# Abercrombie & Kent



# WINGS OVER ITALY & ITS ISLANDS (2024)

Immerse yourself in Italy's sun-splashed Mediterranean vibe on an easy-going luxury journey from Rome's Renaissance art and classic cuisine to rural Puglia and the storied islands of Sardinia and Sicily.

Small Group Journeys, Wings Over the World

Europe, Italy 11 days from AU\$63,070 pp

13 Guests

# Journey Overview

Wings Over the World itineraries feature private charter flights between destinations, allowing you the convenience of visiting remote places with less time spent getting there.

Immerse yourself in Italy's sun-splashed Mediterranean vibe on an easygoing luxury journey from Rome's Renaissance art and classic cuisine to rural Puglia and the storied islands of Sardinia and Sicily, exploring local cultures, wines and favourite dishes along the way, and smoothly accessing these far-flung locales via exclusive private flights.

# **Journey Highlights**

- Journey seamlessly between some of Italy's most beguiling mainland and island destinations, with an ease only made possible by private charter air
- Indulge in fettucine Alfredo at the Roman restaurant where the recipe was created
- Enjoy a full day in the rugged backcountry of Sardinia, with lunch in a traditional farmhouse overlooking the scenic coast
- Partake of the culinary pleasures of Sicily wine, chocolate and gastronomy and visit the famous markets of Catania
- Savour three days of exploration in Puglia, including an eclectic choice of Design Your Day experiences

#### Take 10 with an A&K Expert to Hear More About This Journey



# **Itinerary**

#### **Day 1: Arrive Rome, Italy**

Arrive in Rome, the Eternal City, where you are met and transferred to your hotel in the city centre. Tonight, join your Resident Tour Director and fellow guests for a welcome reception and dinner.

#### Sina Bernini Bristol | Meals: D

#### **Day 2: Rome | Ancient Wonders & Renaissance Splendours**

Dive into the history of Rome as you explore some of its most iconic sights and view the great Ara Pacis of Augustus, an altar dedicated to Pax, goddess of peace, adorned with detailed stone friezes depicting ancient Roman life. Indulge in lunch at Alfredo alla Scrofa, where the classic dish fettucine Alfredo was originally created. Afterwards, on an A&K-exclusive experience, gain private entry to the Villa Farnesina, a 16th-century suburban estate noted for its sumptuous Renaissance frescoes. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure, free to explore the city your own way.

## Sina Bernini Bristol | Meals: BL

#### **Day 3: Sardinia | Prehistoric Settlement**

Fly by chartered air to Sardinia, Italy's mountainous island resting in the heart of the Mediterranean. Arrive in time for lunch, and then tour the prehistoric site of Nuraghe La Prisgiona, dating back to the 14th century BC. Continue to your hotel for check-in, and later gather for dinner at a local restaurant.

#### CPH Pevero Hotel | Meals: BLD

#### **Day 4: Sardinia | Rural Traditions**

Set out on a full-day 4x4 Jeep safari into rural Sardinia, absorbing breathtaking views of the ocean from rocky heights while wandering through country landscapes and rural villages. Stop for a traditional lunch of Sardo specialties in a local farmhouse perched above the scenic coastline.

#### CPH Pevero Hotel | Meals: BL

## Day 5: Catania | Sampling a City's Cuisine

Fly to Catania, in Sicily, noting the contrasts of the port and its Baroque architecture upon arrival. Set out on a foodie tour of the city and explore its bustling markets. Enjoy time for lunch at leisure before continuing to Noto to check in to your stunning hotel, where you refresh with a Scenic Sundowner before dinner.

#### Il San Corrado di Noto | Meals: BD

#### Day 6: Avola | Wine Tasting in the Countryside

Venture into the countryside this morning as you Ride Like a Local by ebike to a winery in the Avola area, home of the famous Nero d'Avola grape, one of Sicily's most important indigenous varieties. Taste the fruit of the vine and enjoy a delicious winery lunch. The rest of your day is at leisure to relax and enjoy your hotel.

# Il San Corrado di Noto | Meals: BL

#### Day 7: Ragusa & Modica | Gems of the Baroque

Journey to nearby Ragusa, a town rebuilt after a great earthquake in 1693 — and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site — that exemplifies the Sicilian Baroque style. Afterward, continue to another UNESCO-listed site, Modica, for an introduction to their chocolate crafting skills: a molto dolce Chef's Table experience that includes a demonstration and tasting workshop. Later, join the traditional *passegiatto* (pre-dinner stroll) in beautiful Noto before dining at a local restaurant.

#### Il San Corrado di Noto | Meals: BD

#### Day 8: Syracuse & Puglia | Legacies of the Greeks

Travel to Syracuse, one of the earliest and most powerful colonies of Ancient Greece. Join a local expert who reveals the many-layered history of this old city, and then take time for lunch at leisure. Transfer to the airport in Catania for your private flight to Puglia, Italy's mythic southern region, where you check in to your hotel.

#### Masseria Torre Maizza | Meals: BD

## Day 9: Locorotondo & Alberobello | Trulli Houses

Visit Locorotondo, considered one of the most beautiful villages in Italy. After some time for lunch at your leisure, proceed to fascinating Alberobello and see its traditional *trulli* houses. Built entirely of stone without mortar, only a handful of people remain who can still create these distinctive structures. Explore the town with a local expert, and then return to your hotel.

#### Masseria Torre Maizza | Meals: B

#### Day 10: Monopoli | Design your Day

This morning, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- Take a Cooking Class at a Local Masseria, making pasta and foccacia on an experience that includes lunch.
- Hike in Scenic Alto Salento with a Guide, and break for a classic picnic lunch.
- Set Out on an E-bike Tour on an active experience that includes lunch in Ostuni

Afterwards, drive to Ostuni, a region famed for its massive, gnarled olive trees — some over 3,000 years old — to visit a local olive oil producer with an ancient underground mill. Learn how the production of oil, a staple of the region's culture, has evolved from Roman times to present day. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner.

#### Masseria Torre Maizza | Meals: BLD

#### Day 11: Depart Puglia

After breakfast, privately transfer to Bari or Brindisi airport for your departing flight.

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## **Journey Details**

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1 Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 11

#### Flight Details:

Rome-Olbia (45 min) Olbia-Catania (1 hr 20 min) Catania-Bari (1 hr 15 min)

**Aircraft:** Challenger 850 or comparable (Aircraft and seating configuration subject to change).

## Included with every Wings Over The World Journey

- Unique Itinerary Made Possible by Private Chartered Flights
- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Your Choice of Activity on Design Your Day
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except for Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

# **Customise this Journey**

**Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers** or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke Tailor-Made Journey based on this itinerary.

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# **Dates & Pricing**

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Jun 17, 2024 - Jun 27, 2024

Price Single Supplement Internal Air (From) Availability

AU\$63,070 pp AU\$9,530 Included Call for Availability

Jun 24, 2024 - Jul 4, 2024

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Sep 9, 2024 - Sep 19, 2024

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Sep 16, 2024 - Sep 26, 2024

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