

A la carte itinerary SICILY 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



Sicily, the biggest island in the Mediterranean, is a melting pot of cultures, where Greek and Arab influences can be found in the architecture, in the ancient ruins from different civilizations and in the unique cuisine; a land where the earth spills fire from ancient volcanoes and the sun warms the emerald waters of the Mediterranean sea; a region of archaeological wonders, marvellous baroque towns and rich, ancient traditions. But Sicily is not only a place of extraordinary monuments, enchantingly beautiful scenery and beautiful towns, it is also a land that offers an incredible variety of excellent vintages, ancient cellars and vineyards, typical dishes and traditional foods rediscovered in their original style.

Note - ***We suggest to add a car rental to this itinerary***

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ITINERARY

DAY 1 PALERMO

Arrival to your hotel in Palermo. Time to settle in, and welcome dinner or in a typical local restaurant recommended by the hotel. (D)

Accommodation: Palermo for 3 nights

DAY 2 MARSALA - ERICE

Departure for Marsala, the city renowned for its wine production of the same name. Visit a winery in Rilievo (Trapani), for wine tasting (included). An experience that will change your concept of wine tourism. Free time to stroll through the centre of the old town. Lunch in a typical local restaurant. We suggest you to proceed to Erice, a magnificent medieval city in a spectacular setting. Walk through the streets of the centre of the town and visit the Pasticceria Maria Grammatico, an old pastry shop that offers recipes from the Antico Convento. Try some of the typical local delights such as almond pastries filled with candied lemon, Cannoli, Zibbibo (local wine) and the famous “brutti ma buoni” (“ugly but tasty”) cookies. Return to the hotel and overnight stay. (B/L)



DAY 3 POLLINA - PALERMO

Morning departure for Pollina to visit a farmhouse. Stop for lunch. After lunch visit the farm and hear the extraordinary story of how the ancient pastries and desserts were prepared with the Manna (Slow Food Presidium), accompanied by some samples. Back to Palermo and free time to stroll around the streets in the centre of the city. We suggest you to try the pastries at the Pasticceria Scimone, one of the oldest in the city that sells the famous cannoli, babà and lots more, and a visit to the Bottega dei Sapori and the Saperi della Legalità di Libera shop that sells the produce cultivated on lands confiscated from the Mafia, such as legumes, preserves and wines. (B/L)

DAY 4 AGRIGENTO - SYRACUSE

Departure for Agrigento for visit of the old city. Lunch at the typical restaurant downtown. In the afternoon a guided tour of the amazing Valley of the Temples, testament to the ancient Greek civilization in Sicily. Departure for the hotel in Syracuse area and overnight stay. (B/L)

Accommodation: Syracuse for 2 nights

DAY 5 RAGUSA – MODICA – SYRACUSE

We suggest a departure for Ragusa to visit the city built in a region that has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in recognition of its Sicilian style baroque architecture. The city is divided into two parts: the old city (called Ibla) and the new city. Proceed to Modica, the ancient capital of the county which once again is full of amazing examples of architecture that pay homage to the old Sicilian baroque style, where you will have a visit and tasting at the old pastry famous for chocolate. Departure for Syracuse and have dinner in a typical local restaurant in the historical town centre of Ortigia that includes some traditional dishes and local wines. (B/D)



DAY 6 SYRACUSE - MOUNT ETNA - TAORMINA

We suggest a tour of the city, one of the most important and strategic political centres in ancient Greece. Visit the archaeological park and walk around the heart of the old city, Ortigia. Departure for Taormina, stopping on route to visit a vineyard, where prestigious wines are produced, a real find in terms of wines from Etna. There will be a tasting accompanied by local produce. (B)

Accommodation: Taormina for 2 nights

DAY 7 TAORMINA

In the morning, a guided tour to discover Taormina, the small medieval village called "the pearl of the Ionian Sea" and visit to the Roman Greek theatre. Time at leisure for lunch, shopping and walk through the tiny streets. (B)

DAY 8 TAORMINA

After breakfast, end of our services. (B)

INCLUSIONS

- 7 night accommodation
- 12 meals: 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- 4 guided tastings of Slow Food wines and/or Presidia products from the Sicily region
- 1 private guided tour (2 hours) of Valley of the Temples Archaeological Park, Agrigento
- 1 private guided tour (2 hours) of Taormina
- Entrance fees to the Valley of the Temples Archaeological Park, Agrigento ; Greek theatre, Taormina

Not included · Flights · Car rental · city tax · beverages · gratuities · entrance fees to monuments and museums · travel insurance

Possible to book the following options (on request - \$)

- Additional lunches/dinners
- Car rental
- Private car with driver
- Pre/post tour

Hotel Options or similar	
City	4*
Palermo	Quintocanto Hotel & Spa
Syracuse	Hotel Il Podere
Taormina	Grand Hotel Excelsior

Price in CAD\$, per person starting from, double occupancy	Land only
April 1 – April 24, 2020	\$ 1869
April 25 – October 31, 2020	\$ 1969
Single room supplement	\$ 640



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