



## **Great Sicily** 2024

9 DAYS TOUR START IN PALERMO - END IN CATANIA

Small Groups (16 pax) – All Excursions Included Minimum Two Meals Per Day Comfortable Departure Time First Class Hotels - Fully Escorted



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#### Day 1 - Welcome to Palermo

Welcome to Sicily! Our driver will be waiting at Palermo's int. airport (PMO) to escort you to your hotel at either 11:30 am, 14:30 pm. Once at your hotel you can rest or, if you wish, start exploring the beautiful city of Palermo on your own. In the late afternoon, meet with our tour guide for a sighting tour followed by a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Hotel: Piazza Borsa, Artemisia or similar (3 nights)

### Day 2 – Palermo – Monreale – Sanctuary of Santa Rosalia – Mondello

This first morning, you will rendezvous with our local guide for a walking tour of the city center which includes the honey-colored cathedral and Piazza Bellini. From there, you will travel to the town of Monreale to visit the magnificent 12th century Norman Cathedral. Picturesque views of the Conca d'Oro, famous for its 50,000 square feet of precious Byzantine mosaics, will astonish you as you make your way through the ancient city. Later visit the Sanctuary of Santa Rosalia and the Mondello beach. Tonight enjoy an authentic meal in one of the local restaurants we have selected for you.

#### Day 3 - Cefalù

Sicily offers many amazing sites but Cefalù is certainly among the finest. This charming coastal town is renowned not only for its spectacular Norman Cathedral with dazzling mosaics, but also for the medieval wash-house that was built into the rocks. Lunch will be served at local restaurant. Enjoy the evening at your pleasure in Palermo.

#### Day 4 - Erice - Scala dei Turchi - Agrigento

After breakfast, we leave the city of Palermo and move to the medieval town of Mt.Erice, situated 880 meters above sea level and surrounded by ancient Elimi and Phoenician walls on the northeastern side of the city, which offers breathtaking sights in truly unique landscapes. Here, you have free time to stroll through the charming old stone streets and medieval churches. In the afternoon we stop to admire the magnificent "Scala dei Trulli" before meet our local guide a walking tour of the Valley of the Temples. This UNESCO World Heritage site is home to five ancient Greek temples dating back to the 6th century, BC. It is here that you will find some of the world's most striking and well-preserved Grecian ruins outside of Athens. We conclude this day with a magnificent dinner at a local restaurant.

Hotel: Exclusive, Dioscuri, Blu Kaos or similar (1 nights)

#### Day 5 - Ragusa - Noto

This morning depart to Ragusa, a city divided into two parts: the upper part built after the earthquake in 1693, and the lower part that is called Ragusa Ibla. Visit the city center and the Dome "Basilica di San Giorgio". In the afternoon, drive to Noto, renowned for the harmony and unity of its Baroque style and is today declared as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Tonight's dinner will be served at an authentic restaurant.

Hotel: GH Sofia, la Corte del Sole or similar (2 night)

#### Day 6 - Marzamemi - Noto

Today visit the beautiful village of Marzamemi and its beaches followed by lunch at local restaurant. Enjoy the rest of the day at your own pleasure in Noto.

#### Day 7 - Syracuse - Savoca - Taormina

Today, enjoy the scenic beauty and treasures of the island's east coast on your way to Syracuse. Here is where you will see the archaeological site of the famous Latomie of Paradise, the Greek Amphitheatre, the Roman Amphitheatre, and the Dyonisios 'Ear'. Additionally, you can have the opportunity to visit the island of Ortigia and the small Baroque old city center built by the Aragonians. In the afternoon, we will stop in Savoca, a small village featured in different scenes of 'The Godfather' movies. Tonight Taormina; affectionately called 'the pearl of the lonic Sea'. Founded in 400 BC, this beautiful city overlooks the peak of Mount Etna and the sea. Your evening will conclude with a pre-arranged dinner at a local restaurant/hotel where you will enjoy local dishes.

Hotel: Ceaser Palace, Villa Diodoro or similar (2 nights)

#### Day 8 – Mount Etna – Taormina

This morning walking tour to visit Corso Umberto, and the 3rd-century Greek Amphitheater, the second largest of its kind in Sicily. Situated above the city, it affords spectacular views of the bay and Mount Etna. Free time for shopping. In the late afternoon we'll escort you to Mount Etna the highest active volcano in Europe. Dinner will be served on the slopes of Etna with a wine tasting from local farms.

#### Day 9 - Airport transfer

Arrivederci Sicilia! Your airport transfers arrive at Catania Int Airport (CTA) at 6:00 am and 10:00 am.



#### WHAT IS INCLUDED

#### **Transportation:**

- Private airport transfer for your tour on arrival & departure days at scheduled times
- Luxury air-conditioned private minibus

#### **Accommodations:**

- First Class Hotels (4\*\*\*\* & 5\*\*\*\*\*)
- All taxes, including city tax
- Baggage handling included when not in airport
- All standard gratuities for hotel personnel

#### 16 Meals:

- 8 American inspired breakfast buffets.
- 1 wine tasting with lunch with 2 main courses with local cuisine, fine local wine (1/4), mineral water, dessert
- 7 dinners/dinners to include: 2 main courses (pasta or soup, meat or fish), dessert or fruit, mineral water, fine local wine (1/4)
- All standard gratuities for restaurant personnel

#### **Tour Guide & Tour Driver:**

- Your tour will be conducted by our tour guide and tour driver. They will take the worry out of foreign travel as they manage the intricate details of your tour, keeping you entertained with anecdotes and stories to make sure your vacation is educational, entertaining, fun and safe!
- Any gratuities are at your pleasure for our tour guide and tour driver

#### **Licensed Local Guides:**

- Local expert guides in Palermo, Valley of the Temples Ragusa, Syracuse, Taormina, Winery
- Our local expert guides are native citizens of the cities they represent offering a fascinating insight into local history, customs and tradition while entertain you with stories only a local would know!

#### **Equipment:**

- Wireless headsets to hear our guides clearly and distinctly in public places by utilizing our personal audio system for groups of 9+ allowing you to roam and explore sites (within 60 feet) without missing any insight from our local guides
- One umbrella for each person in case of rain.



#### View, Visit, Walking tour, Museums, and Gallery:

(WLG) = With local guide and wireless headsets

#### Palermo:

 Visit of the city including the Cathedral, the "Palatina" Chapel, and a panoramic tour of the town (WLG)

#### Agrigento:

Visit the Valley of the Temples (WLG)

#### Ragusa:

 Visit the city center and the "Basilica di San Giorgio (WLG)

#### Syracuse:

 Visit the archaeological area including the famous Latomie of the Parades, the Greek Theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre, and the Dyonisios 'Ear' (WLG)

#### **Taormina:**

 Visit the 3rd century Greek Amphitheater and the city center (WLG)

In addition to these sites, guests will be encouraged to participate in a tasting of Sicilian products at a renowned pastry, Panettone, and the famous artisan liquors, Rosolio, as well as innumerable other various flavors, wines, and local productions tastings.

#### Suggested attire:

Comfortable shoes are important for walking on the uneven surfaces.

#### **Attire for Italian Churches:**

No shorts, skirts, tank tops, or bare shoulders for men or women are permitted. Bermuda shorts are permitted.



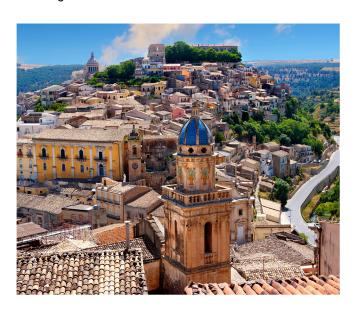
DEPART - END DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	YOUNG (5-12)
March 23 - March 31	2900	3625	2610	2465
April 06 - April 14	2900	3625	2610	2465
April 20 - April 28	3100	3875	2790	2635
May 04 - May 12	3100	3875	2790	2635
May 18 - May 26	3100	3875	2790	2635
June 01 - June 09	3100	3875	2790	2635
June 22 - June 30	3100	3875	2790	2635
July 06 - July 14	3100	3875	2790	2635
July 20 - July 28	3300	4125	2970	2805
Sept 07 - Sept 15	3100	3875	2790	2635
Sept 28 - Oct 06	3100	3875	2790	2635
Oct 12 - Oct 20	3100	3875	2790	2635
Oct 26 - Nov 03	2900	3625	2610	2465
Nov 09 - Nov 17	2900	3625	2610	2465

DEPART - END DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	YOUNG (5-12)
March 23 - March 31	4002	5002.5	3601.8	3402
April 06 - April 14	4002	5002.5	3601.8	3402
April 20 - April 28	4278	5347.5	3850.2	3637
May 04 - May 12	4278	5347.5	3850.2	3637
May 18 - May 26	4278	5347.5	3850.2	3637
June 01 - June 09	4278	5347.5	3850.2	3637
June 22 - June 30	4278	5347.5	3850.2	3637
July 06 - July 14	4278	5347.5	3850.2	3637
July 20 - July 28	4554	5692.5	4098.6	3871
Sept 07 - Sept 15	4278	5347.5	3850.2	3637
Sept 28 - Oct 06	4278	5347.5	3850.2	3637
Oct 12 - Oct 20	4278	5347.5	3850.2	3637
Oct 26 - Nov 03	4002	5002.5	3601.8	3402
Nov 09 - Nov 17	4002	5002.5	3601.8	3402

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March 23 - March 31	4640	5800	4176	3944
April 06 - April 14	4640	5800	4176	3944
April 20 - April 28	4960	6200	4464	4216
May 04 - May 12	4960	6200	4464	4216
May 18 - May 26	4960	6200	4464	4216
June 01 - June 09	4960	6200	4464	4216
June 22 - June 30	4960	6200	4464	4216
July 06 - July 14	4960	6200	4464	4216
July 20 - July 28	5280	6600	4752	4488
Sept 07 - Sept 15	4960	6200	4464	4216
Sept 28 - Oct 06	4960	6200	4464	4216
Oct 12 - Oct 20	4960	6200	4464	4216
Oct 26 - Nov 03	4640	5800	4176	3944
Nov 09 - Nov 17	4640	5800	4176	3944

Prices are subject to change according to international currency rates and price changes by distribution channels without further notice.

Price per person in Double, Single, Triple room occupancy Price include Tax, city night tax, credit cards fee, currency exchange



#### LAND PRICE FOR PERSON (AUD)

DEPART - END DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	YOUNG (5-12)
March 23 - March 31	4350	5437.5	3915	3698
April 06 - April 14	4350	5437.5	3915	3698
April 20 - April 28	4650	5812.5	4185	3953
May 04 - May 12	4650	5812.5	4185	3953
May 18 - May 26	4650	5812.5	4185	3953
June 01 - June 09	4650	5812.5	4185	3953
June 22 - June 30	4650	5812.5	4185	3953
July 06 - July 14	4650	5812.5	4185	3953
July 20 - July 28	4950	6187.5	4455	4208
Sept 07 - Sept 15	4650	5812.5	4185	3953
Sept 28 - Oct 06	4650	5812.5	4185	3953
Oct 12 - Oct 20	4650	5812.5	4185	3953
Oct 26 - Nov 03	4350	5437.5	3915	3698
Nov 09 - Nov 17	4350	5437.5	3915	3698

#### Why our tours are so special?

- Small group of max. 16 passengers, means intimate and personalized experience, enjoy authentic local restaurant, learning more with a peace of mind
- All excursions are included at no additional cost, which will turn an already amazing experience into the trip of a lifetime (skip the line tickets, restaurants, venues, local guides, transportation, excursions and more). There will be no surprises along the way
- All our tours have been planned with comfortable morning departure times. Never leaving your hotel before 8:00 am.
- Included every day you will have a minimum of two meals; our selected family owned restaurants will certainly be unforgettable!
- You will never feel alone. Your tour director and tour driver who will be ready to fulfill your needs with the utmost professionalism and safety
- Tour price include Tax, city night tax, credit cards fee
- Travel and connect with locals "Traveling the Italian Style"