



CONNECTIONS BOUTIQUE GROUP JOURNEYS

Sicily, Puglia & the Amalfi Coast 2020

11 days from \$6,795

Limited to 24 guests

Experience the glories of Southern Italy on a panoramic journey that includes Sicily's ancient ruins and exotic landscapes, the remote towns of Calabria and Puglia, and the breathtaking Isle of Capri on the sparkling Amalfi Coast.

A&K Advantages

Discover the fascinating history and culture of Southern Italy, visiting the island of Sicily, secluded Calabria and Puglia, and finishing in magnificent sunny Campania

Savor the flavors of Italy with a private buffalo mozzarella tasting and a visit to a Puglian olive oil producer

Step back in time to explore Sicily's incredible Greek and Roman remains, and the mountain-carved city of Matera

Visit Roman Herculaneum, and drive the stunning Amalfi Coast Road to Positano

Itinerary

DAY 1 ARRIVE PALERMO, ITALY

Arrive in Palermo, Sicily's lively capital, and transfer to your hotel located in the city's historic center. Sicily has a long history of stubborn independence from the political forces of mainland Italy, and today remains an autonomous region with its own distinct history and culture. Join your Resident Tour Director tonight for a welcome dinner.

Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa | Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 PALERMO | TREASURES OF NORMAN ARCHITECTURE

Journey to the hillside town of Monreale and enter its extravagant cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Dating from 1170, it is perhaps the finest surviving example of Norman architecture anywhere in the world, and its mosaic-lined walls, said to incorporate nearly 2.5 tons of gold, are breathtaking to behold. Return to ancient Palermo for a guided tour, including the Cathedral and the ninth-century Norman Royal Palace with its glittering, mosaic-laden chapel. Still in use today as the headquarters of Sicily's Parliament, the palace is the oldest royal residence in all of Europe. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure exploring more of this unique port city. In the early evening, enjoy an A&K-exclusive visit to the beautiful Palazzo Francavilla for a private tour and aperitifs with the owner.

Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3 AGRIGENTO | THE DARK HISTORY OF COSA NOSTRA

Today, travel across Sicily's rugged, mountainous countryside to the south coast. Stop in the small village of Corleone, birthplace of several Mafia bosses (including fictional characters in *The Godfather*). The Mafia — or as its members call it, Cosa Nostra (literally, "our thing") — has vexed Sicily for well over a century, thriving in this land so famously resistant to official authority. Learn more about this troubled aspect of Sicilian history from a local expert. Proceeding to coastal Agrigento, discover the ancient Valley of the Temples that includes the Temple of Concord, a superb example of classical, sacred architecture. Explore the ruins before checking in to your seaside resort on the nearby coast.

Scala dei Turchi Resort | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 PIAZZA ARMERINA | ANCIENT VILLA

Journey east to Piazza Armerina, a graceful countryside town, where you visit the incomparable Villa Romana del Casale. A luxurious example of an ancient Italian villa, this UNESCO World Heritage Site houses breathtaking mosaics originally laid in the fourth century. Continue to the east coast of Sicily and up to the 6,000-foot-plus heights of smoldering Mount Etna, taking in panoramic views of the landscape and coast. Later, arrive in charming Taormina, which has allured visitors since the 19th century with its sweeping beaches and rolling hillsides.

Grand Hotel Mazzarò Sea Palace | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 TAORMINA | MAJESTIC VANTAGE POINT

Today, a local expert introduces you to the town's spectacular Greek amphitheater, set high above the ocean. Still in use as an arts venue today, its permanent "show" is its extraordinary view of Mount Etna, rising in the far distance beyond the stage. Later, relax or catch up on shopping with time at leisure.

Grand Hotel Mazzarò Sea Palace | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6 MATERA | IN THE MOUNTAINOUS CITTÀ SOTTERRANEA

Rise early for the journey to Messina, where you board a ferry to cross the strait separating Sicily from the "toe" of the Italian mainland. Disembark in Villa San Giovanni in Calabria, and drive into Basilicata and to Matera, the ancient Città Sotterranea (Underground City), carved right into the Apennine Mountains. Thought to be one of the oldest cities in the world, Matera is a jumble of stone dwellings built alongside (and in some cases, on top of) each other, linked by narrow, jagged lanes. Settle in to your incredible hotel, in the heart of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Palazzo Gattini | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7 ALBEROBELLO | THE TRULLI HOUSES OF APULIA

Journey into Puglia to nearby Locorotondo, one of Italy's most beautiful towns, for a walking tour. Meet an olive oil producer for a private tasting and buffet lunch featuring local products. Later, visit Alberobello and its rows of fantastic *trulli* houses, conical limestone dwellings unique to this province of Bari.

Palazzo Gattini | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 8 PAESTUM | MAKING MOZZARELLA

This morning, depart for the sparkling Amalfi Coast area. Stop en route in Paestum, an ancient Greek city known for its well-preserved Greek temples; see them after a tour and lunch at a nearby mozzarella-making farm. Arrive in Naples, and check in to your hotel by the harbor.

Romeo Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 9 POSITANO | COASTAL GLORIES

Enjoy a morning tour of Herculaneum, an ancient Roman settlement that was destroyed by the spectacular lava flows of nearby Vesuvius in AD 79. Drive to the Amalfi Coast and the cliffside village of Positano; explore Positano and take boats to the whitewashed fishing town of Praiano for lunch at leisure. Return to Naples, where tonight you enter the Academy of Pizza Making to learn the intricacies of this Neapolitan craft and enjoy the results.

Romeo Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10 CAPRI | MEDITERRANEAN IDYLL



Cruise by boat across the deep blue Gulf of Naples to the sun-kissed island of Capri. Visit Anacapri and charming Capri town, where cool cafés, designer boutiques and grand villas have lured everyone from emperors to celebrities. Tonight, cap off your journey with a special farewell dinner.

Romeo Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11 DEPART NAPLES

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Extensions



Beyond the Coast Post-Tour Extension

4 days from \$2,995
Single Supplement from \$595

Experience more of Amalfi, from a winery tour on the slopes of Vesuvius to an authentic cooking class in Ravello.

Day 1

Visit the Naples Archaeological Museum. Tour a winery on the slopes of Mount Vesuvius with a tasting and lunch. Then continue to Pompeii and your hotel.

Hotel Raito | Meals: Lunch

Day 2

Visit a ceramics museum in Vietri sul Mare. Cruise the Amalfi Coast to Positano, and then drive back along the famous coastal road.

Hotel Raito | Meals: Breakfast

Day 3

Journey to Ravello for an authentic cooking school experience and lunch. Drive to Amalfi, enjoying time to explore this ever-charming town. Return to your hotel for a farewell dinner by the sea.

Hotel Raito | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Availability
May 08 - May 18, 2020	\$6,795	\$1,795	Available
<i>Optional post-tour extension available on this departure. Days 6 & 7 at Hotel Palazzo Viceconte</i>			
May 15 - May 25, 2020	\$6,795	\$1,795	Limited Availability
<i>Optional post-tour extension available on this departure. Days 6 & 7 at Hotel Palazzo Viceconte</i>			
May 22 - Jun 01, 2020	\$6,995	\$1,895	Available
<i>Optional post-tour extension available on this departure.</i>			
May 29 - Jun 08, 2020	\$6,995	\$1,895	Call for Availability
<i>Optional post-tour extension available on this departure.</i>			
Jun 05 - Jun 15, 2020	\$6,995	\$1,895	Available
<i>Optional post-tour extension available on this departure.</i>			
Jul 03 - Jul 13, 2020	\$6,995	\$1,895	Available
<i>Optional post-tour extension available on this departure.</i>			
Sep 04 - Sep 14, 2020	\$6,995	\$1,895	Available
<i>Optional post-tour extension available on this departure. Days 6 & 7 at Hotel Palazzo Viceconte</i>			
Sep 18 - Sep 28, 2020	\$6,995	\$1,895	Available
<i>Optional post-tour extension available on this departure. Days 6 & 7 at Hotel Palazzo Viceconte</i>			
Oct 02 - Oct 12, 2020	\$6,795	\$1,795	Available
<i>Optional post-tour extension available on this departure.</i>			
Oct 09 - Oct 19, 2020	\$6,795	\$1,795	Call for Availability
<i>Optional post-tour extension available on this departure.</i>			

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 10.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).