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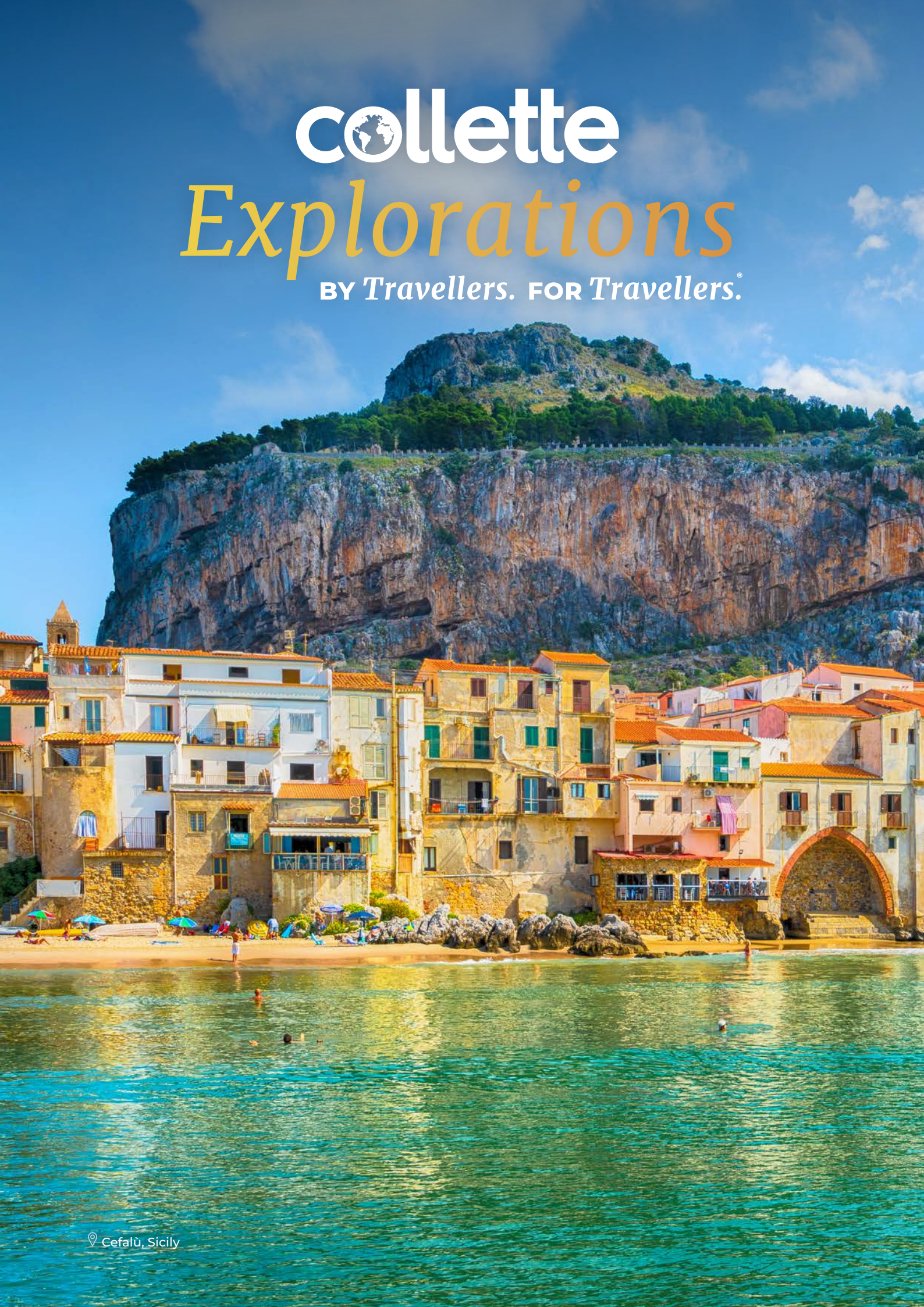
ITALY

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Cefalù, Sicily



This is small group travel, *designed differently.*

Collette Explorations redefines guided travel — with journeys designed in destination by people who live there, and paced to help you soak it in, not rush. Since 2008, we've designed these small group journeys for travellers who want to go beyond the guidebook, backed by the experience and reliability Collette has refined since 1918.

We don't just cap our groups at 24 travellers (average 19) — we design for that size. It changes what travel can be, unlocking distinctive stays, deeper insight, and local guides who know you by name. It creates space for real connection and the kind of moments that simply don't happen in larger groups.

By travellers. For travellers. That's how we design every journey — with intention and genuine connection, shaped by people who travel, too.

Experts in Italy

Italy has long inspired curious travellers.

It's inspired us, too. Since 1989, we've been exploring its culture, food, and unforgettable landscapes with fellow travellers who seek something deeper.

Collette Explorations small group Italy tours are designed and led by experts who call it home — so you'll go far beyond the guidebook, experiencing local gems with chances to uncover your own personal connection to the region along the way.

Andiamo, traveller.



Taormina



By *Travellers.*

We live here. In the cities, the villages, and the in-between places, which means we don't just know where to go — we know when to go, who to meet, and what not to miss.

Our Product Designers and Tour Managers are part of the communities you'll explore across Italy. They've walked these neighbourhoods, lingered in tucked-away cafés, shared meals at local tables, and built friendships that open doors most travellers don't even know exist.

That's why you'll stay longer in each destination. Why you'll step into kitchens, courtyards, and corners of local life that don't show up in guidebooks — from charming piazzas to family-run farms, from historic villas to the heart of a bustling city. We build each day with intention — balancing iconic sights with personal connection and time to explore with time to just be.

Because that's how we travel here: with heart, with curiosity, and with people who call these places home.



Shannon and Elena

Tour Designers: Italy

Shannon grew up in Rome, surrounded by a family deeply rooted in the travel industry, from hoteliers to tour guides and beyond. Elena lives in Northern Italy, and has been passionate about languages, culture, and travel since she was a young girl. These are some of the people who craft the experiences in these pages. So you know you'll go beyond the guidebook.

For *Travellers.*

You don't just want to go places — you want to truly experience them. That's why we design our tours with travellers like you in mind.

Each journey is crafted for those who seek to connect, understand, and fully immerse themselves in a destination — not just check it off a list. Because if you're going to explore, you should do it right.

Our travellers come from all walks of life, but they're united by one thing: a deep, shared curiosity about the world.



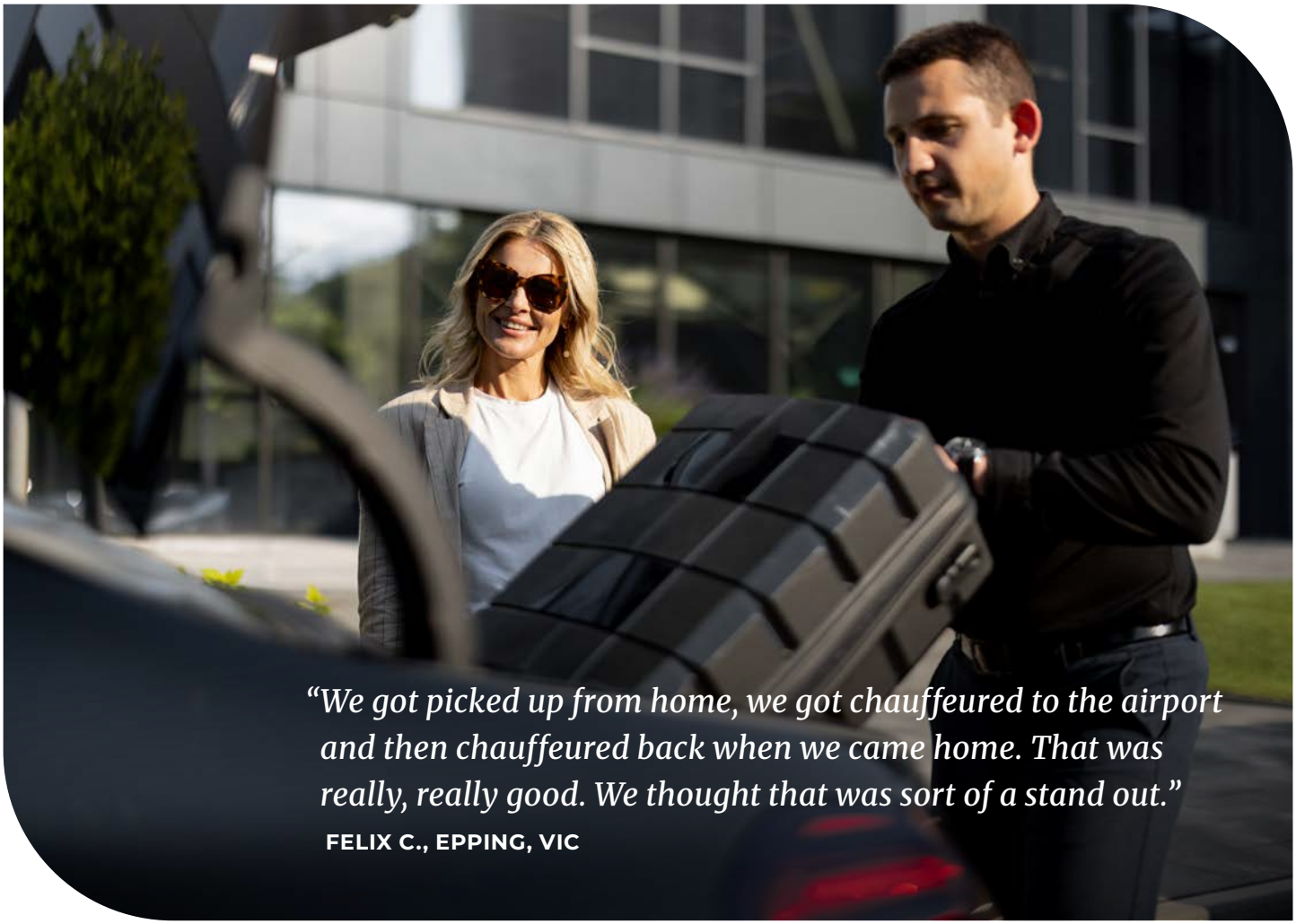
Florence



Peace of Mind *Included by Design*

With Collette, peace of mind is built into the journey from the very beginning — and it's part of what makes Collette Explorations feel different, even before you arrive in destination.

Gelato in Italy



"We got picked up from home, we got chauffeured to the airport and then chauffeured back when we came home. That was really, really good. We thought that was sort of a stand out."

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NEW! PRIVATE HOME-TO-AIRPORT CHAUFFEUR SERVICE

We get it — getting to and from the airport can be a bit of a hassle. But with Collette, it's designed to be a better experience.

On travel day, sit back and relax because private roundtrip, home-to-airport chauffeur service is included on every Collette Explorations tour* — making the transition from home to holiday (and back again) feel effortless.

*Private home-to-airport chauffeur service is included on land-only Explorations bookings. Travellers must live within 50kms of SYD, MEL, ADL, BNE, PER, or AKL airports. Ask our reservations team about surcharge pricing outside of 51km range.

CANCEL FOR ANY REASON, GET YOUR MONEY BACK

Plans change — and that's okay. That's why our Cancellation Waiver is included, giving you the flexibility to cancel for any reason up to 24 hours before departure and receive a full refund (minus deposit). No vouchers. No future credits.

GUARANTEED TO GO

When we say we're going, we're going. Guaranteed departures will never cancel due to lower-than-expected numbers. With thousands of guaranteed departure dates available, you can book with full confidence.

24/7 EMERGENCY CARE

With Collette, you're never on your own. Our global support and in-destination teams keep trips running seamlessly, no matter what unfolds.



Amalfi Coast

Living La Dolce Vita

The art of slowing down and savouring life

Great travel isn't about rushing from landmark to landmark — it's about lingering. Morning espresso at a neighbourhood café. Conversations that stretch past dinner. Time to feel, taste, and truly experience Italy as it unfolds.

CAREFULLY MAPPED OUT

Italy is best experienced slowly, one region at a time. That's why our journeys are thoughtfully paced, with multi-night stays that minimise backtracking and maximise immersion — giving you more time to explore, connect, and settle into the rhythm of each place.

YOUR TIME, YOUR WAY

Guided experiences provide meaningful context, while built-in free time lets curiosity lead the way. Wander local markets, revisit a favourite piazza, or simply sit and observe. Because the sweetest moments are often the unplanned ones.

BEYOND THE ICONS

Rome, Florence, and Venice are unforgettable, but Italy's soul often lives in its smaller cities and towns. By venturing off the beaten path, you'll discover regional flavours, local traditions, and authentic moments you won't find in the guidebooks.

> *"It didn't feel rushed, it was more relaxed, more casual, and you actually had time to enjoy where you were. You weren't herded around—you had space, which made a big difference."*
>
> **MARIA, A. CROYDON, VIC**

Get Closer to Culture

Seeing a place is easy. Truly experiencing it is something else entirely.

Our journeys aren't built to check boxes — they're built to pull you into the heart of Italy — through its people, landscapes, and perspectives you won't find on a postcard.

Step onto a Tuscan dairy farm and meet the cheesemaker shaping each wheel by hand. Buckle up for an off-road ride through the dramatic Carrara marble quarries, where mountains have fuelled art for centuries.

THIS IS ITALY, UP CLOSE.
We'll handle the logistics — you enjoy the adventure.





HOME-HOSTED MEALS

Step back in time for dinner at a family-owned villa in the heart of Italy's **Veneto region**. Savour regional cuisine with the descendants of a noble family from the 16th century. More than a meal, these are opportunities to connect with local people and their culture.



IMPACT MOMENTS

Visit an olive grove in Sicily for a taste of their sustainably produced oil. Learn how one farmer's ethical production methods and business practices have helped combat the Mafia. Impact Moments are featured on every small group Explorations tour.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

Italy's celebrated food culture comes to life through culinary experiences like hunting for truffles with a local expert and his truffle-sniffing dogs in the **Umbrian countryside**. Sample the elusive fungi during a rustic, home-cooked lunch.



CHOICE ON TOUR

On select days, you can choose between two or three included excursions — giving you the freedom to follow what feels right in the moment. Look for **It's your choice!** in the itinerary.

A Taste of Hospitality

Local Food, Shared Tables

In Italy, meals are meant to be lingered over.

Share lunch with local producers, taste regional specialties where they're made, and gather around tables where conversation flows as easily as the wine. From small trattorias to family-run farms, food becomes a gateway to culture — and often the highlight of the journey.



More Than *a Place to Sleep*

Where you stay shapes how you experience a place.

That's why our journeys feature distinctive overnights that reflect each region's character — like hotel rooms literally carved into a mountainside and storybook villas tucked away between olive groves and vineyards.



Matera



A Journey That Gives You *Space To Be Yourself*

Whether you're new to solo travel or a seasoned pro, Collette Explorations is one of the best ways to experience the world on your own. Small groups make it easier to connect, feel comfortable, and explore with confidence. Enjoy the freedom of solo travel and embrace your next adventure alongside travellers who value cultural connection, personal space and community.

Bagno Vignoni, Italy

Going Guided Makes Travelling Solo *Easy*

✓ **INSIDER INSIGHT & EXPERIENCES**

Every itinerary is crafted by travellers, for travellers. Focus on enjoying the experience and leave the planning to us.

✓ **CONFIDENCE EVERY STEP OF THE WAY**

With 100+ years of experience and expert Tour Managers, you're never on your own.

✓ **CAMARADERIE WITHOUT COMPROMISE**

Small groups make connection easy, while private rooms and ample free time give you space to recharge and have independence.

✓ **SAFETY & PEACE OF MIND**

Travel worry-free with round-trip home-to-airport chauffeur service, our industry-leading cancel-for-any-reason Cancellation Waiver, and 24/7 emergency support.

"I like the security for a start, and the ability to mix with other people, whereas if you're on your own, you're on your own, you don't make friends, and you don't get access to some places that are difficult if you're on your own, whereas in a group it's all organised."

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ITALY: AMALFI COAST TO PUGLIA



Moments That Make the Journey

Guided by local perspective, these experiences invite you to slow down, lean in, and discover Italy beyond the expected.



Minori

Walk one of Italy's most beautiful coastal paths through the fragrant lemon groves above Minori, then taste fresh limoncello made from the fruit growing all around you.

Italy: Amalfi Coast to Puglia



Umbria

Visit a family-run olive mill producing exceptional extra-virgin olive oil since the 1600s, and discover how traditional harvesting and milling methods are still used today.

Flavours of Italy



Sicily

Explore the otherworldly landscape of Mount Etna on a 4x4, then explore the lava fields and volcanic terrain by foot.

Sicily & Its Isles



Venice

Travel by boat to Murano for an expert glass-blowing demonstration, a renowned tradition on the island.

Italy's Treasures



Romagna

Step into the cucina at Borgo Condé Wine Resort for a hands-on pasta-making class. As you craft fresh tagliatelle, you'll discover the traditions behind one of Italy's most beloved culinary arts before sharing the meal you've prepared together.

Italy Uncovered



Alberobello

Stay in one of Puglia's famed trulli homes, the cone-roofed stone dwellings that have become a symbol of the region. Nestled throughout Alberobello, these historic homes offer a charming and memorable place to unwind.

Italy: Amalfi Coast to Puglia



Italy's Treasures

Art, Food & Wine of Italy

11 days • 19 meals

Starting at $9,999 (DOUBLE)
or $12,249 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 11 October 2027 departure.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 **3** 4

Learn more at collette.com.au/304

Included Meals

10 Breakfasts

3 Lunches

6 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Average Group Size: 19

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1–2 | Stresa

- Cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands.
- **Impact Moment:** Visit an ancient village, where a local family is actively working to preserve local traditions and historic buildings.
- Take free time to explore Stresa how you'd like.

Accommodation: Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa

Days 3–4 | Chiavari, Italian Riviera

- Journey to the Italian Riviera and spend some free time in the famous village of Portofino.
- Explore Lake Orta in the foothills of the Alps.
- Climb aboard a boat and set off for the island of San Giulio.

Accommodation: Grand Hotel Torre Fara, Chiavari, Italian Riviera

Days 5–8 | Chianti Region, Tuscany

- Go off-roading in the famous quarries of Carrara where Michelangelo sourced his marble.
- Set out on a walking tour of Florence's treasures and monuments before enjoying some time to explore independently.
- **It's your choice!** Walk with a local guide, seeing the Piazza del Duomo, the Baptistery's Gates of Paradise, and more **-OR-** explore the Zeffirelli Foundation Museum.

OPTIONAL **2-NIGHT TURIN HOSTED PRE-TOUR EXTENSION**

Start your Italian adventure with a pre-tour extension in Turin, where café culture and grand palazzos invite you to linger. Just beyond the city, the rolling vineyards of the Langhe set the scene for a relaxed Barolo tasting.

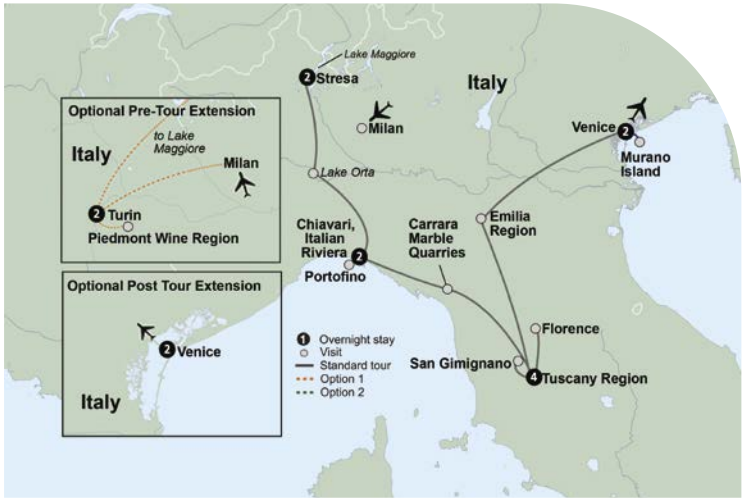
- Join a hands-on cooking lesson, then break bread during an authentic Tuscan dinner and toast to your host with local Chianti wine.
- Spend free time to relax and explore however you like, or go on an optional truffle hunting adventure with a local expert and his truffle-sniffing dogs.

Accommodation: Villa Lecchi, Tuscany

Days 9–11 | Venice

- Visit a family-owned *acetaia* and learn how they've been producing balsamic vinegar for five generations before enjoying a light lunch infused with balsamic vinegar.
- Embark on a walking tour in Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic," alongside an expert local guide.
- Travel by boat to Murano for an expert glass-blowing demonstration, a renowned tradition on the island.
- Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore more of Venice on your own.
- Toast to the end of your Italian journey during a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers.

Accommodation: Hotel Ca' dei Conti, Venice




Carrara Marble Quarries



Acetaia Gambigliani Zoccoli

OPTIONAL **2-NIGHT VENICE HOSTED POST-TOUR EXTENSION**

Continue your journey with a two-night extension in Venice. From your centrally located hotel, the city is yours to uncover. Join a local guide to explore the districts of the city where the locals go and enjoy ample free time.


Romagna Countryside

NEW TOUR

Italy Uncovered

12 days • 18 meals

Starting at $11,199 (DOUBLE) or $13,749 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 4 June 2028 departure.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 3 4

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Included Meals

11 Breakfasts

2 Lunches

5 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Average Group Size: 19

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1–2 | Venice

- **Impact Moment:** visit one of Venice's few remaining traditional gondola boatyards, witnessing the skill and dedication that have kept this time-honoured craft alive for centuries.
- Wander Venice with free time to explore the city your way or consider an optional gondola ride.

Accommodation: Hotel Abbazia, Venice

Days 3–5 | Romagna Countryside

- Explore the charming hilltop village of Dozza, renowned for its vibrant murals, atmospheric lanes, and striking medieval castle.
- Settle into your hotel nestled among vineyards in the Romagna countryside, and enjoy a wine-paired dinner.
- Journey to the landlocked Republic of San Marino and explore the Old Town during time at leisure.
- Tour your resort's winery before joining a local chef for a hands-on cooking class centred on Romagna's traditional dishes before enjoying your results.
- Join a guided walking tour of Ravenna, exploring the city's most iconic monuments, churches, and mosiacs.

Accommodation: Borgo Condé Wine Resort, Romagna Countryside, Forli

Days 6–7 | Pesaro

- Visit Urbino, birthplace of Renaissance painter Raphael, and visit the impressive Ducal Palace and its showcase of Renaissance art.
- Join a truffle hunter and his dogs for a walk through the woods in search of elusive fungi, followed by an organic, farm-to-table lunch at the family's farm.

Accommodation: Hotel Charlie, Pesaro

OPTIONAL **2-NIGHT VENICE PRE-TOUR HOSTED EXTENSION**

Extend your Italian adventure with two magical nights in Venice, exploring canals, culture, and hidden gems.

Days 8–9 | Abruzzo

- Connect with local traditions during a hands-on experience making regional cheese and bread.
- Embark on a scenic drive across the Campo Imperatore plateau, more than 2,100 metres above sea level, with sweeping views of the Gran Sasso peaks, the highest in central Italy.
- **It's your choice!** Join a guided walking tour exploring Santo Stefano di Sessanio's fortified layout, stone lanes, and historic buildings **-OR-** take part in a challenging, guided 4-hour mountain hike to Rocca Calascio, a dramatic stone fortress set high above the surrounding mountains.

  Accommodation: Sextantio Albergo Diffuso, Santo Stefano di Sessanio, Abruzzo

Days 10–12 | Rome

- Canoe the Tirino River, known for its striking blue-green, crystal-clear waters, considered one of Abruzzo's most serene landscapes, before continuing your journey to Rome.
- Embark on an extensive walking tour through Rome's medieval district, a captivating neighbourhood that grew atop the ruins of the ancient city.
- Explore Rome with a free afternoon to take in the Eternal City.
- Toast to your journey over a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers.

  Accommodation: Ponte Sisto Hotel, Rome







OPTIONAL **2-NIGHT ROME POST-TOUR GUIDED EXTENSION**

Explore Rome's iconic sights, including the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, and more.



Flavours of Italy
Famous Food, Wine & Ferrari

11 days • 16 meals

Starting at $9,699 (DOUBLE)
or $11,949 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 23 April 2028 departure.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 **3** 4

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Included Meals
10 Breakfasts
5 Lunches
1 Dinner

Travel Style
Small Group Explorations
Average Group Size: 19

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Day 1 | Rome
- Spend the day exploring independently.
- As evening approaches, get a taste of local culture with an *aperitivo* — a relaxed tradition of small bites and drinks that offers an easy way to unwind at the hotel and get to know your fellow travellers.

Accommodation: Kolbe Hotel, Rome

Days 2–4 | Umbria Region
- Visit the hill town of Narni and step into a long-forgotten world as you explore an archaeological site hidden beneath the village.
- Set out on a guided walking tour of the old city in Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis, learning about its history as you stroll the medieval streets.
- Visit the famous Basilica of St. Francis and admire Giotto's frescoes.
- Enjoy a traditional lunch at a local family 's country home.
- **Impact Moment:** Join a local truffle hunter in search of the elusive fungi in the company of his trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. Sample the goods yourself during a rustic, home-cooked lunch.

Accommodation: Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto, Umbria

OPTIONAL **2-NIGHT ROME PRE-TOUR GUIDED EXTENSION**

Explore the Colosseum and Roman Forum, taste your way around Rome's favourite pizza parlours, and more.

Days 5–7 | Tuscany

- Take in views of Lake Trasimeno.
- Visit a family-owned *frantoio* (olive press), learning about the many varieties of trees and traditional oil-making methods, roll up your sleeves and join in for a cooking class of Umbrian specialities doused in their oil and accompanied by a hearty lunch.
- Explore the Chianti region, weaving through the rolling hills of Tuscany, covered in vineyards and olive groves.
- Visit the historic cellars of a family-owned winery producing Chianti Classico, before sampling their wines during a tasting accompanied by local cheeses and charcuterie.
- **It's your choice!** In Florence, join a local expert for an extensive walking tour of the city's highlights **-OR-** visit the Ferragamo Museum, celebrating Italy's enduring influence on global style.

Accommodation: Villa San Luccese, Tuscany

Days 8–10 | Reggio Emilia

- Visit the countryside home of the great opera singer Luciano Pavarotti, and enjoy a private opera concert where vocalists-in-training perform some of the Maestro's favourite arias.
- Explore the Ferrari Museum in Modena, showcasing vintage vehicles and several famous engines.
- Visit a local dairy producing Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese according to traditional codes dating back to the 1300s.
- Sample local delicacies at an *agriturismo*, including balsamic vinegar traditionally aged in the family's attic.

Accommodation: Hotel Posta, Reggio Emilia




Truffle Hunting



Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese



Italy: Amalfi Coast to Puglia

13 days • 18 meals

Starting at $9,999 (DOUBLE) or $12,249 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 19 March 2028 departure.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 **3** 4

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Included Meals

12 Breakfasts

3 Lunches

3 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Average Group Size: 19

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1–3 | Naples

- Arrive in Naples and settle into your seaside hotel.
- Explore Naples' historic city centre and underground ancient ruins with a local guide.
- **Impact Moment:** Experience a private concert performed by the Napulitanata social enterprise, which supports Italian heritage and abates the city's high unemployment.
- Spend the day at leisure in Naples or choose to embark on a scenic sail to Capri, including Anacapri and local food and wine tastings.

Accommodation: Royal Continental Hotel, Naples

Days 4–6 | Ercolano – Minori

- Settle into the coastal town of Minori for a three-night stay along the Amalfi Coast.
- Explore the ruins of Herculaneum on a guided walking tour through ancient Roman life.
- Visit a local pasta factory and enjoy a light lunch featuring a classic Italian dish.
- Cruise by boat to Amalfi and Positano, with free time to explore piazzas, boutiques, and beaches.
- Discover Minori's lemon-growing traditions, sample limoncello, and hike the scenic Path of Lemons to Maiori.
- **It's your choice!** Relax in the Mediterranean atmosphere like a local **-OR-** explore the nearby village of Ravello.

Accommodation: Hotel Villa Romana, Minori

OPTIONAL **2-NIGHT NAPLES GUIDED PRE-TOUR EXTENSION**

Start your trip with a 2-night pre-tour extension in Naples featuring a day trip to the isle of Capri. Explore with an expert local guide and enjoy free time to stroll along Naples' seaside Chiaia promenade or visit a nearby museum.

Days 7–8 | Matera

- Visit a local dairy farm and sample some fresh mozzarella before making your way to Matera and stay in the town's traditional cave dwellings in the heart of the historic Sassi district.
- **It's your choice!** Explore Matera's 9,000-year-old history on a guided hike **-OR-** discover some local recipes during a cooking demonstration inside one of the rock dwellings.
- Explore more of Matera during free time; perhaps visiting the town's underground water cistern or head out of town for a hike through the surrounding countryside.

  Accommodation: Locanda di San Martino Hotel, Matera

Days 9–10 | Lecce

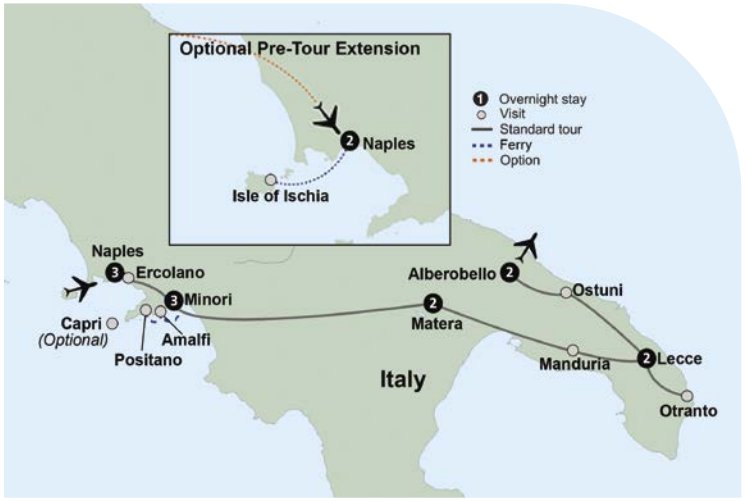
- Get to know Lecce with a local expert and take in its iconic architecture, papier-mâché craftsmanship, and culinary delights.
- Visit the picturesque village of Otranto and enjoy its characteristic winding lanes and hidden cafés.
- Enjoy a private folk music and dance performance highlighting traditional *pizzica e taranta*.

  Accommodation: Santa Chiara Suite Hotel, Lecce

Days 11–13 | Alberobello

- Discover the underground complex of the Castellana Caves, a vast labyrinth of limestone chambers adorned by clusters of stalactites and stalagmites.
- Explore Alberobello, a whimsical city known for its *trulli* — stone huts with cone-shaped roofs, one of which will be your home for two nights.
- Take a tour of an olive oil mill and taste a variety of extra virgin olive oils from the region.

  Accommodation: Trulli Holiday Albergo Diffuso, Alberobello








Cefalù

Sicily & Its Isles

13 days • 19 meals

Starting at $10,299 (DOUBLE) or $11,949 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 3 October 2027 departure.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 **3** 4

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Included Meals

12 Breakfasts

4 Lunches

3 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Average Group Size: 19

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1–2 | Palermo

- Get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner in Sicily's capital city.
- Taste your way through Palermo's markets on a walking tour with a local guide, your connection to unveiling the city's historical centre and street food culture.
- Visit Monreale Cathedral and take in its Byzantine mosaics.
- **It's your choice!** Explore Monreale Cathedral's cloisters **-OR-** ascend its south tower for a bird's eye view of the city below.

Accommodation: Hotel Porta Felice, Palermo

Days 3–5 | Marsala

- Meet a local winemaker in the hilltop town of Alcamo. Learn about local grapes and wine production techniques before a hands-on cooking class to prepare your lunch.
- Step back in time and learn about the ancient craft of sea salt harvesting during a guided visit to the salt pans of Stagnone Lagoon.
- Hop on a boat and look out over Stagnone Lagoon.
- Take time to explore Marsala your way with a free day along the coast.

Accommodation: Hotel Stella d'Italia, Marsala

Day 6 | Agrigento

- **Impact Moment:** Meet Nicola Clemenza at his olive farm. Learn about his sustainable farming practices, olive oil production, and his strong stance against the Agromafia.
- Wander through the Greek ruins of Agrigento's Valley of the Temples (UNESCO) with an expert local guide.

Accommodation: Hotel Foresteria Baglio della Luna, Agrigento

Days 7–8 | Cefalù Coast

- Explore the seaside town of Cefalù.
- Visit a family-owned farmhouse, meeting the owners and enjoying a hearty farm-to-table lunch made from cherished family recipes.
- Savour free time to appreciate your coastal resort and its private beach.

Accommodation: Mangia's Pollina Resort, Cefalù

Days 9–10 | Salina

- Ferry over to Salina — one of the less-travelled Aeolian Islands.
- Walk through a caper field and taste the salted flower buds accompanied by a glass of *Malvasia* — a locally-produced dessert wine.
- Spend the day exploring Salina how you choose.

Accommodation: Hotel La Salina Borgo Di Mare, Salina

Days 11–13 | Taormina

- Journey along the Ionian Coast back to mainland Sicily.
- Discover Taormina's well-preserved Greek theatre alongside a local guide.
- Enjoy an independent evening in Taormina.
- Get an up-close look at Europe's largest volcano on an off-roading adventure to Mount Etna.
- Toast to the end of your Sicilian journey during a farewell dinner featuring a performance by local musicians.

Accommodation: Splendid Hotel, Taormina




Aeolian Islands


Olive Farming



Old World Sicily & Malta

11 days • 15 meals

Starting at $7,999 (DOUBLE)
or $9,999 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 7 November 2027 departure.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 **3** 4

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Included Meals

10 Breakfasts

2 Lunches

3 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Average Group Size: 19

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1–4 | Sliema

- Get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner.
- Sail around Valletta's (UNESCO) Grand Harbour on Dghajsa boats – colourful, traditional water taxis that date back to Phoenician times.
- Explore Sliema on a walking tour led by a local expert.
- Visit the private home of a modern-day Knight of Malta.
- Board a retro bus and head to a local village where daily life and customs feel frozen in time.
- **Impact Moment:** Sit down to dinner at a local band club and learn how these places have remained staple in local Maltese communities.
- Enjoy a 4-night stay at an eco-focused, sustainable property that pairs modern interior décor and scenic views of Valletta.

Accommodation: Land's End Boutique Hotel, Tas-Sliema

Days 5–7 | Ragusa Countryside

- Hop on a ferry and set sail for Sicily.
- **Impact Moment:** Visit a family-owned herb farm and learn about their production of organic aromatic plants before a lunch enriched by herbs grown on the farm.
- Meander the late-Baroque neighbourhood of Ragusa-Ibla with a local guide before taking time to explore on your own.
- Savour a full free day to enjoy the Ragusa countryside.

Accommodation: San Giorgio Palace Hotel, Ragusa

Days 8–11 | Taormina

- **It's your choice!** Explore the streets of Ortigia to find out more about local culture and traditions **-OR-** take in the views of the old town during a panoramic boat ride.
- Experience the charming resort town of Taormina in the company of a local guide. Enjoy highlights like the city's Duomo, public gardens, and well-preserved Greek theatre.
- Get an up-close look at Europe's largest volcano on an off-roading adventure to Mount Etna.
- Sit down to a meal of Sicilian delicacies and enjoy the music of local musicians during a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers.

  Accommodation: Excelsior Palace Hotel, Taormina




Herb Farm Visit


Dghajsa boats



NEW TOUR

Gems of Tuscany

11 days • 15 meals

Starting at $9,549 (DOUBLE)
or $11,799 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 8 April 2028 departure.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 **3** 4

Learn more at collette.com.au/748

Included Meals

10 Breakfasts

3 Lunches

2 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Average Group Size: 19

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1–3 | Viagreggio

- Soak up the laid-back charm of the Versilia Coast, enjoying a quieter stretch of Tuscany with time to stroll the promenade and unwind by the sea.
- Discover one of Italy's most impressive natural landmarks: the marble quarries of Carrara. Embark on an off-road journey through the rugged Apuane Mountains, tracing the paths carved out by quarrymen.
- Discover Torre del Lago, the beloved home of opera composer Giacomo Puccini. Visit the Maestro's residence-turned-museum — where *La Bohème*, *Tosca*, and *Madama Butterfly* were born — and settle in for a private performance on Puccini's own piano before dinner at a local restaurant.
- Take in the stunning Cinque Terre coastline from the sea before visiting Portovenere, a colourful harbour town the locals call "the other Cinque Terre".

Accommodation: Palace Hotel, Viareggio

Days 4–5 | Maremma Coast

- Visit the Abbey of San Galgano, where a knight's sword still rests in stone.
- Spend a full day on the island of Elba, exploring scenic harbour towns and enjoying free time surrounded by Mediterranean views.
- In Portoferraio, visit one of the emperor's historic residences before sailing back to the mainland.

Accommodation: Marina di Scarlino Resort, Scarlino

Days 6–8 | Orcia Valley

- Slow down in the Orcia Valley, taking in rolling hilltop landscapes, cypress-lined roads, and the peaceful beauty of the Tuscan countryside.
- **It's your choice!** Circle the slopes of Mount Amiata — an extinct volcano with natural hot springs — to reach Saturnia, where limestone pools cascade down the hillside, inviting you to bathe in its warm mineral waters **-OR-** remain in Pienza, joining a local expert for a guided walk through the town.
- Roll up your sleeves for a hands-on cheese making session — preparing fresh ricotta and primo sale alongside the cheesemaker — before sitting down to a simple lunch of your own creations, paired with a tasting of pecorino and local charcuterie.
- **Impact Moment:** Step into rustic Tuscany in Maremma with a visit to the *Butteri* cowboys, learning about their traditions and deep-rooted local heritage.
- Visit the hilltop town of Montepulciano, known for its production of Vino Nobile wine and enjoy a tasting at a local winery.

Accommodation: Hotel Corsignano, Pienza

Days 9–11 | Florence

- Visit an award-winning *frantoio* (olive presser). Learn about the many varieties of trees and oil-making methods before joining a tasting of the extra virgin olive oil produced right at the mill.
- **It's your choice!** Join a local expert for a walking tour through Florence's storied squares and iconic landmarks **-OR-** visit the Cathedral Museum to observe masterpieces by Michelangelo, Donatello, Ghiberti, and Brunelleschi firsthand.

Accommodation: Grand Hotel Cavour, Florence







OPTIONAL **2-NIGHT FLORENCE POST-TOUR GUIDED EXTENSION**

With touring in the mornings and afternoons at leisure, your extended time in Florence combines guided insight with time to take in Florence at your own pace.



NEW TOUR

Sardinia & Corsica:
Islands of Italy & France

14 days | 19 meals

Starting at $14,499 (DOUBLE)
or $17,799 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 16 October 2027 departure.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 **3** 4

Learn more at collette.com.au/750

Included Meals

13 Breakfasts

3 Lunches

3 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Average Group Size: 19

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Day 1 | Rome

- Explore Rome at your own pace: wander through cobblestone neighbourhoods, stop at a corner café, or taste the gelato.
- Gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome *aperitivo* drink.

Accommodation: Hotel Aria Palace, Rome

Days 2–3 | Alghero

- Fly to Alghero on Sardinia's western coast and join your Tour Manager for an orientation walk through this unique walled city, once dominated by the Spanish Kingdom.
- Visit Nuraghe Palmavera, a Bronze Age tower complex built by Sardinia's indigenous Nuragic people.
- Explore Alghero's lively streets on your own. Wander the markets or venture out on a motorboat to the Neptune Caves, and as evening falls, take a *passeggiata* (stroll) along the city ramparts.

Accommodation: Hotel Catalunya, Alghero

Days 4–6 | Bonifacio

- As you travel north, stop in Castelsardo, a hilltop town wrapped around a medieval castle, with narrow lanes that are still home to artisans who weave palm-leaf baskets by hand.
- Take in the views on a ferry to Bonifacio, and marvel at the white limestone cliffs of France's largest island.
- **It's your choice!** Join a local expert for a walking tour of Bonifacio's Old Town, tracing history as you take in the Étendard Bastion and the citadel **-OR-** pull on your walking shoes for a hike along the limestone cliffs above Bonifacio.
- Enjoy a day at leisure in Bonifacio, perhaps boarding a local boat out Îles Lavezzi or joining an optional excursion to Porto-Vecchio.

Accommodation: Hotel Santateresa, Bonifacio

Days 7–9 | Gallura Coast

- Visit a local winery for a tour and a tasting lunch of their own produce.
- Relax and take in the panoramic views from your resort hotel, perched on Sardinia's northern shore, with extensive grounds and a private beach within walking distance.

- Cruise along the Costa Smeralda before reaching the archipelago of La Maddalena – a national park made up of more than 60 islands and islets off Sardinia's northeastern tip.
- **It's your choice!** Unwind at the resort. Lounge by the pool, walk the private beach, and simply let the pace slow down **-OR-** head to glamorous Porto Cervo, the village at the heart of the Costa Smeralda.

  Accommodation: Mangia's Sardinia Resort, Gallura Coast

Days 10–12 | Barbagia

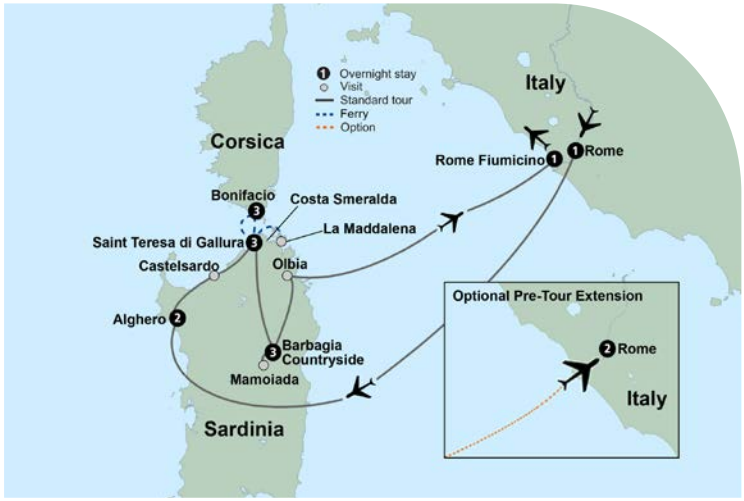
- Visit a cork workshop and get to know one of the island's most important crafts.
- **Impact Moment:** visit the village of Mamoiada and step into one of Sardinia's most distinctive living traditions at the Mediterranean Mask Museum.
- Roll up your sleeves for a Sardinian cooking class and come ready to unlearn everything you think you know about Italian food.
- **It's your choice!** Work alongside a local artisan at the hotel in a hands-on craft workshop providing a window into the skills passed down through Barbagia's *ovili* settlements for generations **-OR-** climb into an off-road vehicle for a 30-minute drive to a Bronze Age Nuragic village.
- Enjoy an authentic lunch at a local shepherd's hut.
- Experience a Blue Zone dinner: ancestral recipes from Barbagia's home kitchens, the kind of table that has helped keep this corner of Sardinia's centenarian count among the highest in the world.

  Accommodation: Su Gologone Experience Hotel, Barbagia

Days 13–14 | Fiumicino

- Return to Olbia for your flight back to Rome Fiumicino, where you check into a seaside hotel near the airport.

  Accommodation: Hotel Tiber, Fiumicino




Sardinian Masks


Bonifacio

OPTIONAL **2-NIGHT ROME PRE-TOUR GUIDED EXTENSION**

Step back into antiquity as you explore the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Trevi Fountain, and discover the city's vibrant food scene with an evening tasting tour through the charming Monti district.


Portofino

Mediterranean Coastal Journey

Spain, France & Italy

15 days • 23 meals

Starting at $12,999 (DOUBLE) or $15,999 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 10 October 2027 departure.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 **3** 4

Learn more at collette.com.au/701

Included Meals

14 Breakfasts

2 Lunches

7 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Average Group Size: 19

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1–2 | Barcelona

- Explore the bustling La Rambla boulevard, famous for its street artists and performers.
- Wander along the Gothic Quarter's labyrinthine streets and delve into one of Barcelona's lively food markets.

Accommodation: H10 Art Gallery, Barcelona

Days 3–5 | Costa Brava

- In Girona, **it's your choice!** Visit the Museum of Jewish History **-OR-** head uphill through the old town towards Girona Cathedral to explore the Arab Baths.
- Take in the Spanish coastline during a coastal walk between the charming villages of Calella de Palafrugell and Llafranc.
- Visit the extraordinary Dalí Theatre-Museum.
- Enjoy time to explore independently; relax at your coastal hotel. For those eager to explore further, consider an optional excursion to Besalú, and experience a taste of the region's rich winemaking heritage.

Accommodation: Park Hotel San Jorge, Costa Brava

Days 6–7 | Aix-en-Provence

- Visit Fontfroide Abbey during a guided visit that concludes with a paired lunch of its locally produced wine.
- Journey to the charming fishing village of Cassis.
- Enjoy a scenic cruise through the Calanques.
- Savour Provençal cuisine with dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Hotel Saint Christophe, Aix-en-Provence

Days 8–9 | Nice

- Set sail across the Bay of Cannes to the serene island of Saint-Honorat, the home of the monks of Lérins Abbey, and enjoy a tasting of the island's locally produced wine, crafted by the monks themselves.
- Explore Nice independently, perhaps strolling along the lively seafront *Promenade des Anglais* before finding your favourite café and soaking in the local life.
- Savour a tasting menu highlighting the delights of the South of France.

Accommodation: Hotel Apollinaire, Nice

Days 10–11 | Monaco – Arenzano

- Witness the changing of the guard at the Prince's Palace in Monaco and step inside the Cathedral of Monaco.
- Set off on a picturesque drive to the sophisticated town of Santa Margherita Ligure, situated along the stunning Ligurian Coast.
- Continue on to one of the most glamorous spots on the Italian Riviera, Portofino, by private minivan. Take in its colourful harbour, lined with fishing boats and yachts, all framed by a backdrop of pastel-coloured buildings.

Accommodation: Grand Hotel, Arenzano

Days 12–14 | Tuscan Countryside

- Discover one of Italy's most impressive natural landmarks: the marble quarries of Carrara. Embark on an off-road journey through the rugged Apuane Mountains, tracing the paths carved out by quarrymen.
- Join a local expert for a walking tour through Florence. Marvel at Ghiberti's gilded "Gates of Paradise" and Brunelleschi's imposing dome at the Santa Maria del Fiore cathedral complex. Stand before the Palazzo Vecchio, a symbol of the Medici dynasty's power, and end your guided walk in the expansive Piazza Santa Croce.
- Take part in a truffle hunt led by a local expert and trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. Set out on foot through rolling hills and silvery olive groves in search of the elusive tuber-shaped fungi before sampling the results for lunch.
- Spend time in San Gimignano, whose slender medieval towers stand tall over the surrounding vineyards.

Accommodation: Hotel Borgo di Cortefreda, Tuscan Countryside, Tuscany







Frequently Asked Questions

Accommodation

What is the difference between a twin room and a double room? A double room is designed to accommodate two people, but may not have two separate beds. A twin bedded room has two separate beds of any size, and is the type most commonly utilised.

What size is a triple room? A triple room is the same size as a twin bedded room and beds will accommodate three people, but we cannot guarantee three separate beds. If there are only two beds, a rollaway may be requested but cannot be guaranteed due to size of room and fire codes. Please enquire at time of reservation.

Can my children travel on tour? Discounted Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-17, sharing a room with one full-paying adult. If you are travelling with a child, it is your sole responsibility to ensure the child follows all safety rules of the tour. For safari tours, travellers must be at least 13 years of age.

Are single and triple rooms always available? On many tours, triple and single rooms are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Be advised that single rooms are often smaller.

When can I check into my hotel? Normal check-in time is late afternoon. If you do have an early arrival, rooms may not always be available for immediate check-in.

Flights

Can Collette book our airline reservations? Collette is happy to assist you in accommodating your flight needs. Due to tour scheduling and limited availability, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of Collette's air packages. We are not responsible for air arrangements you have made on your own. On occasion, it is necessary to change tour dates. In this case, we can only protect air reservations booked through Collette. For all air reservations, it is strongly recommended to reconfirm flights before departure, in the event that the airline has an unexpected schedule change. We cannot assume responsibility for schedule changes, routings or flight cancellations involving the airlines.

Attractions and Sightseeing

Are attractions always available? Access to some attractions or Collette Foundation sites may be affected by local holidays, weather conditions or other circumstances. As a result, the days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilise your time on tour. Boat rides are weather permitting. Some attractions may not be available during the "off-season" months. When attractions are unavailable, other similar attractions will be substituted. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.

Can you tell me more about the safaris? For a fuller wildlife experience you will be travelling by custom-built safari vehicles which requires frequently climbing in and out of the vehicles and sometimes traversing bumpy roads. We recommend a good fitness level and to prepare properly.

Documentation

Do I need a passport? Government-issued identification is required for all air travel. A valid passport is required for all trips outside of Australia. All passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for entry and validity requirements. We recommend that your passport has six months validity, and at least 3 blank pages. Passports and visas are the responsibility of each client.

If travelling internationally with a child under the age of 18, please check directly with the airline for the legal documentation that is required. It is the sole responsibility of the guest to procure the proper documentation to travel and many requirements vary by airline and destination.

Collette will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or cancelled tours where a guest fails to secure proper documentation.

Extending your Stay

Can I extend my tour to see more of a region? Yes! You may enhance your tour by purchasing either an extension or pre/post hotel stays when offered. Extensions may be "hosted" rather than escorted. When hosted, passengers will be greeted upon arrival by a local tour manager who will be available on-call during the duration of the stay. A minimum number of passengers may be required to operate some extensions. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Collette also offers pre and post hotel nights before and/or after a tour. Should you purchase additional nights, your tour manager will not be available during this time.

Extras

What is not included in the tour price? The land price does not include international air travel from Australia, travel insurance, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, pre/post tour accommodation, extensions, extension air, presold optional excursions, customary end-of-trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, government quarantine fees, and any incidental charges.

Gratuities

Are gratuities included? Collette offers a pre-paid tipping option for travellers. This allows guests to purchase the package up to 45 days prior to departure and know that all tipping is covered for the tour manager, driver and local guides. Gratuities are not included in the tour price and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Customary gratuities have not been included for hotel housekeeping staff, local sightseeing guides, transfer drivers, motor coach drivers, pre/post accommodation, extensions and tour managers. Gratuities should be given in direct proportion to the level of professionalism and personal service extended to you. With this in mind, we have created a guide for you:

- Tour Manager: $15 AUD for Classic tours and $18 AUD for Explorations tours (or equivalent in local currency) per person for each travel day
- Local Guide: $3-5 AUD (or equivalent in local currency) per person
- Motor Coach Driver: $8 AUD for Classic tours and $11 AUD for Explorations tours (or equivalent in local currency) per person for each travel day
- Hotel Housekeeping Staff: $3-5 AUD (or equivalent in local currency) per room per day
- Applicable gratuities for bellmen, doormen and dining room staff for group meals have been included.

Late Bookings

Do you accept late bookings? Yes, tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. Late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with full payment if within 90 days prior for standard departures and 120 days prior for cruises.

On-tour Experience

Where do I meet my tour manager? Our tour manager will make contact with you at your first hotel. The hotel's address and phone number will be included in your documents.

Can I pre purchase optional excursions/activities? Yes, the majority of optional excursions and activities are available for advance purchase provided that you make your options purchase 15 days or more prior to the tour start date. Collette makes it convenient to reserve presold options by visiting our website for a full listing of activities and excursions or when your reservation is made with our team. In addition, there are benefits to prepurchasing options including a price guarantee once your tour is paid in full, so once payment is received in full, your preselected options are guaranteed by Collette. Although you can still purchase options while on tour, reserving them ahead of time ensures you a spot in the event that the activity sells out. Collette will provide a refund if you cancel a presold option prior to tour departure, but some may incur fees for cancelling. Any presold options cancelled while on tour are nonrefundable.

Revisions/changes

Would my tour date ever be changed? While it is unlikely, Collette does reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Should this happen, Collette will make every effort to put you on another departure date. If an alternate cannot be found, a full refund will be made. Flights booked through Collette will be protected. We cannot be held responsible for penalties incurred if you secured your own flights.

Transfers

Are airport and hotel transfers available? Roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers are provided for all passengers who purchase airfare through Collette. These transfers also apply to pre- and post-night stays. Passengers who do not purchase airfare through Collette can purchase transfers (for the first and last day of the tour) at an additional cost, roundtrip. Some restrictions may apply. All transfers leave at prescheduled times.

What is the Private Chauffeur Service?
It's your ticket to and from the airport when travelling with Collette.

Land Only Explorations Tours
Private home to airport chauffeur service is included for travellers living within 50 km of Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, or Perth airports. Travellers residing outside 51 km may access this service for an additional surcharge. Surcharge pricing will be confirmed at the time of reservation.

Air Inclusive Collette Tours
This service is included across Collette's portfolio of tours when travellers book an air inclusive tour with Collette and live within 80 km of Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, or Perth airports.*

Extended kilometres for travellers living between 81–100 km are available for a small surcharge. A surcharge will be advised at time of reservation.

Services are direct to/from the gateway, no stops.

* One transfer per room booking. More options are available - ask our Reservation staff for details.

Visit gocollette.com/chauffeur for more details on this amazing service!

Travel Loyalty

We design and deliver touring experiences to encourage travellers to choose to explore the world with Collette. We also reward travellers for making the choice to travel again with us. Travellers are automatically enrolled into our Passport Club on booking. Benefit details are available at gocollette.com.au/loyalty or simply ask our consultants for details when you book.

COLLETTE PASSPORT CLUB

Rewarding You With Every Trip

Our loyalty program is a tiered model that rewards you the more you travel with us. Plus, the bigger the tour, the bigger your reward.

Level One: *Adventurer (1 - 2 completed tours)*

- ✓ **Receive a 5% Loyalty Credit** on your next Collette tour when it's completed within 24 months of the most recent tour departure date.
- ✓ **Receive a 3% Loyalty Credit** on tours completed within 25–36 months of the most recent tour departure date.

Level Two: *Explorer (3+ completed tours)*

In addition to the perks of Level 1, after you return from your third tour and all subsequent tours, you'll receive the following **additional benefit:**

- ✓ **$100 of credit** towards purchasing optional tour components or upgrades when travel is completed within 36 months of the most recent tour departure date.

For more details and FAQs, visit **collette.com.au/loyalty**







Traveller Referral Program

When you introduce someone new to Collette, you'll receive a credit* towards your next journey — and your friend will enjoy an exclusive referral credit* too.

Collette past traveller (Ambassador)

- ✓ Receives a $150 Collette travel credit
- ✓ Credit is available once the referred traveller has paid in full and departed
- ✓ No limits — refer 10 friends, earn $1,500; refer 20, earn $3,000

New-to-Collette traveller
(Referred traveller)

- ✓ Receives a $150 travel credit on their first booking with Collette
- ✓ Must be brand-new to Collette (never travelled, booked, or cancelled)

*The Collette Referral Program is open to Collette past guests aged 18+. Travel Agents, Collette employees, and affiliated contractors are not eligible. Credits are not valid on group allocations or special group bookings. Other terms apply. Visit **collette.com.au/traveller-referral** to see a full list of terms.

"In Alberobello with the little Trulli houses, round houses with the funny hat roofs and there was a cave room in one of them which was quite spectacular. It was quite something that you wouldn't expect to find here and it was an experience, just something totally so out of the ordinary"

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