

GRAND TOUR OF ITALY & SICILY

Escorted 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS

DAY 1 - SUNDAY - ROME

Upon arrival at Rome Fiumicino airport, meet and greet by tour escort and transfer to hotel. Time at your leisure during the afternoon. Dinner and overnight. (D)

DAY 2 - MONDAY - ROME

After breakfast, visit to the Vatican Museums and Michelangelo's breathtaking Sistine Chapel. Stroll through St. Peter's Square, passing Bernini's famous colonnade, to visit St. Peter's Basilica, where you will view Michelangelo's Pieta; then proceed by private bus for the walking guided panoramic tour of the Capitol Hill, the Forum and the Colosseum (from outside). Before dinner enjoy a suggestive walking tour with your tour escort through the masterpieces of Bernini & Borromini. Special welcome dinner with music and wine included. Return to your hotel and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 3 - TUESDAY - ROME - SIENA - FLORENCE

After breakfast, departure to Siena. Upon arrival in Siena enjoy a walking tour of the city with your tour escort to admire the Dome (outside), the magnificent square known as Il Campo, where twice a year the Palio race is run on bareback horses. Late in the afternoon, arrive in Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance, known worldwide for its unequalled treasures. A stop is planned at Michelangelo's square for a first photo opportunity. Dinner and overnight in Florence. (B, D)

DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY - FLORENCE - PISA - FLORENCE

After breakfast, guided visit of Florence, including the Cathedral, Giotto's bell tower, the doors of the Baptistery, Piazza della Signoria, the Church of Santa Croce, the Pantheon of many famous Italian artists. Lunch in local restaurant. After lunch proceed to Pisa to admire The Leaning Tower and the Marvellous Piazza dei Miracoli, free time to enjoy shopping and taking pictures. Evening free to stroll through Florence, to find the best leather products or a quaint restaurant for dinner. Overnight in Florence. (B,L)

DAY 5 - THURSDAY - FLORENCE - VENICE

After breakfast, time at leisure for shopping or personal discoveries. Late in the morning departure to Venice. Upon arrival in Venice enjoy the "Door of the Orient". Overnight. (B)

DAY 6 - FRIDAY - VENICE - SAN MARINO

After breakfast, guided visit of St-Mark's Square and neighboring sites. Rest of the day at your leisure to discover this unique city. Late afternoon departure to San Marino. Dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 7 - SATURDAY - SAN MARINO - ASSISI - ROME AIRPORT

After breakfast, 1 hour free time to explore this wonderful town before leaving to Assisi, a great religious town significant of the life of St-Francis. Visit of the great Basilica with its magnificent paintings by Giotto, and of the interesting medieval city. Continue to Rome, driving through magnificent Umbria, the 'Green Heart' of Italy. Arrival in Rome late afternoon. Special dinner in a typical Roman restaurant. Overnight at hotel nearby the Airport. (B,D)

DAY 8 - SUNDAY - ROME AIRPORT - NAPLES - SORRENTO

After breakfast, departure to Sorrento with a photo stop in Naples with a panoramic tour of The Maschio Angioino and Piazza Plebiscito. Passing through the Sorrentine Peninsula following the renowned panoramic cliff-top road, offering an incredible view of enchanting towns. Dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 9 - MONDAY - SORRENTO - CAPRI - SORRENTO

After breakfast, transfer to the harbor and departure to Capri by hydrofoil. Ticket to the funicular included. The tour Escort can suggest how visit on your own, this marvelous island. Return to Sorrento and free time at leisure. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 10 - TUESDAY - SORRENTO - RENDE (CONSENZA)

After breakfast, time at leisure for shopping and personal discoveries. In the afternoon, depart to Rende (Calabria region) with its magnificent Aragonese Castles. Dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 11 - WEDNESDAY - RENDE (CONSENZA) - TAORMINA

After breakfast, depart to the beautiful town of Taormina, a favorite with tourists worldwide. Free time for personal discoveries, for shopping or for a leisurely stroll along the panoramic terrace. Overnight and dinner in Giardini Naxos or Acireale. (B,D)

DAY 12 - THURSDAY - MOUNT ETNA - SYRACUSE

After breakfast, depart for an excursion to Mount Etna, the highest volcano in Europe, up to the "Rifugio Sapienza", 1900 meters above sea level and time to enjoy the suggestive view. Continue to Syracuse, for a guided visit of the Neapolis Greek Theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre and the Ear of Dionysus, an ear-shaped grotto. Dinner and overnight. (B,D)

DAY 13 - FRIDAY - PIAZZA ARMERINA - AGRIGENTO

After breakfast, guided visit of the Roman Villas of Piazza Armerina with their beautiful mosaics, a site that is on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Then, depart to Agrigento, to admire the Valley of Temples. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 14 - SATURDAY - AGRIGENTO - MONREALE - PALERMO - ROME

After breakfast, leave to Palermo. First stop in Monreale for a guided visit of the outstanding moorish-norman style Duomo, extensively decorated with mosaics and fine gold. Today a Farewell Lunch consisting of typical local products, will be served. Continue to Palermo and after a panoramic visit of the city transfer to the airport for your flight to Rome. Upon arrival in Rome, transfer to hotel near the airport. Overnight. (B, L)

DAY 15 - SUNDAY - ROME - ROME AIRPORT

After breakfast, transfer to Rome's Fiumicino airport for your return flight home. (B)



INCLUDED FEATURES:

- Round trip transfers from airport to hotel and vice versa
 - Domestic flight Palermo-Rome in coach class
 - 14 nights in selected 4 star hotels
 - 14 breakfasts, 2 lunch and 11 dinners
 - Headset and professional English speaking tour escort for the entire duration of the tour
 - Deluxe coach
 - Admission fees to the Vatican museums and Church of Santa Croce in Florence, The Archeological Park in Syracuse, Villa Romana in Piazza Armerina & Temples Valley in Agrigento
 - Baggage handling – 1 piece of luggage per passenger
 - Dedicated local guides
 - Hotel Services and VAT taxes
 - Document holder & luggage tags
- (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)

DEPARTURES DATES: (Sundays)

May:	16, 30
June:	13, 27
July:	11, 25
August:	15, 29
September:	12, 26
October:	10

RATES PER PERSON

In double:	\$2,860
In Single:	\$3,844
In triple:	\$2,771

All rates are per person in U.S. dollars.

HOTELS

Rome :	NH Leonardo Da Vinci or Similar
Florence:	NH Anglo Americano or Similar
Venice:	Bonvecchiati or Similar
San Marino:	Titano and Grand Hotel or Similar
Rome Airport:	Four Points by Sheraton or Similar
Sorrento:	Conca Park or Similar
Reg. Calabria-Rende:	Hotel Executive
Giardini Naxos/ Acireale:	Naxos Beach or Santa Tecla Palace
Agrigento:	Jolly della Valle or Similar

