

See the varied cultures of Italy. Rome is one of the world's most historically rich cities, a portal to an ancient empire. On the island of Sicily, diverse influences in Palermo and Taormina lend each city a unique character. Though Sicily has always been a world unto itself, it is undeniably Italy—amazing food, stunning cathedrals, and a picture-perfect countryside.

### **EVERYTHING YOU GET:**



**Full-time Tour Director** 



**Sightseeing:** 6 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (7 with extension)



**Entrances:** Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica; Colosseum; Roman Forum; Capri boat cruise; Greek theater; Palermo Cathedral; Cathedral of Monreale; Pompeii Roman Ruins; *With extension: Duomo* 



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All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; Night ferry; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 with extension); 1 night cabin accommodation; European breakfast and dinner daily





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# YOU'RE GOING TO **EXPERIENCE IT.**

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your *Tour Director* in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our online learning platform, weShare, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. *Expert local guides* will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views of history, art, architecture or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

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- MELISSA, TRAVELER





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# What you'll experience on your tour

#### Day 1: Fly overnight to Italy

# Day 2: Rome

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Rome, a city that integrates its past into the present better than any other. During your stay, explore the world's most famous arena, the Colosseum, where you can almost hear the stamping feet of the crowds gathered for gladiatorial combat. Nearby, the Roman Forum marks the former heart of the Roman Empire. Julius Caesar gave many of his great political speeches there. On your visit to the Vatican City, marvel at Michelangelo's breathtaking ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and look out for the colorful uniforms of the Swiss Guard, protectors of the Vatican City. Before you say "arrivederci," toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure a return trip to the Eternal City.

#### Day 3: Rome

- Take an expertly guided tour of Vatican City
- Visit the Sistine Chapel
- Visit St. Peter's Basilica
- Take an expertly guided tour of Rome
- Visit the Colosseum
- Visit the Roman Forum
- Take a self-guided walking tour of Rome

# Day 4: Sorrento region

- Take an expertly guided tour of Capri
- Take a boat cruise
- Continue on to Sorrento region

# Day 5: Taormina region

- Travel to the Taormina region of Sicily. Perched high above the sea on the side of Mont Tauro, Taormina offers spectacular vistas of Sicily's eastern coastline. During your visit to this scenic town, you'll visit the piazza to see the Church of San Nicola, built around 1400 atop the ruins of an ancient church. The Church of San Nicola is sometimes called "the fortress cathedral," since its imposing medieval façade resembles a castle. You'll also see the 15thcentury Palazzo Corvaia, which once housed the Sicilian Parliament of Nobles. Then, make your way to the town's 3rd-century Greek theater, a venue that continues to host summer performances today.

# Day 6: Taormina region

- Take an expertly guided tour of Taormina:
   Duomo; Palazzo Corvaia
- Visit the Greek theater
- Time to see more of Taormina or
  - Visit Mount Etna

#### Day 7: Taormina region

- See Savoca and Forza d"Agro, villages featured in "The Godfather"
- See more of Taormina or

#### Visit Siracusa

# Day 8: Palermo | Night ferry

- Travel to Palermo
- Take an expertly guided tour of Palermo:
   Cappella Palatina; Palazzo dei Normanni
- Visit Palermo Cathedral
- Continue on to Monreale
- Visit the Cathedral of Monreale
- Travel by night ferry to Naples

#### Day 9: Pompeii | Rome

- Arrive in Naples
- Travel to Pompeii. Once a city of ancient prosperity, many wealthy Romans established their homes here thousands of years ago.
   When neighboring Mount Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79, it cloaked the Roman resort in volcanic ash, perfectly preserving the minutiae of daily life. The buildings and artifacts left behind make this one of the richest archaeological sites in the world. See the fully excavated ruins of the town's ancient temples, forum and theatre. Of Pompeii's three bathhouses, the Stabian Baths was the largest complex. Learn about their ingenious heating method—one of the earliest examples of its kind—that brought hot water to visitors.
- Take an expertly guided tour of Pompeii
- Visit the Pompeii Roman Ruins
- Return to Rome

Day 10: Depart for home

#### **9** 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Day 10: Siena | Florence

- Travel via Siena to Florence

# Days 11-12: Florence | Rome

- Take an expertly guided tour of Florence: Piazza della Signoria; Ponte Vecchio
- Visit the Duomo
- Time to see more of Florence or
- Visit Pisa
- Return to Rome

Day 13: Depart for home



Last day in Italy. I'm gonna miss you. #eftours #trevifountain

- JOSEPH, TRAVELER



It gave me a great taste of the Italian and Sicilian culture, not to mention some of the best tasting pizza, and I know good pizza, I'm from NY:) I know I will never forget the trip.

- DIANA, STUDENT



# TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY OR EXPLORE

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-CHARLOTTE, DAUGHTER TRAVELED JUNE 2014



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