

2018 South Italy: Amalfi Coast & Sicily

Chasing the sun in the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies

Route A: 15 days, September 9 – 23, 2018
Starts from Rome, ends in Catania

Route B: 8 days, September 16-23, 2018
Starts from Palermo, ends in Catania

An impressive royal palace, ancient cave dwellings, distinguished Baroque architectures, breathtaking coastlines, and dramatically smoking volcanoes, South Italy is a land full of cultural treasures and diversity of natural landscapes. With the September edition of PT Rally, you can explore and discover this legendary Kingdom of the Two Sicilies in a rental car. From country roads to coastal drives with panoramic sea views, to mountain passes and tiny picturesque villages. Fasten your seat belt, don your sunglasses and get ready for an Italian *dolce vita*.

8 days or 15 days - it's all up to you.

THE JOURNEY

Our South Italy Rally kicks off in the Eternal City - romantic Rome. The first part of the road trip will bring you down to the boot of Italy covering regions of Lazio, Campania, Basilicata and Calabria. To familiarize with the driving in Italy on our first day, we will take a short ride to Ovrieto, an Umbrian town built on a giant rock and famous for the beautiful Duomo cathedral. Our welcome dinner will be held at a nearby wine resort hotel where you will spend the first night in the middle of lush vineyards.



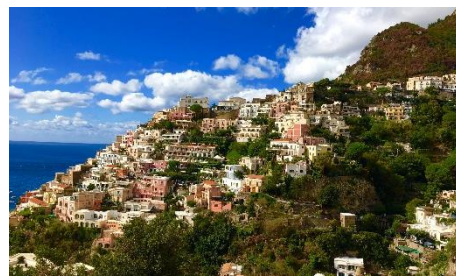
The façade of the Duomo in Ovrieto contains stunning golden mosaics.

Over the following days, the rally will lead you to the biggest palace in the world and the breathtaking Amalfi Coast, where you'll stay two nights. Meander through winding roads and cliff-hanging villages of Sorrento, Positano, and Ravello or take a boat trip to the beautiful island of Capri. We will then cross the remote southern Italian region Basilicata to reach a haunting and beautiful ancient city famous for its stone houses carved out of the caves and cliffs. Like no other places in the world, this unique and stunning stone-city which has been featured in many Hollywood Biblical films will make you speechless.

Our journey continues by crossing the Strait of Messina to Sicily. We will spend the rest of the journey on the Mediterranean's largest and most famous island. "To have seen Italy without having seen Sicily is not to have seen Italy at all, for Sicily is the clue to everything," German writer and philosopher Johann Wolfgang von Goethe described after spending two years in the Italian peninsula and Sicily.

Discover Sicily – the largest island in the Mediterranean full of cultural treasures and architectural gems.

Meander along the windy roads and cliff-hanging villages including Sorrento, Positano, and Ravello along the breathtaking Amalfi Coast.



One of the most beautiful villages in the Amalfi coast – Positano.

Starting from the north is Cefalu. With its dramatic mountain backdrop, the medieval town was the inspiration of *Cinema Paradiso* directed by Giuseppe Tornatore. We will then climb the legendary mountain Eryx to reach the walled town Erice in the west from where you can have a good view of Trapani and taste the traditional dolci at Sicily's most celebrated pastry shop.

Sicily is full of cultural treasures and architectural gems. You will find out by learning the history of Agrigento's Valley of the Temples on the southern coast, the largest and best-preserved collection of ancient Greek buildings outside Greece, from a professional guide; appreciating the true beauty of Ragusa by spending two nights in the middle of this magnificent Baroque town set amid the rocky peaks; tasting some of the best wines and seafood in the wine region of Vittoria, or the divine chocolate made in Modica only by following the oldest recipe.



The view along the mountain road from Erice to Trapani in the west is breathtaking.

Climb the tallest active volcano in Europe with a professional naturalistic guide.



Taste the typical Sicilian dishes and the super fresh seafood from the Mediterranean.



DETAILS

THE CARS – MANUAL

Alfa Romeo Giulietta
Renault Kadjar
Volvo V60

THE CARS - AUTOMATIC

Audi A3
Opel Insignia
Volvo V60
Mercedes-Benz E-Class
Audi Q3

THE ROUTE

Covers Lazio, Campania, and the less touristy Italian regions of Basilica, Calabria and Sicily.

THE HOTELS

Boutique or 4-star hotels where you can relax and unwind after a day's driving and touring. Your car will enjoy the shelter of a secured parking, too.

THE PRICES

Dependent on the category of car and the route. Price will be quoted upon request.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Your chosen cars, 7 or 14 nights high-quality accommodations, big bountiful breakfasts, welcome and gala dinner, secured parking, 1-3 guided visits, road book, maps, on-the-road support.

Dominating the landscape of eastern Sicily is the massive Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe. You can admire the wonders of Etna by riding to the top in a cable car and jeep with a professional naturalistic guide. Alternatively, you can choose to visit the lovely Etna villages famous for Italy's celebrated DOC (Denominazione di Origine Controllata) wine or honey production.

Your journey is complete with the visit to the charming 2,700-year-old town Syracuse in the south-eastern corner of Sicily. Connected to the mainland by three bridges, Syracuse's oldest part Ortigia Island is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a mix of architectures - not only in Greek and Baroque but also Roman, Medieval and Norman. Our finish line will be at Catania airport.

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