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10 days Catania to Rome

October 13-22, 2020

Our exclusive tour combines sites of American military importance in WWII as well as a unique journey to experience your favorite areas, great wines, cuisine, architecture and culture. All excursions include a military expert commentator and tour leader throughout.

\$4,950

per person double occupancy

Price includes all the excursions listed in the Day-by-Day Itinerary below.

Space is limited to just one bus so please book early.

REMEMBER: MOAA member benefits extend to your friends and family as well including access to ALL of our MOAA exclusive groups. So bring your friends and bring your family on the amazing Tour of Italy.



Day-by-Day Itinerary

October 13, 2020, Welcome to Sicily! (D)

On arrival at the International Airport of Catania, a group transfer is provided to your hotel. Private transfers are available at an additional cost. In the evening, join your Tour Director and travel companions for drinks followed by a welcome dinner with wine. This evening is the first of a 3-night stay in your Sicilian hotel.

October 14, Ragusa, Siracusa, Piazza Armerina (B)

Departure from the hotel at 9:00 am on a private coach. Your Tour Director and military expert will highlight historical moments as well as artistic and architecture insights of this splendid Baroque part of Sicily. Start with a short walking tour of Siracusa and the island of Ortigia. Then reach the old town of Ragusa Ibla, UNESCO heritage site, with its 3000-year history and stone buildings wrapping themselves around the hilltop. Visit Piazza Armerina where 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne faced off with the Hermann Goering Division at Gela Beach, where the Allied amphibious landing began the invasion of Sicily.

October 15, Mount Etna and Taormina (B, L)

Today we reach an altitude of 10,992 feet driving to Mt. Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe as well as the scene of crucial fighting between the British and Canadian troops and the Hermann Goering Division. We relax at a winery for lunch, where we learn about cuisine of Sicily and its tasty ingredients. In the afternoon, we visit historic Taormina, where the ancient Greeks founded the coastal colony of Naxos.

October 16, Sicily to the Amalfi coast (B, D)

After breakfast, we say farewell to Sicily, cross the Messina Strait on a short 20-minute beautiful ferry ride to Calabria and begin our journey through the Appennini mountains to arrive to the region of Campania and the Amalfi coast. Check in to the hotel and enjoy dinner as you begin a 3-night stay at this hotel.

October 17, Amalfi and Positano (B, L)

Prepare for a memorable day! You will be driving along the stunning Amalfi coast, visiting jewel towns of Positano and Amalfi, exploring the sites where the 36th Division established a beachhead near Sorrento. Meet our friend Salvatore and his family at their family lemon garden where you will learn about and sample the local Limoncello and lunch al fresco in a lemon-grove with a spectacular view.

October 18, Naples and Pompeii (B, L)

After breakfast, join a local guide for a tour of Naples. There is so much to say about Naples' unique collection of sights not to be missed. The National Archaeological Museum, home to the remarkable Farnese Collection – one of the world's finest hauls of Greco-Roman art and artefacts, the Teatro di San Carlo, the oldest working

opera house in the world and the Royal Palace built in 1600. After lunch in a typical Napoli Pizzeria we move closer to the Vesuvium and visit the site of Pompeii with our archaeology expert.

October 19, Paestum and the Tirreno Coast to Gaeta (B, D)

After breakfast, check out and depart for Paestum, discovered by ancient Greeks around 650 BC. Visit the well-preserved Greek Temples before proceeding on to the beach and the 36th Infantry Division Monument, which commemorates the men who lost their lives here on September 9, 1943 during the allied Salerno landings. Then continue north to Gaeta. This small non-touristic town has played a conspicuous part in military history: its fortifications date back to Roman times, then extended and strengthened in the 15th century by the King of Naples. We spend 2-nights at this hotel.

October 20, Cassino and the Appian way (B)

Cassino and its Abbey are among the most impressive landmarks we will visit on this tour. The Abbey was severely damaged at the raging Battle of Cassino (May 1944). After the Allies had taken Naples, the Germans made Cassino the key stronghold in the system of defenses guarding the approaches to Rome. We will also be travelling through the Mignano Pass to the Mount Lungo Museum. Monte Cassino, San Pietro, and Monte Lungo formed the defensive line dominating the approach to the Liri Valley.

October 21, Cisterna, Anzio, Nettuno (B, D)

After breakfast, check out and depart for Cisterna. The Battle of Cisterna took place on January 30–February 2, 1944. The battle was a clear German victory which also had repercussions on the deployment of U.S. Army Rangers that went beyond the immediate tactical and strategic results of the battle. We then visit Anzio and Nettuno where the American troops came ashore in January 1944 during the Operation SHINGLE amphibious assault. We also visit the Museo dello Sbarco Alleato (Museum of the Allied Landing), the invasion beaches and the Sicily–Rome American Cemetery in Nettuno, where 7,862 Americans are buried and 3,095 missing are memorialized. After checking in to the hotel for the last night, we get together for a group "Arrivederci dinner".

October 22, Rome (B)

Check out and transfer to Fiumicino International airport or extend your visit in Rome.



INCLUDED

10 days, 9 nights in 3 and 4 -star hand-picked hotels.

All breakfasts (a selection of Italian and international items, hot and cold buffet).

Seven more meals reflecting the cuisine of the area traveled: Four dinners and three lunches.

Air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and facilities.

All excursions with an historian commentator and tour leader throughout.

All taxes, including hotel tourist taxes.

NOT INCLUDED

Airfare. Gratuities. Travel insurance. Wine and beverages is not included unless noted in itinerary above.



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