



## TAILOR MADE JOURNEY

### Sicily, Puglia & the Amalfi Coast 2022

#### INCLUDED WITH EVERY LUXURY TAILOR MADE JOURNEY

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Boutique Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 Buongiorno Travel On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

#### DAY 1 ○ TRANSPORTATION PALERMO, ITALY

Arrive in Palermo, Sicily's bustling capital, and transfer to your hotel in the city's historic center. Sicily has a long history of stubborn independence from the political forces of mainland Italy, and today it remains an autonomous region with its unique history and culture. Join your Resident Tour Director tonight for the welcome dinner.  
Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa  
Meals: Dinner

#### DAY 2 ○ PALERMO | TREASURES OF NORMAN ARCHITECTURE

Head to the hillside town of Monreale and enter its extravagant cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Dating from 1170, it is perhaps the finest surviving example of Norman architecture anywhere in the world, and its mosaic-covered walls look breathtaking. Return to ancient Palermo for a guided tour and see the Cathedral and the Norman Royal Palace, dating from the 9th century, with its glittering, mosaic-laden chapel. Still used today as the headquarters of the Sicilian Parliament, the palace is the oldest royal residence in all of Europe. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring more of this unique port city. In the early evening, enjoy a private tour with the owner and a private visit to the beautiful Palazzo FrancaVilla Buongiorno Travel for snacks.  
Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa  
Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 3 ○ AGRIGENTO | THE DARK HISTORY OF COSA NOSTRA

Today, travel through Sicily's rugged, mountainous countryside to the south coast. Stop in the small village of Corleone (including fictional characters from The Godfather), the birthplace of several Mafia bosses. The Mafia - or as its members say, Cosa Nostra (literally "our thing") has angered Sicily for over a century and has grown very resilient to official authority in these lands. Learn more about this problematic aspect of Sicilian history from a local expert. Explore the ancient Valley of Temples, which contains the Temple of Concord, a perfect example of classical, sacred architecture, as you head towards Agrigento on the coast. Explore the ruins before entering your hotel in nearby Favara.  
Alba Palace  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 4 ○ PIAZZA ARMERINA | ANTIQUE VILLA

#### YOUR JOURNEY



Journey east to Piazza Armerina, an elegant rural town where you visit the unique Villa Romana del Casale. The best example of a luxury Roman villa, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is home to breathtaking mosaics originally made in the fourth century. Continue to the east coast of Sicily and to the height of Mount Etna, smelling for more than 6,000 feet, taking in panoramic views of the scenery and coast. Afterwards, arrive in charming Taormina, which has attracted visitors with its wide sandy beaches and rolling slopes since the 19th century. Get together for a private dinner and cooking lesson and enjoy the arancini, a delicious Sicilian specialty made of deep-fried stuffed rice balls.

Grand Hotel Mazzarò Sea Palace  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 5 ○ **TAORMINA | MAIN VANTAGE POINT**

Grand Hotel Mazzarò Sea Palace  
Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 6 ○ **MATERA | MOUNTAIN CITTÀ IN SOTTERRANEA**

Get up early for the journey to Messina, where you will take a ferry to cross the strait that separates Sicily from the "toe" of the Italian mainland. Disembark from Villa San Giovanni in Calabria and go to the ancient Città Sotterranea (Underground City) Matera, carved into the Basilicata and the Appenine Mountains. Considered to be one of the oldest cities in the world, Matera is a complex of stone dwellings built side by side (and in some cases overlapping), interconnected by narrow, jagged lanes. Settle into your hotel in the heart of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Palazzo Gattini  
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

#### DAY 7 ○ **ALBEROBELLO | APULIA'S TRULLI HOUSES**

For a walking tour, travel to Puglia to nearby Locorotondo, one of Italy's most beautiful towns. Meet an olive oil producer for a special tasting and buffet lunch featuring local produce. Next, visit Alberobello and its row of fantastic trulli houses, the conical limestone residences typical of this Bari province.

Palazzo Gattini  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### DAY 8 ○ **PAESTUM | MAKING MOZZARELLA**

This morning depart towards the sparkling Amalfi Coast region. Stop on the way to the ancient Greek city of Paestum, known for its well-preserved temples; Take a tour of a nearby mozzarella making farm and see them after lunch. Arrive in Naples and check in to your hotel in the port.

Romeo Hotel  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### DAY 9 ○ **POSITANO | COASTAL GLORIES**

Enjoy a morning tour of Herculaneum, an ancient Roman settlement destroyed by the magnificent lava flows of nearby Vesuvius in 79 AD. Head to the Amalfi Coast and the cliffside village of Positano; Explore Positano and board boats to the whitewashed fishing town of Praiano for lunch at your leisure. Return to Naples, tonight you will enter the Pizza Making Academy to learn the intricacies of this Neapolitan art and enjoy the results.

Romeo Hotel  
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

#### DAY 10 ○ **CAPRI | MEDITERRANEAN IDYLL**

Cruise along the deep blue Bay of Naples to the sun-kissed island of Capri. Visit Anacapri and the charming town of Capri, where swanky cafes, designer boutiques, and grand villas attract everyone from emperors to celebrities. End your journey tonight with a special farewell dinner.

Romeo Hotel  
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

#### DAY 11 ○ **DEPART NAPLES**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.  
Meals: Breakfast