





# WILDER IN SOUTHERN ITALY, where a single landscape can encompass smoking

volcanoes, fertile green valleys, steep sea cliffs and cobalt seas. Italy's greatest hits may lie further to north, but the south may actually tug harder at the heartstrings, with its friendly and voluble people, piquant culinary traditions, wild backcountry and splendorous. palm-fanned cities.

With the exception of Naples' notorious traffic, this is also perfect driving country. Naples, Vesuvius and the Amalfi Coast are Grand Tour musts. But lesser-known routes reward for their pure surprise factor, from Cilento's pristine coast to the ski slopes of Sicily's Madonie Mountains.

Aeolian Islands Views across cobalt seas from Lipari to Vulcano (Trip 35)





Pantelleria

Classic Trip

Shadow of Vesuvius 2-3 Days Head from Naples' tumult to

Pompeii's long-buried mysteries. (p273)

Southern Larder 3-4 Days Pair raw beauty with exuberant

cuisine on Campania's coast. (p283) Classic Trip

Amalfi Coast 7 Days A stunning coastline of vertical landscapes and chic resort towns. (p291)

Cilento Coastal Trail 4-5 Days A rugged peninsula where mountains meet the pristing sea. (p301)

Puglia's Pilgrim Trail 4 Days Northern Puglia's castles, dazzling coastline and deep cultural roots, (p309)

Salento Surprises 5-7 Days From sunny beaches to Lecce's madcap baroque in Italy's heel. (p317)

Across the Lucanian Appennines 5-7 Davs

From idyllic Maratea, cross Basilicata's mountains to otherworldly Matera. (p325)

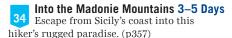
The Calabrian Wilderness 8-10 Davs

Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Italy's least-explored region. (p333)

Classic Trip Wonders of Ancient Sicily 12-14 Days

Sicily's age-old appeal, from Arab roots to Greek splendours. (p343)





Sicilian Island Hop 7 Days
After climbing smouldering Etna, strike

Sicilian Baroque 5 Days
Gawk at the sumptuous cities and towns of Sicily's scenic southeast. (p373)

out for the Aeolian's volcanic mysteries. (p365)

Emerald Coast 5–7 Days
See why the Aga Khan bet his fortune on this splendid stretch of Sardinia. (p381)

Historic Sardinia 7 Days
Cross Sardinia's wild interior in search
of the island's Bronze Age past. (p389)



#### Vietri sul Mare

Bring back a piece of the Amalfi Coast from this seaside idyll, renowned for its bright-hued ceramics, on Trip 27

## Capo Palinuro

Hike this rocky promontory for gorgeous views of the Cilento coast, followed by a snorkel in its cobalt waters, on Trip

#### Matera

Visit Matera, where ancient cave dwellings are transformed into wine bars and boutique sleeps, on Trip [3]

## Hotel Ristorante Pomieri

At this lonely inn, mountain-grown ingredients are transmuted into unforgettable meals, on Trip 34

## Monte Fossa delle Felci

Pack a picnic starring the prized local Malvasia wine, then climb Salina's highest peak for dazzling views on Trip 35