

# HIGHLIGHTS OF SICILY & SOUTHERN ITALY

14 days

## INCLUDED FEATURES

Headsets throughout the tour 🎧

**ROME:** Welcome dinner at a local restaurant; guided sightseeing, visit the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Square and Basilica, the Colosseum and Roman Forum

**REGGIA OF CASERTA:** Visit the palace and gardens

**NAPLES:** Guided sightseeing, visit the National Archaeological Museum

**NAPLES-CAPRI:** By jetfoil

**CAPRI:** Guided visit of Capri village, including a funicular ride

**SORRENTO:** Orientation

**POMPEII:** Guided walking tour of the excavations

**NAPLES-SICILY:** Overnight cruise in two-berth cabins with private facilities

**PALERMO:** Guided sightseeing, visit the cathedral, the Royal Palace's Palatine Chapel, the Norman Cathedral in Monreale, and Mondello

**AGRIGENTO:** Guided walking tour of the Valley of Temples

**SELINUNTE:** Visit the Dorian Temples and Acropolis

**SYRACUSE:** Guided walking tour of the archaeological site

**STRAIT OF MESSINA:** Ferry crossing

**MATERA:** Guided walking tour

**ALBEROBELLO:** Orientation



**Day 1 (Sun.)** Board your overnight transatlantic flight.

**Day 2 Arrive in Rome, Italy. (Mon.)** Time to rest or start exploring the "Eternal City." At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions and leave the hotel for a special welcome dinner with wine at one of Rome's lively restaurants. (D)

**Day 3 Rome. (Tue.)** Sightseeing with your Local Guide starts with a visit to the **VATICAN MUSEUMS** and **SISTINE CHAPEL**, world famous for Michelangelo's ceiling paintings. Continue to monumental **ST. PETER'S SQUARE** and **BASILICA**. Cross the Tiber and visit the **COLOSSEUM** and the **ROMAN FORUM**, where Roman legions marched in triumph. Then, time for independent activities and exciting optional excursion possibilities. (B)

**Day 4 Rome-Naples. (Wed.)** This morning, visit splendid **REGGIA OF CASERTA**, an impressive residence of 1,200 rooms with elegant **GARDENS** stretching two miles, reminiscent of the French Palace of Versailles. Next, enter lively and colorful Naples. A Local Guide takes you first to the **NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM**, housing some of the world's greatest Greco-Roman treasures; focus on the well-preserved objects found in Pompeii. Then, on to the city center to admire the remarkable Triumphal Arch of the New Castle, St. Charles Theater, the Royal Palace, Galleria Umberto, and the semicircular Piazza Plebiscito. Drive up to Posillipo Hill for a sweeping view of the Bay of Naples. Afterwards, explore the city independently. (B)

**Day 5 Naples. Excursion to Capri. (Thu.)** Speed across the bay by **JETFOIL** to the Isle of Capri. Ride the **FUNICULAR** to Capri village for a guided visit of this pretty town. Free time to explore the little shops on the *Piazzetta* before returning to Naples. (B,D)

**Day 6 Naples-Sorrento-Pompeii-Overnight Cruise to Palermo. (Fri.)** A beautiful drive along the Mediterranean Coast to the charming resort of Sorrento. Time to check out the local shops before continuing to **POMPEII**, the Roman city both destroyed and preserved by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Your Local Guide will walk you past patrician homes, public baths, and commercial districts strikingly recalling day-to-day life when Rome was at the apex of her power. Tonight, board your **FERRY** for the overnight cruise to Sicily, the great melting pot of the Mediterranean world: Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Saracens, Normans, French, and Spanish have left their marks and contributed to its rich heritage. (B)

**Day 7 Palermo. (Sat.)** Start sightseeing with a Local Guide. Visit the ornate Piazza Bellini, the **CATHEDRAL**, and the Arab-Norman **PALATINE CHAPEL** in the Royal Palace. Later, drive up to Monreale for a panoramic view of the Conca d'Oro and a visit to the 12th-century **NORMAN CATHEDRAL**, famous for its 50,000 square feet of precious byzantine mosaics. End with a visit to the typical and picturesque village of Mondello. Back to Palermo. Tonight, you may wish to enjoy local specialties on an optional dinner outing. (B)

**Day 8 Palermo. Excursion to Valley of Temples. (Sun.)** A day devoted to the scenic beauty and ancient Greek treasures of southwest Sicily. Head south to Agrigento and enjoy a walk with your Local Guide through the breathtaking **VALLEY OF TEMPLES**. Even travelers who have visited Athens and Delphi are awed by the gigantic yet graceful Greek structures that miraculously survived 24 centuries of tormented history. In the afternoon, visit the **DORIAN TEMPLES** and **ACROPOLIS** at Selinunte, built on a natural balcony overlooking the Mediterranean. (B,D)

**Day 9 Palermo-Syracuse-Taormina Area. (Mon.)** An easy morning drive through the heart of Sicily to Syracuse, birthplace of the mathematician Archimedes and once a powerful Greek port whose fleet was feared throughout the Mediterranean. It attracted visitors such as the philosopher Plato and later the Apostle Paul, who converted its citizens to Christianity. Enter the **ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE** with a Local Guide for a visit to the 5th-century BC sparkling white Greek Theater, the Garden of Paradise, the Ear of Dionysus, the Altar of Hieron II, the Roman Amphitheater, and the Cordmakers' Cave. Evening arrival at your hotel in the Taormina area. (B,D)

▼ *Alberobello, famous for its unique trulli*



*Fruit and vegetable market* ▶



**Day 10 At Leisure in Taormina Area.** (Tue.) In the morning, you may want to sign up for an exciting optional excursion to Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

**Day 11 Taormina Area—Matera—Alberobello.** (Wed.) By FERRY across the Strait of Messina, land in Calabria; drive along the Ionian coast through Apulia, the richest region of the south. Enjoy a guided walking tour of pretty Matera, then continue to the picturesque town of Alberobello, famous for its unique *trulli*, whitewashed dry stone circular houses with pinnacled, conical roofs. (B,D)

**Day 12 At Leisure in Alberobello.** (Thu.) Full day at leisure with plenty to do. Ask your Tour Director for suggestions. (B)

**Day 13 Alberobello—Rome.** (Fri.) Return to the Italian capital, passing through the hilly region of Irpinia. An optional festive dinner at one of Rome's fine restaurants may be just the way to celebrate the success of your Italian vacation. (B)

**Day 14** (Sat.) Your homebound flight arrives the same day. (B)

### Tour ZM: Dates & Prices

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Dep- arture Num- ber	Leave CANADA or join Rome next day	Return to CANADA or end Rome	14 days CAN/ CAN.*	13 days Rome/ Rome	Dep- arture Num- ber	Leave CANADA or join Rome next day	Return to CANADA or end Rome	14 days CAN/ CAN.*	13 days Rome/ Rome	Dep- arture Num- ber	Leave CANADA or join Rome next day	Return to CANADA or end Rome	14 days CAN/ CAN.*	13 days Rome/ Rome					
0405	Sun 04 Apr	Sat 17 Apr	3888	3019	0628	Sun 27 Jun	Sat 10 Jul	4323	3059	0913	Sun 12 Sep	Sat 25 Sep	3928	3059					
0419	Sun 18 Apr	Sat 01 May	3908	3039	0712	Sun 11 Jul	Sat 24 Jul	4303	3039	0920	Sun 19 Sep	Sat 02 Oct	3863	3039					
0503	Sun 02 May	Sat 15 May	3908	3039	0726	Sun 25 Jul	Sat 07 Aug	4303	3039	0927	Sun 26 Sep	Sat 09 Oct	3863	3039					
0517	Sun 16 May	Sat 29 May	3908	3039	0809	Sun 08 Aug	Sat 21 Aug	4283	3019	1004	Sun 03 Oct	Sat 16 Oct	3863	3039					
0531	Sun 30 May	Sat 12 Jun	3908	3039	0823	Sun 22 Aug	Sat 04 Sep	4303	3039	1011	Sun 10 Oct	Sat 23 Oct	3843	3019					
0614	Sun 13 Jun	Sat 26 Jun	4323	3059	0906	Sun 05 Sep	Sat 18 Sep	3928	3059										

\*Airlines based on departure from Toronto. Departure/arrival taxes and fares from other cities will be advised at the time of booking. Above air-inclusive prices are the best available at time of brochure printing. For the best air prices, have your travel agent contact Globus Reservations. Globus offers competitive, hassle-free airfares. Free transfers are included, as well as fewer restrictions and conditions of charter air fares. Flights are coordinated with vacation dates.

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Single room supplement: \$638  
Triple room reduction per person: \$57

**Extra nights per person in Rome:**  
in single room \$264, in twin room \$191, in triple room \$157

**AIRPORT TRANSFERS:** included if you purchase air from Globus. To qualify for transfers, please see conditions on page 294.  
♦ Rome Fiumicino Arrival: 7 am, 10 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 6 pm, 9 pm Departure: 24 hours



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Natural Wonders     City/Cultural

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ♦ **MORE FEATURES:** With Globus you'll always visit the key sights and enjoy more inclusions (see opposite page); inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description, including admission charges where applicable.
- ♦ **MEALS:** Full buffet breakfast (B); 5 three-course dinners (D), including a special welcome dinner with wine in Rome.
- ♦ **AIRPORT TRANSFERS:** Included on brochure dates if you purchase air from Globus.
- ♦ **STANDARD AMENITIES & SERVICES:** See page 17.

### SUPERIOR HOTELS

ROME Crowne Plaza St. Peter's (F), NAPLES NH Ambassador (F), PALERMO NH Palermo (F), TAORMINA AREA Russott (SF) at Giardini Naxos, ALBEROBELLO Astoria (F), ROME Holiday Inn Rome Aurelia (F)

### VALUE

PRICED FROM \$3,019<sup>ca</sup>

▼ *Visit the Valley of Temples in Agrigento*

