

9 Days SICILIAN SECRETS: PALERMO – PALERMO



TAORMINA – Panorama

MAP & ITINERARY



PRICE INCLUDES



- 2+1 nights in a 4* hotel in Palermo
- 1 night in a 4* hotel in Agrigento
- 4 nights in a 4* hotel in Catania



- 8 American buffet breakfast
- 8 dinners in the hotel or a local restaurant (drinks not included)
- 1 lunch & wine tasting at a winery in the Marsala area
- 4 tastings of local products: Palermo (2nd day): a gastronomic surprise with a tasting of local street food; Ragusa (4th day): a tasting of typical local products; Etna (7th day): a visit to a honey producer and a tasting of local products of the Etna area; Catania (8th day): Sicilian granita with brioche



- multilingual tour leader for the entire itinerary
- local guides or audio guides when necessary
- visit of Monreale, Palermo, Agrigento, Piazza Armerina, Ragusa, Siracusa, Noto, Etna, Catania old town centre, Cefalù
- tickets NOT included - To be paid on site or pre-paid purchasing the privilege package



- individual arrival and departure transfers are NOT included
- transport by air conditioned bus from the 2nd day until the 8th day

Calendar

FROM MARCH UNTIL NOVEMBER 2020 - TUESDAY

MARCH	24	31		AUGUST	4	11	18	25		
APRIL	7	14	21	28	SEPTMBER	1	8	15	22	29
MAY	5	12	19	26	OCTOBER	6	13	20	27	
JUNE	2	9	16	23	30	NOVEMBER	3			
JULY	7	14	21	28						

Hotels

HOTEL INFORMATION

CITY	HOTELS	
PALERMO	MERCURE PALERMO CENTRO / IBIS STYLES PALERMO CRISTAL	4* OR SIMILAR
AGRIGENTO	BAIA DI ULISSE WELLNESS & SPA.....	4* OR SIMILAR
CATANIA	IL PRINCIPE HOTEL / ROMANO HOUSE HOTEL	4* OR SIMILAR

Rates

PRICES PER PERSON

DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE
€1085	€1505	€1020

PRE & POST TOUR PALERMO - PRICES PER PERSON, PER NIGHT IN BB

DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE
€110	€205	ON REQUEST

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TRANSFERS

Transfer Palermo airport / Palermo hotel: 1 / 3 pax – € 70,00 one way

PRIVILEGE PACKAGE

€ 520 supplement per person in double or twin room

€ 770,00 supplement per person in single room/double room for single use

*Includes: Superior / Deluxe Room – Private in / out transfers – Tourist tax
All tickets for museums as per itinerary (Monreale Cathedral – Monreale Cloister – Palermo Palatine Chapel – Palermo Church of the Martorana – Agrigento Valley of Temples – Piazza Armerina Villa Romana – Siracusa Archeological Park – Siracusa Cathedral – Noto Palazzo Nicolaci – Taormina Greek Theatre)*



CITY TAX NOT INCLUDED. TO BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL



PALERMO

Palermo and its treasures



MONREALE

The majestic Arab-Norman Cathedral



VIA DEL SALE

The amazing salt marshes of the Marsala Stagnone Lagoon



AGRIGENTO

Agrigento and the Valley of the Temples



RAGUSA

Ragusa with its baroque churches and Ibleo garden

PALERMO (2 nights) – MONREALE – MARSALA – SALINE – AGRIGENTO (1 night) – PIAZZA ARMERINA – RAGUSA IBLA – CATANIA (4 nights) – SIRACUSA – NOTO – ETNA –

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9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

DAY 1 / TUESDAY

PALERMO

Meeting with the tour leader at the hotel in Palermo in the late afternoon (possibility of private transfer as an optional service). Dinner and overnight stay.

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY

MONREALE – PALERMO

Breakfast in the hotel and departure to visit Monreale, with its impressive Arab-Norman Cathedral and stunning Cloister. Return to Palermo. This city preserves monuments of the

Arab-Norman period, including the beautiful Cathedral, the fascinating Byzantine Church of the Martorana and the Palatine Chapel, a higher example from the historical-artistic point of view of the coexistence between cultures and religions. Along the visit stop for a food surprise in a local bakery. Dinner and overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3 – THURSDAY

PALERMO – MARSALA – SALINE – AGRIGENTO

Breakfast in the hotel and departure for Marsala, that preserves a multitude of signs of the Phoenician, Arab and Norman dominations. Proceed along the famous Via del Sale to admire the islands of Stagnone and the salt marshes. The lagoon and the islands of Stagnone constitute a large nature reserve of enormous environmental value. Even today the salt marshes represent one of the oldest salt mining industries in the world. Lunch in a renowned wine cellar with a tasting of local wines and products. Departure for Agrigento and visit of the famous Valley of the Temples, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Giunone, Concordia and Ercole temples can be admired. In the evening, check-in at the hotel, dinner and an overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 / FRIDAY

AGRIGENTO – PIAZZA ARMERINA – RAGUSA IBLA – CATANIA

Breakfast in the hotel. Departure for Piazza Armerina, and visit to the stunning Villa Romana del Casale, a late-Imperial building and UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the afternoon proceed to Ragusa Ibla, with its beautiful churches and the Ibleo garden. At the end of the tour, stop to taste some typical local products. Transfer to the hotel in Catania, dinner and overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5 – SATURDAY

CATANIA

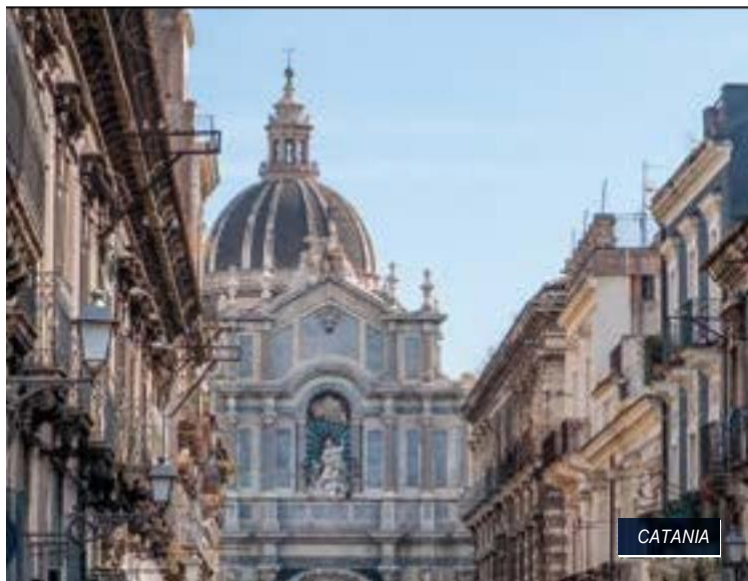
Breakfast in the hotel and day at leisure to enjoy Catania city centre. Dinner and overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6 – SUNDAY

CATANIA – SIRACUSA – NOTO – CATANIA

Breakfast in the hotel and departure for Syracuse to visit the largest and most powerful Greek colony in Sicily: the Archaeological Park of Neapolis. Visit of the old town centre of Ortigia, with its stunning Piazza Duomo and Cathedral. Proceed to Noto, the capital of



CATANIA



SIRACUSA

The Greek Theatre and the old town centre of Ortigia



NOTO

The capital of the Sicilian Baroque architecture known as the "stone garden"



ETNA

The highest active volcano in Europe



TAORMINA

The Greco-Roman Theatre



CEFALÙ

Beautiful maritime village with a medieval appearance

TAORMINA – CEFALÙ – PALERMO (1 night)

Sicilian baroque also called the "stone garden", full of beautiful buildings and declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. A walk through the streets of the centre to admire the skill and ingenious creativity of local craftsmen. Noto's baroque architecture is a plethora of elegant curves, floral weaves, perspective views, palaces and gardens, capitals and cherubs that adorn the façades of churches and monasteries. Return to Catania, dinner and overnight stay. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7 – MONDAY

CATANIA – ETNA – TAORMINA – CATANIA

Breakfast in the hotel, departure to discover Etna, the tallest active volcano in Europe (3.350 m), and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Etna Park, covering 59.000 hectares, is home to extremely varied and rich flora, along with many protected species. The first glimpses of captivating landscapes can be seen when approaching Rifugio Sapienza. From there, proceed to Crateri Silvestri, volcanic cones dating to 1888, now

inactive but surrounded by more recent lava flows. The view that can be enjoyed through the multitude of volcanic cones and craters extends to the Aeolian Islands and Calabria, making it a truly unique sight to behold. Afterwards, visit of a beekeeping farm, to see the honey extraction laboratory and taste of home-made honey and typical products of the area. Proceed to Taormina, famous for its natural landscape, marine beauties, historical monuments and an unforgettable view of the sea and Etna. Visit of the fascinating Greco-Roman theatre, which offers a breathtaking view of the Naxos Bay. The day will end with a beautiful panorama of the stunning Riviera dei Ciclopi. Return to the hotel in Catania. Dinner and overnight stay. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8 – TUESDAY

CATANIA – CEFALÙ – PALERMO

Breakfast in the hotel, followed by a visit to the old town centre of Catania and its baroque architecture, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a walk in the centre, passing through the old 'pescheria' (old fish market) to reach the scenic Piazza del Duomo with its stunning Cathedral and the lava stone Elephant (symbol of the city). Stop in a delicious coffee bar to taste the local granita with brioche. In the early afternoon, proceed to Cefalù, a beautiful medieval maritime village with its Norman Cathedral. Time at leisure to visit the famous Mandralisca Museum and transfer back to Palermo. Check-in at the hotel, dinner and overnight stay. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9 – WEDNESDAY

PALERMO

Breakfast in the hotel and check-out (possibility of private transfer as an optional service).

Meals: Breakfast

End of services.



TAORMINA

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