

ITALY

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Experts in Guided Travel Since 1918

EXPERTS IN ITALY

Italy is a country for foodies, for history buffs, for art connoisseurs, for fashionistas, for first-timers and 10th-timers.

And we know the desire to explore it all firsthand: We've been sharing Italy's rich culture with travellers since 1989.

Collette's tours are designed and led by experts who call these places home — so you'll go far beyond the guidebook, experiencing the iconic sights with chances to uncover your own personal connection to the region along the way.

Andiamo, traveller.

"The curation of experiences gave me insight into the history of the places we visited and offered a curated experience that allowed the culture to come to life."

— TRAVELLER MEGAN S. ON ROME & THE AMALFI COAST (PG. 36)



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A New Approach to Guided Travel

Guided travel has earned some negative stereotypes over the years. And Collette loves to shatter them.

We hop off the motor coach and explore by 4x4 or gondola. We limit dinner at the hotel and visit small local restaurants.

Because our team is like you: Curious travellers who seek all the rich experiences the world has to offer.



A photograph of a pasta-making workshop. In the foreground, a person's hand is raised, palm facing forward, with fingers spread. The person is wearing a green and black striped sweater. In the background, there is a large, vintage-style mechanical scale with a white dial and a blue frame. The scale is sitting on a wooden surface. To the right of the scale, there is a red bag and a wooden crate. The background is filled with various tools and equipment, including a large metal pot and a wooden shelf. The lighting is warm and focused on the hand and the scale.

Get an inside look at the history and culture of pasta during a visit to Pastificio Artigiano Fabbri, an artisanal pasta factory and museum in the heart of Chianti.

La Dolce Vita

noun [lah dohl-cheh vee-tah]

Italian for *The Sweet Life*

The concept of *la dolce vita* is rooted in slowing down to savour life's pleasures and enjoy each moment.

Hearing laughter echoing through a small café that smells like sweet pastry and strong coffee. Feeling emotional when seeing a famous work of art in person for the first time. Tasting fresh mozzarella paired with salty prosciutto. Making new friends while wandering somewhere new.

To experience this lifestyle, you need to slow down. Because a traveller's time is best spent exploring, not hurrying to the next place.

Here's how we do this at Collette:

CAREFULLY MAPPED OUT

We all want to spend more time living in the moment. Moving forward then backtracking toward an airport is a common strategy, but it takes time away from your journey. We maximise your time in a destination and extend it with multiple night hotel stays.


FREE TIME

Curious travellers want to see it all and experience the world on their own terms. With Collette, you'll get the best of both worlds: expertly guided activities and plenty of free time to explore however you choose.

SECONDARY CITIES

Venice, Rome, and Florence have all earned their place as must-sees. But you get more authentic glimpses into local culture when you venture into lesser-known locales. Some of the most memorable travel moments happen off the beaten path.





By Travellers. For Travellers.

Our tours are thoughtfully crafted by destination experts. Inclusive itineraries feature rich culinary experiences, unique cultural inclusions, and truly thoughtful engagements with the local community.

As the leader in guided travel since 1918, we pride ourselves on helping travellers get closer to culture in every corner of the world.

We get it. Because we're travellers, too.

Meet the Team



Shannon Levi, Product Design Manager, was born and raised in Rome, with a family immersed in travel. The Levi family is made up of Tour Managers, local guides, airline agents, hoteliers, and port agents. During her free time, she enjoys antiques, walking her dog – a Lagotto Romagnolo (that's an Italian breed specialised in truffle hunting), and growing "Prà" basil to make her own homemade pesto.

CRAFTED BY EXPERTS

We handpick hotels, restaurants, and cultural experiences, then thoughtfully integrate free time on our tours. Shannon and our other on-the-ground team members in Italy create journeys that they would go on themselves.



Twenty years ago, **Paolo Naldi** decided he needed a change in his life and career. And he's been a **Tour Manager** ever since. To Paolo, helping travellers experience the joy of travel while sharing his passion for his country is an honour. The perspective he wants to share? Italians are colourful, with lots of heart.

GUIDED BY EXCELLENCE

Travellers always tell us that Tour Managers make the journey. It's like travelling with a friend who's got the inside scoop. They live in the destination and share hidden gems that only the locals know.

Get Closer to Culture

Curious travellers aren't content to simply see a destination. That's why we design tours that fully engage all your senses, leaving you with a deeper sense of connection to the world around you.

You won't just eat pasta – you'll learn to prepare your own and pair it with different vintages during lunch at a Tuscan winery. You won't just see Mount Etna — you'll explore it on a 4x4 off-roading adventure.

Immerse yourself in Italy. We'll take care of the details.





● HOME-HOSTED MEALS

Step back in time for dinner at a family-owned villa in the heart of Italy's **Veneto region**. Savour regional cuisine with the descendants of a noble family who built the sprawling home in the 16th century.

● IMPACT MOMENTS

Visit an olive grove in **Sicily** for a taste of their sustainably produced oil. Learn how one farmer's ethical production methods and business practices have helped combat the Mafia.



● CULINARY INCLUSIONS

Hunt for truffles with a local expert and his truffle-sniffing dogs in the wooded **Umbrian countryside**. Sample the elusive fungi during a rustic, home-cooked lunch.

A Taste of Hospitality

Italians say, “*L'Ospite e' sacro*,” meaning “the guest is sacred.”

Rich Culinary Experiences

“*A tavola non si invecchia*.” This Italian phrase translates to, “You don’t grow old at the table.” It acknowledges that time seems to stand still at a table full of good food and great company.

In Italy, food isn’t just nourishment – it’s a way of life. A meal is meant to be an experience, and Collette travellers savour these bites of local culture.



NEIGHBOURHOOD FOOD TOUR

Experience the flavours of Trastevere — an eclectic, bohemian neighbourhood in Rome.



DAIRY FARM VISIT

Travellers can’t decide what they like more: Giuseppe’s pecorino or his storytelling.



TUSCAN COOKING CLASS

Giada’s ready to show you how to prepare her family’s recipes.



Unique Accommodation

In Italy, they say “*paese che vai, usanza che trovi*,” which translates roughly to “country you go to, customs you’ll find.” In other words, when in Rome, do as the Romans do! There’s a different way of doing things in every village across Italy. Our tours highlight interesting overnights to help share each region’s unique history. Because where you rest your head at night can be a dreamy part of your travel story, too.



TRADITIONAL CAVE DWELLINGS

Matera is dotted with ancient buildings and cave dwellings carved into the mountainside.



FAMILY-OWNED VILLAS

This 15th century property is surrounded by vineyards and olive groves.



LIMESTONE CONE BUILDINGS

Step back into 14th century Puglia when you overnight in a *trullo*.

Your Perfect Italy

Find your right place, right time



Central Italy

Home to some of the world's most treasured historic sites, but there's much more to this region than ruins. Outside of cities like Rome and Florence, travellers love Umbrian hill towns like Spoleto and Assisi, and Tuscany's Pienza, with its cypress trees, country roads, and green hills. If you want to beat the crowds, off season is best, with our favourite month being November, when it's still relatively warm and harvest season means fresh olive oil abounds.



Italy's Isles

Visit Sicily just about any time of the year, and you'll see why it has its own distinct identity from mainland Italy. Experience rich culture in gritty Palermo, ancient ruins in historic Agrigento, the geological wonders of Mt. Etna, and an off-the-beaten-path getaway on the isle of Salina. Expect hot, dry summers and relatively mild winters in both Sicily and the neighbouring island nation of Malta, with shoulder seasons being a nice balance of comfortable temps and fewer crowds.



Northern Italy

From the ultra-chic streets of Venice and Turin to lesser-known locales like Treviso and Bassano del Grappa, Northern Italy has a distinct culture all its own. Expect fewer crowds and mild weather during the off season (November through March), great skiing during the chilly Alpine winters, and beautiful, not-too-hot summers in seaside villages like Cinque Terre.



Southern Italy

If the idea of hot, sultry, Mediterranean summers and mild, less-crowded winters appeals to you, Southern Italy offers no shortage of sun-drenched whitewashed hill towns (Puglia) and charming coastal villages (Amalfi Coast) in which to enjoy pretty much any season. Hot spots like Naples and Sorrento are popular for a reason, but don't sleep on hidden gems like Matera, Ostuni, and Lecce.



collette cares

Supporting our planet through responsible
& sustainable travel

Travel isn't just about exploring the world – it's about making a positive impact. In Italy, you'll overnight in eco-focused properties, meet farmers dedicated to sustainable agricultural practices, and give back to small local businesses.

Every journey at Collette is designed responsibly, and with our travellers, employees, and partners, we're committed to leaving the world better than we found it — together.



● IMPACT MOMENTS

Every Explorations tour includes experiences that support social enterprises, nonprofits, and conservation groups, helping to ensure your visit has a positive impact on the community.



● COMMUNITY SUPPORT

This means grantmaking and partnerships with artisans, small businesses, and nonprofits. And it also means volunteering in our global communities.



● RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS PRACTICE

As a signatory of the UN Global Compact, we adhere to global standards on human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption efforts.



● ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY

Think reduction of single-use plastics and carbon-neutral small group tours.



Italian Vistas

12 days • 17 meals • Starting at \$6,599*
Price based on 3 March 2026 departure

Travel Style: Classic

Max Group Size: 44

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Active: For on-the-go travellers.

Learn more at gocollette.com.au/21

Included Meals

11 Breakfasts

2 Lunches

4 Dinners

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1 – 3 – Rome

- Discover Rome on a locally guided tour of Classical Rome, passing by the Baths of Caracalla as well as the remains of the ancient Circus Maximus.
- Get an in-depth tour of the famous Colosseum.
- Meander through Rome's Renaissance district for a peek at the mythic Pantheon and the oval-shaped Piazza Navona.
- Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Rome your way.

Accommodation: Mediterraneo Hotel, Grand Hotel Palatino, or UNAHOTELS Trastevere, Rome

Days 4 – 5 – Sorrento

- Pause in Gragnano for a late lunch and visit to a pasta factory.
- Admire the Isle of Capri's iconic scenery on a panoramic cruise.
- Spend time in Capri town with its world-famous piazzetta.

Accommodation: Hotel Michelangelo, Hotel Sporting, Vico Equense, or Majestic Palace Hotel, Sant'Agnello, Sorrento; or Grand Hotel Due Golfi, Massa Lubrese

Days 6 – 7 – Pompeii – Florence

- Choose how you'll explore Pompeii: Pick between a leisurely paced tour of the highlights or a faster paced visit of Pompeii's off-the-beaten-path gems.
- Stroll to a local restaurant for dinner in Florence with your fellow travelers.
- Embark on a locally guided tour of Florence, highlighting the Piazza del Duomo and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery.
- Take free time to explore Florence how you choose.

Accommodation: Grand Hotel Baglioni, Starhotels Michelangelo or Hotel Albani Firenze, Florence

Days 8 – 9 – Venice

- Visit the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa to discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli and the famous Leaning Tower.
- Head to a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample the local wines.
- Take a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.
- Explore Venice's Castello district with a local expert, walking canal by canal through the narrow streets all the way to St. Mark's Square.
- Explore Venice how you'd choose with free time.

Accommodation: NH Venezia Santa Lucia, Venice

Days 10 – 13 – Stresa, Lake Maggiore

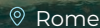
- Stroll the streets of Verona – the backdrop for *Romeo and Juliet*.
- Savor the magic of the Italian lakes in the captivating resort town of Stresa.
- Choose between a boat trip across Lake Maggiore to Isola Bella, where you'll join an expert guide and venture into the Borromeo Palace and gardens or a day trip into Switzerland.
- Travel by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a farewell dinner surrounded by beautiful scenery.

Accommodation: Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa

2-NIGHT STRESA HOSTED EXTENSION

Enhance your trip and linger near Lake Maggiore with a post-tour extension in Stresa. Enjoy ample free time to explore the shores and take in views of the charming lakeside towns set against the dramatic backdrop of the Italian Alps.





9 days • 12 meals • Starting at \$5,149*

Price based on 5 March 2026 departure

Max Group Size: 44

Active: For on-the-go travellers.
Learn more at gocollette.com.au/14

8 Breakfasts
1 Lunch
3 Dinners

Accommodation: Hotel Albani, Florence

Days 6 – 7 – Venice

- Visit a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region.
- Learn about Tuscan wines and sample them alongside regional delicacies. Savour them alongside the lunch you helped to prepare.
- Take a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.
- Savour free time in Venice to explore the Floating City how you'd like.

Accommodation: Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal, Venice



Days 8 – 9 – Lake Como

- Be whisked across the plains of northern Italy to the shores of glamorous Lake Como.
- Take in the views as you stroll along Bellagio's waterfront promenade.
- Toast to the end of an unforgettable trip with a farewell dinner alongside your fellow travellers.

Accommodation: Hotel Barchetta Excelsior, Como



St. Peter's Basilica



Lake Como



Cooking Class



Italy's Treasures: Art, Food & Wine of Italy

11 days • 18 meals • Starting at \$6,999*
Price based on 22 March 2026 departure

Travel Style: Explorations

Max Group Size: 24

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Active: For on-the-go travellers.
Learn more at gocollette.com.au/304

Included Meals

10 Breakfasts
2 Lunches
6 Dinners

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1 – 2 – Stresa

- Cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands.
- Meet your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner.
- **Impact Moment:** Have lunch at a social enterprise giving nonviolent ex-offenders a second chance through the dignity of work.
- Take free time to explore Stresa how you'd like.

Accommodation: Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa

Days 3 – 4 – Chiavari, Italian Riviera

- Journey to the Italian Riviera and spend some free time in the famous village of Portofino.
- Travel by rail today as you discover the colourful Cinque Terre (UNESCO), a string of medieval villages perched on the edge of the sea.

Accommodation: Grand Hotel Torre Fara, Chiavari, Italian Riviera

Days 5 – 8 – Chianti Region, Tuscany

- Go off-roading in the famous marble quarries of Carrara and visit the old town, exploring how the precious stone shaped this region.
- Set out on a walking tour of Florence's treasures and monuments.
- Explore Florence independently.
- Taste authentic Italian gelato from an award-winning ice cream parlour.
- Journey into the heart of the Chianti countryside, where a family-owned villa welcomes you.
- Learn the art behind Tuscan cuisine during a hands-on cooking lesson and enjoy the food you prepared for dinner.
- Get to know the local lifestyle of a *contrada* (neighbourhood) in Siena whose community museum is centred around the colourful *Palio* horse race.

Accommodation: Villa Lecchi or Villa Godenano, Tuscany

Days 9 – 11 – Venice

- Discover the culture of Bologna, a city barely changed since the time of the Renaissance and Italy's food capital.
- Browse Bologna's specialty food shops and sample local delicacies such as Parmigiano cheese and mortadella.
- Embark on a walking tour in Venice alongside an expert local guide.
- Travel by boat to Murano for an expert glass-blowing demonstration, a renowned tradition on the island.
- Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore more of Venice on your own.
- Toast to the end of your Italian journey during a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers.

Accommodation: Hotel Ca' dei Conti, Venice

2-NIGHT VENICE HOSTED EXTENSION

Continue your journey with a two-night extension in Venice. From your centrally located hotel, the city is yours to uncover. Join a local guide to explore the districts of the city where the locals go and enjoy ample free time.



Gelato



Carrara Marble Quarries



Venice



📍 Romagna Countryside

Best of Italy

11 days • 16 meals • Starting at \$7,199*
Price based on 4 November 2025 departure

Travel Style: Explorations

Max Group Size: 24

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Active: For on-the-go travellers.
Learn more at gocollette.com.au/686

Included Meals

10 Breakfasts
1 Lunch
5 Dinners

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

2-NIGHT VENICE HOSTED EXTENSION

Give yourself the luxury of extra time in Venice. Start your trip early with a pre tour extension and make the most of your time in Italy's floating city. Join a local guide for a walking tour and enjoy ample time at leisure.

Days 1 – 3 – Venice

- Meet your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner in Venice.
- Join a local guide for a walking tour of Venice's most iconic sights.
- Travel by boat to Murano for an expert glass-blowing demonstration.
- Delve into Venice's classical music heritage while attending a live performance of the *Four Seasons*.
- Visit a local *Remèr* oar-making workshop in Venice.
- Glide along the canals during an included gondola ride.
- Wander around Venice with free time to explore the city your way.

Accommodation: Maison Venezia UNA Esperienze or Hotel Santa Marina, Venice

Days 4 – 5 – Romagna Countryside

- Embark on a walking tour through Ravenna, a city in the Romagna region.
- Settle into your wine resort hotel nestled among vineyards in the Romagna countryside.
- Immerse yourself in your surroundings and savour a wine-paired dinner.
- Journey to the landlocked Republic of San Marino and explore the Old Town during time at leisure.
- Tour your resort's own winery, before joining the local chef for a hands-on cooking class. Enjoy the fruits of your labour for dinner!

Accommodation: Borgo Conde Wine Resort, Romagna Countryside, Forlì

Days 6 – 7 – Florence

- **Impact Moment:** Meet students and teachers at a vocational high school dedicated to the culinary arts and agriculture.
- Enjoy a farm-to-table light lunch prepared by culinary students using ingredients from the school's farm.
- Take in Florence's iconic sites on a walking tour with a local guide.
- Get to know Florence with free time to explore.
- Overnight at a hotel in the heart of Renaissance Florence with stunning rooftop views of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and Brunelleschi's dome.

Accommodation: Grand Hotel Cavour, Florence



Days 8 – 11 – Rome

- Choose how you'll explore hilltop Orvieto: Join an expert local guide for an in-depth walking tour of the city or take free time to take in the local scene.
- Get a taste of Rome's dynamic dining scene during a food tour in the bohemian Trastevere district.
- Delve into Rome's second Golden Age on a walking tour exploring the city's Renaissance and Baroque heritage.
- Choose how to step back in time: Peruse the collection of antique Greek and Roman statuary of the Palazzo Altemps museum or extend your walking tour with a visit to the Castel Sant'Angelo fortress.
- Explore Rome with a free afternoon to take in the Eternal City.
- Toast to your journey over a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers.

Accommodation: Ponte Sisto Hotel or UNAHOTELS Trastevere, Rome



📍 Cooking Class



📍 Castel Sant'Angelo



📍 Italian Riviera

Tuscany & the Italian Riviera

8 days • 12 meals • Starting at \$4,649*
Price based on 11 October 2025 departure

Travel Style: Classic

Max Group Size: 44

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Active: For on-the-go travellers.

Learn more at gocollette.com.au/446

Included Meals

7 Breakfasts

1 Lunch

4 Dinners

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1 – 2 – Turin

- Get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner in Turin as you settle in for a 2-night stay.
- Walk through Turin with an expert guide to see a blend of French and Italian heritage.
- Get a taste of *bicerin*, a mix of espresso and chocolate, in one of the city's cafés.
- Take time to further explore Turin how you like.

Accommodation: NH Collection Torino Santo Stefano or NH Torino Centro, Turin

Days 3 – 4 – La Spezia, Italian Riviera

- Head to Italy's picturesque Riviera, passing through the Langhe wine country (UNESCO) along the way.
- Stop at the hilltop village of La Morra on your way to a local winery to take a tour and taste the typical Piedmont wines.
- After a light lunch, continue to La Spezia.
- Spend time exploring the cliffside villages of Cinque Terre with a local guide.
- Travel by rail across the rugged coastline to visit a string of fishing villages on the Mediterranean.

Accommodation: NH La Spezia, Italian Riviera

Days 5 – 8 – Figline, Tuscany

- Explore the medieval city of Lucca with a local guide and delve into the city's Roman heritage.
- Take advantage of some free time to explore the Piazza Napoleone and the rest of the city on your own.
- Travel through the rolling hills of Tuscany for a 3-night stay in the village of Figline.
- Try your hand at the local culture with an interactive pasta-making demonstration.

- Explore Florence (UNESCO) during a locally guided walking tour of the city's iconic sites.
- View the Ponte Vecchio (Old Bridge), the only Florentine bridge to survive WWII, and admire the Gates of Paradise.
- Wander past Piazza della Signoria and the ornate facade of Santa Croce before enjoying free time on your own.
- Journey through Tuscany's low-lying hills and dense olive groves for a tasting.
- Visit a local winery for a taste of the famous Chianti Classico wines before heading to the village of Greve.
- Cap off an unforgettable journey at a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers.

Accommodation: Villa Casagrande, Figline, Tuscany





📍 Dolomites

NEW TOUR

Spotlight on Northern Italy featuring Venice, Verona & the Dolomites

8 days • 12 meals • Starting at \$4,699*

Price based on 17 April 2026 departure

Travel Style: Spotlights

Max Group Size: 44

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Active: For on-the-go travellers.

Learn more at gocollette.com.au/709

Included Meals

7 Breakfasts

1 Lunch

4 Dinners

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1 – 3 – Treviso

- Meet your fellow travellers for dinner, while a local pastry chef shows you a few tricks for preparing tiramisu.
- Embark on a walking tour of Treviso – a lesser-visited locale known as “Venice on the Mainland.”
- Take some time to explore more of Treviso at your own pace.
- Savour regional foods and Italian wines at a welcome dinner with your fellow travellers.
- Choose how you’ll explore Verona: With a walking tour through the Old Town, or a stroll along the riverbank to take in the bridges and lesser-known monuments.
- Catch a glimpse of the city’s must-sees: Juliet’s balcony and the impressive exterior of the Arena — the ancient Roman amphitheater.
- Get to know Verona how you’d like with free time to explore independently.

Accommodation: Hotel Carlton, Treviso

Days 4 – 5 – Venice – Asolo

- Sail to Murano Island, known for its glassblowing foundries.
- Attend a glass-blowing demonstration where a local craftsperson will share the intricacies of this age-old trade.
- Head to a hilltop haven for artists in Asolo.
- Visit a local vineyard in Italy’s Prosecco region.
- Learn how to make a traditional pasta recipe from an Italian *nonna* (grandmother).
- Enjoy your pasta dish with a tasting of wines.

Accommodation: Hotel Carlton, Treviso

Days 6 – 8 – The Dolomites

- Embark on a scenic drive to what UNESCO says is one of the world's most beautiful mountain chains: the Dolomites.
- Take some free time to have lunch and explore around beautiful Lake Misurina.
- Get to know Cortina, the Pearl of the Dolomites. Enjoy free time to explore and take a cable car ride to the top of impressive Mount Faloria, if weather allows.
- Visit the quaint town of Bassano del Grappa, named for the locally produced grape-based schnapps.
- Wander around Bassano del Grappa how you choose with time to explore independently.
- Step back in time and tour a Venetian villa and its gardens. The property is still owned by the descendants of a noble family of Venice.
- Enjoy Venetian dishes prepared with fresh local ingredients at this evening's farewell dinner set inside the Venetian villa.

Accommodation: Hotel Carlton, Treviso





📍 Pisa

Spotlight on Tuscany

8 days • 10 meals • Starting at \$3,399*
Price based on 4 December 2025 departure

Travel Style: Spotlights

Max Group Size: 44

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Active: For on-the-go travellers.

Learn more at gocollette.com.au/40

Included Meals

7 Breakfasts

3 Dinners

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

3-NIGHT ROME FULLY-GUIDED EXTENSION

Savour some extra time in Rome. Start your trip early with a pre-tour extension and make the most of your time in the Eternal City. Join a local guide for a walking tour to see iconic monuments and enjoy ample time at leisure.

Days 1 – 2 – Montecatini Terme

- Get situated in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme, nestled in the heart of the rolling hills of Tuscany.
- Sit down with your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner with regional cuisine and Italian wines.
- Take a guided tour of Lucca to visit the Renaissance walls, Romanesque churches, and medieval streets flanked by towers.
- Explore the city centre on your own and discover the piazza built on top of a Roman amphitheatre.
- Make your way to a Tuscan winery and learn about the art of winemaking as you taste local varieties.

Accommodation: Hotel Ercolini and Savi or Grand Hotel Francia and Quirinale, Montecatini Terme

Days 3 – 5 – Florence – Pisa

- In Florence, join a local Florentine guide and make your way through the city on foot.
- See the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the gilded bronze doors of the Baptistery dedicated to St. John.
- View the Piazza della Signoria and Santa Croce Square.
- Learn about Montecatini's history during a guided walking tour and a visit to the historic Tettuccio Spa (UNESCO).
- Choose to relax in Montecatini or set off for Borgo a Mozzano to see the *Ponte del Diavolo* (Devil's Bridge) and the nearby remains of the Gothic Line.
- Visit the Museum of Liberation and see authentic fortifications and bunkers.

- Explore sites in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa, including the city centre, the famous *Piazza dei Miracoli* (UNESCO), and the Leaning Tower of Pisa.
- Learn the secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine during a cooking class and enjoy your freshly prepared meal.

Accommodation: Hotel Ercolini and Savi or Grand Hotel Francia and Quirinale, Montecatini Terme

Days 6 – 8 – Siena

- Travel south to Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage site filled with Gothic architecture.
- Walk the narrow medieval streets on a guided tour and get to know the local lifestyle in this neighbourhood.
- Learn about the colourful *Palio* horse race that is celebrated within the community.
- Visit a family-owned farm with goats, cows, and organic gardens. Sample their local products and take in views from the hilltop village of San Gimignano.
- Explore the medieval town with a guide before indulging in gelato at a local shop during free time.
- Join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner.

Accommodation: Hotel Ercolini and Savi or Grand Hotel Francia and Quirinale, Montecatini Terme





📍 Orcia Valley

Tuscan & Umbrian Countryside

featuring Italy's Charming Hill Towns

10 days • 15 meals • Starting at \$5,449*

Price based on 22 March 2026 departure

Travel Style: Explorations

Max Group Size: 24

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Active: For on-the-go travellers.

Learn more at gocollette.com.au/390

Included Meals

9 Breakfasts

3 Lunches

3 Dinners

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

2-NIGHT ROME FULLY-GUIDED EXTENSION

Start your Italian sojourn with a 2-night pre-tour extension in Rome. Tour the Roman Forum and Colosseum with an expert guide, visit one of the city's oldest farmer's markets, and savour your free time in the Eternal City with 2 extra days to explore.

Day 1 – Rome

- Get situated in your centrally located hotel and get a taste of the local culture.
- Use free time to explore Rome how you like.
- Sit down for a welcome dinner with your fellow travellers.

Accommodation: Kolbe Hotel, Rome

Days 2 – 4 – Spoleto, Umbria

- Stroll the historic streets of Rome with a local expert and see the ruins of the Rocca Albornoz castle and the Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta.
- Pause at a family-owned *frantoio* (olive presser) to learn about the process and taste the product.
- Travel to Assisi and join a walking tour of the old city with a local guide to visit the famous Basilica of St. Francis.
- Join a local family at their country home for lunch and make some Umbrian friends.
- Join a local truffle hunter with his trained truffle-sniffing dogs.
- Sample the truffles over a home-cooked lunch.

Accommodation: Hotel Antica Dimora Alla Rocca or Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto, Umbria

Days 5 – 6 – Pienza, Umbria

- Set out for the villages of Tuscany, nestled among the rolling hills and cypress trees of the Val d'Orcia region (UNESCO).
- Taste the flavours of the region at a dairy farm producing prized sheep-milk pecorino cheese.

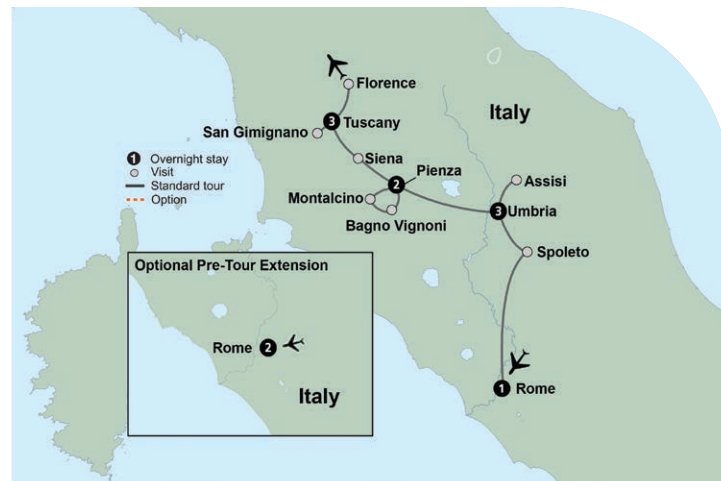
- Head to Pienza (UNESCO), a Renaissance village where the evening is yours to eat, drink, and explore the local scene.
- Visit an artisanal pasta factory that produces the local specialty, *pici*.
- Pause in the unique hamlet of Bagno Vignoni and see the central piazza filled with thermal water.
- Explore hilltop Montalcino, namesake to one of Italy's great red wines, the Brunello.
- Tour a winery's estate and cellar before indulging in a multi-sensory tasting, pairing wine with music.
- Spend an afternoon at leisure in Pienza and explore the countryside how you like.

Accommodation: Hotel Corsignano, Pienza, Tuscany

Days 7 – 10 – Chianti Region, Tuscany

- Take a guided walking tour through Siena and learn about the world-renowned *Palio* Horse Race.
- Set out on an afternoon drive through Tuscany's Chianti Region to a restored Tuscan villa.
- Explore Florence during an extensive walking tour with a local expert and view the Ponte Vecchio, the only Florentine bridge to survive WWII.
- Take in the Signoria Square, the Palazzo Vecchio, and admire the Piazza del Duomo.
- Spend time on your own to explore the city how you like before returning to your Tuscan villa.
- Taste authentic Italian gelato from an award-winning ice cream parlour.
- Join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner filled with Tuscan specialties.

Accommodation: Villa San Lucchese Hotel, Chianti Countryside, Tuscany





Amalfi Coast

Rome & the Amalfi Coast

9 days • 13 meals • Starting at \$5,499*

Price based on 12 March 2026 departure

Travel Style: Classic

Max Group Size: 44

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Active: For on-the-go travellers.

Learn more at gocollette.com.au/127

Included Meals

8 Breakfasts

1 Lunch

4 Dinners

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

3-NIGHT FLORENCE FULLY-GUIDED EXTENSION

Kick off your trip with a 3-night pre-tour extension in Florence. Get to know the Cradle of the Renaissance during two walking tours with a local guide. Savour free time to explore the city your way before heading to Rome.

Days 1 – 3 – Rome

- Celebrate the start of your Italian journey with a welcome dinner in the company of your fellow travellers.
- Take a locally guided walking tour of Rome's Renaissance and Baroque highlights.
- Climb to the top of the Spanish Steps for views of the city's skyline, visit the Trevi Fountain, see the Pantheon's imposing facade, and more.
- Enjoy an afternoon to explore Rome on your own.
- Join an expert guide to take in views of the Colosseum's exterior, and the ruins of the Basilica of Maxentius and Rome's medieval district.

Accommodation: Hotel Imperiale or Hotel Aria Palace, Rome

Days 4 – 9 – Amalfi Coast

- Visit a local winery en route to the rocky beaches and towering cliffs of the Amalfi Coast.
- Explore the ruins of Pompeii with a local guide before settling into your scenic coastal hotel.
- Sail along the stunning Amalfi Coast to Positano, with its pastel-coloured houses and pebbly beaches.
- Wander through Sorrento's narrow streets, perhaps peeking into the peaceful cloister of St. Francis or sampling some gelato made with local lemons.
- Visit a traditional terraced farm and see how cheese is made by hand before sampling the product at a farm-to-table dinner capped with homemade limoncello.

- Enjoy a day at leisure to take in the beauty of the Amalfi Coast, perhaps taking an optional ferryboat trip to the isle of Capri.
- Explore Vietri sul Mare, the ceramics capital of the Amalfi Coast.

Accommodation: Hotel Raito, Vietri sul Mare, Amalfi Coast

2-NIGHT NAPLES FULLY-GUIDED EXTENSION

Extend the journey with your Tour Manager during a 2-night post-tour extension in Naples. Together you'll explore grandiose buildings and expansive plazas set beside narrow streets steeped in a medieval atmosphere.



📍 Cheese Demonstration



📍 Pompeii



📍 The Colosseum



NEW TOUR

Rome & the Amalfi Coast: Winter in Sorrento

9 days • 13 meals • Starting at \$5,499*

Price based on 1 December 2025 departure

Travel Style: Classic

Max Group Size: 44

Tour Activity Level: **1** **2** **3** **4**

Active: For on-the-go travellers.

Learn more at gocollette.com.au/127

Included Meals

8 Breakfasts

1 Lunch

4 Dinners

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

3-NIGHT FLORENCE FULLY-GUIDED EXTENSION

Begin your journey with a 3-night pre-tour extension in Florence. Get to know the Cradle of the Renaissance during two walking tours with a local guide. Savour free time to explore the city your way before heading to Rome.

Days 1 – 3 – Rome

- Celebrate the start of your Italian journey with a welcome dinner in the company of your fellow travellers.
- Take a locally guided walking tour of Rome's Renaissance and Baroque highlights, dressed up in their holiday best.
- Climb to the top of the Spanish Steps for views of the city's skyline, visit the Trevi Fountain, see the Pantheon's imposing facade, and more.
- Enjoy an afternoon exploring Rome on your own, perhaps getting in some holiday shopping.
- Tread in the footsteps of ancient gladiators during and in-depth tour of the Colosseum.

Accommodation: Hotel Imperiale, Rome

Days 4 – 9 – Amalfi Coast

- Visit a local winery en route to the rocky beaches and towering cliffs of the Amalfi Coast.
- Explore the ruins of Pompeii with a local guide before settling into your hotel in Sorrento.
- Visit a traditional terraced farm and see how cheese is made by hand before sampling the product at a farm-to-table dinner capped with homemade limoncello.
- Explore Naples during a walking tour through the city's historic centre and see why Neapolitan nativity scenes are renowned for their intricate detail and craftsmanship.

- Travel by boat to Salerno and join a hands-on cooking class featuring traditional holiday recipes before enjoying the results for dinner.
- Enjoy a day at leisure in Sorrento or choose to join an optional tour of a family-owned pasta factory.
- Join your fellow travellers for a holiday-inspired farewell dinner and toast to the end of your Italian getaway.

Accommodation: Hotel Michelangelo, Sorrento



Sorrento



The Colosseum Interior



Cheese Demonstration



Limoncello



Alberobello

Italy: Amalfi Coast to Puglia

13 days • 19 meals • Starting at \$7,199*
Price based on 8 November 2025 departure

Travel Style: Explorations

Max Group Size: 24

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Active: For on-the-go travellers.
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Included Meals

12 Breakfasts
2 Lunches
5 Dinners

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

2-NIGHT NAPLES HOSTED EXTENSION

Start your trip with a 2-night pre-tour extension in Naples featuring a day trip to the isle of Capri. Explore with an expert local guide and enjoy free time to stroll along Naples' seaside Chiaia promenade or visit a nearby museum.

Days 1 – 2 – Naples

- Arrive in Naples and settle into your seaside hotel before joining your fellow travellers for dinner.
- Explore Naples' historic city centre and underground ancient ruins with a local guide.
- Experience an **Impact Moment** during a private concert performed by the Napulitanata social enterprise, which supports Italian heritage and abates the city's high unemployment.

Accommodation: Royal Continental Hotel, Naples

Days 3 – 6 – Pompeii – Minori

- Explore the ruins of Pompeii with a local guide.
- Taste wines created by the rich flavours of the volcanic landscape at the Winery Bosco de Medici, housed in a family-owned 18th century farmhouse.
- Visit a local lemon grove in Minori and learn about *sfusato* lemons, used in limoncello before hiking along the picturesque coast.
- Take a ferry to Amalfi and explore the cobblestone piazzas and towering cathedrals of this seaside town.
- Choose between visiting the seaside gardens of Villa Rufolo or taking a short hike to the remote gardens of Villa Cimbrone.

Accommodation: Hotel Villa Romana, Minori, Amalfi Coast

Days 7 – 8 – Matera

- Visit a local dairy farm and sample some fresh mozzarella before settling into your home for the next two nights: *Locanda San Martino*, a truly unique hotel featuring traditional cave dwellings in the heart of the historic Sassi district.
- Hike into Matera's 9,000-year-old history on a guided walking tour along its hillside caves, narrow passages, and steep alleys.
- Explore more of Matera during free time; perhaps visiting the town's underground water cistern or head out of town for a hike through the surrounding countryside.

Accommodation: Locanda di San Martino Hotel or Hotel La Suite, Matera

Days 9 – 10 – Lecce

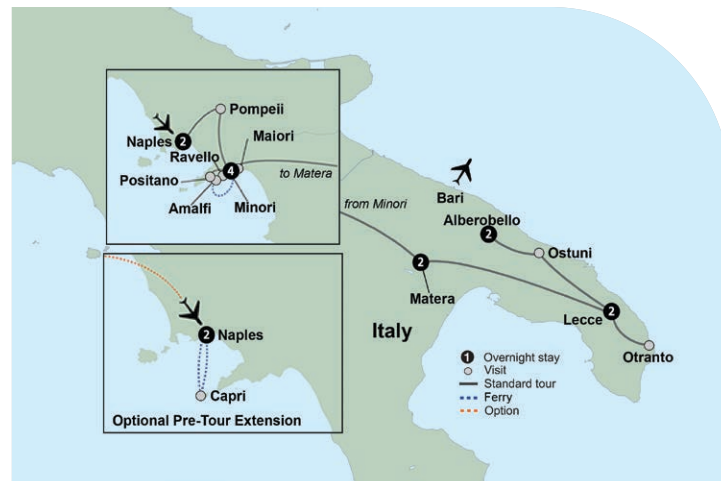
- Get to know Lecce with a local expert and take in its iconic architecture, papier-mâché craftsmanship, and culinary delights.
- Enjoy a private folk music and dance performance highlighting traditional *pizzica e taranta*.

Accommodation: Santa Chiara Suite Hotel or Risorgimento Resort, Lecce

Days 11 – 13 – Alberobello

- Zoom through the whitewashed town of Ostuni like a local in the backseat of an open-air Ape Calessino, a traditional 3-wheeled car.
- Explore Alberobello, a whimsical city known for its *trulli* — stone huts with cone-shaped roofs, one of which will be your home for two nights.

Accommodation: Trulli Holiday Albergo Diffuso, Alberobello, Puglia





Southern Italy & Sicily featuring Taormina, Matera & the Amalfi Coast

12 days • 20 meals • Starting at \$5,249*
Price based on 6 November 2025 departure

Travel Style: Classic

Max Group Size: 44

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Active: For on-the-go travellers.
Learn more at gocollette.com.au/39

Included Meals

11 Breakfasts
2 Lunches
7 Dinners

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

2-NIGHT PALERMO FULLY-GUIDED EXTENSION

Enhance your trip with a 2-night pre-tour extension in Palermo. Get closer to culture with a local guide who will share what life is like in the Sicilian capital, as well as show you the seaside village of Cefalù.

Days 1 – 2 – Palermo

- Meet your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner at a restaurant managed by local siblings, featuring authentic, sustainably sourced Sicilian cuisine.
- Take in Palermo's gritty, unshakable spirit and captivating energy during an extensive walking tour.
- Visit hilltop Monreale (UNESCO), ascending 92 steps to its 12th-century cathedral.
- Embrace Palermo's vibrance your way with an evening at leisure.

Accommodation: NH Palermo, Palermo

Days 3 – 4 – Agrigento

- Explore Agrigento – a lesser-explored locale – with a local expert by your side.
- Get to know Cinza – an owner of a family-operated farm in the hills surrounding Palermo – and learn about a typical day working there.
- Sit down to a true farm-to-table lunch of freshly prepared family recipes.
- Step back in time and delve into ancient Greek history with a visit to the Valley of the Temples.

Accommodation: Baia di Ulisse, Agrigento

Days 5 – 6 – Giardini Naxos

- Venture into Sicily's countryside to Piazza Armerina, home of the ancient Villa Romana del Casale (UNESCO), with an expert local guide.
- Journey east to Sicily's Ionian Coast for a stay in the popular town of Giardini Naxos.

- Stroll the lively pedestrianised main street in Taormina and climb to the city's well-preserved Greek theatre.

Accommodation: Una Hotel Naxos Beach Sicilia or Hellenia Yachting Hotel, Giardini Naxos

Days 7 – 8 – Matera

- Ferry across the narrow Strait of Messina.
- Visit a local winery, where you'll explore the grounds and cellar before a tasting.
- Eat regional cuisine for dinner in the winery's *agriturismo* restaurant.
- Explore the Sassi di Matera (UNESCO), an ancient settlement of carved cave dwellings with a local expert.

Accommodation: UNAHOTELS MH Matera Hotel, Matera

Days 9 – 10 – Sorrento

- Stop at a sustainable buffalo dairy farm for a taste of freshly made mozzarella and a peek into the history of this iconic cheese.
- Discover the charms of Sorrento and learn about the local tradition of wood marquetry during a walking tour.
- Sail along the initial stretch of the breathtaking Amalfi Coast (UNESCO).

Accommodation: Hotel Michelangelo, Sorrento

Days 11 – 12 – Rome

- Choose how you'll experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii: During a leisurely walking tour of Pompeii's essential sights or a faster-paced walk covering more off-the-beaten-path gems.

Accommodation: Massimo D'Azeglio Hotel, Rome

2-NIGHT ROME FULLY-GUIDED EXTENSION

Extend your travels with a 2-night post-tour extension to Rome. Get to know the Eternal City with a local expert who will bring you to the iconic piazzas and the Vatican Museums, plus share tips on how to spend free time.



Valley of the Temples



Agriturismo Experience



📍 Cefalù

Sicily & Its Isles

13 days • 20 meals • Starting at \$7,399*
Price based on 24 April 2026 departure

Travel Style: Explorations

Max Group Size: 24

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Active: For on-the-go travellers.

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Included Meals

12 Breakfasts

3 Lunches

5 Dinners

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1 – 2 – Palermo

- Get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner in Sicily's capital city.
- Taste your way through Palermo's markets on a walking tour with your local connection to unveil the city's historical centre and street food culture.
- Visit Monreale Cathedral and take in its Byzantine mosaics.
- Choose between exploring Monreale Cathedral's cloisters or ascending its south tower for a bird's eye view of the city below.

Accommodation: Hotel Porta Felice or Quintocanto Hotel, Palermo

Days 3 – 5 – Marsala

- Meet a local winemaker in the hilltop town of Alcamo.
- Learn about local grapes and wine production techniques before a hands-on cooking class to prepare your lunch.
- Step back in time and learn about the ancient craft of sea salt harvesting during a guided visit to the salt pans of Stagnone Lagoon.
- Hop on a boat and look out over Stagnone Lagoon.
- Take time to explore Marsala your way with a free day along the coast.

Accommodation: Hotel Stella D'Italia or Grand Hotel Palace, Marsala, Sicily

Day 6 – Agrigento

- **Impact Moment:** Meet Nicola Clemenza at his olive farm. Learn about his sustainable farming practices, olive oil production, and his strong stance against the Agromafia.

Accommodation: Baia di Ulisse Hotel, Agrigento

Days 7 – 8 – Cefalù Coast

- Wander through the Greek ruins of Agrigento's Valley of the Temples (UNESCO) with an expert local guide.
- Explore the seaside town of Cefalù independently.
- Savour free time to appreciate your coastal resort and its private beach.

Accommodation: Mangia's Pollina Resort, Cefalù

Days 9 – 10 – Salina

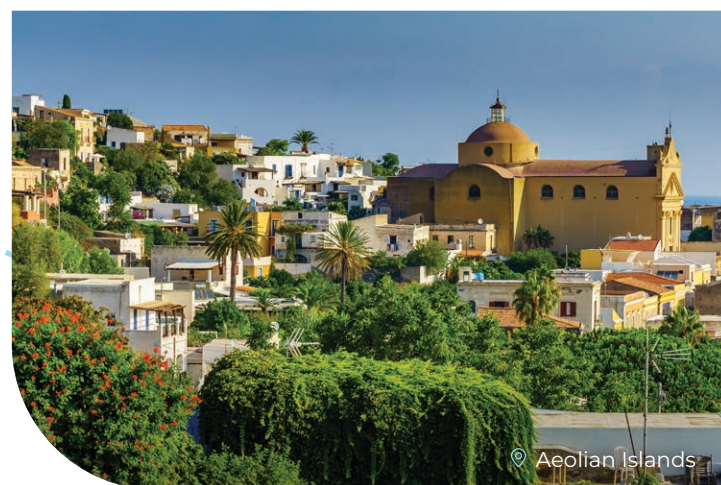
- Ferry over to Salina — one of the less-travelled Aeolian Islands.
- Walk through a caper field and taste the salted flower buds accompanied by a glass of Malvasia – a locally-produced dessert wine.
- Spend the afternoon exploring Salina how you choose.

Accommodation: Hotel La Salina Borgo Di Mare, Salina

Days 11 – 13 – Taormina

- Journey along the Ionian Coast back to mainland Sicily.
- Discover Taormina's well-preserved Greek theatre alongside a local guide.
- Enjoy an independent evening in Taormina.
- Get an up-close look at Europe's largest volcano on an off-roading adventure to Mount Etna.
- Toast to the end of your Sicilian journey during a farewell dinner featuring a performance by local musicians.

Accommodation: Excelsior Palace Hotel, Taormina





Taormina

NEW TOUR

Old World Sicily & Malta

11 days • 15 meals • Starting at \$5,599*
Price based on 6 November 2025 departure

Travel Style: Explorations

Max Group Size: 24

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Active: For on-the-go travellers.

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Included Meals

10 Breakfasts

1 Lunch

4 Dinners

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1 – 4 – Sliema

- Get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner.
- Sail around Valletta's (UNESCO) Grand Harbour on Dghajsa boats – colourful, traditional water taxis that date back to Phoenician times.
- Explore Sliema on a walking tour led by a local expert.
- Visit the private home of a modern-day Knight of Malta.
- Take a full day to explore Sliema your way.
- Board a retro bus and head to a local village.
- **Impact Moment:** Sit down to dinner at a local band club and learn how these places have remained a staple in local Maltese communities.
- Overnight at an eco-focused, sustainable property that pairs modern interior décor and scenic views of Valletta.

Accommodation: Land's End Boutique Hotel, Tas-Sliema

Days 5 – 7 – Ragusa Countryside

- Hop on a ferry and set sail for Sicily.
- Visit a family-owned herb farm and learn about their production of organic aromatic plants before a lunch enriched by herbs grown on the farm.
- Spend time in Ragusa – a lesser-known locale.
- Meander the late-Baroque neighbourhood of Ragusa-Ibla with a local guide before taking time to explore on your own.
- Savour a full free day to enjoy the Ragusa countryside.

Accommodation: Hotel Villa Carlotta or San Giorgio Palace Hotel, Ragusa

Days 8 – 11 – Taormina

- Choose between a visit to the Neapolis – an ancient Greek colony – or an archaeological museum in Siracusa.
- Experience the charming resort town of Taormina in the company of a local guide. Enjoy highlights like the city's Duomo, public gardens, and well-preserved Greek theatre.
- Get an up-close look at Europe's largest volcano on an off-roading adventure to Mount Etna.
- Sit down to a meal of Sicilian delicacies and enjoy the music of local musicians during a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers.

Accommodation: Excelsior Palace Hotel, Taormina





"Spotlight on Tuscany, Italy. No words can describe it. Movies, photos, etc. cannot convey the feeling of this beautiful region of Italy. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to visit, and my experiences will live with me forever!"

– TRAVELLER PHYLLIS O. ON SPOTLIGHT ON TUSCANY (PG. 32)

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