



Rome to Sicily

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The experience of a lifetime is waiting for you. Every detail from the cities you'll stay in to the cultural discoveries you'll make have been customized by your teacher for your group. Take a look at your personal itinerary for a sneak peek of what's in store.

Included on tour



Round-trip flights on major carriers; full-time Tour Director; project-based learning program, EF's personalized learning experience; hotels with private bathrooms; breakfast and dinner daily.

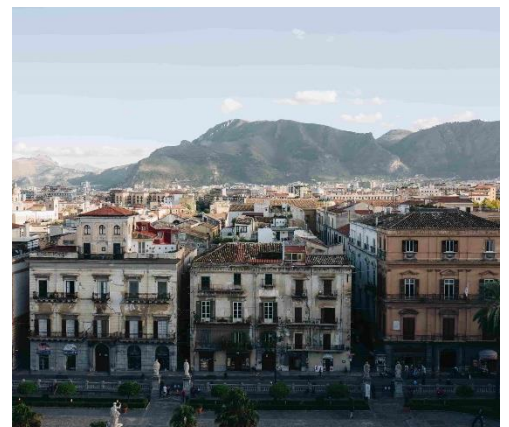
Sightseeing: Vatican; Ancient Rome; Palermo; Taormina; Syracuse; Pompeii

Entrances: Colosseum; The Forum; Monreale Cathedral; Greek Theatre; Archaeological Park of Syracuse; Pompeii

Overnights: Rome (2); Night Ferry (1); Palermo (1); Taormina (2); Salerno (2); Rome (1)

NOT INCLUDED ON TOUR:

Optional excursions; Insurance coverage; Beverages and lunches; Transportation to free-time activities; Customary gratuities (for your Tour Director, bus driver and local guide); Porterage; Adult supplement (if applicable); Weekend supplement; Any applicable baggage-handling fee imposed by the airlines; High-Season Surcharge; Single-Date Departure Supplement; Expenses caused by airline rescheduling, cancellations or delays caused by the airlines, bad weather or other events beyond EF's control; Passports, visa and reciprocity fees.



Your Itinerary

Day 1: Fly Overnight to Rome

Day 2: Rome

Arrive in Rome

Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. The city is an incredible mix of archaeological gems, Roman genius, Renaissance art and religious treasure. As Italy's capital, it is also the bustling heart of this exciting country. With its fashionable shopping and café-culture, Rome really is a unique European experience.

Overnight in Rome

Day 3: Rome

Guided Sightseeing of the Vatican

One of the world's largest domes is located in the world's smallest country. See both during your guided visit of Vatican City. Your expert local guide will bring you through the Vatican Museum, where elaborate galleries packed with one artistic masterpiece after another lead you directly to the Sistine Chapel and its famous fresco ceiling. Then, enter St. Peter's Basilica under the watchful eyes of the brightly dressed Swiss Guard. Inside, admire Michelangelo's Pietà and try to find the artist's signature (it is the only sculpture he ever signed).

Self-Guided Walking Tour

Take in all the Roman architecture on your self-guided walking tour. Along the way you will see the Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Pantheon, Piazza Navona and more.

Overnight in Rome

Day 4: Rome | Naples | Night Ferry

Guided Sightseeing of Ancient Rome

Your guided sightseeing of ancient Rome takes you through the impressive architectural ruins of the Roman Forum, once the heart political and civilian life in the Roman Empire. You will also visit the Colosseum, where battle reenactments, animal hunts, theater performances, and gladiators once battled other warriors and beasts for their lives in front of 50,000+ spectators from all over the Empire. (Please note: Entry to the Colosseum is pending availability due to limited group reservations.)

Transfer to Naples

Night ferry from Naples - Sicily

Day 5: Palermo

Arrive in Palermo

Situated along the Conca d'Oro (Golden Conch Shell), this byside city lies at the foot of Mount Pellegrino.

Guided sightseeing of Palermo

Pass the city's 16th-century palazzi on a guided tour of the capital-and chief port-of Sicily. You'll visit the Cathedral of Palermo, which is noted for its diverse history and many architectural styles. A Byzantine basilica that once stood on this site was turned into a mosque in the 9th century, and after the Normans gained control of Palermo in 1072, the mosque was re-consecrated as a Christian church. Continue on to Monreale for a visit to the town's magnificent Norman cathedral.

Visit Monreale Cathedral

Head to nearby Monreale and enter Monreale Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site that combines Norman, Arab, and Byzantine architectural styles

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Overnight in Palermo

Day 6: Palermo | Taormina

Transfer to Taormina

Perched high above the sea on the side of Mount Tauro, Taormina offers spectacular vistas of Sicily's eastern coastline.

Guided Sightseeing of Taormina

An expert local guide introduces you to Taormina, a scenic town perched high above the sea. Pay homage to classical vistas and majestic Mount Etna, towering in the background. See the duomo and the 15th-century Palazzo Corvaia. Then visit the town's 3rd-century Greek Theatre-Goethe felt it boasted one of the world's most beautiful vistas.

Visit the Greek theater

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Overnight in Taormina

Day 7: Taormina | Syracuse

Guided sightseeing of Syracuse

An expert local guide introduces you to the highlights of Syracuse. The park contains some of Syracuse's most important attractions. Visit the 5th century B.C. Greek Theater, the Paradise Quarry and the Grotta dei Cordari. The 3rd-century-B.C. Altar of Heron, once used by the Greeks for sacrifices involving hundreds of animals at once. Also visit the Roman Amphitheater, created at the time of Augustus, the amphitheater was used by gladiators for battle to the death and here Aeschylus premiered many works. Then cross a bridge and get a glimpse of the island of Ortygia.

Overnight in Taormina

Day 8: Taormina | Pizzo | Salerno

Travel via Pizzo to Salerno

Photo stop in Pizzo

Make a stop in Pizzo, a small seaport overlooking the Gulf of Saint Euphemia. Learn about the unique fishing history of this town and perhaps try the Tartufo di Pizzo, a delicious ice cream treat with a chocolate center.

Arrive in Salerno

Welcome to Salerno, a beautiful Mediterranean port town, and where the Schola Medica Salernitana, one of the most important sources of medical information at the time, was born in the ninth century.

Overnight in Salerno

Your Itinerary

Day 9: Salerno

Group Leader-Supervised Exploration Day in Salerno

Overnight in Salerno

Day 10: Salerno | Pompeii | Rome

Travel to Rome via Pompeii

Guided Sightseeing of Pompeii

Learn how wealthy Romans lived 2,000 years ago on a visit to Pompeii, one of the richest and most well-known archaeological sites in the world. Situated along the breezy Bay of Naples, the neighboring Mt. Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79 and close to 20 feet of volcanic ash, pumice, and debris completely buried the Roman resort and the surrounding area. The ash preserved the town as a snapshot in time, and protected it from deterioration in many forms, including weather and vandalism. Now, fully excavated, you can see the ruins of family villas, ancient temples, mosaics, roads, and bathhouses.

Arrive in Rome

Overnight in Rome

Day 11: Depart for Home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight

Your tour director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you will check in for your return flight home.

Itinerary is subject to change.

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—Rachel K, Group Leader



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