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# Southern Italy & Sicily

featuring Taormina, Matera, Alberobello and the Amalfi Coast

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## Highlights...

Palermo • Monreale • Agrigento • Valley of the  
Temples • Giardini Naxos • Taormina • Catania •  
Choice on Tour • Mt. Etna Volcano • Matera •  
Alberobello • Amalfi Coast • Sorrento • Pompeii

### SPECIAL TRAVEL PRESENTATION

Date: Monday, November 18, 2019 Time: 10:00 AM

Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning IRSC, 3209 Virginia Ave, FORT PIERCE, Florida,  
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**12 Days • 16 Meals: 10 Breakfasts • 6 Dinners**

**BOOK NOW: Double \$3,999; Single \$4,499; Triple \$3,949**

Regular rates: Double \$4,199 ; Single \$4,699; Triple \$4,149

*\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change*

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Orlando Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$315 per person

#### Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

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#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

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

#### Day 2: Palermo, Sicily - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 3: Palermo - Monreale - Palermo

Acquaint yourself with Palermo on a tour of its lovely squares - the Quattro Canti, Piazza Pretoria and Piazza Bellini - and discover an exotic mix of

Moorish, Norman and Spanish Baroque architecture along the way. See the Palace of the Normans, La Martorana church, and the cathedral that houses the Imperial Crown of Constance of Aragon. In the nearby town of Monreale, **visit a 12th-century cathedral with its dazzling interior** of multicolored marbles, paintings, mosaics and cloisters. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure to peruse the city's shops and museums, or simply take some time to relax. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 4: Palermo - Agrigento - Giardini Naxos

Travel over the countryside's rolling hills, past peaceful farmland toward the town of Agrigento. **Explore one of the most important archaeological sites in the world, the stunning Valley of the Temples (UNESCO)**, where

you'll get an up-close view of the temples of Juno, Concordia, Hercules and Jupiter. Continue on to Giardini Naxos – the “garden of Sicily” – for your 3-night stay. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 5: Giardini Naxos - Taormina - Giardini Naxos**

Set out for beautiful Taormina with its charming atmosphere, historic monuments and flowering gardens. Alongside an expert local guide, see Corso Umberto, view the bountiful public gardens and marvel at the city's well-preserved Greek Theatre. Enjoy free time to relax or independently explore. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 6: Giardini Naxos - Catania - Mt. Etna - Giardini Naxos**

Journey to vibrant Catania where **it's your choice!** Join a local guide to visit the cathedral and view other iconic sights of this historic Baroque city (UNESCO); then witness the daily spectacle of bartering for fresh fish and produce at the local market **-OR-** explore the Museo dello Sbarco (Allied Landing Museum), an emotionally moving museum dedicated to the Allied troops who landed on the southern coast in 1943. Later, **gather to discover the impressive Mt. Etna Volcano National Park** where a local expert introduces you to the park's spectacular landscapes sculpted by nature. Return to Giardini Naxos for the evening. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 7: Giardini Naxos - Matera**

Venture to Messina for a short ferry ride to Villa San Giovanni on Italy's mainland. Pass through the unspoiled, beautiful region of Calabria into the Basilicata region. Make a stop at one of the area's local wineries where you'll join an expert on a walk through the cellars and vineyards before sampling wines during a special tasting. Linger over regional cuisine at dinner in the winery's own *agriturismo* restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 8: Matera - Alberobello - Matera**

Explore the “Sassi di Matera,” an ancient settlement of carved cave dwellings. A local guide shares the history of the site and reasons why it has recently caught the eye of many film producers. Continue to a local shop for a chance to sample some regional produce. Enjoy free time in Matera to

browse the boutiques or taste the local cuisine before heading to the mystical town of Alberobello. **Marvel at some of the town's most uniquely built homes (UNESCO) known as *trulli***, and their distinct, cone-shaped roofs. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 9: Matera - Vietri Sul Mare - Sorrento Peninsula**

Stop in Vietri Sul Mare, the “gateway to the Amalfi Coast,” for time to explore independently. Here, generations of inhabitants have been producing precious majolicas, representing stories of their daily life. Remember to take a moment to admire the 17th century Church of St. John the Baptist with it's beautiful ceramic dome. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 10: Sorrento - Amalfi Coast Drive - Amalfi - Minori - Sorrento Peninsula**

Savor time this morning in the lovely seaside resort town of Sorrento. Then **begin your adventure traversing the breathtaking Amalfi Coast.** Stop in the charming town of Amalfi and spend time exploring its striking provincial beauty before heading to Minori. Use this opportunity to sample regional specialties at a family-owned limoncello factory. Later, sit down for a traditional Italian afternoon break at a local café and pastry shop. Enjoy an evening at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 11: Sorrento Peninsula - Pompeii - Rome**

Drive along the Bay of Naples to the excavated ruins of Pompeii, nestled at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. A local guide gives you an in-depth view of this remarkable archaeological site, where you'll become immersed in history as you explore the preserved buildings of this 2,000 year-old Roman town. Later, travel to Rome to celebrate the end of your journey with a delightful farewell dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 12: Rome - Tour Ends**

Your tour comes to a close today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

*Experience It! \_\_\_\_\_ The Valley of the Temples*

Travel to the Valley of the Temples, in Agrigento, Sicily, where you'll see some of the best preserved ruins of ancient Greece. Among the countryside full of blooming almond trees are wonderful ruins of the temples that, in the course of time, kept intact their architectural magnificence. Seven major temples are found in this valley. The temples have a Doric style, with six majestic columns on the front side, except for the Temple of Olympian Zeus. The most impressive is the Temple of Concordia, built in 440 B.C. It is nearly perfectly preserved and has continued to be used over time. At night the illuminated temple is a sight to behold. Come see why the Greeks chose this site on a cliff a few miles from the ocean. Experience the beautiful ocean view and the soft, cool breezes.

**YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day	1	Overnight Flight
Day	2, 3	Hotel Federico II Central Palace, Palermo
Day	4 – 6	Hellenia Yachting Hotel, Giardini Naxos
Day	7, 8	MH Matera Hotel, Matera
Day	9, 10	Towers Hotel, Sorrento
Day	11	Donna Laura Palace Hotel, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Collette's Flagship:** Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

**Please Note:**

Book Now rates valid until Apr 17, 2020, valid on air inclusive packages only.

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

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip 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 *urchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

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

Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

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.

**IDENTIFICATION**

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces, should be expected.

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