



**Julie and Roger's
Family Vacation to Italy!**

Wednesday, May 21st

AIR FRANCE Flight # 7

Depart NYC-KENNEDY 7:05pm

Arrive PARIS-DEGAULLE 8:30am (Thursday, May 22)

Thursday, May 22nd

AIR FRANCE Flight # 1504

Depart PARIS-DEGAULLE 9:45am

Arrive ROME-FIUMICINO 11:50am

Pick Up arranged by Hotel Santa Maria

“**THE CAR & TAXI RENTAL COMPANY**” will send the driver to pick you up, with a signboard, with your name on it. The driver will wait for you at your flight's gate (just outside custom area, inside the Arrival Hall).

Cost of the transfer is **Euro 55,00** for all of you - You can pay it cash directly to the driver. In case of problems to FIND THE DRIVER, CALL THE HOTEL IMMEDIATELY at 06-5894626. In case of any CHANGE (arrival time - flight number), CANCELLATION , LOST LUGGAGE, please, CALL THE HOTEL at 06-5894626.

Drop your bags off at:

Residenza Santa Maria

Via Dell'Arco Di San Calisto'20

Rome - Italy

Tel. (0039) 06 58335103

BOOKING # 2595681, Check in: 2:00 p.m./Check out: 11:00 a.m.

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Confirmed in a 1 Quad Room for 4 people at the RESIDENZA SANTA MARIA from May 22 - 24, 2014 for 2 nights. Total for 2 nights €520,00 (10% IVA tax included) and then 1 Quad Room at the HOTEL SANTA MARIA for 1 night May 24, 2014. Total rate for that room €309,00 (10% IVA tax included). Hotel has only been guaranteed with your credit card. Payment must be paid upon arrival.

The Hotel Santa Maria is a Hotel of 20 rooms, developed around 2 courtyards with orange trees. The Residenza Santa Maria is a 2 minutes walking distance from the Hotel Santa Maria. It is a small property with 6 rooms all on the ground floor, it's a really quiet place. <http://www.hotelsantamariatrastevere.it/> and www.residenzasantamaria.com

Find lunch in a nearby trattoria.

See the **Jewish Ghetto and Museum.**

Heart of Rome or Trastevere walking tour on your own.

Dinner at [Sabatini](#) in Trastevere or [Ristorante la Gattabuia](#) on Via del Porto (moderate priced trattoria in an ancient tavern).

Wander the winding alleys and cobblestone streets back to your hotel. Overnight at Residenza Santa Maria.

Friday, May 23rd

7:20am Wake up early for your [Vatican Behind the Scenes Tour](#), (\$458.32 total-paid online). This tour meets **at Via Leone IV, 51 outside the bar "Taverna Antiche Mura."** Via Leone IV, 51 is at the corner of Via Leone IV and Via degli Scipioni. Please arrive at 7:20am for your 7:35am tour. The tour will leave on time. Show your



enclosed map to the taxi driver to ensure you arrive promptly at the meeting point. If you are running late or need to cancel, please call 069-480-4888 or 334-974-4274. Helpful tip: *Bring your identification (girls bring student ids) and wear clothes that cover your shoulders and knees.*

See **St. Peter's Basilica**.

See the **Colosseum and then the Roman Forum** nearby.
Overnight at Residenza Santa Maria.

Saturday, May 24th

Check into:

Hotel Santa Maria
Vicolo del Piede 2
Rome – Italy
Phone : 06.5894626

See the **Borghese Museum** (2 hours)
Visit the **Capuchin Crypt**
See the **Capitoline Museum** (2 hours)

Overnight at Hotel Santa Maria.

Sunday, May 25th

Taxi to Roma Termini Station for your train:

Frecciarossa 9509

Departs at 10:45am, arrives into Napoli Centrale Station at 11:55am. You have reserved seats in Economy class.

\$204.95 paid. Train tickets enclosed. Seats are 07C, 07D, 08C,



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Check your luggage at the station. Check out the **Naples Archaeological Museum** and go on **Rick Steve's walking tour of Naples**.

Get your luggage at the Station and take the Circumvesuviana train (can be found on the lower level two flights down from Napoli Centrale Station) to Sorrento.

Sorrento is the last stop and the journey takes approximately one hour. Once in Sorrento, reach Piazza Antiche Mura to take the free shuttle bus service to your hotel, Il Nido. They leave on the ½ hour: 4:30pm, 5:30pm, etc.

Check in to:

Hotel Il Nido Sorrento

Via Nastro Verde, 62

80067 Sorrento ITALY

Phone: +39.081.8782766

Reservation # 1398616616

Booked in two rooms, a Balconied Sea View Triple Room and a Window Garden View Standard Double Room Total Price €780

Monday, May 26th

10:37 a.m. Circumvesuviana Napoli-Sorrento line train from Sorrento to Pompeii-Scavi Villa Misteri.

Meet tour guide from Lello Tours of Pompeii (260 euros -- already reserved). Train to Herculaneum. Train back to Sorrento.

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Tuesday, May 27th

Bus to Positano and Amalfi. Either take the bus or ferry back to Sorrento.

Wednesday, May 28th

See Sorrento today. Walking tour perhaps.

Take a [bus](#) from Sorrento to Naples Airport in time for your 5:15pm flight. There is a 2pm bus that gets you there by 3:30pm. €10 per person. Tickets can't be purchased online. Ask your concierge regarding this upon arrival.

ALITALIA Flight #1207 Seats 9D, 10C, 10D, 11C

Depart: NAPLES, ITALY 5:15pm

Arrive: PALERMO, ITALY 6:10pm

Confirmation # PXWNAE

Rent a car from Europcar: Opel Insignia Wagon or similar/
Midsize Class MANUAL - 4 door/ 5 passenger 2 large and 2 small
suitcases Total Inclusive Rate: \$496.79. This is to rent from Palermo
airport and drop off at Palermo airport on the night of June 2nd at the
airport. Please see directions to hotel on Google Maps.

Drive to:

HOTEL GIARDINO INGLESE

Viale della Libertà, 63

Palermo Sicilia

90143 Italia

Phone +39 091 6251295

1 night accommodation. 1 double room and 1 with 2 singles. Fare is
€105,00 for each room breakfast and Internet WiFi included. Direct

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payment at the guests' departure. Parking is €20 per night.

Enjoy a meal or a cocktail in Via Principe di Belmonte, the elegant pedestrian area of town. Walk through old Palermo to see the floodlit monuments at night.

Thursday, May 29th

Start at the Palatine Chapel to see the formidable mix of eastern and western art, especially the **mosaics**. Walk along Villa Bonanno to the **Cathedral** in Corso Vittorio Emanuele, just to admire the exterior; continue along Vittorio Emanuele to the imposing **Four Corners**. Admire the Tuscan fountain in **Piazza Pretoria** and, just behind it, take in two splendid Arabo-Norman churches, **La Martorana** and **San Cataldo**. Make your way down Corso Vittorio Emanuele again; on the first left after Via Roma you'll stumble upon the raucous **Vucciria market**. Lunch like a Palermitan would: Standing up, eating food from any of the impromptu fry-up places in the neighborhood (don't ask, just eat).

Begin your drive to Taormina with a stop at Monreale along the way

Drive out of town and spend some time gazing at the impressive mosaics in **the [Duomo of Monreale](#)**, which lies 15km (12 miles) south of Palermo. Make your way next door to visit the annexed **Cloisters**, where no two-column capitals are alike. [Driving Directions](#): please see attached directions from your hotel in Palermo to Monreale. [Driving Directions](#): please see attached directions from Monreale to Hotel Sylesia. You may want to visit [Castello Ursino](#) in Catania on the way.

Hotel Sylesia

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Corso Vittorio Emanuele, 301

98037 Letojanni (Sicilia)

Phone +39 0942 376120

Reservation # 441378960

Two rooms reserved

Sights to see:

Stroll along the main street, Corso Umberto I. Have a cocktail at the [Wunderbar](#) in Piazza IX Aprile, which faces the breathtaking Bay of Naxos. It might be pricey, but it's glorious.

Greek Theatre: On the edge of town, a short walk from the main street. Meredith and Kimberly may need their passports at the entrance (below 25 years of age). A steep climb for an impressive view.

Giardini della Villa Comunale: pretty gardens and oasis to stroll in and see views of Bay of Naxos and Mount Etna.

Friday, May 30th

Visit the mountaintop town of Castelmola. [Driving Directions](#): 13.6 km. 26 minutes. Or, you can take the public bus from Taormina located just past the tram outside the Messina gate. Roundtrip is less than €2 per person. If you drive, just know the drive is steep and windy and parking is more expensive than the bus fare. Great views of Taormina, Giardini-Naxos, Mt. Etna and surrounding hills and coastline. Can see the view and walk around the town and have lunch. Have some Vino Alla Mondorla while you are there.

9:15pm See Italian Opera at the Cine Teatro San Giorgio.

Tickets are €20 per person and €15 for under 25s.

<http://www.taormina.it/mayoctober-italian-opera-taormina.html>



Overnight in Taormina.

Saturday, May 31st

Head south to visit one of the most important archaeological sites in the world, the **Neapolis Park of Syracuse**. Start your day by visiting the archaeological area of Syracuse and explore the still-working **Greek Theater**, the **Ear of Dionysius** (said to have been cunningly used by the tyrant himself to eavesdrop on rebels), and the **Roman Amphitheater**, where the shows were man vs. man or man vs. beast (the latter often won). After your visit, proceed to the delightful **Ortygia** Island and have lunch at one of the many eateries that surround the splendid **Piazza Duomo**, but make sure you pop in to have a look inside the cathedral beforehand -- a Greek temple is part of the cathedral.

[Driving directions](#) from Hotel Sylesia to Syracuse. 1 hour 20 minutes.

4:30pm See the [Puppet Theatre](#) in Syracuse.

Drive to Noto. [Driving directions](#) from Syracuse to Hotel la Corte del Sole. 36.7km. 33 minutes.

Overnight in Noto at:

Hotel la Corte del Sole
C.da Bucacemi - Eloro
96017 Noto (SR)
Tel. 0931 820210

You are reserved in 1 double room Mediterranean + 1 twin room Mediterranean Total for stay €648,00.

Sunday, June 1st

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After breakfast in **Noto**, take a [drive](#) (128 km, 1 hour 38 minutes) to the hill town of **Caltagirone**, known for its pottery. See the Maiolica ceramics in the town.

Continue to [drive](#) for 33 more minutes to Piazza Armerina. You can grab lunch in this sleepy historic town of **Piazza Armerina**. Just 3km away, you will arrive at an extremely important archaeological site: the **Villa Romana del Casale at Piazza Armerina**.

At the Villa, you'll get a taste of how Romans loved to live large -- this hunting lodge houses magnificent floor mosaics that illustrate scenes from everyday life with astounding precision (one girl athlete is depicted with stitches on her leg). If you're lucky, you'll also see the experts in art restoration at work; they volunteer their time to preserve the precious tiled artwork. [Driving directions](#): from Villa Romana del Casale to Noto. 179 kms. 2 hours 4 minutes.

Overnight in Noto.

Monday, June 2nd

Drive to Agrigento to see the Valley of the Temples. [Driving Directions](#): 187 km. 3 hours 5 minutes. The splendid **Valley of the Temples**, a Unesco World Heritage site, preserves the vestiges of what was once a main player in the Mediterranean and surpasses Greece's Athens itself for the quantity and quality of ruins. The near-intact **Temple of Concord** is the best-preserved temple in the world and one of the symbols of Sicily.

[Driving Directions to Palermo Airport to drop off your car](#): 165 km, 2 hour 33 minutes. Drop off car at Palermo Airport and take a 10-15 minute taxi to:



B&B Antichi Colori

Via San Benedetto, 21, Cinisi Palermo, Italy

antichicolori.it

Tel. 091 748 2348 or Cell. 33-87-03-33-64

Two double rooms. €140 total cost including breakfast. Christina is the contact here.

Tuesday, June 3rd

Christina at the B&B will make sure that you have breakfasts packed for the road. They will shuttle you to the airport this morning in time for your flight for the €20 shuttle fee.

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ALITALIA Flight # 1776

Depart: PALERMO, ITALY 8:00am

Arrive: ROME FIUMICINO, ITALY 9:10am

Seats 11D, 12C, 12D, 14C

KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES Flight #1602

Depart ROME-FIUMICINO 12:55pm

Arrive AMSTERDAM 3:25pm

KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES Flight #643

Depart AMSTERDAM 5:15pm

Arrive NEW YORK'S JFK at 7:20pm

**This itinerary has been specially prepared
for Roger & Julie's family
by ActiveTravels**



Have a wonderful time!!