



LANA'S SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY TOUR

by Cosmos and Sun 'n Surf Travel

May 14 – 28, 2014 | 15 days

Price: \$2,969* per person, based on twin share

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- **ACCOMMODATION** in superior tourist-class hotels in harmony with your itinerary and outside the hustle and bustle of the city centers featuring twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower. Hotel taxes, service charges, taxes, tips to baggage porters and hotel staff are all included.
- **MOST MEALS:** 12 buffet breakfasts on Days 3–13 and 15, and one continental breakfast on Day 14 (B); 13 dinners (D) with a choice of menus, including a special welcome dinner with wine at one of Rome's lively restaurants as well as a farewell dinner at your hotel. Plus, plenty of free time to venture out on your own and savour Italy your way! After all, nothing introduces you to the true flavours of Italy like its fine local cuisine.
- **TRANSPORTATION** in a private deluxe motorcoach with air-conditioning and extra leg room – designed with your comfort in mind!
- Locally-guided **SIGHTSEEING** with VIP access to the must-see sights! With Cosmos you spend less time waiting in lines and more time enjoying the flavours and customs of each destination.
- Services of a professional and multilingual **TOUR DIRECTOR** throughout.
- **GRATUITIES** to the motorcoach driver and Tour Director are included.

** Pricing is based on a group of 25 or more passengers. If group falls below 25 passengers new pricing of \$3,239 will apply.*

NOT INCLUDED: Roundtrip flights and airport taxes (from \$1,400 CAD—subject to availability), excess baggage, meals not included in the itinerary, all items of a personal nature such as; laundry, cleaning, telephone, telex or fax expenses, beverages including tea and coffee (except at breakfast), wines, liquors, soft drinks, etc.

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DETAILED ITINERARY:

DAY 1 | WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014: BOARD YOUR OVERNIGHT TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT.

DAY 2 | THURSDAY: WELCOME TO ROME!

Check into your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Tonight, leave the hotel for a special welcome dinner with wine at one of Rome's lively restaurants. (D)

DAY 3 | FRIDAY: ROME – REGGIA DI CASERTA – NAPLES – SORRENTO.

Morning departure from Rome to visit splendid REGGIA OF CASERTA, the "Italian Versailles." Meet your Local Guide and visit the impressive residence of 1,200 rooms with elegant GARDENS stretching two miles. Built in the 18th century for the Bourbon kings of Naples; today it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After, we drive to colourful Naples. Here, a Local Guide takes you first to the NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM, housing some of the world's greatest Greco-Roman treasures. 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 semi-circular Piazza Plebiscito. Also visit famous Ferrigno Arts & Crafts, where you will learn how terracotta figurines are made, before continuing to the charming resort town of Sorrento. Tonight enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 4 | SATURDAY: SORRENTO. EXCURSION TO CAPRI.

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 Sorrento. Tonight enjoy dinner at local restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 5 | SUNDAY: SORRENTO – POMPEII – MATERA.

Arrive in fascinating POMPEII, the Roman city both destroyed and preserved by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. 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. Next, drive to Matera for a guided walking tour featuring a visit to one of the picturesque SASSI HOUSES. (B,D)

DAY 6 | MONDAY: MATERA. EXCURSION TO ALBEROBELLO IN APULIA.

Morning departure to the Apulia region, enjoy a guided visit of breathtaking Alberobello, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, famous for its mortarless-stoned Trulli dwellings. A trullo (plural: trulli) is a traditional Apulian dry stone hut with a conical roof. It was constructed as a temporary field shelter, storehouse or permanent dwelling. Atop a trullo's cone there is often a hand-worked sandstone pinnacle that may be one of many designs; disk, ball, cone, bowl, polyhedron, or a combination thereof, and is said to be the signature of the stone mason who built the structure. Early evening return to Matera. (B,D)

DAY 7 | TUESDAY: MATERA – REGGIO DE CALABRIA – TAORMINA RIVIERA.

A spectacular drive south along the Gulf of Taranto before heading inland to Reggio Calabria. Here, you'll visit the MUSEUM that houses the world-famous bronze warrior sculptures, Bronzi di Riace, with a Local Guide. After, cross the Strait of Messina by FERRY and start your discovery of the beautiful island of Sicily, the great melting pot of the Mediterranean world! Where Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Saracens, Normans, French, and Spanish have left their marks and contributed to its rich heritage. Arrive in Taormina, a charming hilltop town overlooking the Ionian Sea. Evening arrival at your hotel. (B,D)

DAY 8 | WEDNESDAY: TAORMINA.

Visit the GREEK AMPHITHEATER in the morning and enjoy the balance of your day at leisure. The heart of the town is Piazza Nove Aprile, a paved square with unrivaled views to the sea and Mount Etna volcano. (B,D)

DAY 9 | THURSDAY: TAORMINA AREA – MOUNT ETNA – SYRACUSE.

This morning, take advantage of the visit to the heights of Mount Etna and take the CABLE-CAR RIDE for a better view of Europe's largest active volcano. After, we drive even farther south to Syracuse, where your Local Guide will take you to visit the ANCIENT GRECIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL sites. Later, continue to your hotel for a lovely dinner. (B,D)

DAY 10 | FRIDAY: SYRACUSE.

Full day at leisure to explore the city or relax on the beach. (B,D)

DAY 11 | SATURDAY: SYRACUSE – NOTO – AGRIGENTO.

Westward today with a visit to the 18th century baroque town of Noto. Later, past Caltanissetta, surrounded by sulphur mines, to Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, one of Italy's archaeological jewels—especially in spring when the slopes are frosted with almond blossoms. Your Local Guide will take you to visit the DORIC TEMPLE OF CONCORD. (B,D)

DAY 12 | SUNDAY: AGRIGENTO – SELINUNTE – PALERMO.

Leave Agrigento for Selinunte, one of the most striking and interesting sites in Sicily. See the remains of the Acropolis before we drive northeast to Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Tonight, enjoy dinner out at La Barca restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 13 | MONDAY: PALERMO (EMBARKATION) – OVERNIGHT FERRY CROSSING TO NAPLES.

This morning meet your Local Guide for a city tour of this colorful city's interesting squares, marketplaces, churches, and palazzos all of which vary in style from Moorish to baroque. Afternoon is at leisure. Evening embarkation for the overnight ferry from Palermo to Naples. (B,D)

DAY 14 | TUESDAY: NAPLES (DISEMBARKATION) – ROME.

North this morning back to the "Eternal City" with lots of time to enjoy one of the optional excursions, to do last-minute shopping, or relax with glass of wine in Piazza Navona and watch the world go by. (B,D)

DAY 15 | WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014:

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)



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