

Globetrotters Travel & Cruise Italy 2024 presents...

Southern Italy & Sicily

with Optional 2-Night Rome Post Tour Extension

May 18 – 29, 2024



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12 Days ● 19 Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 8 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Palermo, Monreale, Choices on Tour, Agrigento, Valley of the Temples, Taormina, Giardini Naxos, Mt. Etna Volcano, Matera, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast, Pompeii

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1 – 3	NH Palermo, Palermo
Day 4	Baia di Ulisse , Agrigento
Days 5, 6	Una Hotel Naxos Beach Sicilia, Giardini Naxos
Days 7, 8	UNA MH Matera Hotel, Matera
Days 9, 10	Hotel Michelangelo, Sorrento
Day 11	Shangri-la Hotel , Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Saturday, May 18, 2024 Palermo, Sicily - Tour Begins Your Italian sojourn opens in Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Discover the city's vibrant culture as you take in its picturesque harbors, cobblestone piazzas, and captivating energy. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. (D)

Day 2: Sunday, May 19, 2024 Palermo Get to know "Palermo in a Nutshell" and discover the city's Moorish, Norman, and Spanish architecture on a walking tour. Explore the Kalsa district – home to Mafia legends and lush gardens – before continuing your walk through Palermo's famous landmarks such as the Fontana Pretoria, the Quattro Canti, and the Cathedral. This evening visit a medieval palace, where a countess guides you through her family's home, joining you for an aperitif and hors d'oeuvres. (B)

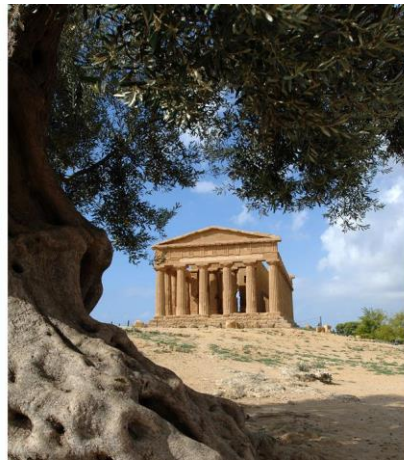
Day 3: Monday, May 20, 2024 Palermo Decide how you spend your day in the Sicilian capital. Perhaps you'll peruse the open-air markets, visit one of Palermo's art galleries, or relax in an outdoor café. Or you might venture further afield and join a full-day optional excursion to medieval Cefalù (UNESCO). Tour this remarkable seaside town with a local guide before visiting a nearby farm for a ricotta cheese* demonstration and farm-to-table dinner, made with family recipes. (B)

Day 4: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 Palermo - Monreale - Agrigento - Valley of the Temples Visit the nearby hilltop town of Monreale (UNESCO), ascending on foot to its 12th-century cathedral for a guided tour of its majestic Byzantine mosaics. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore the cathedral's cloisters, taking in their serene atmosphere of the monastic complex **-OR-** ascend the southern tower to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo. Travel over rolling hills and peaceful farmland to the town of Agrigento. Upon arrival, explore the stunning Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), one of the world's most esteemed archeological sites, and get an up-close view of the temples of Juno, Concordia, and Hercules. (B, D)

Day 5: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 Agrigento - Taormina - Giardini Naxos Journey east to Sicily's Ionian Coast. En route, discover beautiful Taormina, home to ancient relics, rocky hills, and charming gardens. With an expert local guide, you'll stroll the lively pedestrian only main street, the Corso Umberto, see the imposing Corvaja Palace, and the city's well-preserved Greek theatre. Later this afternoon, continue on to Giardini Naxos – the "garden of Sicily" – for your 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 6: Thursday, May 23, 2024 Giardini Naxos - Mt. Etna - Giardini Naxos This morning, set out for the impressive Mt. Etna Volcano National Park (UNESCO) where a local expert introduces you to the park's spectacular landscapes sculpted by nature. This afternoon, the movies come to life before your eyes in charming Savoca, one of Italy's most beautiful villages. A historic hilltop hamlet, Savoca is best known as one of the filming locations for the classic 1972 movie "The Godfather." Founded in 1134, even today remarkably Savoca remains largely unspoiled. Your tour will take you through its quaint alleyways to the historic Bar Vitelli, where Michael asks for Apollonia's hand in marriage from her father. Then, let traditional Sicilian melodies fill the air as you linger over a four course meal beginning with a typical Italian antipasto followed by a variety of local specialities and fine Sicilian wine. Sit back and savour the flavours of Sicily during a fun-filled evening with true Italian ambiance and local cuisine. (B, D)

Day 7: Friday, May 24, 2024 Giardini Naxos - Matera Take a short ferry ride to Villa San Giovanni, located on Italy's mainland. Pass through the unspoiled region of Calabria to the Basilicata region. Wander through the twisting vines of a local winery before touring the cellar for a tasting. Linger over regional cuisine at dinner in the winery's *agriturismo* restaurant. (B, D)



Per Person Land Rates*:

Double \$5,159; Single \$6,409; Triple \$5,109

Included in Price: Hotel Transfers

Not Included in Price: Round Trip Air

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

Day 8: Saturday, May 25, 2024 Matera - Alberobello - Matera

Explore the Sassi di Matera (UNESCO), an ancient settlement of carved cave dwellings. A local guide shares the history and explains why film producers are seeking out this unique landscape. Visit a local shop and get a taste of regional specialities. This afternoon decide how you explore because **it's your choice!** Discover more of Matera with a guided tour of an underground cistern followed by free time to browse the city's stores and cave churches **-OR-** head to Alberobello (UNESCO) and marvel at the town's whimsical *trulli* homes, known for their distinct, cone-shaped roofs. (B, D)

Day 9: Sunday, May 26, 2024 Matera - Sorrento After a stop at a sustainable buffalo farm for a taste of freshly made mozzarella and a peek into the history of this iconic cheese, arrive in Sorrento, where you'll settle in for a 2-night stay. Later this afternoon, discover this charming seaside town during a walking tour and learn about the local tradition of wood marquetry. (B)

Day 10: Monday, May 27, 2024 Sorrento - Positano - Sorrento This morning, take in the sights and colours of the Mediterranean Sea as you sail** along the breathtaking Amalfi Coast (UNESCO). Gaze out over the deep blue hues of the sea paired with the bright citrus fruits lining the hillsides. Pause in Positano with its pastel-coloured houses and pebbly beaches. Spend time in this legendary locale browsing the posh boutiques or resting along the beach, before returning to Sorrento for an afternoon at leisure. This evening, celebrate the end of

your journey with a delightful farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 Sorrento - Pompeii - Rome Journey north to Rome. En route, experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii (UNESCO). A local guide gives you an in-depth look into this 2,000-year-old Roman town, nestled in the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. Step into another time as you explore its preserved buildings and imagine life in the 1st century. Later, check in to your hotel located close to Fiumicino Airport. (B, D)

Day 12: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 Rome - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

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. Come see why the Greeks chose this site on a cliff a few miles from the ocean.

EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

Optional 3 Days 2-Night Rome Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$1,240.00 AUD per person, double, land only

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1144706>

PLEASE NOTE:

A deposit of \$395 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of November 18, 2023 are based upon availability. Final payment due by March 19, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until November 18, 2023.

PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

Passports are required at your own expense for travel outside of Australia. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity beyond the return date from the destination. Some countries require a visa in addition to a valid passport for entry into the country. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate embassy or consulate for specific information and entry requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our guests take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visa. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel after November 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://etias.com/etias-requirements/etias-for-australian-citizens>.

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

Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts.

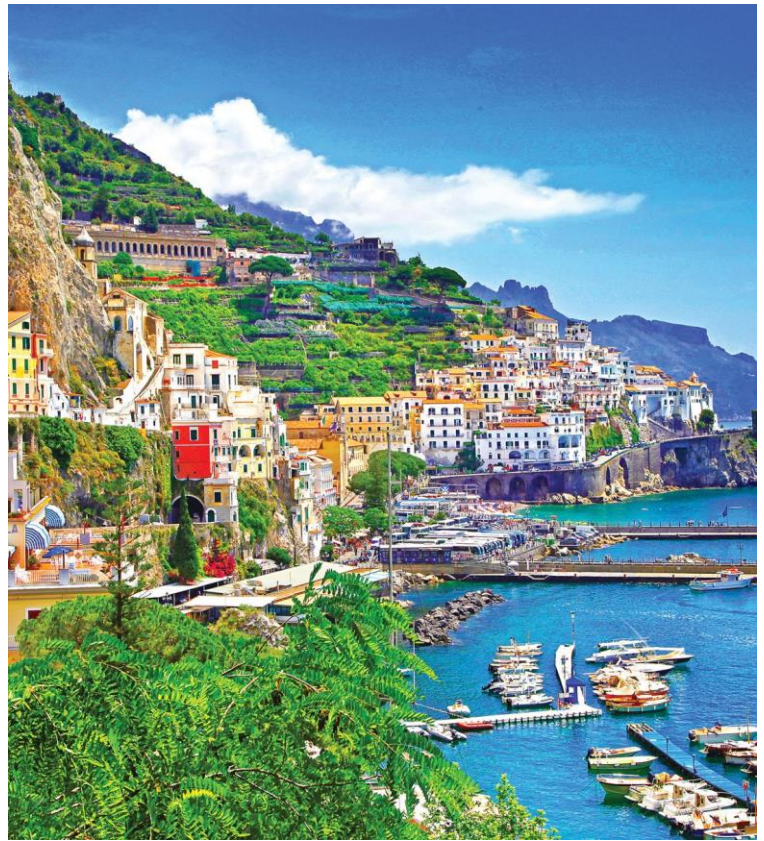
Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

*The ricotta demonstration may not be available while sheep are nurturing their young.

**The ferry to Positano is subject to weather conditions. In case of adverse sea conditions, the boat ride may be replaced by a bus transfer to Positano.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveller. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transport (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

This comprehensive tour features multiple long bus transfers exceeding 3 hours. In particular, the transfers from Palermo to Agrigento and from Agrigento to Giardini Naxos require 4-plus hours of driving. The full-day transfer from Giardini Naxos to Matera is 7-plus hours of driving and the transfer from Matera to Sorrento is 5-plus hours in length. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Palermo, Taormina,



Matera and Sorrento, which all require the ability to walk up and down hill on narrow, cobblestoned streets and stairs. For your comfort, we recommend bringing comfortable walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our Client Care Agents can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

Our air passengers will depart from Rome airport.

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TOUR: Southern Italy & Sicily *featuring Taormina,
Matera and the Amalfi Coast*

DEPARTURE DATE: May 18, 2024

GROUP NAME: Globetrotters Travel & Cruise

Available Options

Personalise your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Palermo

Visit Cefalu and a Local Farm

\$168 AUD

This afternoon, set off for the stunning seaside town of Cefalù on Sicily's northern coast. Stroll the charming medieval streets with a local guide and visit the city's magnificent cathedrals that showcase Norman architecture. Next, journey to a family-owned farm picturesquely set in the mountains. Meet the owners and discover what a typical day on a Sicilian farm is like during a private tour of the property, where you learn about its traditional products. Later, sit back and relax as a chef prepares local specialities for you featuring the farm's own products and secret recipes. Then sit down to a hearty meal— Italian-style, complete with wine of course! *Duration: Approximately 6 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transport is included.

Southern Italy & Sicily Tour Gratuities

\$226 AUD

You can now include pre-paid tipping into your guided tour purchase. You pay for your tipping up front, we handle the rest, and you can cross one more thing off your "To Do" list. No more running to an ATM at the last minute on tour, or carrying around cash you won't spend. Prepaid gratuities are only available to customers travelling out of Australia. If a pre or post extension is offered, gratuities for services on that extension are not included in this rate. *Duration: Approximately 1 hour.* Transport is not included.

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3 Meals: 2 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 11: Rome - Extension Begins

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Classical Rome, leading you through the Eternal City's most iconic monuments. Begin your exploration with an in-depth visit to the Colosseum. Hear the distant echoes of 45,000 cheering spectators when you visit the Colosseum, the site of legendary gladiator contests. Walk up the steps that millions have before you, marvelling at the ingenuity and scale of this world-famous structure. Your walking tour continues with a visit to Piazza Navona, one of Rome's most breathtaking Baroque piazzas. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Perhaps you'll wander through one of Rome's many museums, such as the Borghese Gallery.

Day 12: Rome

The day is yours! Perhaps you'll visit Castel Sant'Angelo, a fortress located a short distance from Vatican City. Or consider joining an optional tour* to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, including the world-famous Sistine Chapel. In the evening, join your fellow travellers and celebrate the end of your Italian trip with dinner at a local restaurant in Rome's bohemian *Trastevere* district. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 13: Rome - Depart for Home

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

*The optional tour to the Vatican Museums may operate on a different day on select departures due to availability of reservations and closure on Sundays and holidays.

The space on this extension is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Applicable charges may apply at time of request.

Fully-guided extensions are perfect for travellers who want the complete experience of a new destination and local experiences. Travellers will have a dedicated guide throughout this entire extension.

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

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transport (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over a course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time. This level is not a fit for travellers that require mobility assistance devices.