

Discover Italy



A magical destination for falling in love, Italy is the perfect spot for that romantic break away. To capture the unique spirit of Italy's southern regions, look beyond the package trips and create your own itinerary which is perfectly tailored to you and your partner. Speaking to Paola Shanahan of Irish Weddings in Italy, we explore the most recommended areas for your authentic Italian escape.

Mediterranean Sea (Sicily)

Located in the Mediterranean Sea in the remote reaches of southern Italy, Sicily is so refreshingly different. A crossroads of Phoenician and Greek cultures, Arab and Norman, Spanish and Teutonic, it stands proudly separate from the rest of Italy. A land when the sun shines almost 10 months of the year and boasts spectacular landscapes and a vibrant culinary scene, Sicily is fast becoming one of Italy's buzziest destinations.

When to Go

May and September are the best time, cool enough to visit the cities but warm enough to enjoy a swim. From mid-June through August you won't want to stray far from the beaches in Sicily.

Where to go

Taormina is stunningly beautiful and the glorious, ancient palazzos and Norman churches in Palermo are worth a see also. Once in Palermo take a wine tour at Picone, the best enoteca on the island. Check out the handsome southern towns of Ragusa and Modica and a string of deserted beaches near Menfi. Walk Scicli and Noto with their labyrinthine passageways swirling down the steep sides of a ravine, ending at the dry bed of the river that runs through the centre of town. To the north, Etna is worth seeing while to the south, don't miss