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## INCREDIBLE ITALY DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

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**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 1: Toronto Palermo** Today our limousine service will pick you up at home and whisk you off to Pearson Airport where we will board our overnight flight to Palermo Italy. This fabulous city is our home for the next two nights.

**Day 2: Palermo, Sicily** Your Italian sojourn opens in Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Discover the city's vibrant culture as you take in its gritty, unshakable spirit and captivating energy. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. **(D.)**

**Day 3: Palermo** Begin the day with an extensive walking tour of Palermo's old town. On foot, uncover cobblestoned piazzas and ornate buildings, many worn by time and conflict. Visit hilltop Monreale (UNESCO), ascending 92 steps to its 12th-century cathedral. Tour its majestic Byzantine mosaics and explore the cathedral's cloisters. Take in the serene atmosphere of the monastic complex before returning to Palermo for an evening at leisure. **(B.L.)**

**Day 4: Palermo – Agrigento** This morning, journey 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. Sit back and tuck into a hearty farm-to-table lunch, made with family recipes. Relax aboard your bus as you travel over rolling hills and peaceful farmland to Sicily's southern coast for a 2-night stay in the outskirts of Agrigento. **(B.D.)**

**Day 5: Agrigento** This morning, it's your choice! Enjoy time at leisure at your hotel, where you can take in the views from its panoramic terrace and walk along the beach -OR- venture into Agrigento's old town for a stroll through its historic centre and free time to explore. This afternoon, step back 25 centuries and delve into ancient Greek history with a visit of the stunning Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), 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. Then, pause for dinner at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel. **(B.)**

**Day 6: Agrigento - Piazza Armerina - Giardini Naxos** Venture deep into Sicily's countryside to Piazza Armerina, home of the ancient Villa Romana del Casale (UNESCO). Explore the site with an expert insider for a locally guided tour of its impressive Roman mosaics. In the afternoon, journey east to Sicily's Ionian Coast for your 2-night stay in Giardini Naxos. This evening, perhaps you'll join an optional dinner with music, where traditional Sicilian melodies fill the air. **(B.)**



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**Day 7: 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 relax in Giardini Naxos – the “garden of Sicily” – or opt to see Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. During this optional tour, your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano while you take in views of its lava formations and basalt rocks. **(B.)**

**Day 8: 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: 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.)**

**Day 10: Matera** Explore the Sassi di Matera (UNESCO), an ancient settlement of carved cave dwellings. 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 (UNESCO) 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: Matera – Sorrento** 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 farm, transfer to the Sorrentine Peninsula and settle in for a 2-night stay. During a walking tour, discover the charms of Sorrento and learn about the local tradition of wood marquetry. **(B.L.)**

**Day 12: 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 (UNESCO). 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 resting along the beach, before returning to Sorrento for an afternoon at leisure. **(B.)**



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**Day 13: Sorrento - Pompeii – Rome** Journey north to Rome. En route, experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii (UNESCO). 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 arrival in Rome with a delightful dinner. **(B.D.)**

**Day 14: Rome**

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Classical Rome, leading you through the Eternal City's most iconic monuments. Walk over cobblestone streets and weathered passageways to discover famous sights such as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and Piazza Navona, one of Rome's most breathtaking Baroque piazzas. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Perhaps you'll wander through one of Rome's many museums, such as the Capitoline or stroll the Avenue of the Imperial Forum for views of the Colosseum. **(B.)**

**Day 15: Rome - Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's Basilica**

Early this morning, join an expert local guide for a visit of the Vatican Museums\* and St. Peter's Basilica, including the world-famous Sistine Chapel where Michelangelo's Last Judgement fresco is situated. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll explore Rome's bohemian Trastevere district and wander through its maze-like, ivy-clung streets. **(B.)**

**Day 16: Rome – Toronto**

Alas all good things must come to an end. We'll transfer to Rome Airport for our flight back to Toronto. Upon arrival in Toronto we'll take our limousine service back to our homes. We'll carry with us life long memories of this most remarkable and ancient civilization! **(B.)**

**WELCOME HOME!**

**PLEASE NOTE THIS TOUR IS NOT SUITABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MOBILITY ISSUES.**

**B = Breakfast, L = Lunch D = Dinner**