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Donovan Travel *presents...*

14 Days/12 Nights

GRAND TOUR OF ITALY

Featuring... **TAORMINA, SORRENTO, ROME,
AMALFI & MORE...**

NOVEMBER 1-14, 2024

\$5929*

*Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE \$750 in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (*subject to change*). Rates are discounted with payment by check/cash and are based on a minimum of 20 passengers on the departure. See reservation form for credit card prices. SUBJECT TO 2024 AIR CONFIRMATION

DAY 1 – BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~CATANIA: Depart BOS International Airport on our transatlantic flight to Catania (*via intermediate city*) with meal and beverage service available while in flight.

DAY 2 – CATANIA~TAORMINA: “*Benvenuti in Italia!*” Benvenuti in Italia! Arrival at Catania Airport where we will be met by our Tour Host who will assist with our transfer. Aboard our private motorcoach, travel to Taormina, for check-in at the *Hotel Excelsior Palace (or similar)*. The remainder of the day is at our leisure to get acquainted with our surroundings. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (D) *Hotel Website:* <https://www.excelsiorpalacetaormina.it>

DAY 3 – TAORMINA: A local expert will conduct a half-day sightseeing tour of Taormina, including visits to all of the major attractions and a complete orientation of the city. The unquestioned highlight of the tour will be a visit to the Greek and Roman Theater, situated on the slope of Monte Tauro. From here, we will experience a breathtaking view of the Sicilian landscape, especially Mt. Etna in the distance. Return to the hotel for lunch, and the rest of the day is at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 – SIRACUSA: We are off on a full-day excursion to Siracusa, a spectacular city along the southeastern coast that has the largest concentration of Greek ruins outside of Greece! At one time, Siracusa was the biggest, wealthiest city in all of Europe. In the “Archaeological Zone”, we will see the ancient amphitheater and colosseum, which date back to the 5th century BC. Pizza lunch in Siracusa. We will also see the colorful harbor and the Church of the Weeping Madonna. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 5 – CATANIA~MOUNT ETNA: This morning, we will enjoy a half-day tour of beautiful Catania, including the Chapel of St. Agatha in the Cathedral and the Open-Air Market. At noontime, we will partake of a typical vintner’s lunch including a wine tasting. This afternoon’s excursion will take us halfway up Mt. Etna, the largest volcano in all of Europe. This active volcano affords a fascinating sightseeing tour. The topography and flora will change dramatically as we ascend the mountain for a spectacular view of Taormina and surrounding Sicily. Return to Taormina for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 6 – “THE GODFATHER” TOUR: After breakfast at our hotel, we’ll board our motorcoach for our tour of Savoca and Forza d’Agro to see the locations used in the filming of *The Godfather* movies including the wedding church and Bar Vitelli. Even if you’re not a fan of the movie, these towns are fascinating as a glimpse of rural, small-town Sicily. Return to the hotel for lunch. The remaining part of the day is at leisure. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 7 – MESSINA: Today, we will drive north along the spectacular east coast of Sicily to Messina for a city tour. We will experience a visit to the Duomo to see its fabulous mosaics. The Duomo is also famous for its clock tower, with moving statues that activate with a playing of “Ave Maria” at noontime each day. Enjoy a view across to Calabria on the Italian mainland. We will have time for shopping or individual sightseeing before returning to the hotel for a late lunch and time at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 – CATANIA~ROME: Breakfast and hotel check-out. Transfer to Catania Airport to fly to Rome Fiumicino. Upon arrival in Rome, we will transfer to the 4* star hotel, *Hotel Palatino (or similar)* and check-in. The rest of the day is at leisure. Then enjoy dinner and overnight. (B, D)
Hotel Website: <https://www.hotelpalatino.com/>

DAY 9 – ANCIENT & MODERN ROME: Breakfast is at our hotel, followed by a day-long city sightseeing tour. In the morning, we will visit the glorious remains of Ancient Rome, birthplace of modern civilization and capital of the Roman Empire and learn how Julius Caesar and many almighty Emperors conquered the world and thrived in the heart of the Roman Forum. We will see the Colosseum and you can discover the grandeur, the glory, and bloody past of this amphitheater. Continuing past the Colosseum, we'll view the Forum, Palatine Hill, the Emperors' Palace, the Capitol, the Senate and much more. Time for lunch on your own. In the afternoon we will meet up for a tour of “Modern Rome” and we will walk into the historic center of the city and the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Montecitorio, the Pantheon and Piazza Navona. We will return to our hotel where dinner is included this evening. (B, D)

DAY 10 – VATICAN CITY - SORRENTO: Breakfast at our hotel. In the morning, we will visit Vatican City, including a tour of St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museum, and Sistine Chapel. Time for lunch on your own. In the afternoon, we'll depart to Sorrento! Check-in to *Hotel Michelangelo (or similar)* and freshen up before dinner. Overnight at our hotel. (B, D) *Hotel Website:* <https://www.michelangelosorrento.com/>

DAY 11 – SORRENTO: Breakfast at our hotel, followed by a late-morning tour through the hillsides of Sorrento, where wild roses and camellias surround us. We will then visit La Sorgente, a picturesque agricultural farm belonging to the family Marciano which is nestled in the Sorrentine hills with a fabulous view of the city of Naples. Sip on homemade wine, snack on crisp, tender Italian bread (topped with fresh tomato and a drizzle of olive oil) and sample the best homemade mozzarella one could imagine! We will experience a demonstration of making mozzarella the old-fashioned way and then enjoy pizza for lunch together. The afternoon is at leisure. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 12 – ISLE OF CAPRI: After breakfast, we will visit the beautiful Isle of Capri! Our full-day excursion includes a round-trip ferry ride, lunch on Capri, and a guided tour. The town of Capri is very chic with shops, hotels, and restaurants lying along winding streets. The main square, Piazza Umberto, has a pretty white church and several open-air cafés where we can sit and watch the world go by. We will also visit the Augustus Gardens and their magnificent view over the Faraglioni Rocks. We will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, we will drive by minibuses to Ana Capri, to admire the top of the island and its magnificent views! Late-afternoon return to the Italian mainland and our hotel for dinner this evening. (B, L, D)

DAY 13 – AMALFI DRIVE: After breakfast, we will take an excursion along one of the most scenic roads in the world –The Amalfi Drive! Our first stop will be above Positano, one of Italy's most famous and elegant resorts. We will then continue our drive through the ancient marine republic of Amalfi. There will be some free time to visit the beautiful Cathedral of St. Andrew, explore the town, or browse and shop. We'll enjoy a light lunch in the town. In the afternoon we will drive back to Sorrento. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 14 – MONTECATINI~BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we'll transfer to the local airport for our return flight to BOS (*via intermediate city*). Meal and beverage service available while in flight. (B)

OUR CUSTOM 14-DAY/12-NIGHT GRAND TOUR OF ITALY INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ❖ Round-trip regularly scheduled flights BOS-Intermediate City–Catania and return Italy-Intermediate City-BOS with meal and beverage service, available while aloft. The identity of the carrier, which may include the carrier's code-share partner, will be assigned and disclosed at a later date.
- ❖ All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, luxury, temperature-controlled motorcoach.
- ❖ Porterage of luggage at the hotel.
- ❖ 12-nights' accommodations at 4-star hotels listed on the itinerary and based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$759 – *Limited availability – may be unavailable or subject to surcharge*. Triples are available at the twin rate.
- ❖ All room and meal taxes, as well as gratuities to bellmen. A small per-night city tax may be payable directly to the hotel.
- ❖ Breakfast (B) daily, 8 lunches (L) and dinner nightly (D). ¼ L Wine & ½ L water included with each included lunch & dinner.
- ❖ Comprehensive sightseeing package, as illustrated in the itinerary, including entrance fees, where applicable.
- ❖ Full services of a professional Tour Escort who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- ❖ Expert English-speaking tour guides, where required.
- ❖ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service travel accessory and complete packet of all required travel documents.

DEPOSIT OF \$750 IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF THIS FLYER. BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

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Cranston, RI 02920**401-829-0461****jk1024@verizon.net****DONOVAN TRAVEL/CUSTOM GRAND TOUR OF ITALY/ 11/01-14/24/JK/AK**☐\$6029 (credit card) / ☐\$5929 (cash or check)* for 20 passengers**Rates based on a minimum of 20 passengers on the departure. For less than 20 passengers, higher rates may apply. Rates are pp twin, and INCLUDE \$750 in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharge (subject to change). Rates subject to 2024 air confirmation.*☐Single, add \$759 ☐Twin ☐Triple, same rate as twinWe offer **Trip Mate Travel Protection** to protect your travel investment (To review the plan document and important disclaimers, please visit <https://www.tripmate.com/wpTPG02>.)Please choose **YES** or **NO** below:☐**YES, insure my trip with Trip Mate Travel Protection***! The Travel Protection plan will be added to the package at \$529 premium per person twin/\$629 single and will be prepaid from my deposit. (See policy inclusions on Page 2.) **The insurance premium is non-refundable and non-transferrable.**☐**NO**, I do not wish to include the premium for **Trip Mate Travel Protection Plan**. I realize that I am **NOT** covered by **Travel Protection Plan**.

Please find enclosed a deposit of \$750 per person for ____ person(s) due as soon as possible, as space is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Make your check payable to **DONOVAN TRAVEL**. If we understand that the balance is due 75 days prior to tour departure and that full refunds, minus a \$25.00 service fee and the cost of the travel protection plan, will be returned to passengers if cancellation is given up to 90 days prior to tour departure date. Between 89 – 76 days prior to departure, the full deposit is non-refundable. Between 75 – 60 days prior to departure, 25% of the total tour price is forfeited. Between 59 – 45 days prior to departure, 50% of the total tour price is forfeited. Between 44 – 36 days prior to departure, 75% of the total tour price is forfeited. Within 35 days of departure – no refund. * The Travel Protection Plan cost includes the plan premium and a fee for non-insurance assistance services. You may obtain information on the plan fees by emailing assistancefees@tripmate.com.

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>>Please remit a photocopy of the photo page of your passport with your reservation form for purposes of clarity. <<

Name (as it appears on passport): _____ ☐M ☐F**Passport #:** _____ **Place of Issue:** _____ **Citizenship:** _____ **Exp. Date:** ____/____/20____**Address:** _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____**Best Phone #:** _____ ☐HOME ☐CELL ☐WORK **Alt. Phone #:** _____ ☐HOME ☐CELL ☐WORK**Date of birth:** ____/____/____ **City & State of birth:** _____ **E-mail:** _____**In Case of Emergency, Notify:** _____ **Phone #** _____**Roommate #1: Name** (as it appears on passport): _____ ☐M ☐F**Passport #:** _____ **Place of Issue:** _____ **Citizenship:** _____ **Exp. Date:** ____/____/20____**Address:** _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____**Best Phone #:** _____ ☐HOME ☐CELL ☐WORK **Alt. Phone #:** _____ ☐HOME ☐CELL ☐WORK**Date of birth:** ____/____/____ **City & State of birth:** _____ **E-mail:** _____**Roommate #2: Name** (as it appears on passport): _____ ☐M ☐F**Passport #:** _____ **Place of Issue:** _____ **Citizenship:** _____ **Exp. Date:** ____/____/20____**Address:** _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____**Best Phone #:** _____ ☐HOME ☐CELL ☐WORK **Alt. Phone #:** _____ ☐HOME ☐CELL ☐WORK**Date of birth:** ____/____/____ **City & State of birth:** _____ **E-mail:** _____**Credit Card #:** (if depositing on card): _____ ☐VISA ☐MC ☐DIS **Exp. Date:** ____/____ **CVV** _____**Name** (as it appears on credit card): _____ **Signature:** _____****Please Note: Payment by cash or check is discounted.****

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Signature: _____ **Date:** _____