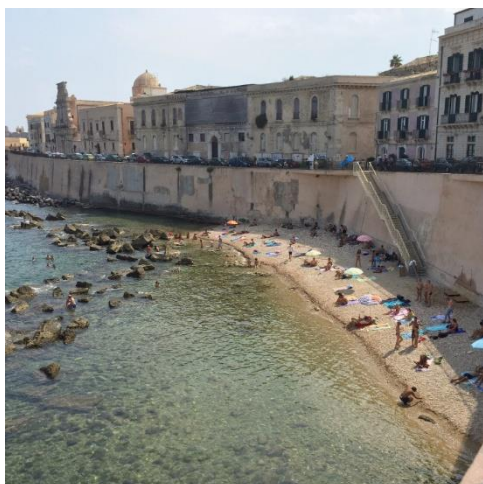
After about a three-hour drive stop off at **Noto**, a picturesque fishing town known for its stately baroque architecture from the 18th century. Located at the foot of the Iblean Mountains, the city and the Church were declared a *UNESCO World Heritage Site*.



Noto

After stretching your legs in Noto, you will be driven to **Syracuse** (01hr). Welcome to the historic birthplace of Archimedes, the city is notable for amphitheatres and Greek culture.

Enjoy a tour to **Neapolis**, the ancient city which includes the **Greek Theatre, Quarries, Caves** and **Roman Amphitheatre**.



Ortygia

Cross one of the city's bridges to visit the island of **Ortygia**, the most ancient part of Syracuse.

In the evening, transfer to Taormina (90mins), hotel transfer, overnight Taormina.

Day 10 Taormina

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, today you will visit **Mount Etna** where you will learn about volcanic activity while marvelling at the old lava fields and black magma rock that comprises the landscape.

In the afternoon you will be escorted back to Taormina and then driven to a beautiful and romantic town located on **Monte Tauro**. Hotel transfer, overnight Taormina.



Mount Etna

Day 11 Taormina – Catania



Bar Vitelli

Breakfast at hotel, check-out and transfer to Catania (50mins), on the way drive by two pretty hillside villages where some of the immortal scenes from *The Godfather* trilogy were shot. Stretch your legs at **Bar Vitelli**, where we recommend a Granita, a must see for any tourist. You can view the photo collection that shows many of the scenes from *The Godfather* trilogy.

Continue to Catania, hotel transfer, overnight Catania.

Day 12 Catania

Hotel breakfast, enjoy your full day walking city tour including the **City Centre, Ancient Fish Market, Duomo Square, University Square** and **S. Benedict Monastery**.

Visit the *UNESCO World Heritage Site City Centre* with the original baroque style and unique streets comprised of black lava stone. Your tour takes you to the **Ancient Fish Market** known as ‘*La Pescheria*’, the raucous market takes over the streets every workday morning, an amazing experience just behind **Piazza del Duomo**.



Piazza del Duomo



Liotru Statue

Head to the scenic **Duomo Square** where you can check out the magnificent cathedral and the famous **Liotru Statue**, an antique lava-stone elephant and symbol of the city. Continue to **University Square** and enjoy a walk along the splendid **Baroque Via dei Crociferi** where you will be transported back to the 18th century with this old street.

After admiring the famous **S. Benedict Monastery** end your tour at a bar for a delicious tasting of Sicilian cannoli. Hotel transfer, overnight Catania.

Day 13 Catania – Rome

After breakfast, check-out, airport transfer, depart Catania (CTA) AZ1712 1710hrs, arrive Rome (FCO) 1830hrs.