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TAILOR MADE RAIL

Sicily and the Amalfi Coast by Rail

From £1,599 per person // 13 days



Combine two sizzling hot regions in the south of Italy - the stunning Amalfi Coast and the fascinating and historical island of Sicily. Then return via overnight train and beautiful Alpine scenery.

The Essentials

- Travel out to Italy via Zurich and the Alps
- A short stop in Vietri Sul Mare on the Amalfi Coast
- Take a train on to a boat across the Straits of Messina to Sicily
- Plenty of time to explore Catania, at the foot of Mount Etna and Palermo, on Sicily's northern coastline,
- Return to the UK via overnight train and a stop-off in Turin

Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade hotels and rail journeys
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 11 nights handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Overnight rail travel from Palermo to Milan in comfortable private sleeper compartment with washbasin
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Easy-to-follow travel documentation
- Despatch of tickets by email, post or collection from our London office

PLEASE NOTE: Due to a landslide on the rail line between Turin and Paris, we will need to reroute the return journey of this holiday for travel before spring 2025. There are lots of other options which we can discuss with you.

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - London To Zurich

This morning, board a Eurostar service to Paris, then make an easy change onto a French TGV train from the Gare de Lyon. There is a buffet car on the TGV service, but you'll also have time to collect supplies in Paris for lunch, or perhaps enjoy a meal at one of the restaurants in and around the station. On arrival in Zurich this evening, check in for an overnight stay at the Sorell Rütli Hotel (or similar), within walking distance of the station.



Day 2 - Zurich To The Amalfi Coast

After a leisurely breakfast this morning, return to the station for a train along the Gotthard route in the Alps to Milan. The Gotthard Base Tunnel means that this journey is slightly less scenic – but far faster than it used to be. Change in Milan onto a fast Frecciarossa train down to Salerno. From Salerno, it's a short taxi ride to the Hotel Raito (or similar) in Vietri sul Mare, at the eastern end of the gorgeous Amalfi Coast. You will have 2 nights here.



Day 3 - Amalfi Coast

With your base at the eastern end of the Amalfi Coast in the fishing village of Vietri Sul Mare, you will have ample time to explore this local area, perhaps venturing as far west as Amalfi itself. The hotel can recommend some activities, or you can simply relax by the pool and gaze over the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean. TMR RECOMMENDS: We've allowed 2 nights for you in Vietri Sul Mare in order to get a taste of the region. However, if you wish to stay longer and perhaps base yourself further along the coast in Positano for instance, we can certainly arrange this for you.



Day 4 - Amalfi Coast To Sicily

Take a mid-morning train from Salerno station. This service runs down the western coast of Italy and right onto the "toe", before arriving at the Straits of Messina. The train then runs onto a boat as you cross the Straits, seamlessly connecting with the Sicilian rail network and onwards down to Catania. Upon arrival, check in at the centrally located Romano House Hotel (or similar), where you have a 4-night stay.



Days 5, 6 & 7 - Catania, Sicily

With three full days in Catania, on Sicily's eastern coastline, you will have plenty of time to explore, including the possibility to visit the beautiful nearby towns of Taormina and Syracuse. Catania is an ancient port city, dominated by the infamous Mount Etna, which you can climb for stunning coastal views. On weekdays, don't miss the bustling fish market on the corner of Piazza del Duomo. You can, of course sample the fish on any day of the week at one of the city's great seafood restaurants.



Day 8 - Catania To Palermo

Hop on board one of the brand new Sicilian regional trains that winds its way through the interior of the island and arrives into the port-city of Palermo, your base for the next three days. Make your way to the Quintocanto Hotel (or similar), right in the middle of town within easy reach of the main sights, and check in for a 3-night stay.



Days 9 & 10 - Palermo

Sicily's vibrant capital, Palermo, is an important southern Italian cultural centre boasting world-class museums, architecture and gastronomy. You have two full days here to explore the city to the full. You might also perhaps like to venture out to the popular seaside town of Cefalu, with its famous 12th-century cathedral.



Days 11 & 12 - Palermo And Overnight To Turin

Depart Palermo at lunchtime and settle into your comfortable private compartment for the journey all the way up to Milan. You'll cross the Straits of Messina once again, then through Calabria and Lazio as the sun sets. Awake in northern Italy near the port of Genoa and arrive into Milan mid-way through the morning. Board a comfortable EuroCity train that runs northbound to Turin. Stop overnight at the Starhotels Majestic (or similar), close to Porta Nuova station in the centre of the city. You arrive in the mid-afternoon here so you have time for a stroll around the heart of the city. Turin has been an important political centre since the middle ages and offers a wealth of grand architecture as well some world-class museums.



Day 13 - Turin To London

Leave early this morning and make your way to Porta Susa station for a TGV service to Paris. Arriving at the Gare de Lyon, connect with a Eurostar from the Gare du Nord back through the Channel Tunnel to London, arriving in the evening. If you'd rather have a leisurely start from Turin and extend your holiday, you might also like to consider spending a night in Paris on your way back to the UK. Please let us know if you would like to add this to your package.

Pricing

From £1,599 per person

Low season (Nov – March) **from £1,599pp**

High season (April-October) **from £1,899pp**

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.