



Embracing Sicily

7 nights/8 days

Land Only

Escorted Tour

March – October, 2017

From \$1,369



ITINERARY

Day 1, Friday, Palermo: Arrival in Palermo airport transfer to your hotel by your own. Meeting with the participants. Dinner and overnight at your hotel **(D)**.

Day 2, Saturday, Palermo- Montreal –(optional tour to cefalu)-palermo: Buffet breakfast at enjoy a morning tour of Palermo. A city full of character, features Quattro canti- a splendid example of Spanish Baroque architecture, the palace of the Normans and its superb palatine Chapel. The cathedral, and the famous Benedictine Abbey of Nonreale. Here you will admire a 12th century cathedral, housing very fine mosaics representing a complete cycle of the old and new testaments. Balance of the day is at leisure to relax or take an optional tour with your tour director to the picturesque fishing village of cefalu. In the evening. Enjoy a festive dinner with delectable cuisine and sparkling in a fashionable restaurant overnight **(BD)**.

Day 3, Sunday, Palermo- Corleone – Ficuzza - Palermo: Buffet breakfast at your hotel and enjoy this dedicated to one of the most famous social phenomena in Sicily we will depart in the morning to the inland of Sicily and specifically to the area of Corleone, known for being the place where Mafia phenomena was born but also know nowadays for being the place where Mafia is firmly fought. We will firstly participate to an interesting and accurate cooking lesson. We will be able to prepare some of the most genuine and traditional Sicilian dishes (only for who desires to participate to the cooking lesson). After the cooking lesson, enjoy this special lunch After lunch we will experience an interesting LECTURE on Mafia. One of the inhabitants of Corleone, born in the UK , will present a fascinating discussion on the topic of the Sicilian Mafia but also explain the origins and the way how Corleone inhabitants has taken to eliminate organized crime. Back to Palermo. accommodation**(B, L, D)**.

Day 4, Monday, Palermo -Segesta – Marsala – Trapani - Palermo: Buffet breakfast at your hotel and journey to Segesta, a large archaeological zone, with a magnificent Doric Temple. 420 B.C to 430 B.C. Located within a beautiful and natural setting that ranks as one of the best-preserved Greek architectural sites. Continue to the sea town of Marsala, re-discovered in the 18th century by English merchant John Woodhouse and known for its sweet wines visit a wine cellar and sample some Marsala during a special wine tasting session Drive along Trapani's coastline and stop for a special Sicilian lunch in a return to Palermo. Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight at hotel.

Day 5, Tuesday, Palermo – Agrigento – Taormina : Buffet breakfast at your hotel and depart for Agrigento, a hillside town famous for its magnificent valley of the temples, a UNESCO world heritage site. Enjoy a guided tour of the valley, dating back to the 5th century B.C. The poet Pindar described the site "as the most beautiful city built by mortal men". The Doric style temples all constructed within a century, face east a standard criteria for both Greek and Roman temples so the statue of the god housed in each temple faced the rising sun. The best temple is that of Concordia (similar in design to the Parthenon in Athens) which is an almost perfectly preserved condition. Your local guide will highlight the history and architecture of Concordia and of the other temples that are part of this archaeological treasure-trove. After visiting the valley of the temples. Resume travel to Taormina, where you arrive in the evening in time for an enjoyable and relaxing dinner at your hotel. **(B, D)**.

Day 6, Wednesday, Taormina – Mt. Etna – Taormina 9optional tour to Savoca, Forza D'AGRO : Buffet breakfast at hotel and morning walking tour of Taormina's charming city center includes the Greek/Roman amphitheatre, with its spectacular view of Giardini Naxos and Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. Enjoy the excursion to Mount Etna, till 1800 meters and visit the Sylvester craters where you can enjoy the best views. As you drive through the fertile slopes and villages that sit on ancient volcanic eruptions on the way back to Taormina, we offer a once in a lifetime experience. You may take an optional "Godfather" tour featuring the authentic villages chosen by Francis Coppola for most of the scenes in the Godfather movies. This is a good way to explore the real untouched Sicilian and countryside, local lifestyle and culture. Tonight you may experience dinner on your own time in one of the many colorful restaurants of Taormina.**(B)**.

Day 7, Thursday, Taormina – Syracuse - Taormina: Buffet breakfast at your hotel, Transfer to Catania airport for your hotel and experience an included excursion to Syracuse. A guided tour of this venerable city highlights the Archaeological park. Greek Theater. Latomia del Paradiso and Cave of Dionysius Ear. This evening savor a special Sicilian dinner with wine in a restaurant characteristic of this region.**(B, D)**.

Day 8, Friday, Taormina: Buffet Breakfast at your hotel . Transfer to Catania airport for your return flight home By Your Own. End of the tour **(B)**.

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Departures on Selected Fridays, March – October, 2017

- * Round trip transfer to and from the airport
 - * 7 nights first class hotel accommodations (4 in Palermo and 3 in Taormina)
 - * Daily breakfast
 - * 2 lunches
 - * 5 dinners
 - * Deluxe motor coach transportation throughout
 - * 1 Cooking Class & 1 Mafia lecture in Corleone
 - * Document holder
 - * Multilingual tour escort throughout
 - * Local guides where necessary
 - * Tasting of typical products
 - * Hotel service charges and VAT taxes
 - * Document holder
 - * Meals: B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner
- * Sightseeing tour as per itinerary, entrance fees to be paid locally approximately 58,00 Euros per person

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

Double \$ 1,389 Single \$ 1,789 Triple \$ 1,369

March	24
April	14, 21
May	5, 12, 26
June	2, 16
July	no departures
August	no departures
September	8, 15, 22, 29
October	6, 13

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