Antonio's Italian Tours 2024





" Seguici" Follow tour leaders Antionio and Luisa Cacace, who have been conducting bespoke Italian tours since 2007. Experience a celebration of Italian culture; meet locals and explore out of the way places, with plenty of pleasant surprises along the way...!

Contact Victoria McCarthy | <u>management@labellaitalia.co.nz</u> | +64(0)2102963417 | La Bella Italia, PO Box 38101 Wellington Mail Centre

Sicily Tour - The theme of this tour has been inspired by the Roman way of eating and lifestyle...

DATE	ITINERARY & HIGHLIGHTS	4 * HOTEL ACCOMMODATION Click on the links below for more info
Ŵ	 Arrange your flight to Catania airport. We can connect you with Hotel if you want to arrive day(s) prior and require accommodation &/or an airport transfer to the Hotel. 	
1st Sept (Day 1)	 Rendez-vous late morning Tour of the city of Catania Welcome dinner with cooking demonstration. 	<u>Asmundo di Gisira</u>
2nd Sept (Day 2)	 Discover the foothills of Etna and its interesting villages. Lunch and tastings and a visit to Taormina with time to shop! Evening at your leisure. 	<u>Asmundo di Gisira</u>
3rd Sept (Day 3)	 Day exploring the surrounding Catania region, including several special gastronomic visits. Guided tour in Piazza Armerina and Caltagirone; renowned for its beautiful ceramics. Traditional lunch or dinner. 	<u>Asmundo di Gisira</u>
4th Sept (Day 4)	 Morning check-out of Hotel Transfer to Ragusa, on the way we'll visit a Greco-Romano theatre and a walk around the characterful Ortigia, experience street food inside the market. 	<u>Hotel De Stefano Palace</u>
5th Sept (Day 5)	 Dedicated to Ragusa city and surrounds, based on traditions, art, history and of course gastronomy! 	<u>Hotel De Stefano Palace</u>
6th Sept (Day 6)	 A full day of gastronomic experiences A light lunch, afternoon at your leisure Arrivederci dinner 	<u>Hotel De Stefano Palace</u>
7th Sept (Day 7)	 Check-out of Hotel and depart from Ragusa The small airport is called Aeroporto di Comiso with frequent flights to Milan, Rome, Bologna, Pisa We can provide transport to the airport. 	

Sicily Tour — 1 Sept to 7 Sept — 7 Days, 6 Nights — two 4* Hotels

COST

A) \$5,950.00 per person 'couple' (double or twin occupancy)

or

B) \$6,950.00 per person 'solo' (double room, single occupancy)

WHAT DOES THE TOUR INCLUDE?



TO BOOK

To secure your place(s) – please complete the **Booking Form** <u>https://forms.gle/cWxqpjQrP9UiHVXZ9</u> and pay the \$2,000.00 per person deposit

Contact Victoria McCarthy | management@labellaitalia.co.nz | +64(0)2102963417 | La Bella Italia, PO Box 38101 Wellington Mail Centre

DATE	REGION	ITINERARY & HIGHLIGHTS	4 * HOTEL ACCOMMODATION Click on the links below for more info
		• We can connect you with Hotel if you want to arrive day(s) prior and require accommodation &/or an airport transfer to the Hotel.	
20th Sept (Day 1)	Puglia	 Make your way to Brindisi Airport, transfer to the Hotel The Tour starts early evening with an aperitif and the welcome dinner 	<u>Masseria Malvindi</u>
21th Sept (Day 2)	Puglia	 Visit to the Baroque city of Lecce. Enjoy a cooking class followed by lunch Guided visit to 'vasca' then back to the Hotel to enjoy sun by the swimming pool! 	<u>Masseria Malvindi</u>
22st Sept (Day 3)	Puglia	 Explore inland villages – Alberobello and Ostuni with gastronomic experience based on local produce 	<u>Masseria Malvindi</u>
23nd Sept (Day 4)	Basilicata	 En-route to Matera we will have a few pleasant stops visiting some lovely small villages between the two regions Check into the Hotel – newly converted cave accommodation! Matera, UNESCO culture capital, where we stay one or two nights 	<u>Locanda San Martino</u>
24th Sept (Day 5)	Basilicata	 Guided visit of the city of Matera Afternoon at leisure Evening meal at a special restaurant in the city 	<u>Locanda San Martino</u>

Italia Tour – Stage 3 & 4: Naples > Tuscany

DATE	REGION	ITINERARY & HIGHLIGHTS	4 * HOTEL ACCOMMODATION Click on the links below for more info
25th Sept (Day 6)	Naples	 Transfer to Massa Lubranse, Antonio's hometown. Check-in to Antonio's family Hotel Welcome dinner 	<u>La Primavera</u>
26th Sept (Day 7)	Naples	 A day at sea – discovering the majestic Sorrento / Amalfi Coastline, with lunch at a picturesque bay! Dinner at leisure 	<u>La Primavera</u>
27th Sept (Day 8)	Naples	 Explore the territory of Massa Lubrense, with gastronomic visits to places close to Antonio's heart Dinner at La Primavera, menu featurning Antonio's parents traditional specialty dishes, showcasing local produce 	<u>La Primavera</u>
28th Sept (Day 9)	Naples	 Check-out of Hotel Guided tour of the beautiful city of Naples, experience some street food inc. the famous pizza! Late afternoon, transfer to Caserta where we stay overnight 	<u>Villa Maria Christina</u>
29th Sept (Day 10)	Naples / Tuscany	 Breakfast and check-out, leave luggage at the Hotel Visit Reggia di Caserta Afternoon departure via fast-train to Siena, dinner in a typical Sienese trattoria 	<u>NH Siena</u>
30th Sept (Day 11)	Tuscany	 Guided visit of this unique city with lunch Afternoon at leisure (wonderful shopping opportunity!) 	<u>NH Siena</u>
1st Oct (Day 12)	Tuscany	 Check out of Hotel – head to CHIANTI - the word says it all! These two days are focused on several degustations of local produce, but most important the wonderful vineyards 	Still to be decided between two 4* hotels in the Chianti hills
2nd Oct (Day 13)	Tuscany	 Visit a few typical picturesque Tuscan villages with lunch at Dario Cecchini, famous butcher and good friend of Antonio! 	Still to be decided between two 4* hotels in the Chianti hills

Italia Tour – Stage 5: Emilia-Romagna

DATE	REGION	ITINERARY & HIGHLIGHTS	4 * HOTEL ACCOMMODATION
3rd Oct (Day 14)	Tuscany / Emilia- Romagna	 Checkout of Hotel, destination Parma with several stops along the way, with lots of little surprises, and a traditional meal (lunch or dinner) 	Still to be decided between two 4* hotels near Parma
4th Oct (Day 15)	Emilia- Romagna	 All day dedicated to the exclusive and unique gastronomic production of cheeses and prosciutto with tastings and lunch with a demonstration Afternoon at leisure, shopping opportunity in Parma 	Still to be decided between two 4* hotels near Parma
5th Oct (Day 16)	Emilia- Romagna	 After breakfast we start to get the spirit of 'Verdiana'! Guided visit of Parma city and places related to Giuseppe Verdi and Toscanini , culminating with typical Parmensi lunch Afternoon rest in preparation of an evening of Opera! 	Still to be decided between two 4* hotels near Parma
6th Oct (Day 17)	Emilia- Romagna	 Checkout of Hotel - Arrivederci a tutti! We can arrange transfer to your departure transport location 	

Italia Tour – 20 Sept to 6 Oct – 17 Days, 16 Nights – seven 4* Hotels

COST

C) \$15,650.00 per person 'couple' (double or twin occupancy)

or

D) \$16,850.00 per person 'solo' (double room, single occupancy)

WHAT DOES THE TOUR INCLUDE?



TO BOOK

To secure your place(s) – please complete the **Booking Form** <u>https://forms.gle/cWxqpjQrP9UiHVXZ9</u> and pay the \$2,000.00 per person deposit

Contact Victoria McCarthy | management@labellaitalia.co.nz | +64(0)2102963417 | La Bella Italia, PO Box 38101 Wellington Mail Centre