



Treasures of Sicily

7 nights / 8 days

Land Only

Escorted Tour

April – October 2016

From \$ 1,329



Day 1, Saturday, Palermo: Benvenuti! Welcome. Upon arrival in Palermo, you will be transferred to the Hotel Mercure Palermo Excelsior, or similar in Palermo. The remainder of the afternoon is on your own. This evening enjoy a Welcome Cocktail and dinner. Overnight in Palermo. **(D)**

Day 2, Sunday, Palermo - Cefalu - Castelbuono – Catania: After a buffet breakfast, departure to Cefalù, a charming coastal town, a former fishing village, this is also home to a breathtaking Norman Cathedral with dazzling mosaics. Take a stroll to the city centre and down Main Street to reach the Cathedral and the medieval wash-house built in the rock. Proceed to Castelbuono, a typical medieval village on the slopes of the Madonie. Walking through the typical alleys of the village, you can admire the Church of St. Anne, Patron Saint of the city, with the bell tower next to the Church of "Matrice Vecchia". After the visit, tasting of typical Sicilian products at a renowned pastry shop: panettone and the famous artisan liquors (Rosolio) of various flavors. Lunch in a farmhouse in Castelbuono. Proceed to Catania passing by the famous Natural Park of the Madonie. Accommodation, dinner and overnight at the Hotel Mercure Catania Excelsior, or similar. **(BLD)**

Day 3, Monday, Catania- Siracusa - Noto- Catania: After a buffet breakfast, depart to Syracuse to visit the most beautiful Greek colony of Sicily. Visit of the archaeological park "Neapolis", including the famous Latomie of the Paradise, the Greek Theatre and the Dyonisios "Ear". Visit the island of Ortigia, the small baroque old city centre of Siracusa: here you can admire the Cathedral, which is built on the site of the Temple of Minerva, the legendary "Fontana Arethusa" and the Temple of Apollo. Lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, proceed to Noto, one of the most beautiful cities in Sicily renowned for the harmony and unity of its Baroque style and today declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Back to Catania: dinner and overnight at your Hotel. **(BLD)**

Day 4, Tuesday, Catania - Mt. Etna - Taormina - Catania: After a buffet breakfast, weather conditions permitting, excursion to Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe. Across fascinating landscape, we will reach a height of 1900 meters to visit the Sylvester Craters where you can enjoy a spectacular panorama over the Ionian Sea. Lunch in a local restaurant on Mt. Etna. Continue to Taormina, a charming city called "the pearl of the Ionian Sea", founded in 400 BC and beautifully located overlooking the ocean and the peak of Mount Etna. Enjoy time at leisure to shop for handmade lace, coral jewels, ceramics, homemade sweets along "Corso Umberto" or simply walk through its tiny streets. Optional visit of the fascinating Greek Roman theatre. Back to your Hotel in Catania: dinner and overnight. **(BLD)**

Day 5, Wednesday, Catania - Piazza Armerina - Agrigento: After a buffet breakfast, depart to Piazza Armerina in the inland of Sicily, to visit the worldwide known Villa Romana del Casale: it is the richest, largest and most complex collection of late Roman mosaics in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to Agrigento, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley Of Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lunch in a local restaurant. Continue to Agrigento: visit of the Valley of the Temples that represent the most beautiful example of the Greek Civilization in Sicily. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Dioscuri Bay Palace, or similar. **(BLD)**

Day 6, Thursday, Agrigento - Selinunte- Erice - Palermo: After a buffet breakfast, depart to the Archaeological park of Selinunte, the largest in the Mediterranean area with the impressive Temples and Acropolis. Proceed to Castelvetrano and stop in a local farmhouse (famous for olive oil production) where before lunch it will be possible to have a tasting of local typical products (olive oil, black bread of Castelvetrano, olives). Continue to Erice, a medieval town full of myth, history and art on the summit of Monte San Giuliano: walk through its winding lanes, inner courtyards and cobbled streets. Proceed to Palermo. Accommodation, dinner and overnight at Hotel Mercure Palermo Excelsior. **(BLD)**

Day 7, Friday, Palermo – Monreale - Palermo: After breakfast, morning at leisure or optional excursion to famous Monte Pellegrino and the Shrine of Santa Rosalia, the Patron Saint of the city. Enjoy a breathtaking panorama of the Conca d'Oro. End the morning with a walk to discover one of the most colorful historical markets of Palermo: "The Capo Market" immersed in an explosion of vegetables and fruits (supplement on the spot; the excursion will take place with a minimum of participants). Back to your Hotel for lunch. In the early afternoon, depart to Monreale to admire the Cathedral and its splendid 12th century mosaics representing a complete cycle of the Old and New Testaments, and the Cloister of the Benedictines Abbey. Continue visiting the Capital of Sicily, Palermo, one of the richest towns in the island for history and art: the Cathedral, the Palace of the Normans and its superb "Palatina" Chapel; enjoy a panoramic tour of the historical centre (the "Quattro Canti", the Opera House and the Pretoria Square). Dinner and overnight at your Hotel. **(BLD)**

Day 8, Saturday, Palermo - Airport: Arrivederci! After a buffet breakfast at your hotel, a private transfer is scheduled to take you to Punta Raisi Airport in Palermo. **(B)**

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Departures on every Saturday, April - October, 2016

- * Private round trip airport transfers from Palermo Airport to Hotel
- * 7 nights' accommodation at 4 star hotels, 3 in Palermo, 3 in Catania, 1 in Agrigento
- * Welcome Cocktail
- * Daily Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner
- * Ground transportation in deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- * Multilingual tour escort throughout
- * Local guides where necessary
- * Tasting of typical Sicilian products
- * Hotel service charges and VAT taxes
- * Document holder
- * Porterage
- * Meals: B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner
- * Sightseeing tour as per itinerary, entrance fees to be paid locally approximately 58,00 Euros per person

All rates are per person in U.S. Dollars.

Double \$ 1,349 Single \$ 1,659 Triple \$ 1,329

April	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
May	7, 14, 21, 28
June	4, 11, 18, 25
July	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
August	6, 13, 20, 27
September	3, 10, 17, 24
October	1, 8, 15, 22, 29

NOTE: City taxes to be paid locally at the end of your stay up to Euro 6,00 per person per night.