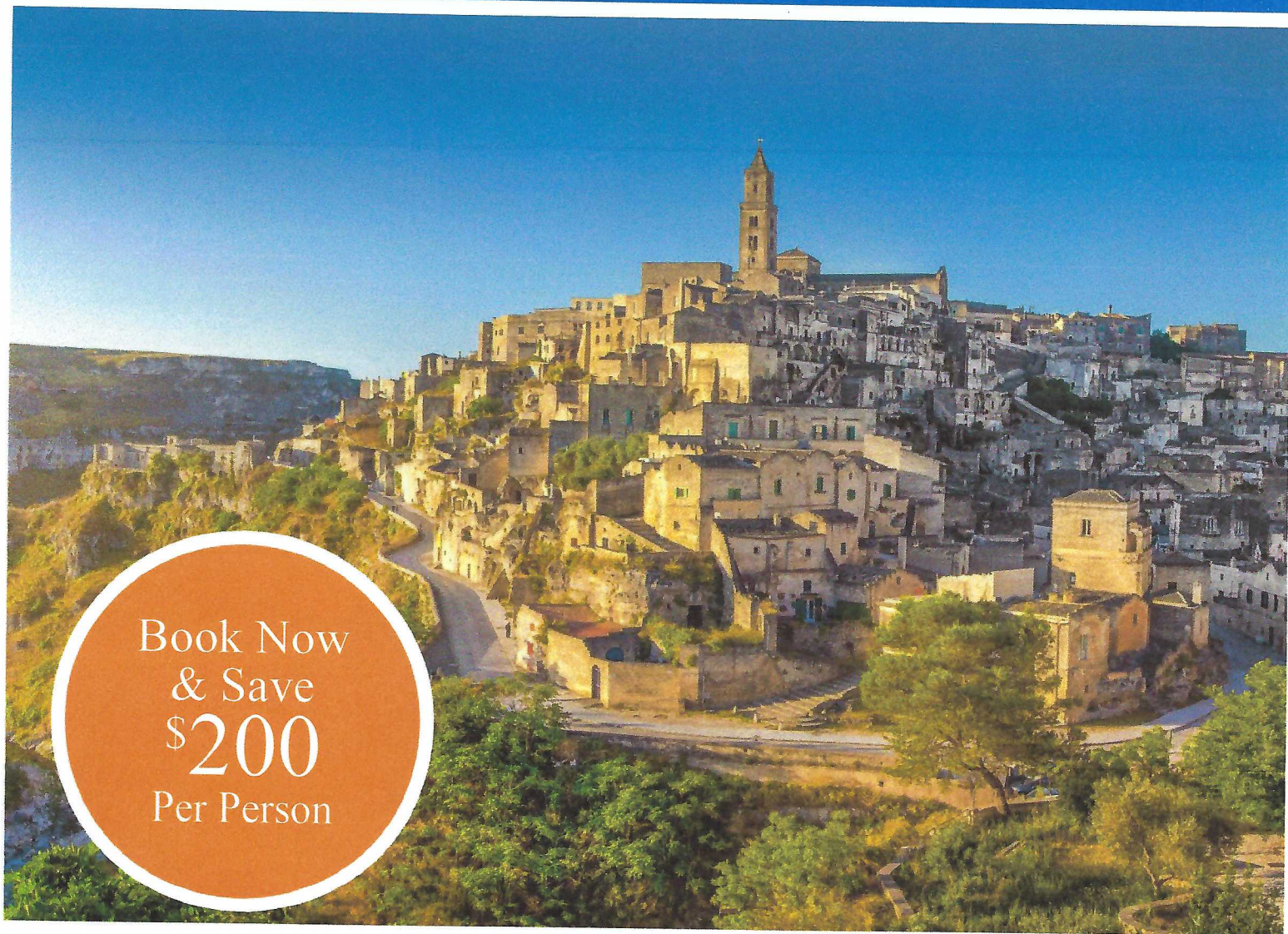


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ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	NH Palermo, Palermo
Day 5	Baia di Ulisse , Agrigento
Days 6, 7	Una Hotel Naxos Beach Sicilia, Giardini Naxos
Days 8, 9	MH Matera Hotel, Matera
Days 10, 11	Hotel Michelangelo, Sorrento
Day 12	Shangri-la Hotel , Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Friday, April 28, 2023 Overnight Flight 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.

Day 2: Saturday, April 29, 2023 Palermo, Sicily - Tour Begins Your Italian sojourn opens in Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Discover the city's vibrant culture as you take in its picturesque harbors, cobblestone piazzas, and captivating energy. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. (D)

Day 3: Sunday, April 30, 2023 Palermo Get to know "Palermo in a Nutshell" and discover the city's Moorish, Norman, and Spanish architecture on a walking tour. Explore the Kalsa district - home to Mafia legends and lush gardens - before tasting local snacks at a 19th-century eatery. Decide how you spend your afternoon because **it's your choice!** Embark on a walking tour of the historic city center and visit La Martorana church, Fontana Pretoria, and more -**OR-** tour the Teatro Massimo Opera House, the third largest in Europe and seen in *The Godfather Part III*. (B, L)

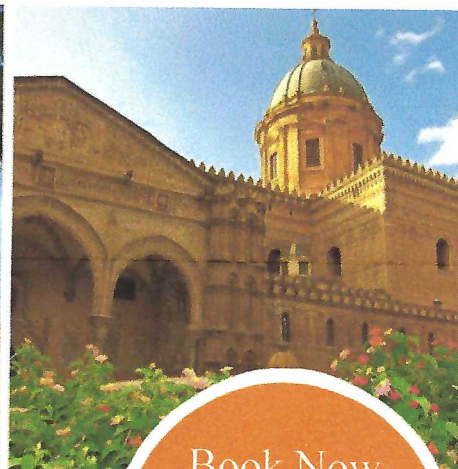
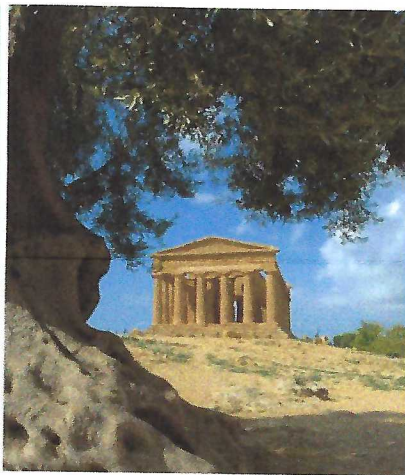
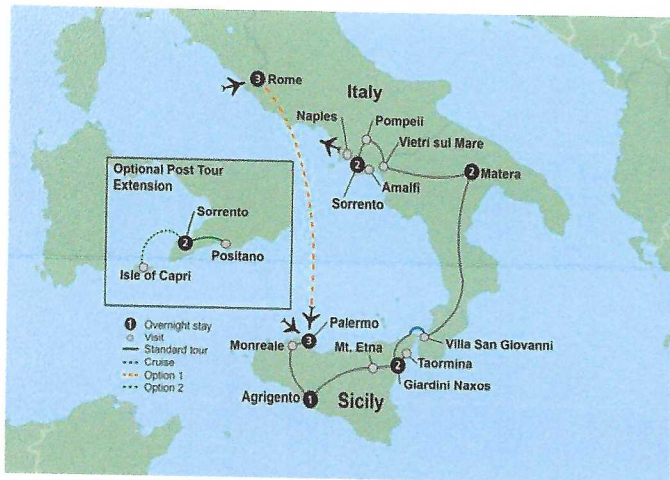
Day 4: Monday, May 1, 2023 Palermo - Optional Excursion The entire day is yours! Take time to peruse the open-air markets, visit one of Palermo's art galleries, or relax in an outdoor café; the decision is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to medieval Cefalù (UNESCO) with a local guide before visiting a nearby farm for a ricotta cheese demonstration* and farm-to-table meal, made with family recipes. (B)

Day 5: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 Palermo - Monreale - Agrigento - Valley of the Temples Visit the nearby town of Monreale (UNESCO) and wander along the paintings, mosaics, and cloisters of its 12th-century cathedral. Travel over rolling hills and peaceful farmland to the town of Agrigento. As the sun begins to set, explore the stunning Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), one of the world's most esteemed archeological sites, and get an up-close view of the temples of Juno, Concordia, and Hercules. (B, D)

Day 6: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 Agrigento - Taormina - Giardini Naxos Set out for beautiful Taormina, home to ancient relics, rocky hills, and charming gardens. With an expert local guide, you'll see Corso Umberto, the verdant public gardens, and the city's well-preserved Greek theatre. Later this afternoon, continue on to Giardini Naxos – the "Garden of Sicily" – for your 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 7: Thursday, May 4, 2023 Giardini Naxos - Mt. Etna - Giardini Naxos Journey east to Sicily's Ionian Coast. En route, discover the impressive Mt. Etna (UNESCO) Volcano National Park where a local expert introduces you to the park's spectacular landscapes sculpted by nature. Enjoy free time to relax or independently explore on your own. Return to Giardini Naxos for the evening. (B)

Day 8: Friday, May 5, 2023 Giardini Naxos - Matera Take a short ferry ride to Villa San Giovanni, located on Italy's mainland. Pass through the unspoiled region of Calabria to the Basilicata region. Wander through the twisting vines of a local winery before joining an expert for a tour of the cellar with a



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tasting. Linger over regional cuisine at dinner in the winery's restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Saturday, May 6, 2023 Matera - Alberobello - Matera Explore the Sassi di Matera (UNESCO), an ancient settlement of carved cave dwellings. A local guide shares the history and explains why film producers are seeking out this unique landscape. Visit a local shop and get a taste of regional specialties. This afternoon decide how you explore because **it's your choice!** Discover more of Matera with a guided tour of an underground cistern followed by free time to browse the city's stores and cave churches **-OR-** head to Alberobello (UNESCO) and marvel at the town's whimsical *trulli* homes, known for their distinct, cone-shaped roofs. (B, D)

Day 10: Sunday, May 7, 2023 Matera - Sorrento After a stop in Vietri sul Mare, famous for its precious majolica pottery, arrive in Sorrento, where you'll settle in for a 2-night stay. Later this afternoon, discover this charming seaside town during a walking tour and learn about the local tradition of wood marquetry. (B)

Day 11: Monday, May 8, 2023 Sorrento - Amalfi Coast Drive - Sorrento This morning, take in the sights and colors of the Mediterranean Sea as you wind your way along the

breathtaking Amalfi Coast (UNESCO). Gaze out over the deep blue hues of the sea paired with the bright citrus fruits lining the hillsides. Pause to sample regional specialties at a family-owned limoncello factory, before returning to Sorrento for an afternoon at leisure. (B, D)

Day 12: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 Sorrento - Pompeii - Rome Journey north to Rome. En route, experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii (UNESCO). A local guide gives you an in-depth look into this 2,000-year-old Roman town, nestled in the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. Step into another time as you explore its preserved buildings and imagine life in the 1st century. Later, check in to your hotel located close to Fiumicino Airport. This evening, celebrate the end of your journey with a delightful farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 Rome - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

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Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

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Effective for travel after January 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

*The ricotta demonstration may not be available while sheep are nurturing their young.

Effective immediately and through December 31, 2022 tour departures, **we require all guests to be fully vaccinated in order to participate in this tour.** Although destination entry requirements may differ, if you are unvaccinated, you will not be able to join us on this tour. All guests are required to bring proof of vaccination (official vaccination certificate in paper) on tour.

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The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Palermo, Taormina and Matera, which all require the ability to walk up and down hill on narrow, cobblestoned streets and stairs. For your comfort, we recommend bringing comfortable walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

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Our air passengers will depart from Rome airport.

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DEPARTURE DATE: April 28, 2023

GROUP NAME: Travel Leaders/Action Travel Tours

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Available Options

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Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Palermo

Visit Cefalu and a Local Farm

\$120 USD

This afternoon, set off for the stunning seaside town of Cefalù on Sicily's northern coast. Stroll the charming medieval streets with a local guide and visit the city's magnificent cathedrals that showcase Norman architecture. Next, journey to a family-owned farm picturesquely set in the mountains. Meet the owners and discover what a typical day on a Sicilian farm is like during a private tour of the property, where you learn about its traditional products. Later, sit back and relax as a chef prepares local specialties for you featuring the farm's own products and secret recipes. Then sit down to a hearty meal— Italian-style, complete with wine of course! *Duration: Approximately 6 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Catania

A Walk in Old World Sicily

\$50 USD

The movies come to life before your eyes in charming Savoca, Sicily. This historic hill-top village was one of the filming locations for the classic 1972 movie "The Godfather." It is where Al Pacino's character Michael Corleone fell in love with a young Sicilian girl. This remarkable village was founded in 1134 and even today, remains untouched. Your tour will take you through its quaint alleyways to the historic Bar Vitelli, where Michael asks for Apollonia's hand in marriage from her father. You will also see the church built in the 14th century where the wedding of Michael and Apollonia was filmed, the Chiesa di Santa Lucia or Chiesa di San Nicolò. Savoca is considered to be one of the most beautiful "borgos" (small villages) in Italy. This journey through the past is sure to give you the feeling of being in old-world Sicily and should not be missed. *Duration: Approximately 2 hours.* Please note a minimum of 12 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Giardini Naxos

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TRAVEL DATE: 4/28/2023 TERRITORY: E7
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EXTENSION: I wish to purchase "2-Night Rome" () Yes () No

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour activities

Please Choose One:

() Teatro Massimo Opera House Visit

() Classic Palermo Walking Tour

Please Choose One:

() A Taste of Puglia: Alberobello's Fanciful Trulli

() An Afternoon at Leisure in Matera

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✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
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Day 14: Rome

The day is yours! Perhaps you'll visit Castel Sant'Angelo, a fortress located a short distance from Vatican City. Or consider joining an optional tour* to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, including the world-famous Sistine Chapel. In the evening, join your fellow travelers and celebrate the end of your Italian trip with dinner at a local restaurant in Rome's bohemian *Trastevere* district. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 15: Rome - Depart for Home

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

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