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August 22 – September 4, 2026

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14 Days • 20 Meals: 12 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 6 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Palermo, Monreale, Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, Piazza Armerina, Giardini Naxos, Taormina, Strait of Messina, Winery Tour & Tasting, Matera, Sorrento, Positano, Pompeii

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	NH Palermo, Palermo
Days 4, 5	Baia di Ulisse , Agrigento
Days 6 – 8	Una Hotel Naxos Beach Sicilia, Giardini Naxos
Days 9, 10	UNAHOTELS MH Matera , Matera
Days 11, 12	Hotel Michelangelo, Sorrento
Day 13	Massimo D'Azeglio Hotel, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Saturday, August 22, 2026 Overnight Flight

The hidden treasures of Southern Italy and Sicily are yours to explore, for it's here you'll find breathtaking scenery, historic cities, centuries-old hilltop villages and iconic cuisine.

Day 2: Sunday, August 23, 2026 Palermo, Sicily

Your Italian journey begins in Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Discover the city's vibrant culture as you take in its gritty, unshakable spirit, and captivating energy. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. (D)

Day 3: Monday, August 24, 2026 Palermo

This morning, visit hilltop Monreale, ascending 92 steps to its 12th-century cathedral and entering to see its majestic Byzantine mosaics. Next, travel to a family-owned farmhouse, picturesquely set in the hills surrounding Palermo. Meet the owners and discover what a typical day on a Sicilian farm is like, and then tuck into a hearty farm-to-table lunch, made with family recipes. Return to Palermo for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 4: Tuesday, August 25, 2026 Palermo - Agrigento

Begin the day with an extensive walking tour of Palermo's old town. On foot, uncover cobblestone piazzas and ornate buildings, many worn by time and conflict. This afternoon, relax aboard your bus as you travel over rolling hills and peaceful farmland to Sicily's southern coast for a two-night stay in the outskirts of Agrigento. (B, D)

Day 5: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 Agrigento

This morning, step back 25 centuries and delve into ancient Greek history with a visit of the stunning Valley of the Temples, one of the world's most esteemed archeological sites. Get an up-close view of the temples of Juno, Concordia, and Hercules during an extensive walking tour of this ancient acropolis. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure at your hotel, where you can take in the views from its panoramic terrace and walk along the beach. Spend the evening as you wish. Perhaps you'll head to Agrigento's old town for a stroll through its historic centre and free time to explore. (B)

Day 6: Thursday, August 27, 2026 Agrigento - Piazza Armerina - Giardini Naxos

Venture deep into Sicily's countryside to Piazza Armerina, home of the ancient Villa Romana del Casale. Explore the site with an expert insider for a locally guided tour of its impressive Roman mosaics. In the afternoon, journey to Sicily's eastern shores for your three-night stay in Giardini Naxos. This evening, perhaps you'll join an optional dinner with music, where traditional Sicilian melodies fill the air. (B)

Day 7: Friday, August 28, 2026 Giardini Naxos

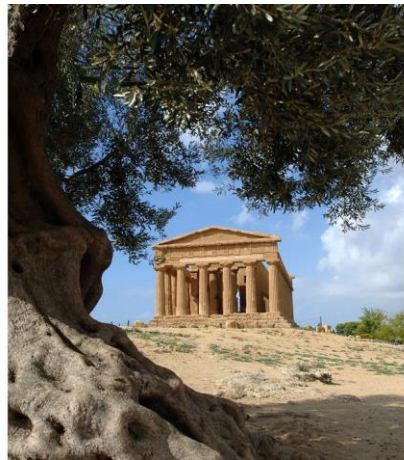
This morning, explore beautiful Taormina, home to ancient relics, rocky hills, and charming gardens. With an expert local guide, you'll stroll the lively pedestrianized main street and climb to the city's well-preserved Greek theatre. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Taormina or relax in Giardini Naxos – the "garden of Sicily". (B)

Day 8: Saturday, August 29, 2026 Giardini Naxos

Today is yours to spend as you wish. Perhaps you'll opt to experience Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure up Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano. Take in awe-inspiring views from a 4x4 vehicle and hop out to walk amid lava formations and basalt rocks. After a wine-paired lunch at a winery on the slopes of Mount Etna, return to your hotel in the late afternoon. (B, D)

Day 9: Sunday, August 30, 2026 Giardini Naxos - Matera

Take a short and scenic ferry ride across the narrow Strait of Messina, separating Sicily from Italy's mainland. During your full day bus transfer, pass through the unspoiled region of Calabria and onto the Basilicata region. Wander through the twisting vines of a local winery before touring the cellar for a tasting. Linger over regional cuisine at dinner in the winery's *agriturismo* restaurant. (B, D)



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Day 10: Monday, August 31, 2026 Matera

Explore the Sassi di Matera, an ancient settlement of carved cave dwellings that has been continuously inhabited for millennia. A local guide shares the history and explains why film producers are seeking out this unique landscape. The afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps you'll join an optional tour to Alberobello in the nearby region of Puglia. Here, marvel at the town's whimsical *trulli* homes, known for their distinct, cone-shaped roofs. (B, D)

Day 11: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 Matera - Sorrento

After a full morning's drive, stop at a sustainable buffalo dairy farm* for a taste of freshly made mozzarella and a peek into the history of this iconic cheese. After lunch at the dairy, continue to the Sorrentine Peninsula and settle in for a two-night stay.** This evening, discover the allure of Sorrento during a walk around its charming old town. (B, L)

Day 12: Wednesday, September 2, 2026 Sorrento

This morning, take in the sights and colours of the Mediterranean Sea as you sail*** along the initial stretch of the breathtaking Amalfi Coast. Gaze out over the deep blue hues of the sea paired with the bright citrus fruits lining the hillsides. Pause in Positano with its pastel-coloured houses and pebbly beaches. Spend time in this legendary locale browsing the posh boutiques or relaxing along the beach, before returning to Sorrento for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 13: Thursday, September 3, 2026 Sorrento - Pompeii - Rome

Journey north to Rome. En route, experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii. Here, **it's your choice!** Soak in the history of this 2,000-year-old Roman town at your own pace by picking between a leisurely walking tour of Pompeii's essential sights **-OR-** a faster paced walk covering more off-the-beaten-path gems. Step into another time as you explore the preserved buildings and imagine life in the 1st-century. An afternoon-long transfer leads to Rome, where you arrive in the early evening. Celebrate the end of your journey with a delightful farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Friday, September 4, 2026 Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Feb 23, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveller. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travellers who require mobility assistance devices.

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1393225>

Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

Italy imposes strict limits on tour bus circulation and mandatory drop-off and pick-up points, especially in historic areas such as Palermo, Monreale, Taormina, Matera, and Sorrento, which all require the ability to walk up and down hills on narrow, cobblestone streets and stairs.

Positano is a vertical village built into the cliffside of the Amalfi Coast. There is no vehicle circulation possible inside the town as all the streets have steps connecting them. Visiting requires the ability to walk up and down very steep inclines and steps without any railings or handles.

The included activities, and most optional ones, are not suitable for travellers using motorized scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, or Zimmer-frames. The optional tour to Mount Etna cannot accommodate travellers using wheelchairs or motorized scooters, as all participants must be able to climb onto the off-road vehicles using the vehicle's handles to hoist yourself into the cabin.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

The archeological sites of the Valley of the Temples and Pompeii cover several square miles and require extensive walking over uneven, often unpaved, terrain with gravel and loose stones.

This comprehensive tour features multiple long bus transfers exceeding 3 hours. In particular, the transfers from Palermo to Agrigento and from Agrigento to Giardini Naxos require 4+ hours of driving. The full-day transfer from Giardini Naxos to Matera is 7+ hours of driving, and the transfer from Matera to Sorrento is 5+ hours in length.

***The ferry to Positano is subject to sea and weather conditions and operates between April 1 and October 31, yearly. In case of adverse sea conditions or if travelling to Sorrento between November 1 and March 31, the boat ride will be replaced by a bus transfer to Positano. Travellers prone to seasickness and/or motion sickness should take proper precautions.

*The mozzarella production takes place at nighttime, ending prior to your visit. Therefore, travellers will not see the production in process.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

Single rooms in Italy are designed to allow for privacy and are most often smaller in size. Beds in single rooms are usually cot-sized.

**Select groups may be accommodated in one of Sorrento's neighboring towns, situated along the Sorrentine Peninsula.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

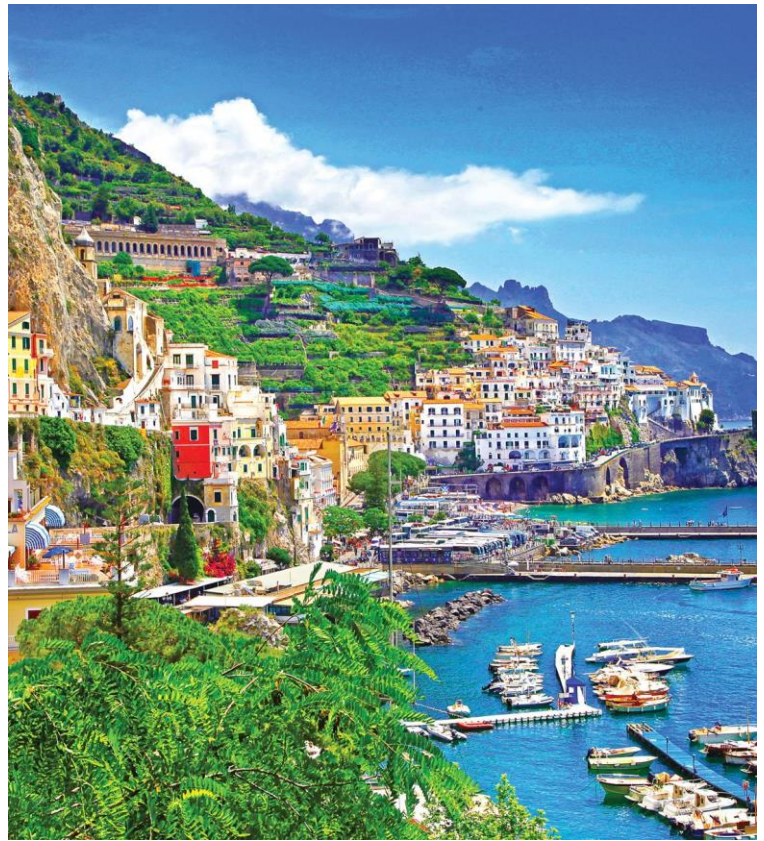
For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Our air travellers will depart from Rome airport.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

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Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more travelling on the same flights and dates.



Travel Requirements:

Documentation is required by foreign governments for all trips outside Canada. You should visit Global Affairs Canada at <https://travel.gc.ca/> for general information about passports and visa requirements. Some countries require a visa in addition to a valid passport for entry, so it is important that you check with the appropriate foreign consulate or embassy for specific entry requirements and details you need to know regarding how and when to obtain the visa. Please remember the possession of valid passports and necessary visas are the responsibility of each traveller. If you would like assistance in ensuring you have the proper visa(s) for your trip outside of Canada, we would be happy to refer you to a company that can assist you.

We strongly recommend that you have a valid passport (with seven-month validity) for all travel outside Canada. Please be advised transit visas may be required if connecting through a country on route to your final destination.

INSURANCE

When travelling outside Canada, health insurance is required. Contact your booking agent for more details.

TRAVEL CONDITIONS

There may be different living standards and practices and different standards and conditions with respect to the provision of services and accommodations outside of Canada.

ETIAS visa waiver requirements are anticipated to begin during the last quarter of 2026, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of February 16, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by May 24, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until February 23, 2026.

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**For important reservation information visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1393225>.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.**



BOOKING NUMBER: 1393225

TOUR: Southern Italy & Sicily featuring Taormina, Matera and the Amalfi Coast

DEPARTURE DATE: August 22, 2026

GROUP NAME: Algonquin Travel & Cruise Centre TravelPlus

Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Giardini Naxos

The Flavours of Sicily

\$136 CAD

Linger over an exquisite four-course meal while traditional Sicilian melodies fill the air. Join us on your free evening for an unforgettable dinner at a popular local restaurant. Your evening begins with a typical Italian antipasto and continues with a variety of local specialties and fine Sicilian wines. Delight in the lively music performed by talented local musicians who are sure to have you clapping and singing along. Sit back and savour the flavours of Sicily during a fun-filled evening with true Italian ambiance and local cuisine. *Duration: Approximately 2.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Mount Etna Offroad Adventure with Winery Lunch

\$273 CAD

Explore Sicily's wilder side on a full day, off-road adventure up Mount Etna! As your rugged 4x4 vehicle ascends Europe's largest active volcano, take in the awe-inspiring views of its iconic peak. Your expert driver navigates the volcano's diverse landscapes and challenging terrain, giving you the opportunity to hop out for a walk, immersing yourself in Etna's lava formations and basalt rocks. Pause for a wine-paired lunch at a winery remarkably situated on the slopes of Mount Etna, and offering panoramic views over the Mediterranean Sea. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon, having spent a rewarding day exploring this legendary giant. *Duration: Approximately 7 hours.* Transportation is included.

Matera

Alberobello's Fanciful Trulli

\$81 CAD

Journey to Puglia, Italy's bread-basket region. In the company of an expert local guide, explore fanciful Alberobello, a whimsical, UNESCO-protected city that hosts a collection of cone-shaped trulli homes. Enjoy some free time to meander through a labyrinth of these gnomish houses, sometimes featuring symbols with superstitious connotations before returning to Matera in the early evening. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print EXACTLY as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (CAD)
	The Flavours of Sicily	136.00
	Mount Etna Offroad Adventure with Winery Lunch	273.00
	Alberobello's Fanciful Trulli	81.00