

TRAFALGAR



Best of Italy and Sicily

15 days - **14** nights | **1** Country

\$4625.00 land only twin share

\$820.00 single supplement

Start date: **28 September 2023**

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DAY 1: 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

Arrive Palermo (2 Nights)

The multicultural capital of Palermo launches your journey across Sicily and Italy. You'll have some free time before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and orientation of the city's attractions, so why not head straight out to explore its fascinating history on your own?

Meal(s): Welcome Reception

Hotel(s): Mercure Centro

DAY 2: 29 SEPTEMBER 2023

Palermo Sightseeing and Excursion to Monreale

Join your 'Local Specialist' for a sightseeing tour, which includes the Teatro Massimo and old 'La Cala' harbour. Then travel to Monreale on the slopes of Monte Caputo overlooking the almond, olive and orange groves of La Conca d'Oro. Here you'll visit the 12th-century Norman Cathedral, dedicated to the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

Meal(s): Breakfast

DAY 3: 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Palermo – Mondello – Agrigento

Continue your journey to the pretty fishing village of Mondello. Journey to Agrigento to tour the impressive Greek Valley of Temples

with a 'Local Specialist', dating back to 6th century BC. This evening, dinner is served at your hotel.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel(s): Dioscuri Bay Palace

DAY 4: 01 OCTOBER 2023

Agrigento - Taormina (Giardini Naxos) (2 Nights)

Travel through the vineyards of the southern hills towards the seaside resort of Taormina, your home for the next two nights. Enjoy spectacular vistas and a taste of la dolce vita in this hillside town, with some free time on arrival.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): Caesar Palace

DAY 5: 02 OCTOBER 2023

Taormina Free Day

Spend the day relaxing at your chic Sicilian resort. Dive into the warm Mediterranean waters, shop for exquisite handmade lace on Via Corso or indulge in a mulberry granita. Consider joining an Optional Experience to Savoca, the village made famous by 'The Godfather', or Europe's most active volcano, Mount Etna. This evening, 'Connect with Locals' during a 'Be My Guest' dinner hosted at a vineyard on the slopes of Mount Etna.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Be My Guest

DAY 6: 03 OCTOBER 2023

Taormina – Pompeii – Sorrento (2 Nights)

Today we cross the Strait of Messina to mainland Italy by ferry, driving north through rustic Calabria via Salerno to UNESCO-listed Pompeii where a 'Local Specialist' will take you on a walking tour. For centuries, the city was lost to the world - its rediscovery in the 18th century revealed a time capsule of well-preserved ruins that provides insights into the day-to-day life of a Roman city, centuries ago. We continue to our hotel in Sorrento where we'll spend the next two nights.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): La Residenza

DAY 7: 04 OCTOBER 2023

Isle of Capri Excursion

We cruise to the Isle of Capri where we'll enjoy a guided walking tour of Capri town with a 'Local Specialist'. Window-shop along Via Camerelle and watch the beautiful people in the Piazzetta, before returning to Sorrento, where you will have the evening at leisure to indulge in a little limoncello at Piazza Tasso, with its many cafés.

Meal(s): Breakfast



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DAY 8: 05 OCTOBER 2023

Sorrento – Rome – Vatican Experience (2 Nights)

Admire the dramatic coastline, driving north from Sorrento to the 'Eternal City' of Rome. This evening, an exclusive Trafalgar experience will see you 'Dive Into Culture' and enjoy an al fresco dinner against the spectacular backdrop of St. Peter's in Rome. Admire Michelangelo's magnificent 16th-century frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and see the array of exquisite artefacts at the Museo Gregoriano Profano, founded in the Lateran Apostolic Palace at the behest of Gregory XVI Cappellari in 1844.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Regional Dinner

Hotel(s): Il Cantico

DAY 9: 06 OCTOBER 2023

Rome Sightseeing and Free Time

Rome was once the capital of the world and is a city with an irresistible verve. Join your 'Local Specialist' for a sightseeing tour to admire the city's iconic and unexpected highlights. Head to the Vatican and see Michelangelo's magnificent Pietà inside St. Peter's Basilica. Your next stop is Ancient Rome, where you'll see Circus Maximus and visit the Colosseum where gladiators and slaves once fought to their deaths. Spend the rest of the day exploring the city your way.

Meal(s): Breakfast

DAY 10: 07 OCTOBER 2023

Rome - Assisi

Today, we drive north to the mystical medieval hilltop town of Assisi, most famous for being the birthplace of St. Francis. Join a 'Local Specialist' for a walking tour of the town, which includes a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis to view its magnificent frescoes and carvings. Tonight, we'll stay at one of Trafalgar's 'Stays With Stories' - a fully renovated old Franciscan convent.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel(s): Cenacolo

DAY 11: 08 OCTOBER 2023

Assisi – Pisa – Viareggio

We venture to Pisa and visit the Square of Miracles and view the Leaning Tower that bears this city's name. A short drive north takes us to Viareggio, known as the Pearl of the Tyrrhenian Sea. Tonight is free to explore as you wish.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): Mercure

DAY 12: 09 OCTOBER 2023

Viareggio – Cinque Terre – Florence

Join a 'Local Specialist' to visit Cinque Terre, a series of centuries-old seaside villages clinging impossibly to rugged cliffs that plunge into the Ligurian Sea. Continue later to Florence, once a vibrant republic under the rule of the dynamic Medici family, whose love for art and antiquities created one of

the world's most cultural cities. You'll have the night off to see the sights on your own.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): Grand Mediterraneo

DAY 13: 10 OCTOBER 2023

Florence Sightseeing – Venice (2 Nights)

The magnificent marble Duomo, Santa Croce Basilica, Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Signoria feature on your walking tour with a 'Local Specialist' through Florence's grand boulevards and narrow lanes. Head north to Venice, the 'Queen of the Adriatic'.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): Le Boulevard

DAY 14: 11 OCTOBER 2023

Venice

'Dive into Culture' and witness the centuries-old craft of glassblowing on Giudecca Island. Then, embark on an orientation cruise by private launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark's Square, which Napoleon once called the 'drawing room of Europe'. See the Doge's Palace, St. Mark's Cathedral and the Bridge of Sighs. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore more of the sights. Consider an Optional Experience, navigating the city's elegant canals from the comfort of a traditional gondola. Tonight, you'll join your fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner and toast to shared memories that will linger long after the evening ends.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Farewell Dinner



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DAY 15: 12 OCTOBER 2023

Depart Venice

For now, it's a fond ciao Venice as you say goodbye to new friends and prepare to

depart for our journey home. Transfers are available. Conditions apply.

Meal(s): Breakfast

HIGHLIGHTS

- VIP ADMISSION to the Vatican Museums
- ORIENTATION of Taormina, Sorrento and Venice
- VIEW Palermo Cathedral, the ancient sites of Rome, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence and the Byzantine St. Mark's Basilica in Venice
- Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing
- Daily breakfast and up to half your evening meals
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with Wi-Fi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)
- All portage and restaurant gratuities



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- Prepaid Gratuities \$202.00 per person
- Travel Protection Plan \$399 per person*
- Travel Protection Plan Plus \$559 per person*
- *For vacations between \$5001 - \$7500 per person
- Travel Protection is due with registration

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

INSURANCE

BASIC - FROM \$399.00 / PERSON

PLUS - FROM \$559.00 / PERSON

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WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED: Airfares (unless otherwise stated), passports and applicable visa fees, charges imposed by third parties, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, excess baggage, travel insurance. Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Ask your Travel Advisor or Group Specialist for further details.

PRICE: The advertised price is in US dollars, per person twin share.

DEPOSIT: A non-refundable land deposit of \$550.00 is within 7 days of booking.

FINAL PAYMENT: Required 60 days prior to the group's departure date. Final payment due dates are based on trip type or region. See contract or brochure for details.

CANCELLATION FEES: In the event you have to cancel your booking, cancellation fees will apply. For full details of cancellation fees, contact your Travel Advisor or Group Specialist.

AMENDMENTS: Fees may apply to any change made to your booking once confirmed.

REFUNDS: No refund is available if cancellations occur after the trip has commenced or in respect of any sightseeing, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilized.

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PASSPORT AND VISAS: You must have a valid passport with 6 months validity from date of return. For Visa requirements, contact your Travel Advisor or Group Specialist.

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PORTERAGE: for one suitcase is included in the trip price on arrival and departure from each trip hotel. Refer to <https://www.insightvacations.com/us/information/booking-conditions> for details of luggage allowances.

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ROOMING ARRANGEMENTS: All pricing is based on twin share accommodation. If a single room is required, the appropriate single supplement will need to be paid. Single rooms are subject to availability. Triple rooms may be available on request.

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