

# 2012 CULTURAL TOUR OF ITALY

DEPARTING BRISBANE 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012

Accompanied by

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16 DAYS VISITING - CAPRI – SORRENTO – NAPLES – ALBEROBELLO – CALABRIA – PIAZZA ARMERINA -  
AGRIGENTO – SEGESTA – ERICE – CEFALU - PALERMO



Capri



Sorrento



Alberobello



Agrigento



Cefalu



Palermo

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## **Itinerary**

### **2012 Cultural Tour of Italy**

#### **DAY 1 - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

Depart Brisbane with Singapore Airlines, flight SQ236 at 2.40pm (1440 hrs)

#### **DAY 2 - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (Capri)**

Arrive Rome Fiumicino at 7.20am (0720 hrs). On arrival you will be met, settled on the bus and depart for Capri, with stop on the way for a meal (at your own cost). Embark the ferry for your 2 night stay on the elegant Island of Capri. Dinner and Overnight accommodation in Capri. After dinner a stroll of Capri by night.

#### **DAY 3 - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (Capri)**

Breakfast included at your hotel. Guided visit of Capri and Anacapri. This fascinating Island was the inspiration for many artists. Visit the Gardens of Augustus, Monte Solaro and Villa San Michele. From the terrace you can admire the breathtaking view. Optional visit to the Blue Grotto (weather conditions permitting). Dinner and overnight accommodation in Capri.

#### **DAY 4 - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (Sorrento)**

Breakfast included at your hotel. Embark the ferry for your return to the mainland to Sorrento, on the Bay of Naples. Sorrento is the pearl of the Sorrentine Coast with an enchanting panorama. Celebrate Mother's Day. Dinner and Overnight accommodation.

#### **DAY 5 - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (Sorrento)**

Breakfast included at your hotel. Excursion to Naples. The "City of the Sun" Guided tour to see the outside of the "Palazzo Reale", Castel Nuovo, known as "Maschio Angioino" San Carlo Theatre, along the sea from where we admire a magnificent panorama of the Bay of Naples. Stroll the arterial streets of the historical centre known as "La Spaccanapoli"; see the magical, authentic and real Naples. Return to Sorrento for dinner and overnight accommodation.

#### **DAY 6 - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (Sorrento)**

Breakfast at hotel. Free day. Optional outing by minibus to Positano, one of the most picturesque hill towns of the Salerno province, with a splendid panoramic view over the crystal sea. Dinner and overnight accommodation in Sorrento.

#### **DAY 7 - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (Alberobello)**

Breakfast at hotel. Travel to Puglia. Arrive at hotel in Alberobello, the town of "trulli" and UNESCO Heritage. Trulli are houses with a conical roof. Dinner. After dinner stroll along the characteristic streets of the Trulli. Overnight accommodation in Alberobello.

#### **DAY 8 - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (Alberobello)**

Breakfast in hotel. Visit to the Trulli in Alberobello, a UNESCO site since 1996. Afternoon outing to see the Castellana Caves "Grotte di Castellana". Dinner and overnight accommodation in Alberobello.

#### **DAY 9 - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (Marina di Gioiosa Jonica)**

Breakfast in hotel. Travel to Calabria. Visit Tropea, famous Calabrian seaside area. Visit Pizzo Calabro to taste the famous ice-cream "gelato al tartufo". Accommodation in hotel at Marina di Gioiosa Jonica. Dinner and overnight accommodation.

#### **DAY 10 - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (Marina di Gioiosa Jonica)**

Breakfast in Hotel. Visit to a typical Calabrian market. Lunch in a typical restaurant in Martone. Afternoon excursion to the city of Gerace, which today still has a medieval fascination and is in the Aspromonte National Park rich with Churches and some dwellings dug out of the rocks. See a castle and a Cathedral – both from the Norman era. Dinner at hotel. Entertainment by local musical folk group. Overnight accommodation.

**DAY 11 - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (Agrigento)**

Breakfast included at your hotel. Departure for Sicily with a brief visit of Scilla – ancient fishing village mentioned in Homer's Odyssey. Embark for Sicily from Villa San Giovanni. Sicily is the largest region in Italy with over 2,000 years of history and the past domination by many different rulers from the Greeks to the Romans, Byzantines, the Arabs, Normans and the Spanish, all of whom left their mark on the island and contributed to the rich archeological heritage and interesting mix of customs and culture. We arrive at Messina and head to Agrigento. On the way we will stop at "Piazza Armerina" *Casale della Villa Romana* with its famous Mosaics. Dinner and overnight accommodation at Agrigento. After dinner, panoramic view of the temples illuminated at night.

**DAY 12 - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012 (Cefalu)**

Breakfast included at your hotel. Visit Agrigento, the provincial capital, founded as Akragas in 581 B.C. It is divided into two areas: the modern city and the Valley of the Temples. Also visit "La Valle dei Templi" which has Temples of Juno, Concord, Heracles, Zeus, Castor and Pollux. With its Doric Temples, this is the biggest sacred area after the one in Athens. Travel to Cefalu for dinner and overnight accommodation.

**DAY 13 - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 (Cefalu)**

Breakfast included at your hotel. Departure for Segesta, to admire the Doric Temple, Trapani (known as the city of salt) and the small mountain top medieval village of Erice on Mt. Erice (the name derives from Erix a mythological person, son of Aphrodite and Boote, killed by Hercules). Return to Cefalu. Dinner and overnight accommodation.

**DAY 14 - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012 (Cefalu)**

Breakfast included at your hotel. Visit of the seaside city of Cefalu, with its picturesque small port from where you can see the walled city with its arches to shelter the boats. Afternoon excursion to Monreale to admire the famous cathedral (Santa Maria la Nuova), the finest example of Norman architecture in Sicily. It remains a classical example of Norman syncretism, a *summa* of Saracen, Northern, classical and Byzantine elements. Back to Cefalu for *60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Dinner* and overnight.

**DAY 15 - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (Palermo)**

Breakfast included at your hotel. Transfer to Palermo, the provincial and regional capital with a great artistic and historical heritage. It lies on the edge of fertile green clad Conca D'Oro, in a wide Tyrrhenian bay at the foot of Monte Pellegrino. Guided tour of Palermo. Afternoon visit to seaside resort of Mondello. Dinner with farewell cake offered by Ientile Viaggi. Palermo by night. Overnight accommodation at hotel.

**DAY 16 - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

Early morning transfer to Palermo airport for your flight to Rome  
Depart Palermo with Alitalia, flight AZ1774 at 7.30am (0730 hrs)  
Arrive Rome at 8.45am (0845 hrs)

Depart Rome with Singapore Airlines, flight SQ365 at 11.45am (1145 hrs)

**DAY 17 - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

Arrive Singapore at 6.30am (0630 hrs)  
Depart Singapore with Singapore Airlines, flight SQ245 at 9.50am (0950 hrs)  
Arrive Brisbane at 7.40pm (1940 hrs)

***\*\*Anyone wanting to extend their stay in Sicily, in Europe or make other travel plans at the end of tour may do so at the time of booking. You can return from any other European Point subject to availability  
Conditions Apply\*\****

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**BOOKING CONDITONS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Responsibilities**

The responsibility of **Canale Travel Service, Dante Alighieri Society**, its agents and other participating Agents, its employees or other Travel agents, airlines, **tour leaders and officials** are not liable or responsible for any inconvenience, program changes and any other alterations to the tour for reasons beyond the organisers control, injury, loss, damage, delay or irregularity arising out of or in connection with the tour, whether the information is given in writing or verbally.

**Tour Price: \$5990.00 per person Twin Share**

All prices indicated in this brochure are per person / twin share and are based on the rate of exchange as at 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2011. Prices subject to change with or without notice for reasons beyond the organisers control. Should there be any changes in itinerary; participants are not entitled to any refund.

**Tour Price Includes**

\*Return Economy class airfare from Sydney/Brisbane/Melbourne/Adelaide to Rome with Singapore Airlines and Airfare from Palermo to Rome with Alitalia \* Touring with private first class A/C coach \* Twin share **4 star hotel** accommodation with private bath or shower (**single rooms available at an additional cost of \$950.00 subject to availability**) \* **Breakfast and Dinners as per itinerary** \* Local English Speaking guides in most cities \* Porterage \* 20kg free baggage allowance \* 7 Kgs of hand luggage \* Visits and transportation as per itinerary.

**What's not included?**

Passport fees \* travel insurance \* compulsory\* (Canale Travel can arrange for you at group rates) \* **Airport and Government Taxes. Optional excursions or admissions/charges to museums, boat trips, drinks and tips** etc or any other items that are not mentioned in the itinerary. Credit Cards charges/merchant fees not included (approx 3%)

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**Reservations must be made through:**

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**Deposits**

**A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 plus Travel Insurance \$205.00 per person (subject to age, length of holiday and pre-existing conditions) to protect you for cancellation beyond your control.** This payment to be made to Canale Travel Service and the balance of the tour price shall be paid 65 days prior to departure or earlier if required under the applicable airfare conditions. Late reservations may be accepted subject to availability if accompanied by full payment.

**Cancellations and Cancellation Fees**

**An initial non-refundable deposit of \$500.00**

**Additional Cancellations**

If a booking is cancelled:

**60-45** Days prior to commencement of services 50% of the total cost of the Tour.

**44** Days to the date of commencement of services 100% of the total cost of the Tour.

**No refunds what-so-ever once the tour has departed Australia**

The above cancellation charges will be applied in all cases.

**Insurance**

We do urge you to take adequate travel insurance including cover against cancellation, as well for loss of travel documents, medical expenses whilst on tour.

**Canale Travel Service** will organise the insurance for you at special group rates.

**Mature Age and Pre-existing Health Disorders:**

If you are a Mature Age Traveller (70 years or over) and/or have a pre-existing Health Disorder you **must** fill in an application form which is available from Canale Travel Service. Please ask for one

I / We have read and understood the booking conditions and accept the conditions.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS FORM IS PART OF THE BOOKING CONDITIONS AND MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE THE BOOKING IS ACCEPTED.**