

GRAND TOUR OF SOUTHERN ITALY

COD. SUB-GT-ROM-1615

16 ☀ days | 15 🌙 nights

ROME - POMPEII - AMALFI - POSITANO - CAPRI - ANDRIA - BARI -
POLIGNANO A MARE - MONOPOLI - ALBEROBELLO - LOCOROTONDO
- LECCE - OSTUNI - MATERA - NAPLES - PIZZO CALABRO - TROPEA -
AEOLIAN ISLANDS - SCILLA - REGGIO CALABRIA - LAMEZIA TERME





DAY 1 - FRIDAY

ROME

Arrival at Rome airport and transfer to the hotel. Free time. At 6:00 PM, meet your tour leader at the reception.

DAY 2 - SATURDAY

ROME

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by a guided tour with included admission to the most iconic and imposing monument of antiquity, the Colosseum, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Next, visit the archaeological area of the Roman Forum, a symbol of the Italian capital that showcases the architectural mastery of the Roman Empire. Enjoy free time in the afternoon before transferring to Civitavecchia to board the overnight ferry to Olbia.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

Tivoli and its Magnificent Villas: Villa Adriana and Villa D'Este

In the afternoon, there is an option to take a half-day tour to the city of Tivoli. You will have the chance to stroll through the ruins of Villa Adriana, dating back to Roman times, with its temples, theaters, and statues. Then, we will visit the romantic Villa D'Este, a Renaissance masterpiece famous for its waterfalls, pools, and fountains set within beautiful gardens. This unforgettable experience offers a glimpse into the history and beauty of two of Italy's most stunning sites. At the end of the tour, we will return to Rome.

DAY 3 - SUNDAY

ROME - POMPEII - NAPLES

After breakfast, depart for the Campania region. Transfer to Pompeii and enjoy a guided tour of the archaeological ruins buried under lava during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD, alongside other ancient cities like Herculaneum, Stabiae,





and Oplontis. After the visit, enjoy lunch where you'll have the chance to taste the famous Neapolitan pizza. In the afternoon, transfer to the hotel.

DAY 4 - MONDAY

NAPLES - AMALFI - POSITANO - NAPLES

Breakfast at the hotel and then a boat excursion from Naples to Amalfi and Positano. Upon arrival in Amalfi, visit the splendid city that gives its name to the entire coast, famous for being one of the ancient maritime republics, and declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. Don't miss the chance to visit the famous Cathedral of Saint Andrew and the Paper Museum during your free time. Afterward, continue to Positano, the pearl of the Amalfi Coast, with its unique atmosphere, narrow streets, small shops, and colorful ceramics. Capture the magic of the place with a postcard-like photo from the sea before concluding your day of exploration. In the late afternoon, return to the hotel in Naples.

DAY 5 - TUESDAY

NAPLES - CAPRI - NAPLES

After breakfast, transfer to the port to board the boat to Capri, the most famous island of the Campanian archipelago. Located across from the Sorrentine Peninsula in the Gulf of Naples, Capri has been captivating emperors, artists, and celebrities for centuries. It's the most iconic island, frequently appearing in films and advertising campaigns. With nearly year-round sunshine, visiting Capri offers access to breathtaking spots: secret coves, lively alleys, cliffs, and mountains with spectacular panoramas. During the visit, enjoy a lunch break at one of the island's typical restaurants. In the afternoon, return to the hotel.

**Optional boat tour and visit to the Blue Grotto*

DAY 6 - WEDNESDAY

NAPLES - ANDRIA - BARI

Breakfast at the hotel and departure towards Puglia. Before reaching Bari, stop to visit Castel del Monte in Andria, a place of secrets and magic, an ancient 13th-century building constructed by Frederick II, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. It is one of the most iconic landmarks in Puglia and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afterwards, transfer and accommodation at the hotel.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

Old Bari, the heart of Bari city

Old Bari is a place where time seems to stand still in its simplicity and authenticity. Walking through the narrow streets of this neighborhood, one can feel the essence of history, tradition, and customs passed down from generation to generation. The style of the old town's buildings reflects the blending of different eras that have shaped the architecture and daily life of this place.

DAY 7 - THURSDAY

BARI - POLIGNANO A MARE - MONOPOLI - BARI

After breakfast, we depart for Polignano a Mare, a marvelous medieval village perched on a high, rugged coastline. Stroll through the alleys of this small town, with its white houses and terraces overlooking the sea, offering a unique and unforgettable view. We then continue to Monopoli, known as the "City of a Hundred Districts." Walk through its charming old town, featuring a stunning Baroque cathedral and a lovely seaside promenade. Return to the hotel.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

Polignano Caves by Boat

A two-hour boat tour departing and returning from the small port of San Vito in Polignano a Mare. The excursion includes visits to the main caves and the most evocative views along Polignano's coastline. The experience also includes a stop for swim-

ming at one of the admired spots during the journey.

DAY 8 - FRIDAY

BARI - ALBEROBELLO - LOCOROTONDO - LECCE

After breakfast at the hotel, departure for Alberobello to visit its monumental village of Trulli, dating back to the mid-16th century and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its unique architecture and historical significance. In the afternoon, we continue to Locorotondo, a charming town that captivates visitors with its whitewashed buildings, colorful flowers, and plants adorning the balconies. Despite its small size, Locorotondo stands out for its harmony, intimacy, and graceful atmosphere—a luminous white town overlooking the valley below. Finally, transfer to the hotel in Lecce.

DAY 9 - SATURDAY

LECCE

After breakfast at the hotel, we will spend the day exploring Lecce, often called the Baroque capital of southern Italy. This cultural and historical center is known for its ancient structures of exceptional beauty, crafted over centuries using the so-called “Lecce stone.” Squares, palaces, amphitheaters, and intricately carved stone sculptures are seamlessly integrated into the urban landscape, making Lecce, as described by 18th-century visitor Thomas Ashe, “the most beautiful city in Italy.” Highlights include the Basilica of Santa Croce, the adjacent Palazzo dei Celestini (former Convent of the Celestine Fathers), and the Lecce Cathedral, located in the heart of the historic center in the square of the same name. During the excursion, enjoy lunch featuring traditional local dishes. Free time in the afternoon offers culture and art enthusiasts the chance to discover more hidden gems and typical spots in Lecce.





DAY 10 - SUNDAY

LECCE - OSTUNI - BARI

After breakfast at the hotel, departure for Ostuni, also known as the White City due to its characteristic historic center. A walk through the old town reveals picturesque alleys, steep staircases, courtyards, and small squares lined with whitewashed houses, artisan workshops, typical restaurants, and quaint shops. After the visit, transfer to your hotel in Bari.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

Bari Food Tour

Prepare for a full meal—or more! The Bari Food Tour offers an authentic experience of the city, immersing you in local life. A local cuisine expert will guide you through tastings of the best traditional dishes at places known only to the locals. Get ready for an irresistible culinary adventure in a relaxing atmosphere!

DAY 11 - MONDAY

BARI - MATERA - NAPLES

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Matera, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the oldest cities in the world. Matera is a place where history, culture, and nature blend to create a city rich in stunning scenery and impressive corners. Visit the Sassi, an ancient settlement carved into the rock. A maze of cave dwellings, winding alleys, rock-hewn churches, terraces, gardens, and underground passageways make the Sassi a spectacular example of architectural adaptation to the natural environment. Continue to Naples and check-in at the hotel.

DAY 12 - TUESDAY

NAPLES - TROPEA AREA

Breakfast and transfer to the station to board a train to Calabria.



Transfer to the hotel in the Tropea area.

DAY 13 - WEDNESDAY

TROPEA AREA - PIZZO CALABRO - TROPEA - TROPEA AREA

After breakfast, visit Pizzo Calabro, a tranquil town perched on a hill overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea. Majestic cliffs create an idyllic setting, while the Aragonese Castle and medieval churches narrate the local culture and history. Stroll through the center and enjoy a tasting of the famous “Tartufo di Pizzo” ice cream. Continue to Tropea, “the City of the Turquoise Sea,” known for its white beaches interrupted by cliffs, historic noble palaces with grand portals overlooking the sea, and its vibrant historic center rich in art and local crafts. Return to the hotel.

DAY 14 - THURSDAY

TROPEA AREA - SCILLA - REGGIO CALABRIA - TROPEA AREA

Breakfast and departure for Scilla, featuring its famous Ruffo Castle, a fortification with mysterious origins that dominates the village and offers spectacular views. Explore its historic center and Chianalea, the oldest and most enchanting part of Scilla. This magical area is home to stilted restaurants, small fishing boats visible from every alley, and fishermen’s houses bathed by crystal-clear waters. After free time for lunch, transfer to Reggio Calabria to admire the famous Riace Bronzes and other treasures housed in the National Archaeological Museum, one of the most representative museums of Magna Graecia in Calabria. Enjoy the Falcomatà seafront promenade, one of the most beautiful in Italy, with Villa Genoese Zerbi and the striking Rabarama statues. Visit the Duomo, the Castle, and the shopping streets. Return to the hotel after the tour.

DAY 15 - FRIDAY

TROPEA AREA - AEOLIAN ISLANDS - TROPEA AREA

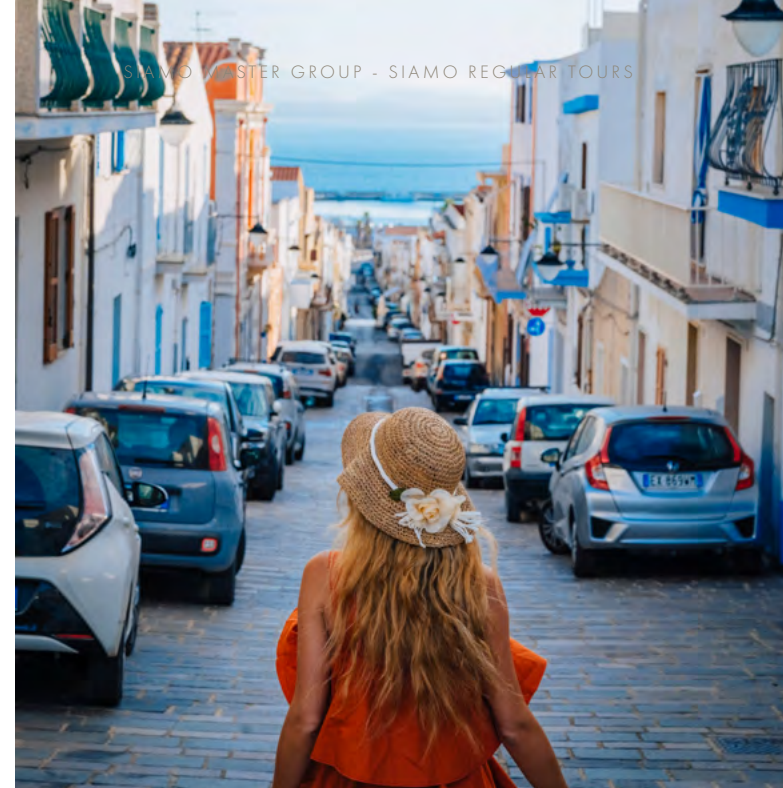
Breakfast at the hotel followed by a day of exploring the Aeolian Islands: Vulcano, Lipari, and Stromboli. Their wild beauty, unspoiled nature, and pristine environment make this archipelago not only one of the most beautiful in the Mediterranean but also a true tourist destination. Return to the hotel.

** Landing fee of €5 not included*

DAY 16 - SATURDAY

TROPEA AREA - LAMEZIA TERME

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport/station. End of services.





APRIL:	18
MAY:	16 - 30
JUNE:	13
JULY:	11
AUGUST:	22
SEPTEMBER:	05 - 19
OCTOBER:	03 - 17

From **€ 3.798.-**
per person in DOUBLE occupancy

From **€ 3.783.-**
per person in TRIPLE occupancy

SINGLE supplement: From: € 1.097.-
Half Board supplement: € 889.-



PLANNED HOTELS OR SIMILAR

- **Rome**
Hotel Gambrinus/ Hotel Napoleon/ Romanico Palace Luxury Hotel / IH Cicerone/ Palladium Palace/ Best Western Ars Hotel/ Club House Hotel/ NH Villa Carpegna/ Al Manthia Hotel/ DoubleTree by Hilton Rome Monti or similar
- **Naples**
Palazzo Salgar/ Best Western Paradiso/ Palazzo Caracciolo/ Hotel Sant'Angelo Palace/ Hotel Palazzo Esedra/ Unahotels Napoli or simila
- **Bari**
Hotel Excelsior/ Hotel iH Oriente/ Hotel Boston/ Hi Hotel/ Hotel The Nicolaus/ Hotel Parco dei Principi/ Hotel Barion or similar
- **Lecce**
Grand Hotel Lecce/ 8piuhotel/ Hotel delle Palme/ Best Western Leone di Messapia/ Arthotel & Park Lecce or similar
- **Tropea Area**
Cala Del Porto Resort/ Popilia Country Resort/ Hotel Tropis/ Hotel Le Roccette Mare/ 501 Hotel/ Hotel Residenece Santa Chiara/ Hotel Colomba D'Oro/ Hotel Marinella or similar

THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- 15 nights of accommodation in double rooms at the listed hotels with breakfast included.
- Transportation by Gran Turismo bus or tourist minibus with Wi-Fi access included.
- Private transfers for arrival and departure.
- Assistance of an English-speaking tour guide throughout the entire tour.
- Guided tours with authorized local guides in English: Rome, Pompeii, Amalfi, Positano, Capri, Andria, Alberobello, Lecce, Matera, Pizzo Calabro, Tropea, Scilla, Reggio Calabria
- Audioguides available throughout the journey.
- Included entry tickets to: Colosseum, Archaeological excavations in Pompeii, Castel del Monte in Andria, Lecce Cathedral and crypts, Basilica of Santa Croce in Lecce, Cave House in Matera, Murat Castle in Pizzo, Piedigrotta Church, National Archaeological Museum of Reggio Calabria
- Lunch in Pompeii with pizza and beverages included.
- Ferry services between:
- Naples / Amalfi / Positano / Naples
- Naples / Capri / Naples
- Bus transportation on Capri Island.
- Lunch in Capri with beverages included.

- Lunch in Lecce with beverages included.
- Train travel from Naples to Lamezia Terme.
- Tasting of the famous "Tartufo di Pizzo" ice cream.
- Boat transfer to the Aeolian Islands.

**IMPORTANT: Amalfi, Positano and Capri, an Aeolian Islands – In case of adverse weather conditions, the excursion may be canceled without prior notice, or the itinerary may be subject to changes without prior notice.*

THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights to/from Italy
- Any internal connections or transfers to reach the starting point of the tour
- City tax
- Beverages during meals, unless expressly indicated under "The price includes"
- Luggage handling, tips, and general or personal extras
- Optional excursions
- Assistance and cancellation insurance (optional and upon request)
- Anything not specifically mentioned in the program and in the section "The price includes"

NOTE: FOR INQUIRIES REGARDING RATES FOR PRE AND POST-TOUR NIGHTS OR EXTRA NIGHTS IN THE RESPECTIVE CITIES, PLEASE REFER TO THE GENERAL CONDITIONS AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT.