



WORLD HERITAGE SITES OF ITALY AND SICILY
From an archaeological and historical perspective
National Trust of Australia (ACT) with Travelscene Canberra City

OUTLINE - TOUR ITINERARY – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2012

Saturday, 15 September

Depart Australia and fly to Rome, via Singapore

Day 1 – Sunday, 16 September

Rome

On arrival in Rome meet guide and transfer to hotel

Early check-in at hotel

Remainder of day at leisure

Special welcome dinner at a Rome restaurant

Overnight Rome (D)

Day 2 – Monday, 17 September

Rome

Sightseeing – VATICAN MUSEUMS, SISTINE CHAPEL, ST PETER'S SQUARE and BASILICA

Overnight Rome (B)

Day 3 – Tuesday, 18 September

Rome

Sightseeing – COLOSSEUM and the ROMAN FORUM, the NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ROME to the CRYPTA BALDI exhibition, including entrance fee

Overnight Rome (B)

Day 4 – Wednesday, 19 September

Rome

Half-day tour of the ETRUSCAN NECROPOLIS at Cerveteri

This afternoon optional walk to Trevi Fountain, Navona Square, the Roman Pantheon and the Spanish Steps

Remainder of day at leisure

Overnight Rome (B)

Day 5 – Thursday, 20 September

Rome to Florence

Travel by coach to Florence – follow the Tiber Valley to Orvieto. Ride a modern FUNICULAR through the forbidding ramparts. Time to browse in the lanes off Piazza del Duomo and visit the CATHEDRAL

Overnight Florence (B)

Day 6 – Friday, 21 September

Florence

Walking tour – visit the ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS, see the magnificent cathedral, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's heavy bronze 'Gate of Paradise', sculpture-studded SIGNORIA SQUARE and visit SANTA CROCE BASILICA

This afternoon continue on to UFFIZI GALLERY and the DUOMO

Overnight Florence (B)

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Day 7 - Saturday, 22 September**Florence**

Day trip to San Gimignano and Siena

In Siena walk to PIAZZA DEL CAMPO and tour then continues to hilltop San Gimignano and walk through this picturesque preserved medieval town

Overnight Florence (B)

Day 8 – Sunday, 23 September**Excursion to Pisa and Verrazzano Castle**

Journey to Pisa to see the Leaning Tower then hear about the blending of four types of grapes to obtain the famous Chianti at VERRAZZANO CASTLE; enjoy a WINE TASTING and lunch before returning to Florence

Overnight Florence (B,L,D)

Day 9 – Monday, 24 September**Florence to Lake Maggiore**

Travel by coach to Italian Lakes – drive through the Apennine hills past Bologna to Milan; orientation features the DUOMO, GALLERIA and La Scala Opera House. Continue to Lugano and take a leisurely break to stroll along the lake, window shop on the Via Nassa or sip an espresso on the Piazza Riforma. Continue on to Lake Maggiore

Overnight Lake Maggiore (B,D)

Day 10 – Tuesday, 25 September**Lake Maggiore**

Travel to see Valcamonica Rock Art

Overnight Lake Maggiore (B)

Day 11 – Wednesday, 26 September**Excursion to Isola Bella**

Excursion by boat to visit Isola Bella and take a tour of the BORROMEO PALACE and then visit the gardens, terraces and market

Overnight Lake Maggiore (B)

Day 12 – Thursday, 27 September**Lake Maggiore to Venice**

Travel by coach to Venice via Bolzano to visit the SOUTH TYROL MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY to see the “Ice Man Otzi”

Overnight Venice (B)

Day 13 – Friday, 28 September**Venice**

Walking tour – visit ST MARK’S SQUARE, the BASILICA, DOGES’ PALACE and the BRIDGE OF SIGHS. Watch GLASSBLOWERS fashion delicate objects.

Afternoon visit to MUSEO CORRER and MUSEO ARCHAEOLOGICO

Overnight Venice (B)

Day 14 – Saturday, 29 September**Venice**

Day at leisure

Overnight Venice (B)

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Day 15 – Sunday, 30 September

Venice to Assisi

Travel by coach along the coastline of the Adriatic Sea to Ravenna. See the 6th century BASILICA OF ST APOLLINARIS IN CLASSE.

Arrive in Assisi this afternoon and during a walking tour visit the BASILICA

Overnight Assisi (B,D)

Day 16 – Monday, 1 October

Assisi to Alberobello

Travel along the coast to the world heritage listed site of the town of Alberobello

Overnight Alberobello (B)

Day 17 – Tuesday, 2 October

Alberobello

Today is free to explore this UNESCO world heritage site with its characteristic trulli white-washed conical shaped houses

Overnight Alberobello (B)

Day 18 – Wednesday, 3 October

Alberobello to Sorrento

Visit POMPEII on the way to Sorrento

Overnight Sorrento (B)

Day 19 – Thursday, 4 October

Excursion to Naples

Visit Naples and see the NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM, then visit the city centre to see the Triumphal Arch of the New Castle, St Charles Theatre, the Royal Palace, Galleria Umberto and the semi-circular Piazza Plebiscito. Drive up to Posillpo Hill for a view of the Bay of Naples and then head back to Sorrento

Overnight Sorrento (B)

Day 20 – Friday, 5 October

Excursion to Ravello

Travel by coach to Ravello, situated on the inland Amalfi coast just north of Salerno.

Overnight Sorrento (B)

Day 21 – Saturday, 6 October

Excursion to Cilento

Travel by coach to Cilento and visit the archaeological sites of PAESTRIUM and VELIA

Overnight Sorrento (B)

Day 22 – Sunday, 7 October

Sorrento to Reggio Calabria

Travel by coach along the gulf of Taranto and head inland to Reggio Calabria

This afternoon visit the MUSEUM which houses the world-famous bronze warrior sculptures

Overnight Reggio Calabria (B,D)

Day 23 – Monday, 8 October

Reggio Calabria to Taormina Area

Cross the Strait of Messina by FERRY and arrive in Sicily

Overnight Taormina area (B)

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Day 24 – Tuesday, 9 October

Excursion to Syracuse

Included excursion to Syracuse – enter the ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE with a local guide
Overnight Taormina area (B,D)

Day 25 – Wednesday, 10 October

Taormina Area to Palermo

Morning departure to Palermo via Agrigento with a guided walk through the VALLEY OF TEMPLES; also visit the DORIAN TEMPLES AND ACROPOLIS at Selinunte
Overnight Palermo (B)

Day 26 – Thursday, 11 October

Palermo

Day at leisure in Palermo to enjoy the sights of this 7th century city founded by the Phoenicians
Overnight Palermo (B)

Day 27 – Friday, 12 October

Palermo

Visit the Piazza Bellini, the CATHEDRAL, the PALATINE CHAPEL in the Royal Palace and then drive up to Monreale for a view of the Conca d'Oro and visit the NORMAN CATHEDRAL before ending the day with a visit to the village of Mondello
Overnight Palermo (B)

Day 28 – Saturday, 13 October

Excursion to Marsala

Visit Marsala, the ancient seaport town in the Province of Trapani. See the ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM and in the afternoon visit the ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK
Overnight Palermo (B)

Day 29 – Sunday, 14 October

Palermo to Rome then back to Australia

Transfer to the airport for your flight from Palermo to Rome
Depart Rome for Australia (B)

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