

HIKE AND BIKE ITALY

With the euro trading almost evenly with the U.S. dollar, now's the time to book a European vacation. Our pick? Coastal Italy and two of its best-known islands, Capri and Sicily. Spring is the season to go, with mild temps and fewer crowds than in summer. Consider these new excursions from Tourissimo, an outfit specializing in Italy travel with a touch of adventure.

AMALFI COAST AND CAPRI The isle of Capri is famous for the Blue Grotto and La Piazzetta, its glamorous main square, but this hiking tour also stops at some

lesser-known spots like Anacapri — the quieter sister to Capri town — atop Monte Solaro. The weeklong expedition then skips over to the mainland to hit Amalfi Coast hot spots Ravello and Positano. *April 18-24, from \$3,995*

SICILY Traversing this Mediterranean island by bicycle lets you see the real Sicilian countryside — including notable towns like Corleone, along with many wineries. You'll also spend a day sailing to Favignana island, known for its crystal-clear waters. *May 7-14, from \$4,495; tourissimo.travel*



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DON'T MISS

► **SAINT LUCIA JAZZ & ARTS FESTIVAL** Celebrating its 25th year, the 10-day event kicks off on April 29. Venues across the island will feature local art and music, with headliners Shaggy and George Benson.



Good Reads

1

Art Place Japan

Every three years, the Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale transforms a 300-square-mile area of rural Japan into a large-scale art installation. Read this and start planning your 2018 trip. *Princeton Architectural Press, \$35*

2

Wild By Nature

Sarah Marquis hiked a 10,000-mile solo trek across six countries. Her account of survival includes thieves, freezing temps and dangerous wildlife. *Thomas Dunne Books, \$26.99*

3

Destinations of a Lifetime

This coffee-table book chronicles 225 of the world's most beautiful places. Our favorite chapter? Sea and Shore. *National Geographic Books, \$47*

4

Swiss and Alpine Islands

A tome detailing the isles in Switzerland, Italy, Germany and Austria. Think quaint cottages, medieval churches and water-side castles. *teNeues, \$12.95*

5

Acadia National Park

A photographic look into the varied landscapes of Maine's famed national park, one of the U.S.'s most popular. *Rizzoli, \$50*