

# Michelangelo

*International Travel*

**2024  
GROUP TOURS  
IN & AROUND  
ITALY**





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# Michelangelo

International Travel

SPECIALIST FOR GROUP TOURS TO ITALY

## About us

Michelangelo International Travel is a leading Italy-based B2B tour operator specialising in fully customizable group travel throughout the Bel Paese. From your initial contact to the happy conclusion of every tour, our team of Italian experts will ensure that all aspects are handled with care and precision. Our almost 30-year record of creating and operating unique group tours has enabled us to develop a trusted network of accommodation and suppliers. As we are on the ground for you in Italy, we are by your side every step of the way, 24/7.

**Michelangelo provides a one-stop resource, and can book every element in your package, freeing you up to attend to your clients.**

**Let us take the strain, and we will take care of all the organizational details for your groups.**

**30** Years of

### UNMATCHED EXPERTISE

We have been creating unforgettable travel experiences for incoming travellers for almost 30 years.

**85+** Travel Experts

### SUPPORT & LOCAL ASSISTANCE

Over 85 dedicated and resourceful professionals provide support 24/7. Our team is on the ground, ready to offer local assistance throughout Italy.

**5.000+** Groups

### GROUP TOUR SPECIALIST

We handle over 5.000 groups every year. Our customers benefit from our knowledge and ability to create bespoke proposals tailored to your clients' interests and needs.

**800+** Partners

### SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIPS

Our success has been built on nurturing long-standing partnerships with our clients. More than 800 travel agents and coach companies trust us to organize their group tours to Italy.

**500+** Hotels

### CONTRACTED GROUP ALLOCATIONS

With more than 500 hotels spanning from the Dolomites to the Sicilian islands, you can create exclusive, guaranteed departures for your groups with no money down.

**10+** Travellers

### GROUP SIZE

Just 10 travellers are needed for us to create tailor-made Italian tour packages providing a superior experience.

### NO UPFRONT DEPOSIT

When using the allotments we have with our 500 partner hotels, no upfront deposits are required and you can cancel penalty-free up to 30 days before most departures. Book with confidence. Book with us.

### QUALITY ASSURANCE

Our team regularly visits our contracted hotels to ensure that each one continues to meet our standards of quality.

### CERTIFIED EXCELLENCE

Michelangelo is the only Italian incoming tour operator to be ISO 9001: 2015 certified by the independent German technical inspection agency, TUV Nord.





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# Welcome

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After a few years of ups and downs and great uncertainty in the tourism market, travel within Italy has almost recovered to pre-pandemic levels in 2022. *Bella Italia* remains one of Europe's favourite destinations for travellers looking for art, culture, food and wine.

Now that travel is back, we are more ready than ever to help you **plan your perfect group tour to Italy!**

As an Italian **incoming wholesaler and B2B provider** for travel agencies, tour operators and coach companies, we have worked exclusively in the group business since our foundation almost 30 years ago. In that time we have strived constantly to develop new programmes to address the ever-changing needs of travellers and operators alike.

The following pages showcase an inspiring selection of **handpicked itineraries that can be customised** according to your requirements.

We believe that innovative and interesting tour ideas are the way to attract and convert new business, and these have been created in response to the latest tourism trends and consumer dynamics.

Our choice of special tour packages that include fun train trips, visits to Italy's most beautiful villages or exciting local events provide **Inspiring Reasons to Travel** and a new perspective to the Italian destination. Our **City Breaks** programmes incorporate both select central hotels or unbeatable budget options, whilst our inspirational **Gusto** tours present a series of tasty trips through Italy's culinary landscape. We will help your groups to explore Italy's striking scenery, rich history and amazing art on our **Classic** Tours in popular or more off-the-beaten-track destinations, giving them a twist by adding new elements or locations. Our brand-new **Mediterranean Safaris & Beach Holidays** are cultural tours and beach breaks in some of Southern Europe's most gorgeous seaside locations. The increasing demand for active holidays is addressed in our **Relaxing Retreats**, a collection of tours that combine yoga, exercise, relaxation, and delicious food in stunning settings.

Look out too, for our transport-included fares, available on most of our programmes. These are dedicated to operators choosing to arrive by air or rail requiring transportation included with their packages.

As the **Italian Specialists for group tours** we offer it all, from the dramatic Dolomites to fiery Sicily. Our expert team is on hand to assist you all the way.

We are looking forward to helping your clients discover the beauty of Italy with us.

**Lorena and Lorenzo Risatti**  
General Manager & CEO

*Together with our innovative Michelangelo Team*

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# Classic tours with a twist

## ALL TIME FAVOURITE DESTINATIONS

Rome, Florence, Tuscany or Cinque Terre, the list of Italy's must-see wonders is long. Our range of classic itineraries covers the country's most popular destinations that cannot be missed in your travel programme. We spiced these tours up by adding some extra ingredients, in order to create new experiences that also appeal to your well-travelled clients.

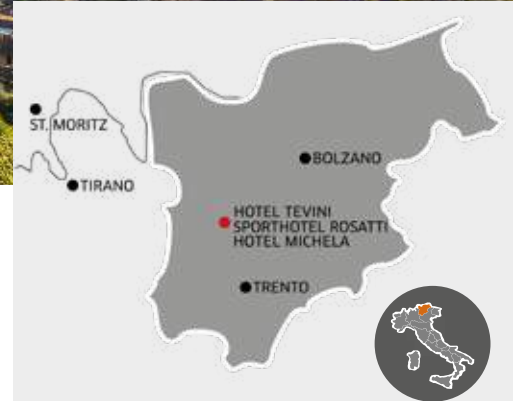


*Seasonal hotel rates are subject of possible changes due to major city events, fairs, or special weekends. Michelangelo has no control over these matters and cannot be held responsible.*

# Dolomites and Switzerland

## Where Latin and Alpine cultures meet

- ✓ Visit the Ferrari sparkling wine cellar
- ✓ Experience the enchanting Bernina Express
- ✓ Discover the famous South Tyrolean Wine Road



### 1 Arrival

### 2 Exploring the Brenta Dolomites

- Enjoy amazing high mountain vistas before stopping by the Nardis waterfalls, whose cool waters cascade down 130 m, before continuing on to the famous ski resort of Madonna di Campiglio.
- Continue on through the main valleys of the region, starting with the Val di Sole and later the Val di Non with its countless apple orchards.
- Enjoy a fresh apple juice or cider on a visit to a traditional local farm.

### 3 Trento – Renaissance Alpine city and Ferrari sparkling wine

- Guided panoramic tour of the city, once inhabited by Etruscans, Gauls and Romans
- Experience the historical centre of Trento, taking in the impressive Castle and Cathedral and typical palazzi of this unique Alpine city of art.
- Enjoy free time to explore the town
- Visit the famous Ferrari wine cellar to discover how the fragrant local sparkling wine is made

### 4 Bernina Express

- Travel by coach to Tirano via the Tonale Pass
- Travel on the iconic Bernina Express railway-line to St Moritz, admiring the Rhaetian Alps
- Free time to explore chic St. Moritz before returning by coach to your hotel

### 5 Bolzano and the South Tyrolean Wine Road

- Guided tour of Bolzano, where Germanic and Latin cultures meet and Austrian tradition merges with the Italian Dolce Vita
- Time at leisure to enjoy the many shops under the beautiful arcades and the colourful fruit market
- Take a drive along the Wine Road, surrounded by vineyards and orchards, to Lake Caldaro
- Visit a local wine cellar and enjoy a wine tasting

### 6 Departure

### Inclusions

- 5 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast at your chosen hotel
- 5 x 3-course dinners
- 1 x FD licensed guide for the Brenta Dolomites
- 1 x visit to an organic farm including apple juice and cider tastings
- 1 x FD licensed guide for Trento and the Ferrari wine cellar
- 1 x visit to the Ferrari wine cellar including tasting
- 1 x FD licensed guide for the excursion on the Bernina Express railway-line
- 1 x 2nd class train ticket on the Bernina Express railway-line from Tirano to St. Moritz
- 1 x FD licensed guide for the South Tyrolean Wine Road and Bolzano
- 1 x visit to a local cellar along the wine road including wine tasting



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## 4\* Hotel Tevini

Daolasa

[www.hoteltevini.com](http://www.hoteltevini.com)



- **Charming Dolomite-style hotel**
- **Spa and Wellness centre**
- **Hotel in idyllic position**

**Location:** In the heart of the Val di Sole in the Trentino province, surrounded by the beautiful peaks of the Adamello Brenta and Stelvio National Parks.

**Rooms:** 59 rooms with telephone, safe, minibar, flat screen satellite-TV, hair-dryer and WiFi.

**Facilities:** Restaurant, alpine stube, wine cellar, spa area and wellness centre.

**Coach parking:** Directly at the hotel.

## 3\*Sup Sporthotel Rosatti

Dimaro

[www.sporthotel.it](http://www.sporthotel.it)



- **Completely renovated just recently**
- **Fantastic peer reviews**
- **Spa and Wellness facilities**

**Location:** In the heart of the Val di Sole, about 1 hour from Trento and 20km from Madonna di Campiglio.

**Rooms:** 60 rooms with safe, telephone, free Wi-Fi, satellite-TV and hairdryer.

**Facilities:** Lifts, bar, cosy stube, restaurant, indoor pool, jacuzzi and sauna.

**Coach parking:** At the hotel.

## 3\*Sup Hotel Michela

Malè

[www.hotelmichela.com](http://www.hotelmichela.com)



- **Family-run hotel**
- **Countless inclusive services**
- **Pleasant surroundings**

**Location:** Located 400 metres from the historic centre of Malè and 6 km from the Daolasa ski slope.

**Rooms:** 28 rooms with carpeted or wooden floors with an LCD TV with satellite channels and a bathroom with free toiletries and a hairdryer. The rooms are with a balcony overlooking the garden or mountains.

**Facilities:** Restaurant, sauna and a hot tub. Guests can enjoy their time in the garden or on the outdoor terrace. Wi-Fi is available in the entire property.

**Coach parking:** Free parking on site is available.

# Cinque Terre and Island of Elba

## Amazing seascape scenery

- ✓ Pisa, Lucca and Island of Elba on one tour
- ✓ Magnificent Cinque Terre excursion by boat
- ✓ Great mix of nature and culture



### 1 Arrival

### 2 Pisa and Lucca

- Discover Pisa, taking in the impressive Cathedral, Baptistry and of course the famous Leaning Tower, Pisa's iconic signature building (admission extra)
- Continue to Lucca, birthplace of Puccini, also known as the City of 100 Churches, Tuscany's Open Air Museum

### 3 Island of Elba

- Tuscany has a few secrets up its sleeves. Whilst the name Tuscany evokes images of lush rolling hillsides full of vineyards and cypress trees, it also has some truly beautiful beaches and islands. Elba is the largest and can be quickly reached by ferry from the mainland
- Its most famous resident was Napoleon, who was exiled here in 1814. The villas that accommodated him, can still be visited today

### 4 Cinque Terre

- The UNESCO listed hamlets of Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola, and Riomaggiore – are collectively known as the Cinque Terre. The five fishing villages dot the coastline, tucked into the habitable terrain between swaths of lush vertical land and cobalt coves
- Each village is unique. Ancient churches, castles and homes are built around on squares that often feature the sea as the fourth side. The villages now nestle in a national park, with the waters in front part of a protected marine reserve

### 5 Day at leisure on the Tuscany coast

### 6 Departure

### Inclusions

- 5 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast at your chosen hotel
- 5 x 3-course dinners
- 1 x 2-hour guided walking tour of Lucca
- 1 x 2-hour guided walking tour of Pisa
- 1 x shuttle service for Pisa centre
- 1 x FD licensed guide for Elba
- 1 x return ticket boat ride for Elba
- 1 x FD licensed guide for Cinque Terre
- 1 x Cinque Terre boat ride





## 4\* Hotel Atlantico

Forte dei Marmi

[www.atlantico-hotel.com](http://www.atlantico-hotel.com)



- **On the seafront, in the centre of Forte dei Marmi**
- **Completely renovated in 2021- bathrooms completed in 2023!**
- **Tradition of hospitality since the 60s**

**Location:** Hotel located on the seafront, close to the historic pier and the resort centre.

**Rooms:** Completely renovated in 2021, with 45 rooms all equipped with air conditioning / heating, satellite TV, telephone, safe, minibar, telephone, free Wi-Fi.

**Facilities:** Restaurant, bar, lift, solarium on the 4th floor of the hotel with a great view of the sea and the Apuan Alps.

**Coach parking:** Along the road, in the immediate vicinity of the hotel.

## 4\* Hotel Caesar

Lido di Camaiore

[www.caesarhotel.it](http://www.caesarhotel.it)



- **Long-standing partner hotel**
- **Elegant hotel on the seafront**
- **Perfect location for excursions**

**Location:** Surrounded by pine trees in a beautiful location, directly on the sea promenade.

**Rooms:** 48 rooms and 22 apartments, with air conditioning, telephone, mini bar, free Wi-Fi and satellite TV.

**Facilities:** Seawater swimming pool with jacuzzi (seasonal), bike rental, wellness area with indoor pool, sauna, hydro massage, steam room and fitness room (fees apply).

**Coach parking:** Private bus parking at the hotel.

## 3\*Sup Hotel Suisse

Marina di Pietrasanta

[www.suissehp.com](http://www.suissehp.com)



- **Close to the pedestrianised area and beach**
- **Hotel with pool**
- **No single supplement**

**Location:** Approx. 3 minutes' walk from the beach and closer still to the pedestrianised area and town centre of Marina di Pietrasanta.

**Rooms:** 52 rooms with safe, hairdryer, satellite TV, air conditioning and minibar on request.

**Facilities:** Restaurant, spacious lounge, free Wi-Fi, reading room, lift, outside pool with sun terrace.

**Coach parking:** Approx. 250 m from the hotel (parking charges settled by the hotel).



# Tuscany

## Cradle of the Renaissance

- ✓ Florence, Pisa, Lucca in one tour
- ✓ Best local guides
- ✓ Crossroad of all history times



### 1 Arrival

### 2 Florence, the capital city of the Renaissance

- No Renaissance tour of Italy is complete without visiting Florence. Admire the Cathedral with its Bell Tower and Baptistry, the Palazzo Vecchio overlooking the Piazza della Signoria with the famous statue of David by Michelangelo.
- Inspired by these masterpieces, free time to admire the jewellery shops on the Ponte Vecchio or enjoy an Italian espresso.

### 3 Pisa and Lucca

- Discover Pisa, taking in the impressive Cathedral, Baptistry and of course the famous Leaning Tower, Pisa's iconic signature building (admission extra)
- Continue to Lucca, birthplace of Puccini, also known as the City of 100 Churches, Tuscany's Open Air Museum.

### 4 Day at leisure / Optional excursion: Cinque Terre

FD licensed guide for excursion to the Cinque Terre from € 280,- per day  
Cinque Terre train & boat tickets from € 44,- per person

### 5 San Gimignano and Volterra with visit to alabaster workshop

- Be awed by San Gimignano's towers which can be seen from far away, giving rise to the town's alternative name of "Medieval Manhattan". A guided tour explains the fascinating history of the competing families and of the buildings remaining to this day.
- Proceed to the alabaster town of Volterra. This walled, elevated town and former Etruscan settlement, offers a splendid view of its surroundings. Visit a traditional alabaster workshop.

### 6 Departure

### Inclusions

- 5 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast at your chosen hotel
- 5 x 3-course dinners
- 1 x 3-hour guided walking tour of Florence
- 1 x 2-hour guided walking tour of Lucca
- 1 x 2-hour guided walking tour of Pisa
- 1 x FD licensed guide for San Gimignano and Volterra
- 1 x visit to an alabaster workshop
- Headsets throughout the tour





## 4\* Hotel Tuscany Inn

Montecatini Terme  
[www.hoteltuscanyinn.com](http://www.hoteltuscanyinn.com)



- **No Montecatini coach permit required at this hotel**
- **Supervised coach park adjacent to the hotel included**
- **Visit Florence by train and avoid high coach entry fees**

**Location:** In Montecatini Terme, just a few minutes' walk from the centre and train station. 35 minutes by coach from Florence and approx. 1 hour from the Chianti Valley.

**Rooms:** 90 rooms with satellite-TV, safe, free Wi-Fi, minibar, air conditioning and hairdryer.

**Facilities:** Restaurant, bar, panoramic terrace, conference and meeting rooms, and adjacent fitness club with sauna (special rates apply).

**Coach parking:** Private, next to the hotel.

## 4\* Villa Cappugi

Pistoia  
[www.hotelvillacappugi.com](http://www.hotelvillacappugi.com)



- **Aristocratic Tuscan villa in a rural setting**
- **Highly regarded by our clients**
- **Particularly good food**

**Location:** Peaceful rural setting about 3 km from Pistoia and approx. 15 km from Montecatini Terme.

**Rooms:** 70 rooms with satellite TV, telephone, air conditioning, minibar, safe. Most rooms have balcony.

**Facilities:** Restaurant, American bar, free Wi-Fi, lift, lounge, conference rooms, extensive gardens with terrace, swimming pool, two tennis courts and a football pitch.

**Coach parking:** Directly at the hotel.

## 3\*Sup Hotel Suisse

Marina di Pietrasanta  
[www.suissehp.com](http://www.suissehp.com)



- **Close to the pedestrian area and beach**
- **Hotel with pool**
- **No single supplement**

**Location:** Approx. 3 minutes' walk from the beach and closer still to the pedestrian area and town centre of Marina di Pietrasanta.

**Rooms:** 52 rooms with safe, hairdryer, satellite TV, air conditioning and minibar on request.

**Facilities:** Restaurant, spacious lounge, free Wi-Fi, reading room, lift, outside pool with sun terrace

**Coach parking:** Approx. 250 m from the hotel (parking charges settled by the hotel).



# Gulf of Naples

## Natural and cultural highlights

- ✓ Tour based on the Sorrentine peninsular
- ✓ All services and entrances included
- ✓ Delicious tastings included



### 1 Arrival

### 2 The island of Capri

- Depart by boat from Sorrento/Castellammare di Stabia to the rocky island of Capri
- Upon arrival walk from the world famous Piazzetta to the Gardens of Augustus offering fantastic views down on to the Faraglioni Rocks below
- In the afternoon optional trip to Anacapri (supplement applies)

### 3 Pompeii and Vesuvius

- The Pompeii excavations provide visitors with an incredible insight into the day-to-day life of the ancient Romans
- Continue to the volcano of Vesuvius by coach, with the opportunity to walk up to the crater itself (entrance extra)

### 4 Paestum and visit to a Buffalo Farm

- Visit to the town of Paestum, the town of Ancient Greek Temples. The three huge temples are amongst the most beautiful and best preserved Doric temples in Europe
- Tour a buffalo farm and enjoy the original buffalo mozzarella of the region of Campania, which is still produced by hand to this day

### 5 Naples and pizza making class

- See the main sights in this lively city at the foot of Mt. Vesuvius with a local guide
- Learn the art of pizza-making, a Neapolitan speciality, at a pizza making class
- Free time to explore Naples

### 6 Amalfi Coast

- Enjoy a drive along one of the most beautiful coast roads in the world
- Explore Amalfi, and discover its main attractions including the Cathedral
- Stop to taste Limoncello the lemon liqueur made by using the intense aroma of locally grown lemon rind
- Return to the hotel via motorway

### 7 Day at leisure to relax and enjoy your surroundings

### 8 Departure

### Inclusions

- 7 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast at your chosen hotel
- 7 x 3-course dinners
- 1 x FD excursion to Capri by boat including licensed guide
- 1 x entrance to the Augusto Gardens
- 1 x FD licensed guide for Pompeii and Vesuvius
- 1 x return shuttle bus for the ascent to Vesuvio (obligatory)
- 1 x entrance to the excavation site in Pompeii
- 1 x FD licensed guide for Paestum and the buffalo farm
- 1 x 2-hour guided walking tour of Paestum
- 1 x entrance to the excavation site in Paestum
- 1 x visit to a buffalo farm
- 1 x FD licensed guide for Naples and the cooking class
- 1 x 2-hour guided walking tour of Naples
- 1 x pizza-making class in Naples
- 1 x FD licensed guide for the Amalfi Coast
- 1 x FD local coach hire for the Amalfi Coast (obligatory)
- 1 x limoncello tasting



## 4\* Hotel Villa Serena

Castellammare di Stabia

[www.hotelvillaserena.it](http://www.hotelvillaserena.it)



- **Family run hotel**
- **Ideal location for excursions**
- **Seasonal outdoor pool**

**Location:** Ideal location for a nice excursion programme, about 15 minutes' walk from the centre of Castellammare di Stabia.

**Rooms:** 64 rooms with air conditioning/heating, satellite TV, telephone, safe, minibar, hair dryer, free Wi-Fi.

**Facilities:** Restaurant, bar, elevator, common areas, terrace, outdoor pool (seasonal).

**Coach parking:** Guarded bus parking approx. 50 m from the hotel.

## 4\* Art Hotel Gran Paradiso

Sorrento

[www.arthotelgranparadiso.com](http://www.arthotelgranparadiso.com)



- **Free shuttle service to Sorrento**
- **Breathtaking views over the Gulf of Naples**
- **Special feature: free shuttle bus from the hotel to Sorrento**

**Location:** Approx. 1.5 km from Sorrento, and 35-minutes' walk to the old town.

**Rooms:** 99 rooms with telephone, satellite TV, safe, air-conditioning and hairdryer.

**Facilities:** Restaurant, bar, terrace, outdoor pool (open only in Summer).

**Coach parking:** Approx. 400 m from the hotel in S. Agnello at the Internazionale Coach Park (extra charge applies), Shuttle bus for guests and luggage from the coach park to the hotel.

## 4\* Hotel 'O Sole Mio

Sant'Agata sui Due Golfi

[www.osolemiohotel.com](http://www.osolemiohotel.com)



- **Excellent cuisine feedbacks**
- **Superb peaceful location**
- **Attractive pool area in a private gardens**

**Location:** 300 m from the centre of Sant'Agata sui Due Golfi, the hotel sits in a quiet parkland setting offering wonderful panoramic views.

**Rooms:** 58 spacious bright rooms with satellite TV, air conditioning, safe, and mini fridge. Most rooms have balcony.

**Facilities:** Restaurant, bar, lounge areas, lift, garden with swimming pool and sun terrace, veranda and pizzeria.

**Coach parking:** Directly at the hotel.



# Apulia

## White Houses against a Blue Sea

- ✓ Stunning tour steeped in local traditions
- ✓ Experience the Wild South of Italy
- ✓ Choice of 4\* hotels in exceptional locations



### 1 Arrival

### 2 Ostuni, Locorotondo and oil mill

- Explore the White Town of Ostuni and the curious little circular town of Locorotondo
- Sample the delicious Apulian olive oil at a local oil mill and learn all about this Italian staple ingredient

### 3 Bari and Polignano a Mare

- Visit Bari with the impressive San Nicola Basilica and Cathedral
- Experience breath-taking Polignano a Mare perched on the clifftops

### 4 Lecce and Gallipoli

- Explore Lecce, the Baroque masterpiece of southern Italy
- Enjoy a stroll through Gallipoli's picturesque old town, accessible via a 16<sup>th</sup> Century bridge. Gallipoli is a seaside summer escape for Italians, but the town more than lives up to the origins of its name: "beautiful city" in Greek

### 5 Matera – European Capital of Culture

- Visit Matera, the city of caves and European Capital of Culture, with a local guide. See the cave dwellings occupied for thousands of years in one of the most incredible living monuments to human civilisation anywhere on the planet (entrance fees apply)

### 6 Castel del Monte and Trani

- Travel to Frederick II's magnificent citadel and breath-taking castle of Castel del Monte, (entrance fees applies)
- Continue to Trani to see the majestic Romanesque Cathedral known as the Queen of the Apulian Cathedrals, located right by the sea.

### 7 Alberobello, Martina Franca and Grottaglie

- Visit Alberobello, home of the traditional Apulian white huts with cone-shaped roofs
- On to Martina Franca which dazzles its visitors with its Baroque palaces
- Admire Grottaglie, famous for its hand-made ceramics
- See how the ceramics are made and perhaps purchase a souvenir to take home

### 8 Departure

### Inclusions

- 7 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast at your chosen hotel
- 7 x 3-course dinners
- 1 x FD licensed guide for Ostuni and Locorotondo
- 1 x visit to an olive oil mill including tasting
- 1 x FD licensed guide for Bari and Polignano a Mare
- 1 x FD licensed guide for Lecce and Gallipoli
- 1 x FD licensed guide for Matera
- 1 x 3-hour guided walking tour of Matera
- 1 x FD licensed guide for Castel del Monte and Trani
- 1 x FD licensed guide for Alberobello, Martina Franca and Grottaglie
- 1 x visit to a ceramic workshop



## 4\* Boutique Hotel Cicò

Torre Santa Sabina

[www.cicohotel.it](http://www.cicohotel.it)



- **Modern ambience with feel-good factor**
- **Very nice location only 30m to the sea**
- **Very well maintained boutique hotel**

**Location:** Just 30m from the beach and to the centre of the fishing village of Torre Santa Sabina.

**Rooms:** 22 modern rooms (located in the 2 opposite buildings of the hotel), all with air conditioning, telephone, safe, satellite TV, minibar, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi.

**Facilities:** Restaurant, pizzeria, Hotel-Cocktail Bar, lift and communal seating area.

**Coach parking:** Directly at the hotel.

## 4\* Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri

Alberobello

[www.lachusadichietri.it](http://www.lachusadichietri.it)



- **Experience the Masseria feeling**
- **Hotel with extensive gardens and pool**
- **Excellent client feedback**

**Location:** In a park amongst almond and olive trees just a 5-minute drive from Alberobello.

**Rooms:** 144 rooms with air conditioning, telephone, satellite TV, minibar, hair-dryer and safe.

**Facilities:** Restaurant, 2 bars, 2 lifts, TV room, free WiFi, conference rooms, gym, spa area with Jacuzzi (fees apply-opening times set by the hotel), outdoor pool (open in summer) and extensive gardens.

**Coach parking:** At the hotel.

## 4\* Hotel Riva Marina Resort

Carovigno

[www.cdshotels.it](http://www.cdshotels.it)



- **Good value for money**
- **Beautiful pool area**
- **Resort also ideal for large groups**

**Location:** About 900 m from the sea, 8 km from the centre and about 16 km from Ostuni.

**Rooms:** 371 rooms with hairdryer, safe, satellite TV, minibar, mostly with balcony or terrace.

**Facilities:** Restaurant, 2 bars, 2 swimming pools, congress centre, wellness centre (extra charge) with sauna, Turkish bath.

**Coach parking:** At the hotel free of charge.



# Rome

## An inspiring journey through history

- ✓ Wide range of hotel locations and standards for all types of groups
- ✓ Headsets provided throughout the tour
- ✓ Michelangelo staff based in the city



### 1 Arrival

### 2 Ancient and Classical Rome

- In the morning, see the remains of the great Roman era up close, before ascending Palatine Hill to admire the Imperial Palace complex. Then pass the Colosseum, before heading to Piazza Venezia.
- In the afternoon experience 'Classical Rome' first-hand, walking to the Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps and the Pantheon. The tour ends on the beautiful Piazza Navona.

### 3 Christian Rome

- This morning's visit is to the very heart of Christianity, St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the Christian world with its precious adornments. Ascend the dome of the Basilica to enjoy a breath-taking view of the Eternal City (optional - charge applies)
- Afternoon at leisure to explore the Vatican surroundings on your own, or pay a visit to the world famous Vatican Museums

### 4 Day at leisure | Optional excursion: Alban Hills including wine tasting

- Today the picturesque scenery of the Alban Hills awaits. Pass by Lake Albano en route to the town of Castel Gandolfo, known for its Papal Palace, used as the Pontiff's summer residence.
- Then on to Frascati, famous for its white wine. The town has been a favourite Roman summer retreat since the Renaissance. Round off this eventful day with a wine tasting with rustic snacks.

FD licensed guide for the Alban Hills excursion from € 275,- per day  
Wine tasting with snacks in Frascati from € 16,- per person

### 5 Departure

### Inclusions

- 4 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast at your chosen hotel
- 1 x 6-hour guided walking tour of Ancient and Classical Rome
- 1 x 3-hour guided walking tour of Christian Rome
- 1 x entrance fee to St. Peter's Basilica
- Headset throughout the tour

*On request, we can organise provision of entry permits for your coach in Rome*

*We can also arrange public transportation passes for you (1 day or more) if required*

*Please note that regulations regarding access to Rome by coach have changed - contact us for more information*



### 3\* Il Cantico Roma

Rome - Vatican area

[www.ilcantico.it](http://www.ilcantico.it)



#### Walking distances (all information approximate)

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Vatican                        | 10 min. |
| San Pietro Train Station       | 10 min. |
| Castel Sant'Angelo             | 20 min. |
| Metro station V. Aurelia/Cipro | 25 min. |

- **Rated by Michelangelo as a standard 4\* hotel**
- **Excellent peer reviews**
- **Charming high quality accommodation**

**Location:** Situated in a 2-hectare park, approx. 10 minutes' walk from St Peter's Basilica, in the ZTL Zone B

**Rooms:** 71 rooms with safe, telephone, minibar, satellite TV, hairdryer and air conditioning

**Facilities:** Elegant lounge area, rooftop terrace with views onto St. Peter's, bar, lift, wonderful parkland with herb garden and an excellent restaurant

**Coach parking:** Pick-up and drop-off approx. 150 m from the hotel.

Coach parking available at Gianicolo (fees apply)

### 4\* ELE Green Park Hotel Pamphili

Vatican area

[www.hotelpamphili.com](http://www.hotelpamphili.com)



#### Walking distances (all information approximate)

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Metro station Cornelia | 1 km |
| Vatican                | 5 km |
| Piazza Navona          | 5 km |
| Trastevere             | 6 km |

- **Just 15 minutes' drive to the Vatican**
- **Private chapel at the hotel**
- **Hotel provides free coach parking**

**Location:** Situated in a peaceful park around 5 km from the Vatican, in the ZTL Zone A

**Rooms:** 153 rooms with hairdryer, phone, satellite TV, air-conditioning and safe

**Facilities:** Elegant restaurant, cocktail bar, small private chapel, fitness room, several lounge areas, lifts, and two terraces

**Coach parking:** Free of charge at the hotel

### 4\* Hotel Imperiale

Barberini area

[www.hotelimperialeroma.it](http://www.hotelimperialeroma.it)



#### Walking distances (all information approximate)

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Termini Train Station | 5 min.  |
| Spanish Steps         | 10 min. |
| Colosseum             | 20 min. |
| Trevi Fountain        | 8 min.  |

- **200 m from Barberini metro stop**
- **Great location at the beginning of Via Veneto**
- **Excellent value for money**

**Location:** Hotel located in the heart of the city, in an elegant 19th-century building on the renowned Via Veneto. Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain are just minutes away.

**Rooms:** 96 rooms, spacious and bright, all with air conditioning, satellite TV, telephone, minibar, hairdryer, free Wi-Fi.

**Facilities:** Breakfast room, restaurant, bar, elevator, meeting rooms, SPA and wellness centre (extra charge) with sauna, Turkish bath, and Jacuzzi.

**Coach parking:** Loading and unloading in front of the hotel; coach parking available at Gianicolo (fees apply).



# Sicily

## Natural and cultural highlights

- ✓ Strategic location for all excursion
- ✓ Ideal base to discover the Aeolian Islands
- ✓ Experience the Sicilian hinterland with local tastings



### 1 Arrival

### 2 Cefalù and Tindari

- Enjoy a tour of Cefalù with its imposing Cathedral and well preserved buildings which stem from Arab-Norman times
- Continue to Tindari to see the famous pilgrimage Church of the Black Madonna

### 3 Mt. Etna and Taormina

- Depart for iconic Mt. Etna, Europe's tallest active volcano. Visit the Silvestri craters at 1900 m, where lava flows from previous eruptions can be observed
- Visit to a cheese dairy on Mt Etna with lunch-snack and drink
- Round off in Taormina with its spectacular setting for a guided tour

### 4 The Madonie Nature Park

- Head to the Madonie Nature Park, stopping off in the pretty village of Castelbuono, with its medieval castle which transports you back in time to the days of knights and damsels
- Take a break at a typical farmhouse to sample some of the characteristic local products grown in the area

### 5 Palermo and Monreale

- Visit Palermo with its ornate palaces and traditional street markets, and stop off in a cake shop for a tasting
- Continue to Monreale to see the impressive Cathedral with its gleaming gold mosaics and wonderful cloister (entrance fees apply)

### 6 The Aeolian Islands

- Take the ferry from Milazzo to Lipari and enjoy a tour of the island
- Continue by boat to the island of Vulcano, home to black sandy beaches and hot mudbaths
- Return by ferry to Milazzo

### 7 Day at leisure

### 8 Departure

### Inclusions

- 7 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast at your chosen hotel
- 7 x 3-course dinners
- 1 x FD licensed guide for Cefalù and Tindari
- 1 x FD licensed guide for Mt.Etna and Taormina, including walking guided tour of Taormina
- 1 x visit to a cheese dairy on Mt Etna including lunch-snack and drink
- 1 x FD licensed guide for the Madonie Nature Park
- 1 x typical local snack at a farmhouse
- 1 x 5-hour guided walking tour of Palermo and Monreale
- 1 x visit to a cake shop in Palermo with tasting
- 1 x FD excursion to the Aeolian Islands including boat crossings Milazzo-Lipari, Lipari-Vulcano and Vulcano-Milazzo, licensed guide and local minibus on Lipari



## 4\* Hotel Dolcestate

Campofelice di Roccella  
[www.hoteldolcestate.com](http://www.hoteldolcestate.com)



- **Hotel located just a few steps from the beach**
- **Only 20 km from Cefalù**
- **Excellent clients feedback**

**Location:** On the coast in Campofelice, about 60 km east of Palermo and 20 km from Cefalù (Shuttle bus service available at a supplement).

**Rooms:** 81 rooms with air-conditioning, satellite TV, telephone, minibar and free WiFi.

**Facilities:** Restaurant, bar, lobby, lifts, 2 swimming pools (open in summer), conference room, panoramic sun terrace, theatre (250 seats), and private beach with sun loungers and parasols.

**Coach parking:** At the hotel.

## 4\* Hotel Artemis

Cefalù  
[www.artemiscefalù.it](http://www.artemiscefalù.it)



- **Central location just 10 minutes' walk from the Old Town**
- **Only 200 m from the beach**
- **Fantastic peer reviews**

**Location:** Close to the historical centre of Cefalù and just a few steps from the sea.

**Rooms:** 56 rooms with air-conditioning, telephone, TV, minibar, hairdryer, safe and free WiFi.

**Facilities:** Restaurant, bar, lift, reading room, terrace with jacuzzi (open in Summer), and small gym.

**Coach parking:** Private coach parking area about 1km from hotel (free of charge).

## 4\* Cefalù Sea & Victoria Palace Complex

Cefalù  
[www.cefaluseapalace.it](http://www.cefaluseapalace.it)



- **Perfect location right on the beach promenade**
- **5 minute walk to the old town**
- **Hotel with spa area**

**Location:** Just a 5 minute walk from the centre of Cefalù the hotel is located right on the beach promenade.

**Rooms:** 83 spacious and luxuriously appointed rooms equipped with air conditioning and central heating, safe, minibar, satellite TV, internet access and balcony.

**Facilities:** Private beach area, reception area, rooftop terrace, spa area with hydro massage pools, sauna, Turkish baths, hammam, waterbed and solarium, outside pool. Free Wi-Fi available in the communal areas of the hotel.

**Coach parking:** Public parking adjacent to the hotel.



# Venice, Florence and Rome by rail

## Italy's "Holy Trinity"

- ✓ Italy's most beautiful cities all covered on one trip
- ✓ Guaranteed centrally located hotels in the best locations
- ✓ All transportation tickets and entrance fees included





### 1 Arrival at Venice Airport

- Upon landing at Venice Airport, meet your tour manager, transfer to Venice and check-in at your hotel.

### 2 Venice

- Visit the romantic lagoon city of Venice. Discover the Venice of the Venetians along narrow streets, away from the tourist hordes. Venice never loses its ability to enchant visitors and this is best experienced off the beaten track with a local guide. For a stunning view of the city, head to the Ponte dell'Accademia and look out along the Grand Canal, whilst a visit to St. Mark's Basilica is a must for any visitor.

### 3 Transfer to Florence by rail

- This morning, check-out of your hotel and leave Venice. The easiest and fastest way to reach Florence is by train, in just 2h30m you are already in Tuscany! Upon arrival at Florence's Santa Maria Novella Station, transfer to your hotel in the city centre by minivan. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure, with free time to admire this stunning birthplace of the Renaissance.

### 4 Florence

- A guided city walking tour is on the programme today. This art and cultural metropolis is a must for all travellers to Tuscany. Florence's Cathedral or Duomo, dominates the cityscape and together with the Campanile and Baptistery forms one of the most magnificent works of art that can be admired on earth.



We visit the world famous Accademia Gallery, to behold Michelangelo's masterpiece: "David". This unrivaled statue's perfection was crafted from a single slab of marble and was meant to symbolize the strength of the Florentine Republic. A replica presented to Queen Victoria in 1857 was ordered to cover its immodesty with a detachable fig leaf! The Accademia features other legendary sculptures by greats like Giambologna, as well as Gothic paintings and a few of Botticelli's Madonnas. Florence offers so many unique experiences it will create memories, which will live with you forever.

### 5 Transfer to Rome by rail

- This morning transfer to Rome by rail in a journey lasting less than 90 minutes and transfer by coach from the rail station to your hotel. After checking in at your hotel, the afternoon is at leisure.

In the evening we join a Rome "by night" tour of the city.

Our tour includes many of the main "musts": from the obelisk in Piazza dell'Esquilino; the elegant, historic hotels and cafés frequented by the Cinecittà celebrities in the 1960s as they lived la Dolce Vita in Via Veneto; Barberini Square with its Bernini fountains; Quirinal Square which affords views of the presidential residence; St. Peter's Basilica; Castel Sant'Angelo; and Piazza Venezia with its monument to the first king of united Italy, Victor Emmanuel II. The Eternal city is brimming with impressive sites that are awesome during the day and breath-taking at night.

### 6 Ancient Rome & the Vatican City

- Enjoy a visit to the Vatican Museum. Since the collections are so extensive, a few targeted exhibits will be chosen out of the overwhelming selection to be viewed and explained during the tour. The Raphael Rooms and the world-famous Sistine Chapel are also included. Afterwards visit St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the Christian world and see Michelangelo's exquisite sculpture, the Pietà.

In the afternoon our tour continues with an insight into Ancient Rome, as we travel back to the time of the gladiators and wander through the ruins of Imperial Rome.

You will see the remains of the great Roman era up close, before ascending Palatine Hill, to admire the ruins of the imperial palace complex. Next port of call is the incredible Colosseum, before returning to the Piazza Venezia at the foot of Capitoline Hill.

### 7 At leisure in Rome

- Free time to explore the Italian capital

### 8 Departure from Rome airport

- Check-out after breakfast and transfer to Rome Airport.



## Inclusions

- 2 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast at a centrally located 4\* hotel in Venice
- 2 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast at a centrally located 4\* hotel in Florence
- 3 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast at a centrally located 4\* hotel in Rome
- Tour leader throughout the tour
- Portage on arrival and departure at each hotel
- 1 x boat transfer from Venice Airport to your hotel
- 1 x luggage transportation from Venice Airport to the hotel
- 1 x 4-hour guided walking tour of Venice
- 1 x entrance to St. Mark's Basilica
- 1 x entrance to the Doge's Palace
- 1 x luggage transportation from the hotel in Venice to Venice train station
- 1 x 2nd class high-speed rail ticket from Venice to Florence
- 1 x minivan transfer from Florence train station to the hotel
- 1 x 6-hour guided walking tour of Florence
- 1 x entrance to the Accademia Gallery
- 1 x visit to Europe's oldest pharmacy
- 1 x minivan transfer from the hotel in Florence to Florence train station
- 1 x 2nd class high-speed rail ticket from Florence to Rome
- 1 x transfer from Rome train station to the hotel
- 1 x private evening coach provision for "Rome by Night" tour
- 1 x 3-hour guided walking tour of "Rome by Night"
- 1 x FD coach provision for "Ancient Rome & The Vatican"
- 1 x 8-hour guided walking tour of "Ancient Rome and the Vatican"
- 1 x admission to the Colosseum, Imperial Forum and Palatine Hill
- 1 x admission to the Pantheon
- 1 x entrance to the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel and S. Peter's Basilica, including headsets
- 1 x private coach transfer to Rome airport incl. city permits and parking fees



# From Venice to Lake Como “...what else?”

- ✓ Visit two iconic Italian destinations on one tour
- ✓ Wonderful combination of cultural, scenic and gastronomic experiences
- ✓ Includes gondola ride in Venice



### 1 Arrival

Arrive at your hotel on the Venice mainland.

### 2 Verona

• After breakfast travel to Verona where a guided tour reveals that this city is second only to Rome for its number of Roman ruins. Pastel villas, built from rosso di Verona, the local pink limestone, line the cobbled streets. See the famous balcony of Romeo & Juliet that inspired Shakespeare's tale of love gone tragically wrong. Later return to Venice mainland.



### 3 Venice

• Take the tram from Mestre to Piazzale Roma before boarding a boat for the ride to St. Mark's Square, where your guided tour in Venice begins. Visit St. Mark's Basilica passing by the Doge's Palace. Enjoy a Venice experience "must" -ride in a genuine Venetian gondola. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure wandering through this exceptional city before returning to the mainland by boat and tram.

### 4 Transfer to Lake Como with visit to Milan - hotel change



• Depart after breakfast bound for Milan. Enjoy a Milan city tour and see the impressive Milan Cathedral. The building took six centuries to complete and is one of the largest cathedrals in the world. Enjoy time at leisure to sip a cappuccino or stroll through the Vittorio Emanuele II Gallery, one of the world's oldest shopping malls, before travelling on to your hotel in the Como area for a 4-night stay.

### 5 Lake Como tour

• Today enjoy a scenic cruise to Bellagio, one of the most famous lakeside resorts in Italy. An impossibly beautiful lakeside setting frames the village characterized by centuries-old buildings, tiny streets and quaint cobbled stairways, with shops showcasing the finest Italian wares. Enjoy free time to explore Bellagio at your own pace before returning to the hotel.

### 6 Day at leisure

• Enjoy a day at leisure in the Lake Como area and explore your surroundings.

### 7 Lugano

• Cross the border into Switzerland this morning to visit Lugano, a city with a distinctly Italian feel, set on the shores of a bejewelled lake with views of the not-too-distant Alps.

Enjoy a guided tour with some free time afterwards to explore on your own. Take in the splendour of the peaks of the Bernese Oberland and the Valais from the top of Switzerland's sunniest mountain following a ride on the Monte Brè cable car. Panoramic terraces offer a place to relax and take in the magnificent views down onto Lake Lugano below.

### 8 Departure

Depart from your hotel in the Como area.

### Inclusions

- 3 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast at a 4\* hotel on the Venice mainland
- 4 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast at a 4\* hotel in the Como area
- Tour leader throughout the tour
- 1 x 2-hour guided walking tour of Verona
- 1 x return tram ride from Mestre to Venice
- 1 x boat ride from Piazzale Roma to St. Mark's Square and back
- 1 x 4-hour guided walking tour of Venice
- 1 x entrance to St Mark's Basilica
- 1 x 25-minute daytime gondola ride
- 1 x 2-hour guided walking tour of Milan
- 1 x admission to the Milan Cathedral
- 1 x FD guided tour of Lake Como
- 1 x ferry-boat ride on Lake Como
- 1 x 2-hour guided walking tour of Lugano
- 1 x return ride on the Monte Brè cable car





# Rome and Sorrento special

This bestselling tour is a winner - by air or coach

- ✓ Available both with and without ground transportation
- ✓ Comprehensive programme at a fantastic price
- ✓ Combines culture, history and breathtaking views





This has always been the classical Italian two centre tour, and for good reason! The Eternal City has so much to offer and combined with the treasures of the Gulf of Sorrento with its breathtaking steep sided cliffs, emerald green waters and picturesque villages provides both natural beauty and all manner of culture and history in one tour. Our comprehensive package of inclusions comes at a fantastic price and is created for both coach and air groups giving you a tour which is bound to be a top seller for you.



## Inclusions

- 3 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast in a 4\* hotel in the Roman suburbs
- 4 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast in a good 4\* hotel on the Sorrentine peninsula
- 4 x 3-course dinners on the Sorrentine peninsula
- 1 x 6-hour walking guided tour of Christian and Classical Rome
- 1 x Entrance including headsets hire for St Peter's Basilica
- 1 x 3-hour guided walking tour of Ancient Rome
- 1 x Wine tasting with extensive snack buffet at the foot of Vesuvius
- 1 x 2-hour guided walking tour of Pompeii (entrance not included)
- 1 x FD licensed guide for day tour to Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast
- 1 x Local based coach hire for the Amalfi Coast excursion
- 1 x Limoncello tasting
- 1 x 3-hour guided walking tour of Naples

### 1 Arrival in Rome

#### 2 Christian and Classical Rome (approx. 10 km / 6 miles)

• We visit St Peter's, the largest Christian Basilica Church in the World which still has the world's tallest dome. Here too you will find sumptuous works of art including Michelangelo's Pieta, the bronze statue of St Peter, Bernini's Masterpiece Monument to Pope Alexander VII as well as the St Peter's Altar and Tomb. The afternoon is given over to Classical Rome which will take in the Trevi Fountains and the Spanish Steps before seeing the Pantheon and the Piazza Navona.



#### 3 Ancient Rome, followed by time at leisure (approx. 10 km / 6 miles)

• Your stroll through Ancient Rome begins on Capitol Hill before ascending Palatine Hill to admire the remains of the Emperor's Palace. Our tour continues past the outside of the impressive Colosseum, before ending at the Piazza Venezia which is at the foot of the Capitol. The remainder of the day is yours to explore on your own.

#### 4 Transfer to Sorrento with wine tasting and Pompeii - Change of hotel (approx. 280 km / 175 miles)

• Today we bid farewell to Rome and head south. Our activities in the south begin with a wine tasting in the foothills

of Vesuvius followed by a visit to the ruins of Pompeii (entrance not included). During the time of the Roman Empire Pompeii was a prosperous trading centre and a lively city prior to volcanic devastation. We then continue on to our hotel on the nearby Sorrentine peninsula.

#### 5 Free day to explore your surroundings - optional excursion to Capri (price available on request)

• Today is a free day to unwind, relax and explore your surroundings. Upon request we can provide prices for an optional day excursion to Capri for your group.

#### 6 Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast with Limoncello tasting (approx. 100 km / 60 miles)

• Today we will discover gorgeous Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast. Sorrento was once a popular base for artists, writers and poets. We then continue on following one of the most beautiful coast roads in the world. The road winds its way past Positano to Amalfi, the road clinging to the steep sides of the cliff face providing sensational views down to the deep blue seas below. En route we will enjoy a tasting of the lemon flavoured liqueur Limoncello, made from the rinds of the locally produced citrus fruit.

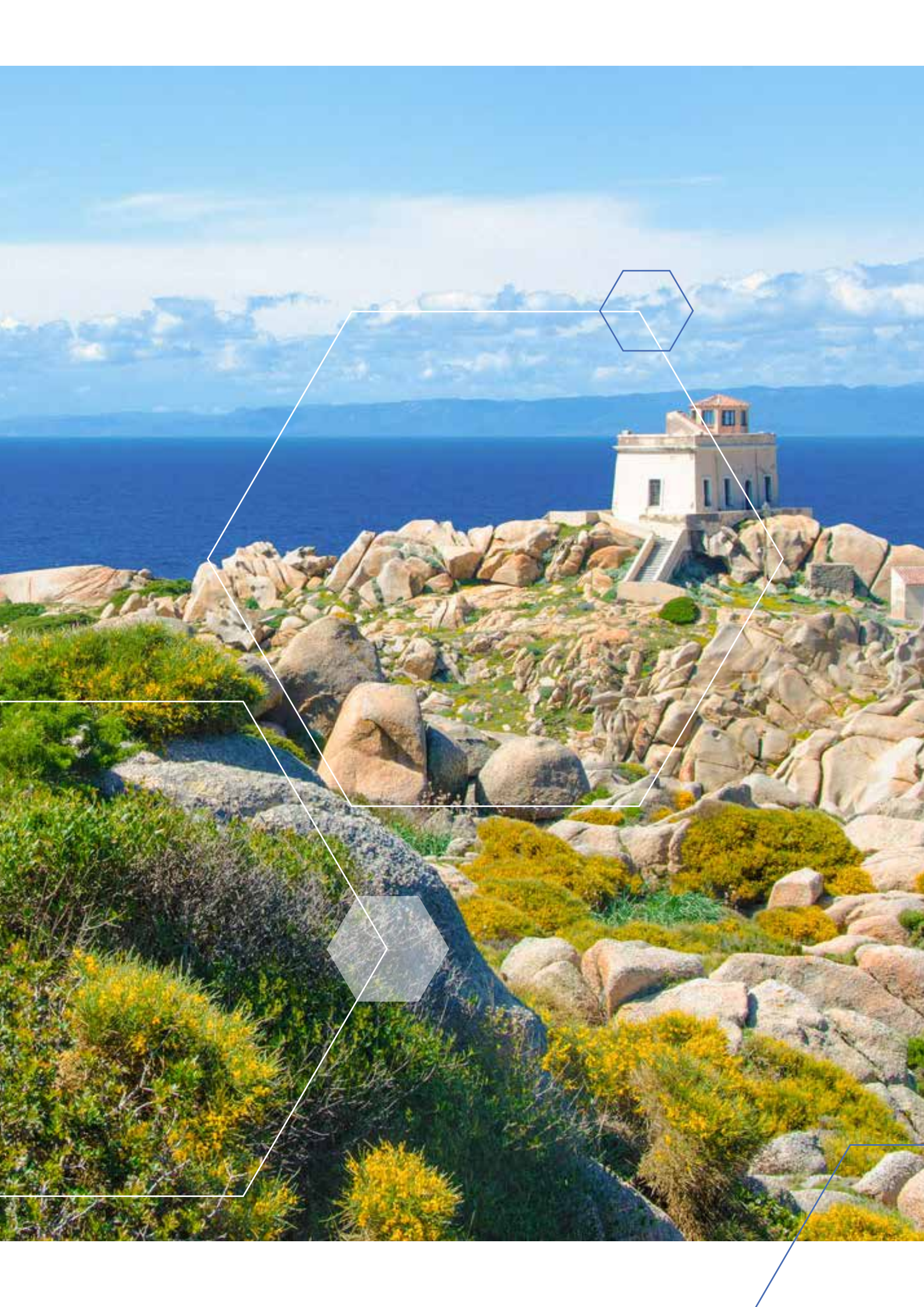
#### 7 Naples (approx. 95 km / 55 miles)

• A visit to Naples, capital city of the province of Campania is a real experience. The ancient and modern collide before the unforgettable backdrop of Vesuvius. A guided tour will show you all the best places in this chaotic city (entrances extra)

#### 8 Departure









# Mediterranean safaris & beach holidays

## SUMMER MEDLEY

On the following pages you will find marvellous Mediterranean experiences that blend cultural and natural elements into superb tours. Rich in culture, history and scenic settings with a pleasant climate, these dream destinations are brimming with stunning places to visit. Find inspiration for tours full of sightseeing and activities or chose a relaxing beach break in some of Southern Europe's hottest sea resorts. From the beauties of Puglia on the heel of Italy to the vibrant city life of the coastal metropolis Barcelona, every corner of the Mediterranean has a unique flavour.



*Seasonal hotel rates are subject of possible changes due to major city events, fairs, or special weekends. Michelangelo has no control over these matters and cannot be held responsible.*



# Coast to Coast from Amalfi to Apulia

## The Treasures of Southern Italy

- ✓ Half board at each hotel
- ✓ Packed itinerary with many cultural highlights
- ✓ Includes the incredible caves of Matera





## 1 Arrival

Arrive at your hotel in the Salerno Area.

## 2 Amalfi Coast

- Drive along one of the most picturesque coastal roads in the world. The road snakes its way to Positano Positano via the Amalfi coast hugging steep sided cliffs and provides stunning views down to the azure blue seas at every turn.
- Stop to sample the local limoncello liqueur.

## 3 Naples and Pompeii

- Visit the lively and chaotic city of Naples, capital of the province of Campania. Naples lies at the foot of the towering volcano, Vesuvius, which dominates the scenery on one side whilst islands extend from the gorgeous Bay of Naples like sculptures on the other.
- Pompeii is home to the world famous excavations-site (entrance extra).



A walk through the impressive ruins will give you an excellent insight into day-to-day life of the Ancient Romans.

## 4 Cave dwellings of Matera “European City of Culture 2019” - hotel change

- The sight of the so-called Sassi of Matera always astonishes first time visitors. This is one of the most unique and spectacular cities in Italy, if not the world. The city is a series of caves, some dating back to prehistoric times, cut into the limestone face and teetering on a ravine. Dwellings, monasteries and churches were all constructed in this

way and the stone takes on pastel shades in gentle light.

## 5 Alberobello, Martina Franca und Ostuni

- Visit the town of Alberobello and see its famous “Trulli”. These unique circular shepherds’ and farmers’ dwellings with their stunning white washed walls and conical black tiled roofs present a stunning townscape.
- On to an oil mill to learn about the tasty Apulian olive oil.
- Continue to Ostuni, the so called White Town of Apulia.

## 6 Lecce & Otranto

- Lecce offers the best examples of Baroque architecture in the region. Its striking buildings and the undoubted beauty of its churches underline its reputation as the “Florence of the South”.
- Proceed to Otranto, for a visit which will provide you with a broad history lesson of the Mediterranean. The terraced gardens here were described by the Turks as the Gardens of Eden and the colourful mosaics of the city’s Cathedral tell the original story.

## 7 From Apulia to the area of Naples - hotel change

- Depart from the “Heel of Italy” and head across the south of the country to the Naples area for your final overnight of the tour.

## 8 Departure

Depart for your journey home.

## Inclusions

- 3 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast in a good 4\* hotel in the Salerno area
- 3 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast in a good 4\* hotel in the Ostuni area
- 1 x night accommodation with buffet breakfast in a good 4\* hotel in the Naples area
- 7 x 3-course dinners
- Tour leader throughout the tour
- 1 x FD local coach hire for Amalfi coast (obligatory)
- 1 x limoncello tasting
- 1 x FD guided tour of Naples and Pompeii (entrance extra)
- 1 x 2-hour guided walking tour of Matera
- 1 x sampling of olive oil at an oil mill





# Vesuvius - Stromboli - Etna

## Dance on the Mediterranean Volcanoes

- ✓ Get up close to the volcanoes of the South of Italy
- ✓ Includes all boat and ferry transfers
- ✓ Packed with cultural and scenic highlights



## 1 Arrival

Arrive at your hotel on the Gulf of Gaeta.

## 2 Island of Ischia

- Transfer to Pozzuoli for the ferry to Ischia. Get to know all the best places on the island on a guided tour.
- Visit the small picturesque town of Sant' Angelo, a wonderful example of an Ischian fishing village with its pastel coloured houses and brightly painted boats.



## 3 Mt. Vesuvius and transfer to Calabria - hotel change

- Explore stunning Mt Vesuvius which dominates the Bay of Naples and has so shaped its history. After a 20-minute uphill walk from the coach park to the Crater of this volcano, be rewarded by dramatic views into the caldera and across the bay to Naples and the islands of the Gulf.
- Back on the coach, head south to Calabria.

## 4 Reggio Calabria and transfer to Lipari - hotel change

- Reggio di Calabria is the largest town in Calabria and is located in the toe of the boot of Italy; just 3 km separate it across the Straits of Messina from Sicily. See the main features of the old town and the imposing Cathedral with a local guide.
- Cross the straits to Messina and on to Milazzo to board the hour-long ferry to Lipari.



## 5 Lipari and boat excursion to see Stromboli by night

- Discover the small town of Lipari with its interesting old town, ancient acropolis and archaeological museum (entrance not included). A tour of the island by minibus follows with stops at various points to take in the stunning views.
- Continue by boat to the Island of Stromboli. When darkness falls, appreciate the power and beauty of volcanic eruptions for yourself, watching fiery explosions from the active volcano from an observation point. Return by boat to Lipari in the late evening, enjoying a dish of pasta on board.

## 6 Boat excursion to Vulcano, return to Sicily and on to Taormina - hotel change

- Take a short ferry ride to the island of Vulcano where the *Gran Cratere* with its characteristic sulphurous vents awaits. Circle the crater before climbing up in the direction of the Valle dei Mostri, where the lava flows take on the appearance of mystical creatures.
- After a 3-hour walk, travel back to Lipari before continuing on to the Sicilian mainland and a drive by coach to the Taormina area.

## 7 Mt. Etna and Taormina

- See iconic Mt Etna, Europe's tallest active volcano. Drive to approx. 1900 m and continue on foot to the Silvestri Crater to admire the lava flows from previous eruptions. Weather permitting, optional ride by cable-car/jeep to 3000 m (extra charge applies).
- Return to the coast to visit Taormina, a lovely town which dominates two grand sweeping bays providing a stunning backdrop of rocks, gardens and deep blue seas. The Greco-Roman Theatre is the most famous tourist sight in the town presenting magical photo opportunities. (entrance not included).

## 8 Departure

Depart for your journey home.

## Inclusions

- 2 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast in a good 4\* hotel on the Gulf of Naples
- 1 x night accommodation with buffet breakfast in a good 4\* hotel in the Parghelia/Tropea area
- 2 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast in a good 3\* hotel on the Island of Lipari
- 2 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast in a good 4\* hotel in the Taormina/Giardini Naxos/Letojanni area
- 6 x 3-course dinners
- 1 x dinner on board the boat excursion to Stromboli Island
- 1 x Tour leader throughout the tour
- 1 x return ferry from Pozzuoli to Ischia
- 1 x island guided tour with local bus on Ischia
- 1 x 2-hour guided walking tour of Mt. Vesuvius
- 1 x entrance to Mt. Vesuvius
- 1 x roundtrip shuttle ticket for Mt. Vesuvius
- 1 x 2-hour guided walking tour of Reggio Calabria
- 1 x ferry crossing San Giovanni -Messina for bus and passengers
- 1 x return ferry crossing for passengers only from Milazzo to Lipari
- 1 x luggage transfer from Lipari harbour to the hotel and back
- 1 x island tour with local bus on Lipari and return ferry crossing to Stromboli with local licensed guide
- 1 x return ferry for excursion to Vulcano with local licensed guide

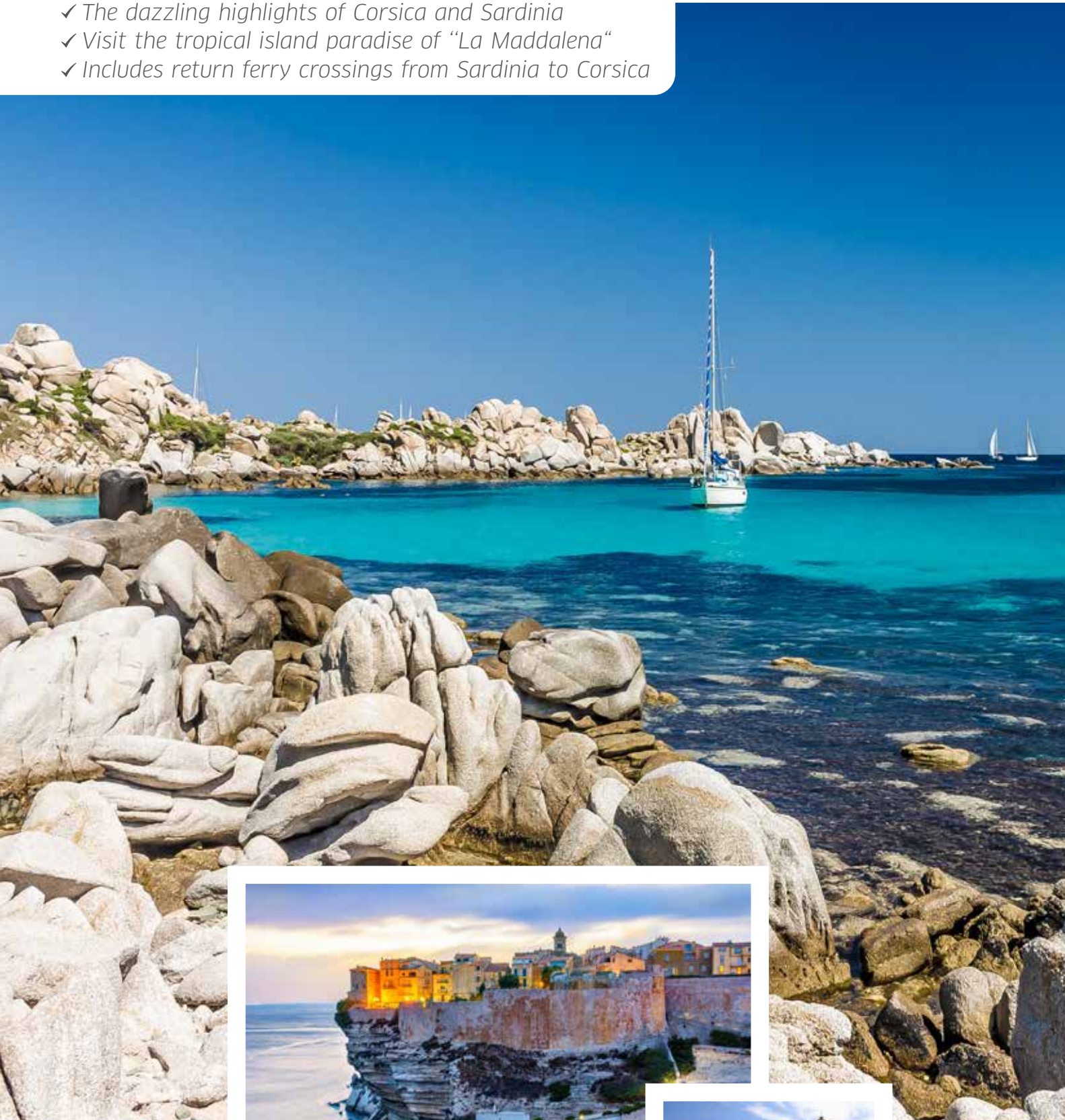




# Corsica and Sardinia

## Two jewels of the Mediterranean

- ✓ *The dazzling highlights of Corsica and Sardinia*
- ✓ *Visit the tropical island paradise of “La Maddalena”*
- ✓ *Includes return ferry crossings from Sardinia to Corsica*



## 1 Arrival

Arrive at your hotel in the Palau area.

## 2 Bonifacio, Corsica – hotel change

• Head to St Teresa di Gallura and board the ferry bound for Bonifacio. A guided tour reveals the charms of this town perched on top of steep cliffs. Enjoy a ride on the sightseeing train to the medieval old town. After the tour, continue on to your hotel in the Calvi area.

## 3 Bastia with tasting of typical locally grown produce

• Head north today in the direction of Bastia. Along with a picturesque fishing port, Bastia also has a very attractive old town to explore. Stop during the way to enjoy a sample of locally grown produce.



## 4 The Calanches of Piana and Ajaccio – hotel change

• The Calanches of Piana offer one of the most picturesque stretches of coastline on the island. This almost surreal world of weather-carved pink granite rocks creates a most unusual vista of strangely shaped firs, some up to 300 m high, others plunging dramatically down towards the turquoise sea below. Continue on to Ajaccio for a guided tour of the main sights.

## 5 From Ajaccio to Bonifacio and back to Sardinia - hotel change

• Return today from Ajaccio to Bonifacio and board the ferry for the hour-long

crossing back to Sardinia. Once checked in to your hotel the rest of the day is at leisure to relax and unwind.

## 6 The Costa Smeralda or Emerald Coast

• A stunning excursion today takes you along the Emerald Coast, which is synonymous with turquoise seas, fabulous coves and opulence. Stop in Porto Cervo, holiday destination for the rich and famous and main town on the Emerald Coast, before continuing on to Cala di Volpe and Porto Rotondo.

## 7 La Maddalena and Caprera

• The dazzling emerald green waters of the Maddalena Archipelago, make a casual observer think that they have landed in paradise. Leave Palau by boat to La Maddalena and circumnavigate the island on the breath-taking Strada Panoramica before crossing on to the neighbouring islet of Caprera via the narrow bridge-dan, Ponte Moneta. Return by ferry to Palau.

## 8 Departure

Depart for your journey home.

## Inclusions

- 1 x night accommodation with buffet breakfast at a good middle class hotel in the Palau area
- 2 x nights accommodation with continental breakfast at a good middle class hotel in the Calvi area
- 1 x night accommodation with continental breakfast at a good middle class hotel in the Ajaccio area
- 3 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast at good middle class hotel in the Palau area
- 7 x 3-course dinners
- Tour leader throughout the tour
- 1 x return ferry crossing from St. Teresa to Bonifacio for coach and passengers
- 1 x 2-hour walking guided tour of Bonifacio
- 1 x ride on the sightseeing train in Bonifacio
- 1 x 1-hour guided walking tour of Bastia
- 1 x tasting of typical locally cultivated products
- 1 x 2-hour guided walking tour of Ajaccio
- 1 x return ferry crossing from Palau to La Maddalena for coach and passengers
- All applicable taxes and supplements as of February 2023

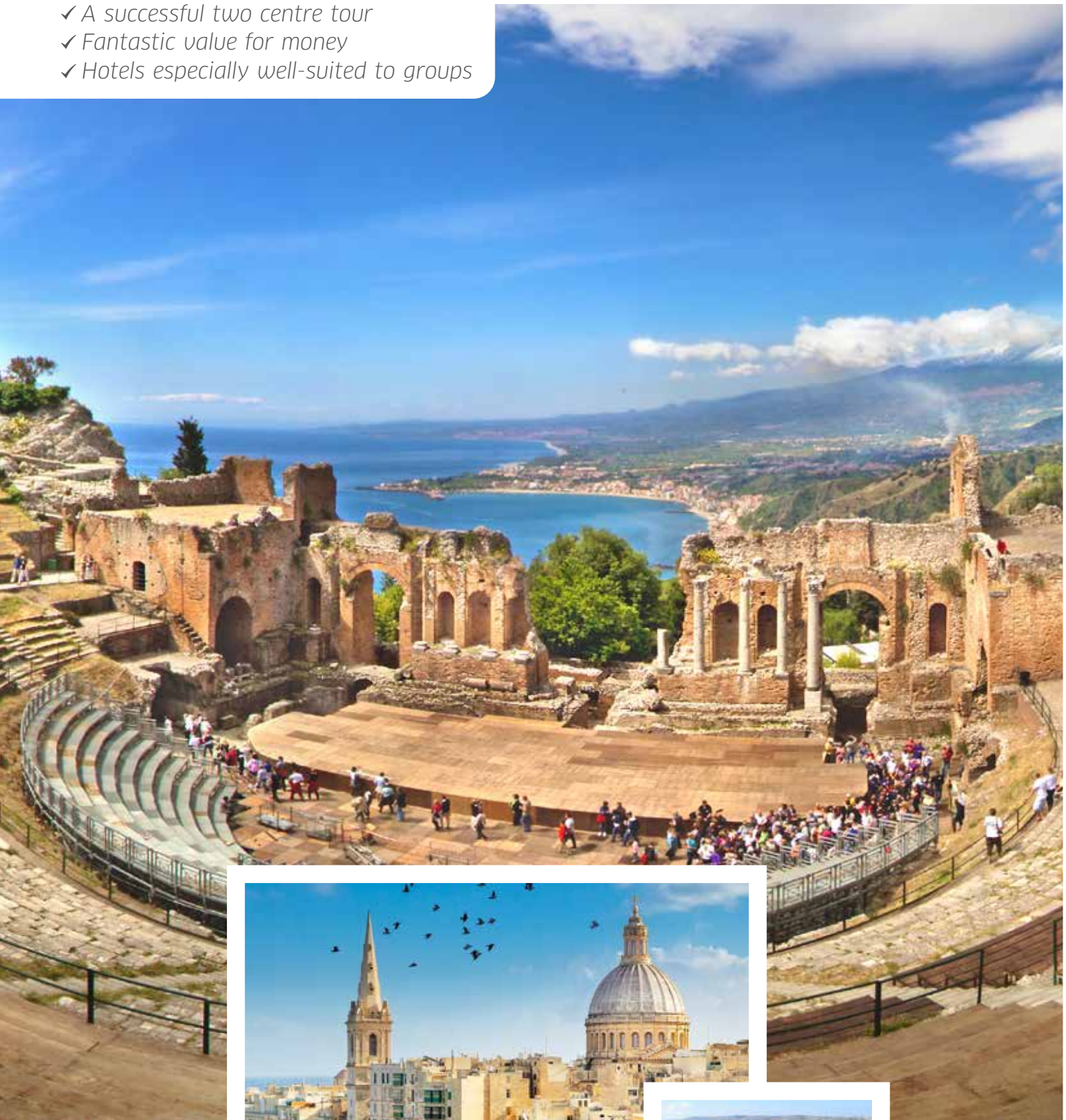




# Sicily and Malta

## A two centre Mediterranean Islands' tour

- ✓ A successful two centre tour
- ✓ Fantastic value for money
- ✓ Hotels especially well-suited to groups



## 1 Arrival

Arrive at your hotel near Taormina/ Giardini Naxos.

## 2 Etna and Taormina

- Head up iconic Mt. Etna, Europe's highest active volcano. Walk to the Silvestri craters at a height of 1900 m from where you can see the lava streams from the previous eruptions.

Optional cable-car/jeep ride up to 2900 m (extra charges apply).

- In the afternoon visit Taormina, a town framed by the dramatic combination of rock faces, gardens and the sea. Taormina's most famous structure, the Greco-Roman theatre (entrance fee not included), affords spectacular views across the bay and on to Mt. Etna.

## 3 In the footsteps of the Godfather & granita tasting

- Take in Savoca which, together with Forza D'Agrò, provided the locations for some of the scenes of Francis Ford Coppola's epic movie, The Godfather.
- Enjoy a typically refreshing Sicilian granita sorbet in the Vitelli Bar, which featured in the Godfather as the place where Corleone asked Apollonia's father to meet his daughter. It still operates as a working bar to this day.
- Continue on to the village of Forza D'Agrò. The locals are justly proud of their long history, traditions and culture, which resolutely resist the demands of today's stressful modern way of life.

## 4 Transfer to Malta - hotel change

- Transfer by coach to Pozzallo and board the ferry to Valletta. The crossing takes approx. 1h 45 mins. Transfer to your hotel.

## 5 Valletta and afternoon at leisure

- Discover La Valletta which was built by the Knights of St. John after the Great Siege of Malta by the Ottomans in 1565. This fortified city was said to be "Built by gentlemen for gentlemen".
- Boasting over 320 monuments in a 2 mile radius, the Baroque capital of Malta was named the European Capital of Culture in 2018. The town offers a great mixture of history and contemporary liveliness.

## 6 Mdina, Mosta and transfer to Sicily - hotel change

- With its narrow, cobbled streets shrouded in an air of mystery, Mdina snatches you away from the present and transports you back in time. Malta's former capital, Mdina has been renamed several times by its different rulers in the 4,000 years since it was founded.
- A large town in central Malta, Mosta is connected with several popular local legends. The town is surrounded by many historical places of interest, including the Victoria Lines fortifications, built by the British as a defence mechanism against land invasion from the North.
- Mosta boasts the third largest unsupported dome in the world.
- Transfer to Valletta for the return ferry back to Sicily.

## 7 Syracuse and Ortigia

- Drive to Syracuse, once one of the most important cities of ancient Greece. Visit the archaeological excavations (entrance fee not included) with its beautiful Greek amphitheatre and the famous Ear of Dionysius.
- Head to Ortigia, site of the ruins of the earliest Greek constructions. Its most celebrated building is the Cathedral, which rises from the highest point of the peninsula.

## 8 Departure

Depart for your journey home.



## Inclusions

- 3 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast in a 4\* hotel in the Taormina/ Giardini Naxos area
- 2 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast in a 4\* hotel in Malta
- 2 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast in a 4\* hotel in the Syracuse area
- 7 x 3-course dinners
- Tour leader throughout the tour
- Coach provision throughout including entrance and parking fees
- 1 x Sicilian granita sorbet tasting
- 1 x return ferry crossing from Pozzallo to Valletta (only passengers)
- 1 x 2-hour guided walking tour in Valletta
- 1 x FD guided tour of Mdina and Mosta

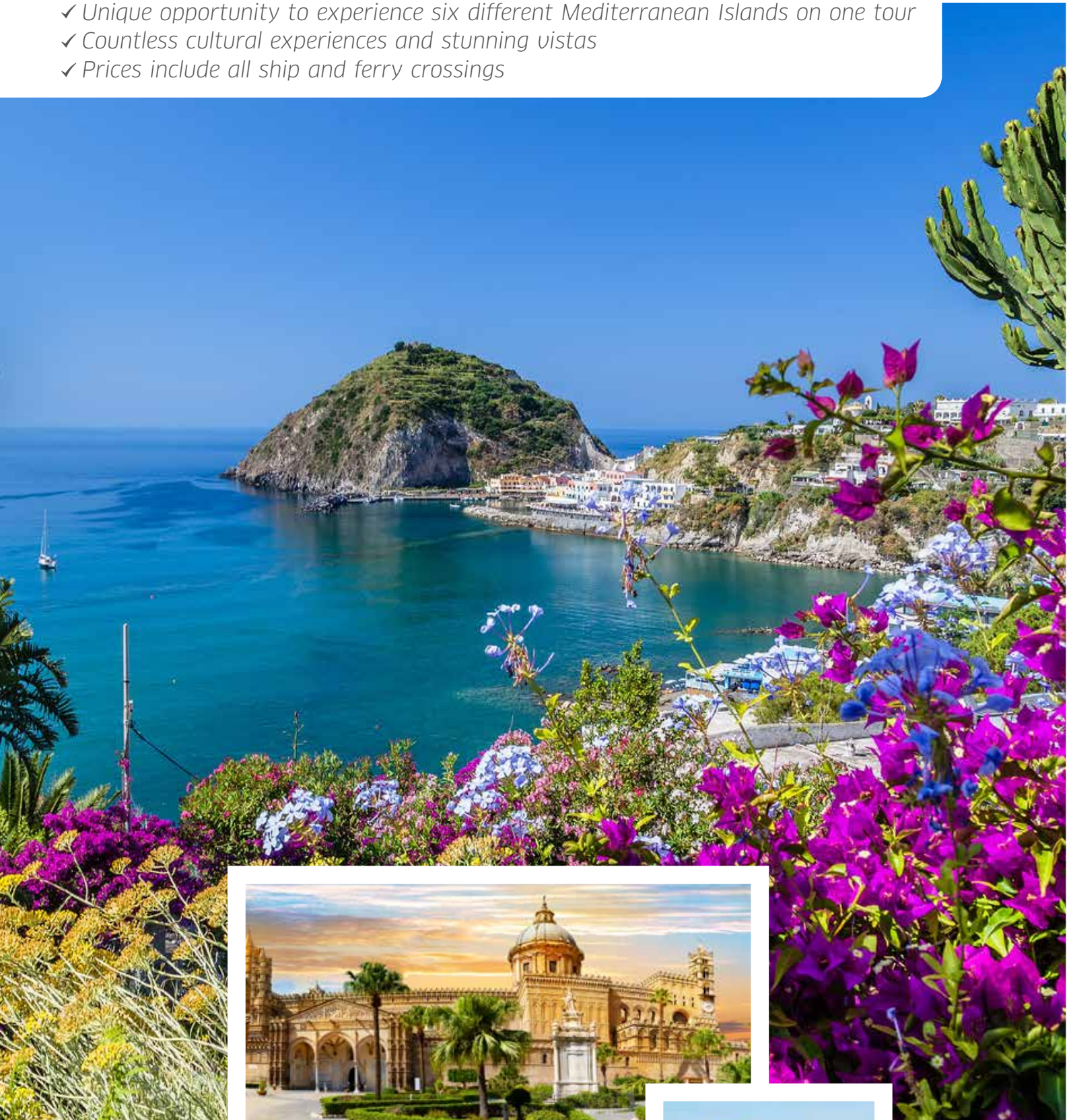




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# Costa Brava and French Riviera

## Two countries and two lifestyles in one tour

- ✓ Local traditions and stellar architecture
- ✓ Vibrant and lively important European cities
- ✓ Culinary discoveries in the local atmosphere



## 1 Arrival

Arrive at your hotel in the Montpellier area.

### Optional excursion - depending on arrival time: Montpellier, France.

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## 2 Girona and Figueres, Spain - hotel change

• After leaving France, and entering Spain, we will first discover the 2 biggest cities north of Barcelona. Girona is a medieval city with one of the best-preserved Jewish Quarters in Europe. Here we can experience its history in the small streets of the old city centre. We then move on to Figueres, with its unique Dalí Theatre- Museum. This museum holds the biggest collection of artworks, representing the artistic evolution of Salvador Dalí, from his first artistic experiments to his surreal creations.

## 3 Costa Brava, Spain

• We dive deep into the Catalan lifestyle today, visiting intimate seaside villages located on one of the world's most famous Rivièras. We will also discover Spain's most iconic culinary dish, paella, which we will enjoy with a glass of sangria, of course!

## 4 Barcelona, Spain

• Today we will visit the vibrant and eclectic city of Barcelona, known for its pulsating energy and stellar architecture. Barcelona's graceful Gothic churches, wrought-iron balconies and wide, grand avenues filled with outdoor cafés round off the experience and our tour will leave you feeling like a local. In the afternoon we will sip a vermouth by the beach at La Barceloneta.

## 5 Montserrat and Penedès wine region, Spain

• We discover today Barcelona's surrounding countryside and enjoy the local wine region. We will visit Montserrat, home to the 16th-century Benedictine monastery of Santa Maria de Montserrat, Catalonia's holiest site. Then we will make our way to the cava wine hills, the Penedès Wine Region for a taste of traditional Spanish cava wine.

## 6 From Costa Brava to French Riviera with stop at Marseille, France - hotel change

• We return today to France, stopping at Marseille to visit France's second-largest city. Marseille is often touted as the new Barcelona, as both cities share the same glistening Mediterranean shores. The city has a rich sense of itself - this is, after all, where La Marseillaise, the French national anthem, originated from - and sitting at the crossroads of the southern French and North African cultures, it offers edgy art, sumptuous history and delicious food.

## 7 Nice and Cannes, France

Enjoy a guided tour of two pearls of the French Riviera. Nice, where you can immerse yourself in the glorious splendour of the city and Cannes, home to the famous Film Festival, where you can stroll around the town centre and soak up the sophisticated cosmopolitan atmosphere. We will also have time to appreciate the true scent of luxury on a visit to a perfumery.

## 8 Departure

## Inclusions

- 1 x night accommodation with buffet breakfast at a good middle class hotel in the Montpellier area
- 4 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast at a good middle class hotel in the Tossa de Mar area
- 2 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast at a good middle class hotel in the Nice area
- 7 x 3-course dinners
- 1 x 6-hour guided walking tour of Girona and Figueres with Dalí Theatre-Museum
- 1 x Entrance fee for the Dalí Theatre-Museum
- 1 x 4-hour licensed guide for the Costa Brava
- 1 x Paella lunch with sangria
- 1 x 4-hour guided walking tour of Barcelona
- 1 x Vermouth tasting in La Barceloneta
- 1 x 6-hour licensed guide for Montserrat & Penedès wine area
- 1 x Cava tasting in Penedès
- 1 x 3-hour guided walking tour of Marseille
- 1 x 6-hour guided walking tour of Nice and Cannes with perfume factory





# Summer Special | Spain Costa Brava

- ✓ Discover the more intimate resorts of the Costa Brava
- ✓ Relax and enjoy the Catalan lifestyle
- ✓ Visit the vibrant and eclectic city of Barcelona



## Inclusions

- 5 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast at your chosen hotel
- 5 x 3-course dinners
- 1 x 4-hour guided walking tour of Barcelona
- 1 x Vermouth tasting in La Barceloneta

### 3\* Hotel Mar de Tossa

Tossa de Mar

[www.hotelmardetossa.com](http://www.hotelmardetossa.com)

- **Perfect location to enjoy the beach, and explore historical surroundings**
- **Great outdoor swimming pool**
- **Very relaxed atmosphere in an unforgettable location**



### 4\*Sup Hotel Pineda Palace

Pineda de Mar

[www.htophotels.com](http://www.htophotels.com)

- **Excellent hotel for relaxation and sea views**
- **Right by the beach yet also close to the tourist centre of the city**
- **Great outdoor pool with panoramic views**



### 4\* Hotel GHT S'Agaró Mar

Sant Feliu de Guíxols

[www.ghthotels.com](http://www.ghthotels.com)

- **Hotel surrounded by pine trees**
- **Spectacular views down to the beach & across the Mediterranean**
- **Spacious and very comfortable rooms**



# Summer Special | Croatia Relaxing Istria

- ✓ Excellent hotel choice for comfort and relaxation
- ✓ Great locations to discover Istria
- ✓ Visits to beautiful Rovinj and Porec included



## Inclusions

- 5 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast at your chosen hotel
- 5 x 3-course dinners
- 1 x FD guided tour for Porec and Rovinj
- 1 x Wine tasting with snack

## 4\* Hotelkomplex Maslinca Narcis/Mimosa/Hedera

Rabac

[www.maslinica-rabac.com](http://www.maslinica-rabac.com)

- **Hotel complex directly on the sea**
- **Very good feedback from our customers**
- **Only a 10 minutes walk from the town centre**



## 4\* Hotel Valamar Diamant

Porec

[www.valamar.com](http://www.valamar.com)

- **Near the old town of Porec**
- **Good cuisine**
- **Only 200 m from the beach**



## 4\*Sup Hotel Sol Garden

Umag

[www.istraturist.com](http://www.istraturist.com)

- **Very good location, directly by the sea**
- **800 m<sup>2</sup> wellness area**
- **Good internet peer reviews**







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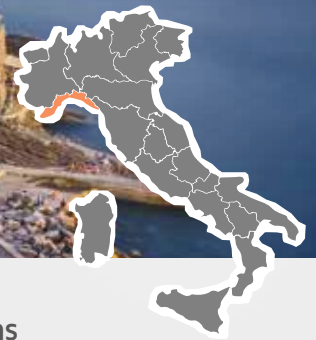


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# Liguria

## Hiking and Yoga in the magical Cinque Terre



### 1 Arrival

### 2 Hike from San Fruttuoso to Portofino

- After yoga we take the train to Camogli and on by boat to San Fruttuoso from where our hike to world-famous Portofino begin
- We return to Santa Margherita by boat and back to the hotel by train for yoga

### 3 Hike to Punta Manara and pesto making class

- After a morning yoga session we hike directly from the hotel to the Punta Manara headland overlooking the Gulf of Tigullio
- Back in Sestri Levante we learn how to make authentic Ligurian pesto which we sample on a dish of tasty pasta. Return to the hotel for yoga

### 4 Challenging Cinque Terre Hike

- Following yoga we depart by coach to Levanto and board the train to Vernazza, the starting-point of our hike through olive-groves to Corniglia
- We continue by train to Manarola and explore another of the beautiful Cinque Terre villages
- Back to Levanto by train and then coach to the hotel for yoga

### 5 Hike from Levanto to Monterosso

- We start with yoga before travelling to Levanto by coach
- We hike through the old city centre and on to the promontory of Mesco to admire the whole Cinque Terre coastline and on to explore Monterosso, before taking the train back to Levanto and the coach to the hotel for yoga

### 6 Genoa

- After yoga we depart by coach for a guided tour of Genoa
- Afternoon at leisure in Genoa before returning to the hotel for yoga

### 7 Yoga workshop and day at leisure

- After morning yoga a yoga workshop is planned
- The rest of the day is at leisure before our final yoga session

### 8 Departure

### Inclusions

- 7 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast
- 4 x 3-course dinners at restaurant close to the hotel
- Peaceful indoor/outdoor spaces for daily yoga and/or meditation sessions
- 1 x train ride from Sestri Levante to Camogli
- 1 x picnic box with typical "focaccia"
- 1 x boat ride from Camogli to San Fruttuoso
- 1 x boat ride from Portofino to Santa Margherita
- 1 x train ride from Santa Margherita to Sestri Levante
- 1 x pesto making class and lunch with glass of wine
- 1 x 5-Terre card (incl. access to hiking paths and trains)
- 1 x train ride from Levanto to Sestri Levante
- 1 x 2-hour guided walking tour of Genoa
- 4 x hiking licensed guides
- 1 x pair of ACTIVO hiking poles
- Headset throughout the tour

### Our partner hotel

4\* Grand Hotel Villa  
Balbi Sestri Levante  
[www.villabalbi.it](http://www.villabalbi.it)

*The hikes range from 2,5 to 4 hours and are easy to moderate to slightly challenging with a maximum vertical height difference of 400m/1300ft*

# Tuscany

## Namaste Tuscany



### 1 Arrival

### 2 Cooking & Hiking in Quiet Chianti

- After yoga we enjoy a cooking class at the hotel followed by lunch
- In the afternoon we take the hiking trail from Radda to Volpaia before returning to the hotel for yoga

### 3 Inspiring stroll around Florence

- Following yoga, urban trekking in the wonderful Renaissance city of Florence is on today's programme
- We stop to taste the sweet Vin Santo and return to the hotel for yoga

### 4 Day at leisure

### 5 Hike the Via Francigena through Colle Val d'Elsa to San Gimignano

- We start the day with yoga before departing for our hike on the historic Via Francigena
- We stop for a tasting of Vernaccia wine en route to San Gimignano and return to the hotel for yoga

### 6 Urban trekking in Siena

- After morning yoga we discover the medieval streets of Siena as we meander towards Piazza del Campo where the famous Palio horserace is held
- Free time to explore before we return to the hotel for yoga

### 7 Visit to the Abbey of Sant'Antimo & Wine Tasting in Montalcino

- We enjoy morning yoga before travelling to the breath-taking Abbey of Sant'Antimo and strolling along the forest trail to admire the views of the D'Orcia Valley and Mt. Amiata
- We continue to Montalcino for a Brunello wine tasting before our final yoga session at the hotel

### 8 Departure

*The hikes range from 3 to 4 hours and are easy to moderate with a maximum vertical height difference of 400 m*

### Inclusions

- 7 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast
- 7 x 3-course dinners
- Peaceful indoor/outdoor spaces for daily yoga and/or meditation sessions
- 1 x cooking class at the hotel with lunch
- 1 x 3-hour guided walking tour of Florence
- 1 x tasting of Vin Santo in Florence
- 1 x 2-hour guided walking tour of Siena
- 1 x Vernaccia wine tasting with local delicacies in San Gimignano
- 1 x Brunello wine tasting with snack in Montalcino
- 3 x hiking licensed guides
- 1 x pair of ACTIVO hiking poles
- Headset throughout the tour

### Our partner hotel

3\* Hotel Certosa di Pontignano  
Pontignano  
[www.lacertosadipontignano.com](http://www.lacertosadipontignano.com)



# Apulia

## Peaceful Apulia



### 1 Arrival

### 2 Torre Guaceto Nature Reserve & Ostuni

- After yoga we depart to the Torre Guaceto Nature Reserve for our hike along the shore
- We visit the “White Town” of Apulia, Ostuni, before stopping at an olive oil mill for a tasting, and returning to the hotel for yoga

### 3 Matera & the Gravina Gorge

- Following yoga we head to the UNESCO-listed town of Matera
- We hike through the Gravina Gorge to the hill-top, which overlooks the town and its famous *Sassi* cave dwellings before ending the day with a yoga session

### 4 The Castellana Caves

- We visit the stunning underground Castellana Caves after yoga and wonder at the amazing stalagmites and stalactites
- Return to the hotel for yoga

### 5 Lecce & Otranto

- We enjoy yoga and depart to Lecce for a guided tour of its Baroque centre and sample one of its famously delicious pastries
- In the afternoon we visit the beautiful historic centre to Otranto before rounding off the day with yoga

### 6 Cooking class & Alberobello

- We start the day with yoga before setting off to Cisternino for a stroll and a pasta cooking class with lunch
- In the afternoon we travel to Alberobello for a hike through centuries-old olive-groves and admire the trulli shepherd's houses with their unusual conical roofs. Evening yoga will follow

### 7 Porto Selvaggio & Gallipoli

- After yoga we head to the Porto Selvaggio National Park for our walk along the Ionian coast
- We continue to Gallipoli to visit its picturesque old town set on an island before enjoying our final yoga session

### 8 Departure

*The hikes range from 2,5 to 4 hours and are easy to moderate with a maximum vertical height difference of 450 m*

### Inclusions

- 7 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast
- 7 x 3-course dinners
- Peaceful indoor/outdoor spaces for daily yoga and/or meditation sessions
- 1 x ticket to access Torre Guaceto Natural Reserve
- 1 x visit and tasting at an olive oil mill
- 1 x entrance to the Castellana Caves with guided tour
- 1 x 3-hour guided walking tour of Lecce
- 1 x tasting of a traditional pastry
- 1 x pasta cooking class with light lunch
- 6 x hiking licensed guides for daily excursions
- 1 x pair of ACTIVO hiking poles
- Headsets throughout the tour

### Our partner hotel

4\* Hotel Sierra Silvana Selva di Fasano  
[www.sierrasilvana.com](http://www.sierrasilvana.com)

# Sicily

## Balancing chakras in Sicily



### 1 Arrival

- Boat ride from the Sicilian mainland to Lipari

### 2 Lipari

- After morning yoga we hike past the volcanic rocks of Timpone Pataso to the ancient thermal baths of San Calogero
- We continue to Pianoconte to admire the wonderful view of Vulcano Island before returning to the hotel for yoga

### 3 Stromboli at sunset

- Following yoga, the morning is at leisure before we depart by boat to Stromboli, stopping off for a stroll on Panarea
- On Stromboli we hike up to the observatory on the flanks of the volcano, to observe the incredible spectacle of flowing lava
- We enjoy an evening dish of pasta on the boat ride back to the hotel

### 4 Vulcano Island

- After yoga we take the boat to Vulcano and climb to the top of the crater to experience the fumarole air streams
- After descending, we have time at leisure to bathe in one of the hot sulphur springs (charges apply) or relax on the beach, before our evening yoga session

### 5 Back to the Sicilian mainland – hotel change

- After yoga, we take a boat ride back to Milazzo and transfer to Cefalù
- The afternoon is at leisure before evening yoga

### 6 Cefalù and Castelbuono

- This morning's yoga session is followed by a stroll through the old town of Cefalù and an easy hike to the Rocca fortress
- In the afternoon we visit the medieval village of Castelbuono and sample the local wine together with regional delicacies before returning to the hotel for yoga

### 7 Day at leisure

### 8 Departure

*The hikes range from 2 to 4 hours and are easy to moderate with a maximum vertical height difference of 350 m/1150 ft*

### Inclusions

- 4 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast in Lipari
- 3 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast in the Cefalù area
- 6 x 3-course dinners
- Porterage on arrival and departure at each hotel
- Peaceful indoor/outdoor spaces for daily yoga and/or meditation sessions
- 1 x return boat transfer from Milazzo to Lipari
- 1 x shuttle bus in Lipari
- 1 x boat excursion to Panarea and Stromboli, including evening pasta party on board
- 1 x return boat ride from Lipari to Vulcano
- 1 x tasting of wine and local delicacies in Castelbuono
- 4 x hiking licensed guides
- 1 x pair of ACTIVO-hiking poles
- Headsets throughout the tour

### Our partner hotels

4\* Hotel Aktea  
Lipari  
[www.hotelaktea.com](http://www.hotelaktea.com)

4\* Hotel Acacia Resort Campofelice/  
Cefalù [www.acaciaresort.eu](http://www.acaciaresort.eu)





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