

Olympia Fields Park District

presents..

Discover Southern Italy & Sicily

featuring Taormina, Matera, Alberobello and the Amalfi Coast

Departing

November 6, 2018

Highlights....Palermo • Monreale •

Agrigento • Valley of the Temples

Giardini Naxos • Taormina • Catania

Choice on Tour • Mt. Etna Volcano

Matera • Alberobello • Amalfi Coast

Sorrento • Pompeii



12 Days • 16 Meals: 10 Breakfasts • 6 Dinners

Per Person Rates: Double \$3,599; Single \$4,049; Triple \$3,569

Included in Price:

Roundtrip Airfare, Attraction, \$200 Offer (Air Booking Bonus ORD - (Dollar amount per person)), Air Taxes, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price:

Insurance (\$290.00)

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Be amazed by the Greek Theatre in Taormina.
- ★ Tour a vineyard and sample its wine.
- ★ Travel to "Sassi di Matera," an ancient town known for its cave dwellings.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Explore the hidden treasures of Southern Italy and Sicily. 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. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Palermo - Monreale - Palermo

Come to know Palermo on a tour featuring its lovely squares - Quattro Canti, Piazza Pretoria and Piazza Bellini. Along the way, discover an exotic mix of Moorish, Norman and Spanish Baroque styles. View the Palace of the Normans, La Martorana church, and the cathedral which houses the Imperial Crown of Constance of Aragon. In the nearby town of Monreale, **visit the 12th-century cathedral with its dazzling interior of multicolored marbles, paintings, mosaics and cloisters.** The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax or peruse the city's museums and shops. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Palermo - Agrigento - Giardini Naxos

Travel over the countryside's rolling hills and past peaceful farmland toward the town of Agrigento. Stop to **explore the stunning Valley of the Temples (UNESCO)**, one of the most important archaeological sites in the world. Here you 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 off for beautiful Taormina, known for its charming atmosphere, historic monuments and flowing gardens. Join a local guide for a tour of the city. You will see Corso Umberto and the beautiful public gardens, and marvel at its well-preserved Greek Theatre. Enjoy some free time to independently explore this delightful town. *Today breakfast will be included.*

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

Journey to vibrant Catania where **the choice is yours!** 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); this moving museum is dedicated to the Allied troops who landed on the southern coast in 1943. Later, **gather together to discover the impressive Mt. Etna Volcano National Park** with a local expert and take in the 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 beautiful and unspoiled region of Calabria and into the Basilicata region. Make a stop along the way at one of the area's local wineries. Join an expert on a walk through the cellars and vineyards before sampling their wines at a tasting. Linger over dinner featuring regional cuisine 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 its most unusually built homes**

(UNESCO)—known as *trulli*—with distinct cone-shaped roofs. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 9: Matera - Salerno - Sorrento Peninsula

Travel towards Campania and the Bay of Naples, one of the most breathtaking areas of Italy. Make a stop in Salerno to explore the historic city center at leisure. Take a moment to gaze at its impressive cathedral, considered to be the most beautiful medieval church in Italy. Arrive at the Sorrento Peninsula in the late afternoon. Sit back and take in the views of this magical place. *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. Make a stop in the charming town of Amalfi where you will have time to explore. Then it's

off to Minori. Take 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. Your evening is 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 will provide an in-depth view of this remarkable archaeological site. You will be immersed in history as you explore the preserved buildings of this 2000-year-old Roman town. Later, travel to Rome and celebrate the end of your journey with a farewell dinner at a popular local restaurant. *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
Day	4 – 6	Hellenia Yachting Hotel
Day	7, 8	Hilton Garden Inn
Day	9, 10	Towers Hotel Stabiae or Michelangelo Hotel
Day	11	Donna Laura Palace Hotel or A.Rome Lifestyle Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Please Note:

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

IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

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 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.

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