



## Itinerary

**Route:** 7-Day Sicily Tour (from Rome)

**Countries:** Italy


**Departure:**

 D1 Roma Departure: 08:00 Meeting Point: Rome Tiburtina Train Station, Piazzale della Stazione Tiburtina - CAP 00162

 D2 Palermo Departure: 07:30 Meeting Point: Porto di Palermo, Molo Santa Lucia, 90133 Palermo PA

**End:**

 D6 Palermo Estimated Arrival: 18:00 Drop Off: Porto di Palermo

 D7 Roma Estimated Arrival: 19:00 Drop Off: Rome Tiburtina Train Station(The actual time will be affected by the cruise)

**Accommodation:** 3-Star Hotel Accommodation

**Guide:** Chinese Speaking Guide

**Itinerary:** Rome-Pompeii-Naples-Palermo-Agrigento-Syracuse-Catania-Taormina-Mount Etna-Taormina-Cefalù-Palermo-Naples-Sorrento-Rome



### Day 1 Rome Pompeii Naples Palermo (overnight cruise)



#### Tour Overview

Depart from Rome to visit [Pompeii] (optional).Pompeii is a historic ancient city near Naples, in the Campania region of Italy. The city was buried under 4 to 6 m of volcanic ash and pumice in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Largely preserved under the ash, Pompeii offers a unique snapshot of Roman life. Next, we head to Naples. From its charming waterfront under the shadow of Vesuvius, to its beautiful and bustling historic centre, Naples is a stunning city. Visit [Castel Nuovo], [San Francesco di Paola], the main residence of the Bourbons of Naples for more than a hundred years - [Royal Palace of Naples] and the Galleria named after King of Italy at the time of construction [Galleria Umberto I]. In the evening, take a ferry from Naples Pier to Palermo and stay overnight on the cruise. (The ferry is scheduled to depart at 8:00 p.m. and is expected to take about 10 hours.)



#### Meeting Point

📍 D1 Roma

Departure: 08:00

Meeting Point: Rome Tiburtina Train Station, Piazzale della Stazione Tiburtina - CAP 00162

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**Note:** Single room supplement does not include a single cabin on the ferry. Cabins are set as quadruple cabins by default, and mixed-gender arrangements may occur. An additional fee is required for cabin upgrades. Please refer to the optional expenses for pricing details.

\*As cruise bookings require accurate guest information, including name, gender, date of birth, and passport number, please ensure that you provide correct details when registering.



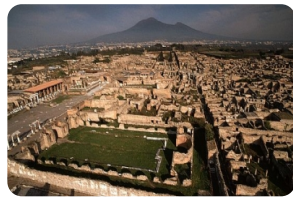
**Castel Nuovo**



**San Francesco di Paola**



**Galleria Umberto I**



**Pompeii**



**Royal Palace of  
Naples**

### **[Castel Nuovo]**

An imposing castle built in 1266 by Charles I of Anjou was the royal seat and cultural center that hosted artists and writers such as Giotto, Petrarch and Boccaccio. Enormous and impressive even from a distance, Castel Nuovo has five round towers united by impenetrable stone walls. Its main entrance is an intricately carved white marble triumphal arch squeezed between two of the watchtowers.

### **[San Francesco di Paola]**

San Francesco di Paola is a prominent church located to the west in Piazza del Plebiscito, the main square of Naples, Italy. In the early 19th century, King Joachim Murat of Naples (Napoleon's brother-in-law) planned the entire square and the large building with the colonnades as a tribute to the emperor. Ferdinand I continued the construction and dedicated it to Saint Francis of Paola. The church is reminiscent of the Pantheon in Rome. The façade is fronted by a portico resting on six columns and two Ionic pillars. Inside, the church is circular with two side chapels. The dome is 53 metres (174 ft) high.

### **[Galleria Umberto I]**

The Galleria was named after Umberto I, King of Italy at the time of construction. It was meant to combine businesses, shops, cafés and social life—public space—with private space in the apartments on the third floor. The Galleria is a high and spacious cross-shaped structure, surmounted by a glass dome braced by 16 metal ribs.

### **[Pompeii]**

Along with Herculaneum, Stabiae, and many surrounding villas, the city was buried under 4 to 6 m (13 to 20 ft) of volcanic ash and pumice in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Largely preserved under the ash, Pompeii offers a unique snapshot of Roman life, frozen at the moment it was buried, as well as insight into ancient urban planning. Pompeii is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, owing to its status as "the only archaeological site in the world that provides a complete picture of an ancient Roman city."

### **[Royal Palace of Naples]**

The Royal Palace stands in Piazza del Plebiscito in the heart of the historic centre of Naples. The entire complex, which dates back to 1600. The gardens and courtyards of the Royal Palace are what makes this complex even more fascinating. They are home to many botanical species and are ideal for strolling. They are made unique by the Hanging Garden and its delightful view over the Gulf of Naples and Vesuvius. The National Library of Naples, the two Superintendencies for the Municipality and the Metropolitan Area of Naples, the Memus Museum of the San Carlo Theatre and the Fondazione Premio Napoli are all housed today in this cultural centre.



**Meal:** Not Included



**Accommodation:** Overnight cruise



## Day 2 Palermo 🚗 Agrigento



### Tour Overview

In the morning, visit Palermo, the capital of Sicily, a historic city with 2,800 years of history and the essence of Sicilian culture. Explore the Fountain of Shame - [Fontana Pretoria], and admire the elegant neoclassical [Teatro Massimo]. Visit the [Norman Palace], one of the oldest royal residences in Europe, followed by a tour of [Palermo Cathedral]. After lunch, head to Agrigento, a major tourist center due to its archaeological legacy. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site - [Valley of the Temples](optional), one of the most outstanding examples of ancient Greek art and architecture of Magna Graecia. Afterwards, view the [Stair of the Turks] (exterior visit only). Overnight in or near Agrigento.



### Meeting Point

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**Valley of the Temples**



**Palermo Cathedral**



**Fontana Pretoria**



**Teatro Massimo**



**Norman Palace**



**Stair of the Turks**

### [Valley of the Temples]

The Valle dei Templi (Valley of the Temples) is an archaeological site in Agrigento, Sicily, showcasing some of the finest examples of ancient Greek art and architecture in Magna Graecia. Despite its name, the site is located on a ridge outside Agrigento. Since 1997, it has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Covering 1,300 hectares, it is the largest archaeological park in Europe and the Mediterranean. The Valle dei Templi is one of Sicily's main attractions.

### **[Palermo Cathedral]**

Palermo Cathedral is the cathedral church of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Palermo, located in Palermo, Sicily, southern Italy. It is dedicated to the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. As an architectural complex, it is characterized by the presence of different styles, due to a long history of additions, alterations and restorations, the last of which occurred in the 18th century.

### **[Fontana Pretoria]**

Fringed by imposing churches and buildings, Piazza Pretoria is dominated by the over-the-top Fontana Pretoria, one of Palermo's major landmarks. The fountain's tiered basins ripple out in concentric circles, crowded with nude nymphs, tritons and leaping river gods. Such flagrant nudity proved a bit much for Sicilian churchgoers, who prudishly dubbed it the Fontana della Vergogna (Fountain of Shame).

### **[Teatro Massimo]**

The Teatro Massimo Vittorio Emanuele is an opera house and opera company located on the Piazza Verdi in Palermo, Sicily. It was dedicated to King Victor Emanuel II. It is the biggest in Italy, and one of the largest of Europe (at the time of its inauguration), renowned for its perfect acoustics. The venue hosts more than 130 music, opera and dance events every year. The exteriors are in neo-classical style with influences from Greek Sicilian temples, while the interiors are art-nouveau.

### **[Norman Palace]**

The Royal Palace or The Norman Palace of Palermo stands on the highest point of the city, overlooking Palermo since the epoch of Arab domination. Due to the city's rich but complicated history, this palace has experienced several transformations and consequently carries numerous architectural styles that have been imprinted by every historical period that it has gone through. Admire the private residence of the various Sicilian royal families and get ready to be impressed by the extravagant Palatine Chapel considered as the best example of Arab – Norman-Byzantine style.

### **[Stair of the Turks]**

"Stair of the Turks" or "Turkish Steps" is a rocky cliff on the coast of Realmonte. The Scala is formed by marl, a sedimentary rock with a characteristic white color, formed from the tests of planktonic foraminifera. The cliffs lie between two sandy beaches and are a limestone rock formation in the shape of a staircase, hence the name. The latter part of the name derives from the frequent piracy raids by the Saracens during the Middle Ages, and Barbary pirates, called Turks, because the Ottoman Empire (1299–1922) also encompassed North Africa; the Turkish pirates, in fact, found shelter in this area less beaten by the winds and represented a safer landing and boarding place.



**Meal:** Breakfast Included



**Accommodation:** Agrigento or nearby



## Day 3 Agrigento 🚗 Syracuse



### Tour Overview

After gathering in the morning, visit the Old Town of [Syracuse], a living testament to the evolution of Mediterranean civilizations and a place where ancient Greek and Roman cultures intersect. Syracuse is also the hometown of the renowned ancient Greek scientist and philosopher Archimedes. Visit [Ear of Dionysius](optional), the [Cathedral of Syracuse], and the [Temple of Apollo]. Overnight in or near Syracuse.

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**Syracuse Old Town**



**Cathedral of Syracuse**



**Ear of Dionysius**



**Temple of Apollo**

### [Syracuse Old Town]

The city is notable for its rich Greek and Roman history, culture, amphitheatres, architecture, and as the birthplace and home of the pre-eminent mathematician and engineer Archimedes.

### [Cathedral of Syracuse]

Built on the skeleton of a 5th-century BC Greek temple to Athena (note the Doric columns still visible inside and out), Syracuse's 7th-century cathedral became a church when the island was evangelised by St Paul. Its most striking feature is the columned baroque facade (1728–53) added by Andrea Palma after the 1693 earthquake. A statue of the Virgin Mary crowns the rooftop, in the same spot where a golden statue of Athena once served as a beacon to homecoming Greek sailors.

### [Ear of Dionysius]

The Ear of Dionysius is a limestone cave carved out of the Temenites hill in the city of Syracuse, on the island of Sicily in Italy. Its name, given by the painter Michelangelo da Caravaggio, comes from its similarity in shape to the human ear. The name is also linked to echoes in the cave. Because of its shape, the Ear has extremely good acoustics, making even a small sound resonate throughout the cave.

### [Temple of Apollo]

The fascinating ruins of one of the first temples built by the Greeks in Syracuse (early 6th century BC), the oldest Doric temple in Sicily and the oldest stone temple in the West, greet guests as they enter Ortigia, in the oldest part of Syracuse.



**Meal:** Breakfast Included



**Accommodation:** Syracuse or nearby



## Day 4 Syracuse 🚗 Catania 🚗 Taormina



### Tour Overview

In the morning, gather and head to Catania, where you can explore [Piazza del Duomo], [Catania Cathedral], and [Elephant Fountain]. After lunch, visit Taormina, a picturesque town overlooking two grand, sweeping bays below and to the south, the top of Mount Etna, Europe's highest active volcano, offering a breathtaking, dramatic and memorable view over almost one hundred miles of Mediterranean sea. Visit [Piazza IX Aprile] and [Ancient Theatre of Taormina](optional). Overnight in or near Taormina.



**Elephant Fountain**



**Ancient Theatre of  
Taormina**



**Piazza IX Aprile**



**Piazza del Duomo and  
Catania Cathedral**



**Bella Island**



### [Elephant Fountain]

The Elephant Fountain is a monument located in the center of Piazza del Duomo in the Sicilian city of Catania, designed by architect Giovanni Battista Vaccarini between 1735 and 1737. Its main element is a black basalt statue of an elephant, commonly called u Liotru, which has become the emblem of the city of Catania.

### [Ancient Theatre of Taormina]

The ancient theatre had a diameter of 107 metres (351 ft) and could hold around 10,000 spectators. The view of Mount Etna and the sea beyond is absolutely superb at Taormina's 10,000-seat ancient Greek amphitheater, which was erected in the third century BC and expanded by the Romans.

### [Piazza IX Aprile]

Piazza IX Aprile is located right in the center of Corso Umberto. The square is known for the breathtaking view of the azure Ionian Sea and of the Mount Etna. Lined with pricey cafés and brimming with visitors and caricature artists, it's the best place to sit back with a cappuccino and enjoy the relaxed resorty ambience of Taormina.

### [Piazza del Duomo and Catania Cathedral]

Built above the Roman baths of Achilles - whose remains can be visited, accessing the underground - in the place of the martyrdom of Sant'Agata, and dedicated to the virgin patroness of the Etna city, the Cathedral of Catania is the most important monument of the historic center, because it condenses in itself the artistic expressions of nine long centuries.

### [Bella Island]

Beautiful Island is near the beach in Taormina. In 1806 King Ferdinand III gave the island to the city of Taormina, and was later sold due to financial difficulties. After several changes, he was finally opened in 1998 and was opened to the public after being classified as a nature reserve. There are many rare animals and plants on the island. The beach that is connected to the island from the land is called a "heart-shaped beach" because it is shaped like a heart.



**Meal:** Breakfast Included



**Accommodation:** Taormina or nearby



**Day 5** Taormina 🚗 Mount Etna 🚗 Taormina



**Tour Overview**

After breakfast, visit the summit area of [Mount Etna](optional), one of Europe's most famous active volcanoes. From a safe distance, enjoy the breathtaking scenery of Mount Etna and its surrounding environment from the summit craters. Overnight in or near Taormina.

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**Mount Etna**

### [Mount Etna]

In the midst of a great geological and landscape range, between desert areas with volcanic rocks and dense, green forests, stands His Highness Mount Etna, or Muncibbeddu in Sicilian, Mongibello. A symbol of Sicily across the world, it is the largest active volcano in Europe, as well as one of the highest in the world, and has been on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 2013. (It is recommended to bring a interchange jacket. Even if traveling in midsummer, it is strongly recommended to prepare a waterproof jacket, as the weather at the volcano summit often changes and rain is frequent.)



**Meal:** Breakfast Included



**Accommodation:** Taormina or nearby



## Day 6 Taormina Cefalù Palermo Naples (overnight cruise)



### Tour Overview

In the morning, depart from the pier and head to Cefalù, a charming seaside town in northern Sicily, where one of Sicily's finest beaches is located alongside one of its greatest Arab-Norman architectural masterpieces. The fascinating scenery of the [Cefalù Beaches], with its natural inlets and the purity of the water, will evoke unique emotions. Finally, take a ferry from Palermo Pier to Naples and stay overnight on the cruise.



**Drop Off** \*For reference only, the actual arrangement is subject to the tour guide

 D6 Palermo    Estimated Arrival: 18:00    Drop Off: Porto di Palermo

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### Cefalù Beaches

#### [Cefalù Beaches]

Set at the foot of a rocky cliff, it faces the boundless sea: Cefalù is one of the most beautiful Sicilian villages and one of the most sought-after seaside resorts that attracts crowds of tourists from all over the world every year. From the fine sands to the jagged rocks, from the gravel shores to the crystalline waters, the beaches of Cefalù are among the most beautiful in all of Sicily. A love at first sight that will reawaken the dream of an eternal summer made of warm summer days, clear skies and walks along the shore.



**Meal:** Breakfast Included



**Accommodation:** Overnight cruise



## Day 7 Naples Sorrento Rome



### Tour Overview

Depart from the southern pier of Naples and stop in Sorrento. Popular for its citrus groves and panoramic water views—not to mention its cliffside pastel buildings—Sorrento is small but unmissable. Enjoy the stunning coastal scenery before heading to Rome, where the journey concludes.

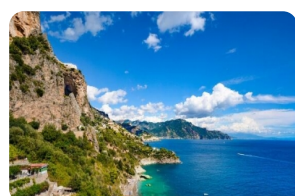


**Drop Off** \*For reference only, the actual arrangement is subject to the tour guide

 D7 Roma

Estimated Arrival: 19:00

Drop Off: Rome Tiburtina Train Station (The actual time will be affected by the cruise)



### Amalfi North Coastline

### [Amalfi North Coastline]

The boots-style Italy created her graceful and stunning coastline. The Amalfi Coast, as the world cultural heritage of Italy, was one of the 51 beautiful places that must be visited in the United States by National Geographic magazine. In the northern scenery of Amalfi, there is a fascinating coastline filled with southern European style, while above the coastline is a tens of kilometers of mountains and cliffs, and the cliff is a winding mountain road. On one side is a cliff overlooking the distance, while the Mediterranean landscape is on the other side.



**Meal:** Breakfast Included



**Accommodation:** Not Included

## Price Explanation

### What's included

- (1)Accommodation: 3-star hotel (shared twin/double room) and 2-night cruise in a shared 4-bed inside cabin
- (2)Vehicle:coach or car (Note: depending on the number of applicants)
- (3)Driver/Guide: driver + tour guide (Note: If a car with 9 seats or less, there will be only driver)
- (4)Meals: breakfast
- (5)Luggage: 1 piece of luggage weighing 23 kg and 1 piece of carry-on luggage

### What's Excluded

- (1)Entrance Tickets: Guests can choose whether or not to participate according to their own wishes. The tour guide will arrange the tickets during the tour.**(Sicily ticket prices fluctuate frequently; the final price is based on the actual purchase price)**
- (2)Lunch and Dinner
- (3)Tips to driver and guide
- (4)Single room Supplement
- (5)Additional costs due to force majeure such as traffic delays, strikes, weather, aircraft, machine failure, flight cancellation or change time.

(6)In-house laundry, hairdressing, telephone, fax, pay TV, drinks, alcohol and other personal consumption.

(7)Other items not included in the above "What's included".

### Good to Know

(1)Special price for children:

2 adults with a child under 6 years old sharing a double room, children can get 35% off on the bed. Children occupy the bed at the same price as adults. An adult has a child who is the same price as an adult.

(2)Bus front-row seat reservation, first come, first served:

There are only 16 seats in the front five rows of buses and 6 seats in the front two rows of minibuses. If we change to a 9-seat car, the fee will be refunded.

### Recommended activity reference (at your own expense)

Must pay	
City Permit and City Tax (Mandatory) (half price for 6- 12 years old;free for ≤5 years old) (Sicily)	70,00 €
Attraction tickets	
Pompeii	18,00 €/adult Free/teenager (under 18 years old) The official guide 20,00€ (minimum 10 people)
Norman Palace	19,00 € (Friday to Monday) 15,50 € (Tuesday to Thursday)
Valley of the Temples	13,00 €
Ear of Dionysius	13,00 €
Taormina Greek Amphitheater	10,00 €
Mount Etna (round trip cable car + bus ticket)	95,00 €
Additional optional items	
Cabin upgrade fee (if the number of people for upgrade is not match, the difference will need to be paid)	Single cabin 198€/person Double cabin 99€/person Triple cabin 66€/person Single sea view cabin 258€/person Double sea view cabin 129€/person Triple csea view cabin 86€/person
Lunch and dinner fee	

Chinese lunch (standard group meal: five dishes and one soup) (Sicily)	20,00-25,00 €
Chinese dinner (standard group meal: five dishes and one soup) (Sicily)	20,00-25,00 €
Special seafood meal	40,00-50,00 €
<b>Driver and guide tip</b>	
Tips per person per day for Guide	3 € From May 5€
Tips per person per day for Driver	3 € From May 5€
<p>The above is only the reference price, if the price is adjusted, it will be subject to the announcement at that time.  For self-funded projects, please cooperate with and obey the tour guide's itinerary.</p>	