



ITALY

THE TREASURES OF SICILY (TOUR CODE: 11715)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Catania

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Nov 2022 - 20 Dec 2023

EXPERIENCE

Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Private Escorted Tours

Sicily is an island of contrasts, with its pristine landscapes and UNESCO World Heritage towns, a unique melting pot of different cultures.

Highlights

- Discover **Sicily by private car** with your personal english speaking driver!
- Discover the beauty of **Valley of Temples**
- Experience the **market street food** in Palermo
- **Lunch and oil tasting** at a local Farmhouse

From Catania, travel to Syracuse, a city on the Ionian coast. Visit its ancient ruins including the "Neapolis". Depart to the hilltop city of Ragusa to explore its stunning Baroque palaces and churches. Continue to Piazza Armerina and explore Villa Romana del Casale, a lavish villa featuring one of the largest collections of Roman mosaics in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Leave for Agrigento, a hilltop city renowned for the magnificent Valley of the Temples.

Proceed to a **typical farmhouse** producing olive oil for an oil tasting and a delicious lunch before reaching Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Explore its historical centre including the sprawling Palermo Cathedral, the Palace of the Normans and Teatro Massimo and stop to admire the moorish Cathedral of Monreale. Depart to Cefalu, a charming coastal town known for its Arab-Norman cathedral and sandy beaches. Head to Taormina, a hilltop town located on the east coast of Sicily. Explore its main attractions including the ancient Greek-Roman theatre, Duomo di San Nicola and Odeon. End of the service is at Catania Airport.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 1 night in Catania in a 4* hotel
- 2 nights in Ragusa in a 4* hotel
- 1 night in Agrigento in a 4* hotel
- 1 night in Palermo in a 4* hotel
- 2 nights in Taormina in a 4* hotel
- Arrival Private Transfer from Catania airport to Hotel in Catania
- Departure Private transfer from Taormina to Catania airport
- Air-conditioned Private car with English speaking driver
- Daily Breakfast
- 6 Meals: 3 at hotels and 3 at restaurants with Mineral Water included
- English speaking local guide in Siracusa, Ragusa, Roman Villa del Casale in Piazza Armerina, Valley of Temples in Agrigento
- English speaking local guides in Selinunte archaeological area, Monreale, Palermo and Cefalù
- Oil tasting experience at farmhouse in Castelvetrano
- Street food experience/tour in Palermo
- Porterage service at hotels
- Whispers for the whole Sicily tour

ITINERARY

Day 1 Catania Airport Catania

Arrival at airport in Catania. Transfer to your hotel and welcome dinner there.

Overnight stay in Catania in a 4* hotel.

Dinner



Day **2**

Catania Siracusa Ragusa

After a buffet breakfast, departure to **Syracuse**: visit the archaeological area "Neapolis" including the famous Greek theatre, Latomie of the Paradise and the Dyonisios "Ear". Continue to the island of Ortigia, the small baroque old city centre of Siracusa; visit of the Cathedral, which is built upon the site of the Temple of Minerva, the legendary Arethuse Fountain and the Temple of Apollo, then lunch on your own. In the afternoon transfer to Ragusa . Accommodation in your hotel in **Ragusa** to relax and have dinner.

Overnight in **Ragusa** in a 4* hotel..

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

Ragusa

After a buffet breakfast, time to freely enjoy Ragusa.

Visit of the enchanting historical centre "Ibla", with its stunning baroque palaces and churches; together with other seven

cities in the Val di Noto, Ragusa is listed among the UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Alternatively, you can add an optional half day tour to **Modica** & Chocolate tasting including Guide & private driver.

Dinner at the hotel is included.

Overnight in **Ragusa** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **4**

Ragusa Piazza Armerina Agrigento

After buffet breakfast, depart to **Piazza Armerina** to visit the worldwide known Villa Romana del Casale, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, thanks to its well preserved mosaics depicting mythological themes and hunting scenes. Lunch in a local restaurant with a special menu chosen to give the opportunity to taste the local specialities. Departure to **Agrigento**, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; guided tour of the Valley, including the Temple of Concordia, which is in almost perfectly preserved condition, Juno and Heracles. Enjoy dinner at your own expense.

Overnight in **Agrigento** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **5**

Agrigento Selinunte Palermo

After buffet breakfast, depart to **Selinunte** the largest archaeological park in Europe, an area of 270 hectares with over 2.500 years of history written on it. It is still a very suggestive visit as it allows you to see Temple E, that in the best state of conservation of the entire archaeological area, and Temple G, what was the largest in all Hellenic archaeology. After the visit we proceed to a **typical farmhouse** producing olive oil for an oil tasting and a delicious lunch.

After lunch, we proceed in direction of **Palermo**, the capital of Sicily. At the arrival, visit **Monreale**, situated on a hill at few kms away from Palermo in a panoramic position; the Cathedral, one of the most beautiful monuments of the world with its Moorish architecture, housing very fine mosaics representing a complete cycle of the Old and New Testaments, and the Benedictine Cloister in Arab-Norman style.

Then, the rest of the day is at your leisure.

Overnight stay in **Palermo** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast, Lunch



After buffet breakfast, the morning will be dedicated to visit of the historical centre of the town, one of the largest in Europe; with Martorana Church, *Piazza Bellini*, *Piazza Pretoria*, "*I Quattro Canti di Città* - the four corners", making a pleasant walking along Corso Vittorio Emanuele, the ancient "*Cassaro*", *Piazza Bologni* the Cathedral (internal visit) and the outside of Norman Palace. You will have the chance to taste the Palermo's street food at a typical local market. Then depart to **Cefalù** a former fishing village, now a charming coastal town. Enjoy a walk to the city centre and down main street to reach the Arab-Norman Cathedral and the medieval wash-house built in the rock. Proceed to **Taormina** and the rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in **Taormina** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



After buffet breakfast, day at leisure in Taormina.

Alternatively, we suggest to fill your day with an excursion to the highest active Volcano in Europe **Mount Etna and a local wine tasting**,

Overnight stay in **Taormina** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day 8

Taormina Catania Airport

After breakfast, private transfer to the Catania Airport. End of tour.

Breakfast



OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Day 3: Half day Modica with chocolate tasting

Excursion to **Modica**, a jewel of Baroque art in Europe. Modica is a town with an ancient history, nicknamed "the city of 100 churches" and some of its most representative monuments, such as the Cathedral of San Pietro and the Church of San Giorgio, have been proclaimed a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The tour will then continue with a visit inside the Artisan chocolate workshop; there you will have the chance to

discover the techniques leading to the production of an amazing quality of chocolate, "the Modican's chocolate.



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

Day 7: Half day Mount Etna, visit of a cellar and wine tasting

Excursion to **Mount Etna**, the highest active Volcano in Europe. Weather conditions permitting, across fascinating landscape with different kind of vegetation, a mixture of citrus groves, vineyards and fruit trees.

We will reach a height of 1800 metres to visit the Sylvester Craters where we'll enjoy a spectacular panorama over the Ionian Sea. Stop at a local vineyard on the eastern slopes of Etna and visit a prestigious cellar . We will have the opportunity to taste different local wines accompanied by local cheese and cold cuts.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.

Excluded:

- Airport portorage, tour escort, entrance fees, meals not indicated, local city tax, drinks except mineral water, tips, personal extras, what not indicated at "rates include"

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package