

The Italian Cultural Society of Sacramento Presents:

Springtime in Sicily and Sorrento

Sorrento, Pompei, Amalfi, Capri, Anacapri, Ravello,
Palermo, Monreale, Cefalù, Taormina, Agrigento,
Etna, Siracusa, Ortigia, Noto, Modica, Scicli, Ragusa,
Sant'Angelo Muxaro, Catania!



HOSTED BY
PATRIZIA



26 April to 06 May 2025

\$*4,499 double occupancy

** Tour Includes: **

- 6 Nights Four Star Sicily Hotels
- 4 Nights in Four Star Sorrento
- 11 buffet breakfasts
- 10 Multi Course Dinners
- Special Lunches with wine
- Wine, Spirits, Chocolate and Honey tasting tours
- Boat and Ferry Tours
- Full time Tour Manager
- English speaking local guides
- Deluxe Motorcoach
- Sightseeing Tours and Museum Admissions
- Flight from Naples to Palermo
- Welcome Cocktail Party
- Portorage of one large case

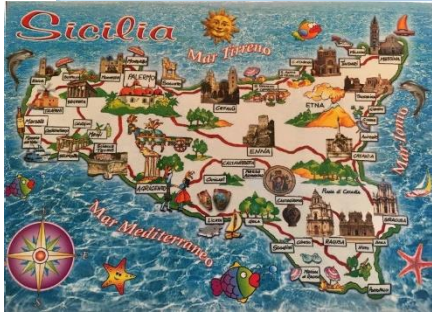
*Price based on double occupancy. Supplement of \$1,000 for private double room for single occupancy. International flight is not included. Tips of 220 euros per person are not included and will be collected in Italy in Euro currency.

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(with Ships and Trips Travel *CST 2051435-40*)

Italian Cultural Society Exclusive Sicily and Amalfi Coast Tour:
"Springtime in Sicily and Sorrento"



Join us on this spectacular tour of Southern Italy. Visit 10 UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES!! Pompeii, Amalfi, Palermo, Monreale, Agrigento, Val di Noto, Etna, Siracusa, Modica, and Taormina. Enjoy the breathtaking "Amalfi Drive" with its stunning views. It is said to be the most spectacular road in Europe. We will visit the partially buried Roman city of Pompeii which is one of the most popular tourist attractions in all of Italy. Then fly to Sicily's capitol city of Palermo and discover the unbelievably rich Island Jewel with its natural beauty, history, arts, culture, and cuisine. Walk among the greatest Greek temples and ruins, see incomparable Roman and Norman mosaics, and explore remote hilltop villages, islands, and spectacular landscapes. Our itinerary allows travelers to truly explore Sicily's spectacular cities, culture, history and cuisine and to experience daily life in small villages with locals all with a full time native Italian tour manager who is always with the group. Come discover the magic of Southern Italy with us!

ITINERARY
Sicily and Amalfi Coast Tour
26 April to 06 May 2025

Day 1: 26 April 2025 - Tour starts at the Napoli International Airport: (Italy is 9 hours ahead of California Pacific Standard time.) Travelers wishing to join our group transfer will need to depart the US to assure arrival at Napoli International Airport on the 26th of April 2025. Today travelers arriving at the Naples International Airport in Italy will be transferred to romantic Sorrento. Time to settle in your hotel. Meet for welcome cocktails, orientation and enjoy a delicious, welcome dinner at our hotel. (CO,D)



Day 2: 27 April 2025 - Amalfi Coast: Amalfi and Ravello
Today is a day you will remember for a lifetime. We will take a breathtaking drive along the Amalfi Coast, called il "Nastro Azzuro" (the Blue Ribbon) and considered one of the most beautiful drives in the world. Each winding turn reveals a dazzling and unforgettable view of the coastline and sea. Visit Amalfi, one of the four "Republiche Marinare" of Italy with a Visit St. Andrew, the Amalfi dome, dedicated to St. Andrew and located atop a spectacular staircase. Ravello is perched 1200 feet above the Amalfi Coast. Visit the 13th-century, Moorish-style Villa Rufolo where stunning cliffside gardens offer far-reaching views of the coast. Return to charming Sorrento for leisure time, private visits, and shopping. Typical Neapolitan Dinner at our hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 3: 28 April 2025 - Pompeii:
We will travel to Pompeii and meet our local guide who will show us this incredible city frozen in time by the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. Pompeii allows us to see how everyday people lived over 2,000 years ago. Their graffiti documents exactly what they thought and did. We will take a journey back in time. We will enjoy a traditional lunch and wine tasting at a local farmhouse-winery before heading back to Sorrento. Typical Neapolitan Dinner at our hotel. (B, L, D)



Legend: B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D=Dinner
CO=Cocktail Orientation

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Day 4: 29 April 2025 - Capri and Anacapri:



After breakfast we will depart from the port of Sorrento and a hydrofoil boat to visit the colorful island of Capri whose beauty inspired many artists and poets. Explore the unique heritage of Capri and Anacapri with our local guide. We will visit the lovely Villa San Michele and explore its fantastic gardens and views. I will host a typical island lunch, with wine, in a local trattoria. You will enjoy free time in the afternoon for shopping, private visits and possibly a ride on the Monte Solaro chair lift before returning to Sorrento via jet boat. This perfect day will end with a lovely farewell dinner at our hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 5: 30 April 2025 - Depart Napoli for Palermo:



This morning, we check out of our Sorrento hotel and travel by private motor coach to Napoli Airport for the short flight to Palermo (this AIRFARE IS INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE). Upon arrival in Palermo, we will meet our local guide and dedicate this day to visiting the hidden treasures of Sicily's capitol city. We will see the best Arab-Norman monuments in Palermo, the beautiful cathedral Chiesa della Martorana, the ancient San Giovanni degli Eremiti Church, the Palazzo dei Normanni with its precious Palatine Chapel and much more.

Check into our centrally located hotel in Palermo with free time to freshen up before a special welcome dinner in a local trattoria which highlights local specialty food and wine. (B, D)

Day 6: 01 May 2025- Monreale and Cefalù:

Today we will meet our local guide, and head to Monreale. This charming tiny town is home to a spectacular Cathedral which is regarded as the most beautiful of the Norman churches in Sicily and perhaps the world! The mosaics were made with 2200 kg (almost 5000 pounds) of pure gold! It is called the 8th Wonder of the World.

Years ago, when I first visited Cefalù I fell in love with this charming Norman town and am excited to share this special place with my travel friends.

Cefalù with its gorgeous Norman Cathedral and its spectacular seaside location and unique fishing village charm allows a glimpse at Sicilian daily life. All of this beauty is overlooked by "La Rocca" an impressive rocky mountain with the remains of a fortress and the temple of Diana which dates back to the 11th century before Christ.

Return to our hotel in Palermo before we venture out to a local trattoria for a delicious dinner with local food and wine. (B, D)



Day 7: 02 May 2025: **SANT'ANGELO MUXARO – VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES**



Today we will experience a Sicily few travelers ever see; we will experience this lesser-known Sicily, by visiting local people and participate in their daily lives. This journey back in time is in the ancient hamlet of **Sant'Angelo Muxaro** a tiny hilltop village of about 1300 residents. The town is steeped in legend and history, perched on the hill is the necropolis, with over two hundred tombs dug into the cave dwellings dating from the 13th to the 6th century BC. The city center and main piazza are a treasure chest of the wonderful beauty and authenticity of the territory.

Today's excursion allows us to enjoy the unique way of life of this little village made up of a few hundred families who live herding sheep to make the incredible local cheeses. We will go on a relaxing walk-through village street, with tastings of typical local specialties and genuine encounters with locals. We will make a stop to taste hand crafted cheeses, along with the local specialty of "pani cunzatu", a local bread made entirely from local ingredients. We will taste local cookies, local wines, olive

oil, and other seasonal artisanal products from the local area.

Now we head to the enchanted Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, where among the almond trees there are the remains of the ancient Akragas, defined by Pindar as "the most beautiful city built by mortals". You can admire the temple of Juno, and the temples of Concordia and Hercules. A journey through mythology, history and nature will make this day unforgettable.

We check into our Agrigento hotel before heading to a local trattoria for a delicious dinner with local food and wine. (B, D)



Day 8: 03 May 2025- Modica-Scicli and Ragusa:

Sicily abounds with UNESCO World Heritage Sites and today we meet our local guide to discover the Baroque cities of Modica and Ragusa. Modica is particularly famous for its chocolate which we will sample along with Modica's famous **Vermouth and Amaro** liquor. This charming hill town has a remarkable number of impressive churches, including two grand Baroque cathedrals. This historical center is a Baroque jewel! **Scicli is often chosen as a location for the "Inspector Montalbano" TV series**; Montalbano fans can stroll past the **"Vigata's Police Station"** (which is the City Hall), where many scenes are filmed. Free time for lunch and shopping before heading to the ancient hilltop town of Ragusa. Ragusa is a stunning, baroque town spread across two hilltops.

An incredible 14 of its 18 monuments are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. It has been made even more popular by the Inspector Montalbano books and television series. Check into our beautiful seafront hotel in Catania (Acicastello) and enjoy a traditional dinner. (B,D)

Day 9: 04 May 2025 - Siracusa, Ortigia and Noto:

Siracusa, is considered **one of the world's most important** archaeological centers. We will meet our local guide to visit the Greek Theatre, and the Roman Amphitheatre which dates to the 5th century B.C. and the Ear of Dionysius. We will visit the Baroque city of Noto and known as "the garden of stone" which is an UNESCO World Heritage **Site. Lunch is on your own and I recommend you don't miss enjoying a famous granita (lemon is my favorite!)**. Almost every person visiting Ortigia falls in love with this island, the beautiful piazza, the hospitable people, the sea, the views. We will enjoy an afternoon in Ortigia which is the oldest part of the city and was chosen by the Greeks for their first settlements. We will enjoy a two-hour boat tour in the Bay of Ortigia and the amazing sea caves and enjoy prosecco and fresh seasonal fruit. We return to our hotel for a wonderful dinner. (B, D)



Day 10: 05 May 2025- Mount Etna and Taormina:



Today we head north to the famous Mount Etna for an unforgettable visit to Sicily's volcano. We will explore the rich history and have a chance to walk on the black lava soil. We will visit a local honey producer and have a tasting of many of the precious products produced in this rich volcanic soil. Then we continue on to famous and stunning Taormina **with our private, local guide. Taormina's history dates back to the 4th century B.C.** Perched on the edge of a cliff overlooking the Ionian Sea, Taormina boasts an incredibly

spectacular setting and breathtaking views. **You'll** view medieval buildings and ancient ruins amid a fertile oasis of olive groves, grape vines and orchards. In the Old Town, stroll along Corso Umberto, filled with trendy shops offering everything from fashionable clothing to antique jewelry and furniture. Visit Teatro Greco (Greek Theatre) and the enjoy more incredible views of the bay. The rest of your day is free to explore the **area's** lovely restaurants, caffès, bars and elegant shops. Our farewell dinner features local specialties and wine. (B, D)

Day 11: **06 May 2025** - Catania Airport/USA

This morning after enjoying breakfast, we will check-out of our hotel and transfers to the CATANIA airport for the flight home or to your next destination. Say "**Arrivederci**" (see you again!)

* All Sightseeing subject to changes* *When necessary, hotels may be substituted with similar properties.

Please read and review the following pages carefully.

Italy is a dream that keeps returning for the rest of your life - Anna Akhmatova

Nota Bene: Guest must be able to walk approximately 2 miles over uneven and cobble stone surface, inclines and 40 to 65 steps. Walking is a crucial part of everyday of the tour. Most Italian cities do not have accommodations for people with mobility issues which make walking and climbing stairs an essential pre-requisite. We regret we are not able to assist travelers with disabilities or mobility issues. Comfortable walking shoes are essential! Due to the nature of this tour, it is not recommended for guests using walkers or wheelchairs or with mobility issues. If you have any concerns about the physical demands of this tour, please do not hesitate to ask us.

Travel Tip: Whether traveling with us, or considering any international travel within the next year, now is the perfect time to make certain your passport is valid for 180 days after your return date.

Meals: We have selected the finest, local cuisine to give you the typical flavors of each region and city. Passengers with food allergies and other restrictions are asked to please inform your tour manager before the tour. Every effort will be made to accommodate our guests' diets and preferences. When beverages are included, it refers to one ½ a liter of bottled water and 1/4 liter of selected local wine per person. *Buon appetito!*

Nota bene:
Space on this tour is limited to a maximum of 20 passengers. We are not able to hold spaces. Spaces are allocated only when we receive passenger completed application and deposit and confirm availability.

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Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips, Sacramento

Application, Terms and Conditions for Travel Sorrento and Sicily 2025 Tour

IMPORTANT: Please print your name EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT!

First:	Middle:	Last:	<u> </u> Mr. <u> </u> Mrs. <u> </u> Ms.	Nickname:
Date of Birth:	Citizenship:	Passport Number:	Issue Date	Expiration Date:

Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Phone: ()	Cell: ()	email:	
Emergency Contact: of person not traveling with you:	Phone: ()	Cell: ()	Relationship:
Rooming with: First:	Middle:	Last:	Nickname:

PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE PHOTO PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT!!

The tour will include:

- 10 nights lodging in premium four-star Hotels and Historic Inns*
- All daily buffet breakfasts,*
- All daily dinners*
- 2 Special lunches and wine*
- Flight from Naples to Palermo*
- Full time English and Italian Speaking tour director and guide*
- Local City Experts and licensed city tour guides*
- Private Motor coach transportation, ferries, shuttles*
- Accommodations based on double occupancy (single supplement is \$1,000)*
- Sightseeing, tours, museum admissions and reservations*
- Porterage fees one large suitcase per passenger*
- Welcome cocktail party*
- Transfers from the Naples Airport on tour start and to the Catania Airport at end date*
- Orientation and Cocktail Party*
- Wine, Vermouth, Olive Oil, honey, olives, chocolate and various food tastings*

The tour does not include:

- Air transportation
- Drinks except where specifically included
- Laundry
- Meals except where specifically included
- Travel insurance (**STRONGLY URGED!**)
- Telephone charges, incidentals, and room service
- Tips to city guides and tour director are not included.
- Gratuities of 220 euros per person to cover all restaurant staff for 10 breakfasts and 10 dinners, special lunches, bus driver, reception and hotel staff, and porters. This mandatory 220 Euro tip will be collected in euros in Italy.
- Anything that is not specifically included in the section above titled “The tour will include”.

Send form and checks to:

Ships and Trips Travel

3335 B Watt Ave #285 Sacramento, CA 95821

Credit Card payment call: 916 564-8747

For all tour details and information:

Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti

phone: 916 482-5900

email: italy@italiancenter.net

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Terms and Conditions for Travel Sorrento and Sicily 2025 Tour

Passports and Visas and Vaccines: Each traveler who is a U.S. citizen must possess a valid U.S. passport with an expiration date **not less than six months after the tour return date**. US citizens will need to apply for travel authorization through the European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS) to enter Italy and about 30 European countries. Make sure your passport details match those in your ETIAS authorization – you will be refused boarding and entry at the border if they do not match. To apply for the ETIAS please visit <https://etias.com/etias-application>. Travelers of other nationalities must contact the embassy or consulate of the destination country for entrance requirements. Passport and visa information may be obtained by contacting the Travel Advisory Section of the U.S. State Department at (202) 647-5225 or www.travel.state.gov. To obtain additional medical information, travel alerts and other information contact the Centers for Disease Control at (404) 332-4559 or www.cdc.gov.

Traveler Notice: Walking is required and is an important part of this tour. Travelers cannot require special mobility care. Travelers' mutual enjoyment of the tour requires no egregious, disruptive behavior. After first notice of such behavior, a second notice will be grounds to excuse the traveler from the remainder of the tour with no refund or credit.

Reservation/Initial Deposit: To secure a reservation for the tour, the traveler shall make a non-refundable initial deposit of \$500 per person. Deposit payment shall be payable to Ships and Trips Travel by check. Payment by credit card is subject to a 3% charge.

Balance of Tour Fees: The balance of tour cost is due 90 days prior to departure date. Note that tour costs are based upon the current monetary exchange rate and double occupancy. There is a one-time supplement charge of \$1,000 for a single occupancy. If final payment is not received by the due date, the Italian Cultural Society may cancel the traveler's reservation; and the non-refundable initial deposit will be forfeited.

Traveler Cancellation: If the traveler cancels the reservation for this tour, cancellation fees apply. In addition to forfeiture of the \$500 initial deposit, the following forfeitures apply:

76 - 90 days prior to departure	\$750
45 - 75 days prior to departure	50% of deposited amount
44 - or fewer prior to departure	100% of deposited amount
No show at tour start date	100% of deposited amount

Intermediary: The Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips Travel are intermediaries between the Suppliers and the travelers. The Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips Travel do not own or operate any of the hotels, transportation providers, vessels, airlines, travel insurance companies, or other travel-related Suppliers who provide goods or services for the travelers' trip.

Travel Insurance: The Italian Cultural Society **STRONGLY URGES** all travelers to purchase comprehensive travel insurance, with coverage including trip cancellation, baggage loss, health and medical coverage, accident and repatriation. Ships and Trips Travel offers insurance coverage through multiple carriers but cannot compare all the policies or companies currently in the marketplace. The traveler is solely responsible to research and find the coverage that best fits the traveler's needs.

Traveler Acknowledgements:

1. By not obtaining appropriate travel insurance, the traveler acknowledges and accepts liability for any cancellations, forfeitures, damages and/or out-of-pocket expenses incurred prior to or during the tour.
2. Traveler acknowledges and accepts responsibility for arranging and paying for any treatment in case of medical emergency while traveling, including transportation or repatriation expenses.
3. Traveler acknowledges and agrees that The Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips Travel shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, delay, inconvenience or injury to the traveler as a result of a breach of contract, act or omission whether willful or negligent, criminal or otherwise of any person other than The Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips Travel or their direct employees.

Limits of Liability: Without limitation, the traveler assumes the risk of, and agrees that The Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips Travel are not liable for, any damages arising from or related to any act of God or public enemies, arrest, restraints of any government or rulers of people, piracy, war, revolution, extortion, terrorist activity, threatened or actual rebellion, political upheaval, civil unrest, riots, fire, lockouts, explosion, collision, weather conditions, dangers incident to the sea, mechanical or construction failures or difficulties, diseases, local laws, abnormal conditions or developments, closure of airports/seaports/hotels/train stations, carrier flight cancellations and delays, or supplier logistical problems, computer problems, stranding, food or water poisoning, illness, grounding, perils of the sea, rivers, canals, locks or other waters, perils of navigation of any kind, theft, accident to or from machinery, or lost/damaged/delayed luggage or any other actions or omissions. The Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips Travel shall not be responsible for any personal injuries, personal and/or property damages, or losses caused by or to the traveler. By embarking on this travel, the traveler voluntarily assumes any and all risks involved with such travel, whether expected or unexpected. Traveler acknowledges being warned of such risks and being strongly advised to obtain the appropriate insurance coverage for such risks.

Signature: I understand and accept the above Terms and Conditions and agree to hold harmless The Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips Travel for any injury, damage, and/or loss I may sustain traveling on this tour. I understand that it is my responsibility to purchase appropriate travel insurance.

Date:

Traveler's Name (Please print) _____

Traveler's Signature _____

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