



A Tale of Two Islands

During our 2026 tour, we will embark on an unforgettable odyssey across the Mediterranean islands of Sicily and Sardinia. As such, we aim to strike a balance between comprehensive sightseeing and necessary relaxation time.



QUICK FACTS

Dates: June 9 - 19, 2026 (optional Amalfi coast extension June 19 - 23, 2026)

Age Range: 12 and up

Cities Visited: Taormina (3), Palermo (2), Cagliari (5), with excursions to Modica, Siracusa, Agrigento, Bosa, Villa Romana, Alghero, and Neptune's Grotto

Level of Physical Activity: 8 - High (on a scale of 1 to 10)

Price: \$1,765 per person

Single Room Supplement: \$585

Itinerary

Day 1, June 9th : Arrive at Hotel Bel Soggiorno, your lovely, well-placed hotel in Taormina. At 7:30 p.m. your group will meet in the lobby for a brief orientation and then proceed on foot to the welcome dinner.

Note: For those choosing to arrive a day early, there will be an informal gathering the night of June 8th.

Hotel: Hotel Bel Soggiorno **Meals:** Dinner



Hotel Bel Soggiorno in Taormina features wonderful views of the Mediterranean Sea

Day 2, June 10th : In the morning, your group will meet with a local expert who will explain the history and artistry of Taormina, which was originally occupied by the Siculi people - an ancient Italic group who arrived on the island 3,000 years ago. The rest of the day is yours to relax and explore.

Hotel: Hotel Bel Soggiorno **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 3, June 11th : It's a full day of sightseeing as your group travels by bus to the labyrinthine Baroque township of Modica for a walking tour and some chocolate tasting! Next, it's on to Siracusa for a visit to the fascinating catacombs at the church of San Giovanni. Afterwards, you'll have hours of free time to explore this once Greek city-state that was founded by Corinthian settlers in 734 BC. Don't miss a visit to the island community of Ortigia, which is considered the historic heart of Siracusa.

Hotel: Hotel Bel Soggiorno **Meals:** Breakfast



The Fontana di Diana in Siracusa features the goddess Diana with her hunting dog and bow.

Day 4, June 12th : Today, you'll bid a fond farewell to Taormina as your group makes its way across the island toward Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Along the way, the group will enjoy a visit to two ancient sights - the well-preserved Villa Romana del Casale ("Roman villa of the country") with its extensive Roman mosaics, and the monumental Valley of the Temples - an ancient Greek attraction.

Hotel: Hotel Artemisia Palace

Meals: Breakfast



Built in the 5th century BC, the Temple of Concordia is considered one of the best preserved ancient Greek temples in the world

Day 5, June 13th : Today is a free day in the captivating multi-cultural city that is Palermo. In the morning, you have the option of joining your Tour Leader for a visit to the nearby Cattedrale di Monreale, with its spectacular gold mosaics that date to the 12th century. This is an a la carte item, and the transportation, entry, and walking tour combined should run between \$40 and \$50 per person. The excursion will run from roughly 9:00 a.m. to noon, so you'll still have plenty of time to explore Palermo or other sights on this, your last day in Sicily. Exciting places close to Palermo include Cefalu, Trapani, and Erice.

Hotel: Hotel Artemisia Palace

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Constructed from 1172 to 1267, the Cattedrale di Monreale is considered one of the world's finest examples of Norman architecture



Mondello Beach in Palermo is only a ten minute taxi ride from the hotel

Day 6, June 14th : A day at sea as we board our ferry from Palermo to Cagliari, Sardinia. The Tour Leader will have planned activities on board to keep everyone entertained and there will be beautiful views of the Mediterranean Sea all day.

Hotel: Unahotels T Hotel Cagliari

Meals: Breakfast



A relaxing day at sea awaits you on Day 6 of your Mediterranean tour

Day 7, June 15th : In the morning, you'll meet with a Local Expert who will show you around the historical sights of Cagliari. The rest of the day is yours.

Hotel: Unahotels T Hotel Cagliari

Meals: Breakfast



Although much of Cagliari is quite modern, it still retains its old world charm.

Day 8, June 16th : In the morning, the group will enjoy an extensive tour of Su Nuraxi di Barumini, a pre-Roman, stone-constructed settlement which was founded sometime during the 17th century BC. Later, we'll have a look at a handful of 'Domus de Janas' ('House of the Fairies') - ancient rock-cut tombs that date as far back as 3,400 BC.

Hotel: Unahotels T Hotel Cagliari

Meals: Breakfast



Modern day scholars still debate the primary function of the stone settlement known as Su Nuraxi di Barumini.

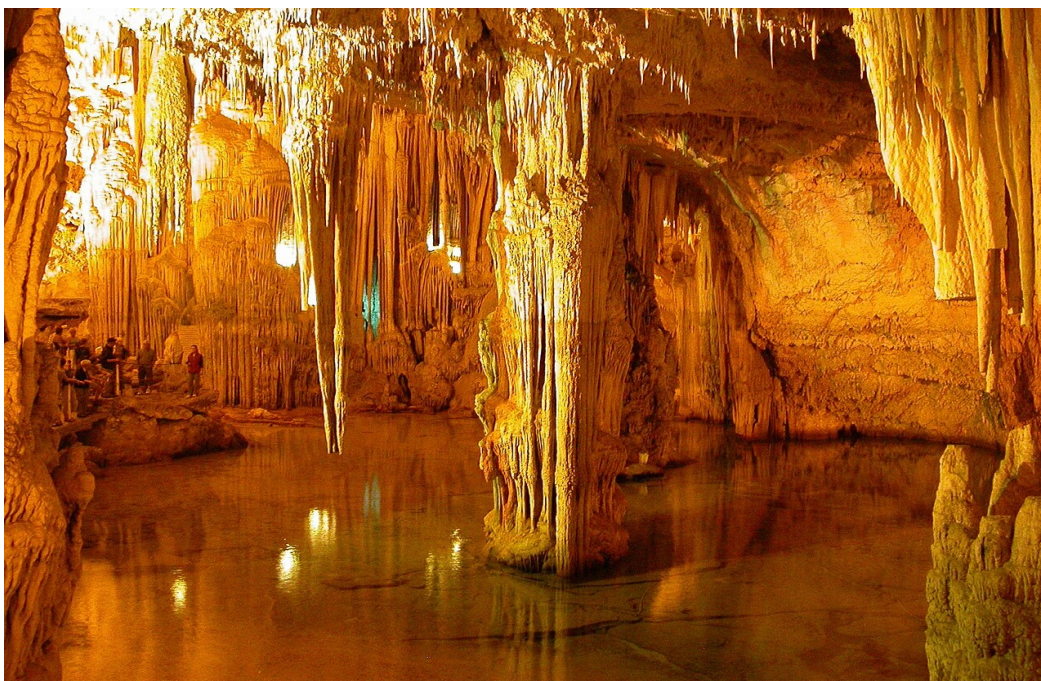
Day 9, June 17th : The first stop on our sightseeing path today is the town of Bosa, known for its colorful houses and hilltop fortress. Next, the group will enjoy a walking tour of Alghero, a coastal community with a rich history that includes Ozieri, Nuragic, and Phoenician cultures. Later we'll stop at Neptune's Grotto, a famous stalactite cave. Please be advised that there will be a lot of walking on this particular day and that we will descend a steep staircase to reach Neptune's Grotto.

Hotel: Unahotels Hotel T Cagliari

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Bosa is a town you'll enjoy getting lost in



Neptune's Grotto near Alghero is a geological wonder

Day 10, June 18th : The day is yours to continue to discover the wonders of Sardinia. In the evening, there will be a farewell dinner at a great local restaurant.

Hotel: Unahotels Hotel T Cagliari

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11, June 19th : "Until we meet again," as the saying goes! We hope you enjoyed your tour of Sicily and Sardinia. And you have the option of continuing your tour with us along the Amalfi Coast. Scroll down for the itinerary and information because you won't want to miss this!



Adiosu, Cagliari! Finas a cando torrare a cumintzare!

For those who are inclined to join the Amalfi Coast portion of the tour (\$765 per person, \$210 single room supplement), here is the itinerary.

Day 11, June 19th: In the early morning, the group will travel from Cagliari to Naples via direct flight. Once there, our dedicated tour bus will pick us up and bring us to Pompeii for an in-depth guided tour. Afterwards, we'll enjoy a special limoncello tasting and free time in beautiful Sorrento. Finally, we'll journey to Ravello for hotel check-in.

Hotel: To Be Determined

Meals: Breakfast



Your extended vacation includes a fully-guided tour of Pompeii.

Day 12, June 20th: Today, our tour will take us to splendid Positano for some truly picturesque views. Later, we'll have a walking tour of Amalfi, including a visit to the spellbinding Amalfi Cathedral, with its dizzying blend of architectural styles.

Hotel: To Be Determined

Meals: Breakfast



The Amalfi Cathedral houses the relics of Saint Andrew

Day 13, June 21st: The only item on our schedule today is a guided visit to nearby Villa Rufolo, an estate which once belonged to a powerful and wealthy family. The rest of the day is free.

Hotel: To Be Determined

Meals: Breakfast



The views from Villa Rufolo in Ravello speak for themselves

Day 14, June 22nd: The final full day of the tour is a free day, except for the farewell dinner, which will take place at 8 p.m. Along the Amalfi Coast, there are many things to enjoy on your free day here. If you haven't visited Villa Cimbrone, we highly recommend a visit. You could look into the Walk of the Gods, a three hour hike across hills overlooking the coast. Nearby Atrani has wonderful beaches with amazing vistas. Or perhaps a lunch in Scala, the oldest village of the coast, is something to consider.

Hotel: To Be Determined

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 15, June 23rd: We have reached the end of our Italian adventure. We hope you loved the Amalfi Coast portion of the tour. If you need help arranging transportation back to Sorrento or Naples, that's what we're here for!

In order to register for this tour, please contact us directly at 833-BLU-ONYX or by email at blueonyxtravel@gmail.com. Or, if you continue to scroll down, you will see a registration form for this tour.



A Tale of Two Islands

The Tour You Selected



A Tale of Two Islands \$1765 per person

Begins: **6/9** 2026 Taormina, Sicily

Ends: **6/19 (or 6/23)** 2026 Cagliari, Sardinia (or Ravello)

Print out the following form, fill it out, and mail it with a check or money order to:

Blue Onyx Travel

2219 Florencita Avenue
Montrose, CA 91020

Feel free to contact us with any further questions at 833-BLU-ONYX or blueonyxtravel@gmail.com



A Tale of Two Islands (June 9 - 19, 2026)

Guest Information:

Number of Guests on this reservation: _____

Name(s) and Birth Date(s) of Guests:

Primary Guest Name: _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Other Guests (if applicable)

Name: _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

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Cell Phone Number of Primary Guest: _____

Address of Primary Guest: _____

Email Address of Primary Guest: _____

Hotel Room Assignments:

In the space below, please describe the desired room assignments for the guests on this application. Currently, we have only single, double (one bed), and twin (two beds) rooms available. Keep in mind that there is an extra charge for single rooms (\$585 per person):

Important Reminders:

1. Insofar as possible, we will adhere to the itinerary and inclusions listed on this tour. However, occasionally due to inclement weather or other reasons beyond our control, certain items can be postponed or cancelled. When this happens we will always replace said item with something of equal value and importance.
2. Please remember that this is a physically active tour.
On a scale of 1 to 10, it currently ranks as an 8, which is high. However, if you should decide to partake in the optional excursions, the activity level moves up to a 9, which is very high. Although many of the walking excursions will take place on level ground, some of them will not. For instance, some areas of Taormina and Cagliari are uneven and sloped. **You WILL be walking up and down staircases as a part of some of the walking tours. Keep this in mind.**
3. The weather will be warm and somewhat humid.
This tour takes place in June and it will be warm in Europe. Please bring appropriate clothing.
4. Keep guard over your personal belongings. Pickpocketing is common in Europe and we advise you to take precautionary measures, such as sewing velcro into the linings of your pants pockets, or leaving your passport and necessary valuables in the safe in your hotel room.

Total Amount Due:

1. Number of Guests: _____
2. Number of Guests multiplied by \$1,765: _____
3. Amalfi Coast Extension - Number of Guests multiplied by ~~\$765~~ (\$735): _____
(there is a \$30 discount per person for those already signed up for the Islands tour)
4. Single Room Supplement for A Tale of Two Islands only (\$585) multiplied by number of single room assignments needed (if none, put zero): _____
5. Single Room Supplement for Amalfi Coast Extension (\$210) - multiplied by number of single room assignments needed (if none, put zero): _____

Add all lines to determine the amount you owe. Please make the check or money order out to Blue Onyx Travel, 2219 Florencita Drive West, Montrose, CA 91020: _____

Note: You can also choose to do the Amalfi Coast tour as a stand-alone tour without registering for the Tale of Two Islands tour at the rate of \$765 per person.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

Buon Viaggio!