



Adventure



SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

May 20 to June 1, 2026

12 NIGHTS 20 MEALS MODERATE PACE

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. Uncover Sicily's capital Palermo and its Moorish and Norman influences. Explore Agrigento's ancient Valley of the Temples and the Ancient Roman mosaics of Piazza Armerina. Visit a local winery for a wine tasting and agriturismo dinner. Venture to the ancient cave dwellings of Sassi di Matera. Explore Sorrento and stunning Positano. Walk in the footsteps of ancient Romans in the excavated Pompeii.

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip airport transfers from CAA Thorold office
- Return airfare with taxes, Toronto to Palermo/Rome to Toronto, economy class
- Twelve-nights' accommodation in Palermo, Agrigento, Giardini Nazos, Matera, Sorrento & Rome
- Breakfast daily, two lunches and seven dinners with gratuities
- Walking tour of Palermo
- Explore the Valley of the Temples, Piazza Armerina, Taormina, Villa Romana del Casale & Pompeii
- Cruise the Mediterranean Sea (weather permitting)
- Visit Monreale, a Buffalo Dairy Farm & Positano
- Winery tour and tasting
- Gratuities to travel manager, local guides, & coach driver
- Services of a CAA Tour Director
- Baggage handling with gratuities



PRICING *per person*

\$8,099 double | **\$9,279** single | **\$8,059** triple

Not Included: Items of Personal Nature, Trip cancellation/ medical insurance.

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MAP OF ITINERARY



■ **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**

Overnight flight, from Toronto to Palermo

■ **THURSDAY, MAY 21**

Start your tour of Southern Italy & Sicily 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 travellers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine.

Accommodation: NH Palermo or similar

■ **FRIDAY, MAY 22**

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 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.

■ **SATURDAY, MAY 23**

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 enjoy a hearty farm-to-table lunch, made with family recipes. Relax aboard your coach as you travel over rolling hills and peaceful farmland to Sicily's southern coast for a 2-night stay on the outskirts of Agrigento.

Accommodation: Baia di Ulisse or similar

■ **SUNDAY, MAY 24**

Have your choice this morning by either enjoying time 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 and stroll through its historic centre with 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, 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. In the evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel.

■ **MONDAY, MAY 25**

Venture deep into Sicily's countryside to Piazza Armerina, home of the ancient Villa Romana del Casale. Explore the site with 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, have the opportunity to join an optional dinner with music, where traditional Sicilian melodies fill the air.

Accommodation: Una Hotel Naxos Beach Sicilia or similar

■ **TUESDAY, MAY 26**

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 join

an optional tour seeing Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. During this 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.

■ **WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**

Take a short and scenic ferry ride across the narrow Strait of Messina, separating Sicily from Italy's mainland. During your full day coach 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.

Accommodation: UNAHOTELS MH Matera or similar

■ **THURSDAY, MAY 28**

Explore the Sassi di Matera, 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. Have the optional to join a tour to Alberobello in the nearby region of Puglia. Here, marvel at the town's whimsical trulli homes, known for their distinct, cone-shaped roofs.

■ **FRIDAY, MAY 29**

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.

Accommodation: Hotel Michelangelo or similar

■ **SATURDAY, MAY 30**

This morning, take in the sights and colours of the Mediterranean Sea as you set sail along the initial stretch of the breathtaking Amalfi Coast. 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.

■ **SUNDAY, MAY 31**

Journey north to Rome. En route, experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii. 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 seeing the 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 transfer leads to Rome, where you arrive in the early evening. Celebrate the end of your journey with a delightful farewell dinner.

Accommodation: Massimo D'Azelgio or similar

■ **MONDAY, JUNE 1**

Today we say arrivederci to Italy as we head home with wonderful memories. Flight to Toronto.

B – Breakfast L – Lunch D – Dinner



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

How to book: Reservations may be made through any CAA Niagara office with a travel agent. A non-refundable deposit of \$698 per person is due at time of booking. Balance of payment is due, February 5, 2026. CAA strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance. Ask for details.

Cancellation charges: Should it be necessary to cancel your trip prior to departure, the following penalties will apply:

Prior to February 5	Deposit paid non-refundable
February 6 to May 20	100% non-refundable

The day of departure is excluded when calculating cancellation charges. CAA strongly recommends the purchase of cancellation insurance.

Local laws and customs: The Government of Ontario requires that residents travelling out of province to be advised that there may be different living standards with respect to the provision of utilities, services and accommodations outside of Ontario. Travel Act Regulation 38(06)

Moderate Pace: Tour requires average physical activity. Traveler should be in good physical health, able to climb stairs, be comfortable standing, and walking moderate distances including uneven surfaces. Itineraries typically include more longer than shorter days.

Prices: All prices in this brochure are in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated, are based on May 2025 contract rates, and are subject to change should currencies fluctuate, or surcharge be imposed.

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