



ITALY

PALERMO & WESTERN SICILY (TOUR CODE: 11718)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Palermo

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Nov 2022 - 20 Dec 2023

EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Private Escorted Tours

Home to the Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans and Normans, Western Sicily has countless historical and naturalistic beauties to discover.

Highlights

- Enjoy a mini-cruise to the stunning Aegadian islands of Favignana and Levanzo.
- Tasting delicious Sicilian food, such as "cassatelle" and "pane cunzato".
- Visit to one of the impressive historical villas of Bagheria.
- 1 Day of Freedom of Choice activity

An incredible range of experiences awaits you in the spectacular region of Western Sicily: from the Greek archaeological sites of Selinunte, Segesta and The Valley of the Temples to the imposing castle of Erice, the Gulf of Castellammare, the beautiful historical centre of Palermo and the remarkable Sicilian food & wine traditions.



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

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Palermo at Hotel Palazzo Sitano (or similar)
- 3 nights in Trapani at Hotel Vittoria (or similar)
- Private arrival & departure transfers to/from Palermo airport
- Private transportation with English-speaking driver as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfast
- Welcome drink & dinner at Palermo hotel
- Street Food experience in Palermo
- "Cassatelle" tasting in Castellammare del Golfo
- Light lunch with "pane cunzato" in Scopello
- Couscous-based lunch in a typical "trattoria" in Marsala
- 1 minicruise of the Aegadian Islands: Favignana & Levanzo, with lunch on board
- Visit to a local winery in Marsala with wine tasting
- English-speaking local guides as per itinerary
- Whispers throughout the itinerary
- Expenses for meals and accommodation for driver
- Porterage service at the hotels

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Palermo

Welcome to Sicily! Arrive at the airport and meet your driver for a transfer to your accommodation.
Enjoy a **welcome dinner at the hotel.**

Overnight in Palermo at **Hotel Palazzo Sitano.**

Dinner



Day **2**

Palermo

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a full day dedicated to the visit of **Palermo and Monreale** with your local guide: you will be walking in the pedestrian area of the historical centre of Palermo, one of the largest in Europe, and discover Martorana Church, Piazza Bellini, Piazza Pretoria, “I Quattro Canti di Città - the four corners”, Corso Vittorio Emanuele, the ancient “Cassaro”, Piazza Bologni the Cathedral (internal visit) and the outside of the majestic Norman Palace.

You will also have the chance to taste **Palermo’s delicious street food at a typical local market.**

Then you'll proceed to visit **Monreale**, perched on a hill a few kilometres from Palermo: its Cathedral is one of the most beautiful monuments in Italy, with its Moorish architecture and fine mosaics representing a complete cycle of the Old and New Testaments.

Come back to Palermo and enjoy a tour of Palermo from above at sunset.

Palermo’s skyline is beautiful: there are many special places with stunning views over the mountains surrounding the city, giving you the impression you could touch its domes and bell towers. Terraces and walkways along the parapets were exceptional observation posts to control and protect the area, but also to enjoy the most important religious events. This is a walking tour along the city's historical centre, accessing to the tops of beautiful buildings, with a final tasting in one of the most elegant terraces of Palermo.

Overnight in Palermo at **Hotel Palazzo Sitano.**

Please note that the order of the visits could be changed.

Breakfast, Lunch



CATHEDRAL OF MONREALE, PALERMO

Day **3**

Palermo Bagheria Cefalù Palermo

After breakfast, enjoy a panoramic tour of **Bagheria**, a town of nobiliar villas where you will visit one in particular: the renowned Villa Palagonia. Then transfer to Aspra for a visit of the “anchiovy museum”: you will be brought back to the times when this was an ancient village of fishers. After the visit, continue towards **Cefalù**, where you will visit the Cathedral, the medieval lavatory and walk along the beautiful coastal promenade with its wonderful sandy beach (if the weather is nice, you may take the chance to have a swim!).

Return to the hotel.

Overnight in Palermo at **Hotel Palazzo Sitano**.

Breakfast



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Day **4**

Palermo Castellammare del Golfo Scopello San Vito Lo Capo Trapani

After breakfast at the hotel check out and continue your journey towards Western Sicily: firstly, you will stop at

Castellammare del Golfo to admire the incredible view and taste the typical trapanese *cassatella* with ricotta cheese and small chocolate pralines. Proceed to **Scopello**, where you will taste the local *Pane Cunzato* (hot baked bread with tomato, cheese, olives, origan, olive oil). Proceed to **San Vito Lo Capo**, a small village by the sea with a wonderful white-sand beaches famous all over Europe.

Transfer to Trapani and check-in at the hotel.

Overnight in Trapani at **Hotel Vittoria**.

Breakfast

Day 5 Trapani Marsala Mothya Erice Trapani

After breakfast at hotel, your driver will take you to **Marsala** for a visit with a local guide: enjoy a tour by boat around Mothya, a beautiful small island. Visit the Salt Museum and the salt pans and then proceed to visit a local winery where you will enjoy a **wine tasting, including the famous Marsala wine**. At lunch you will taste some **typical cous-cous** at local Trattoria. In the afternoon, continue with a visit of **Erice**, a small beautiful town situated in a panoramic position over Trapani and the Mediterranean Sea.

Overnight in Trapani at **Hotel Vittoria**.

Breakfast, Lunch

Day 6 Trapani Favignana Levanzo Trapani

After breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred to Trapani port to begin an incredible **mini cruise to Favignana and Levanzo**, two wonderful islands of the Aegadian Archipelagus. Enjoy a **delicious lunch on board!**

Overnight in Trapani at **Hotel Vittoria**.

Please note: the date of the minicruise may change depending on weather conditions.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 7 Trapani Palermo

After breakfast, you will be transferred back to Palermo airport for your departure flight.

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Palazzo Sitano

Palermo

Located in the historical centre of Palermo, within walking distance to some of the city's most beautiful monuments, Palazzo Sitano is an entirely renovated historical residence with a twist of modern interior design, creating a fascinating contrast. Featuring a lovely internal courtyard, this hotel proves to be an elegant and comfortable accommodation for its customers.



Hotel Vittoria

Trapani

Hotel Vittoria is a lovely property in a privileged position: right **in the heart of Trapani**, in front of the sea and only a few steps from its old town centre. With 76 comfortable and bright rooms, this hotel is the ideal place to take in and appreciate Trapani's colours, scents and lifestyle.



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.

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