

Magnificent Sicily

7 nights/8 days
Land Only
Escorted Tour
April-October 2017
from \$ 1,469



Day 1, Saturday, Catania: Independent arrival at the hotel IL Principe in Catania. Accommodation. Welcome cocktail and dinner. Overnight in your hotel. **(D)**

Day 2, Sunday, Catania-Siracusa-Ragusa Sicilian typical products tasting: After a buffet breakfast, depart to Syracuse: visit the archaeological area "Neapolis" including the famous Latomie of the Paradise and the Dyionisios "Ear". Continue to the island of Ortigia, the small baroque old city centre of Siracusa: visit of the Cathedral, which is built upon the site of The Temple of Minerva, the legendary Arethuse Fountain and the Temple of Apollo. Lunch on your own. Depart to Ragusa and visit of the Enchanting historical centre "Ibla", with its stunning baroque palaces and churches; together with other seven cities in the Val di Noto, Ragusa is listed among the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Enjoy a tasting of typical products of the island in the main square by the Dome. Accommodation, dinner and overnight at Hotel Poggio Del Sole. **(BD)**

Day 3, Monday, Ragusa-Caltagirone-Piazza Armerina-Agrigento: After a buffet breakfast, depart to Caltagirone, a small town in the inland of Sicily, declared by UNESCO World Heritage Site and famous worldwide for the production of pottery and in particular majolica (Italian tin-glazed pottery that dates back to Renaissance and decorated in bright colors) and terra-cotta wares: panoramic visit and opportunity of shopping. Continue to Piazza Armerina to visit the worldwide known Villa Romana del Casale, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, thanks to its well preserved mosaics depicting mythological themes and hunting scenes. Lunch in a local restaurant with a special menu chosen to give the opportunity to taste the local specialties. Depart to Agrigento, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site: guided tour of the Valley, including the Temple of Concordia, which is in almost perfectly preserved condition, Juno and Heracles. Accommodation and dinner at hotel Dioscuri Bay Palace overnight. **(BLD)**

Day 4, Tuesday-Agrigento-Palermo-Monreale: After a buffet breakfast depart to Palermo. Accommodation at Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa. Time at leisure. Lunch on your own. In the afternoon visit of Monreale: the Cathedral, one of the most beautiful monuments of the world with its Moorish architecture, housing very fine mosaics representing a complete cycle of the Old and New Testaments and the Benedictine Cloister in Arab-Norman style. Continue the visit of the historical centre of Palermo, one of the largest of Europe, including the Cathedral, the Palace of the Normans and its superb Palatine Chapel. Dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight in your hotel. **(BD)**

Day 5, Wednesday, Palermo-Segesta-Erice-Salt Route-(Trapani Area)-PALERMO: After a buffet breakfast, depart to Segesta to admire the magnificent Doric Temple, 420 B.C to 430 B.C, and the Theatre, one of the best-preserved Greek architectural sites, surrounded by a beautiful landscape. Continue to the medieval village of Erice placed on the top of a hill overlooking the city of Trapani and the Egadi Islands: walk through its tiny and characteristic streets, the winding lanes and, inner courtyards. Lunch on your own. Down to Trapani area for a panoramic tour of the salt windmills and basins, which are still in use. Return to Palermo. Dinner and overnight in your Hotel. **(BD)**

Day 6, Thursday, Palermo-Cefalu-NEBRODI PARK-Taormina: After a buffet breakfast, depart to Cefalù a former fishing village, now a charming coastal town. Enjoy a walk to the city center and down main street to reach the Arab-Norman Cathedral and the medieval wash-house built in the rock. Drive through the Park of "Nebrodi" and stop at the Miraglia Forest for lunch with a typical menu. Continue to Cesarò, Randazzo and visit the Etna park from an unusual point of view - the north facing side -surrounded by beautiful landscapes. Arrival in Taormina. Accommodation, dinner and overnight at hotel Villa Diodoro, located near historic centre of Taormina. **(BLD)**

Day 7, Friday, Taormina-MT ENTNA (OPTIONAL)-TAORMINA: After a buffet breakfast, morning at leisure or for those who are interested, opportunity to take an optional excursion to the Mount Etna, the highest active Volcano in Europe. Weather conditions permitting, across fascinating landscape, we will reach a height of 1800 meters to visit the Sylvester Craters where you can enjoy a spectacular panorama over the Ionian Sea (supplement on the spot; the excursion will take place with a minimum of participants). Lunch on your own. Afternoon in Taormina, charming city called "the pearl of the Ionian Sea": enjoy time at leisure for shopping or walking through its tiny streets. Possibility to visit the Greek-Roman Theatre on your own, with its spectacular view of Giardini Naxos and Mount Etna. Return to your hotel: dinner and overnight. **(BD)**

Day 8, Saturday, Taormina- After a buffet breakfast, end of the tour **(B)**



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**Guaranteed Departures on selected Saturdays from Catania
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- * Roundtrip airport transfers
- * 7 nights' 4* hotel accommodations (1 in Catania, 1 in Ragusa, 1 in Agrigento, 2 in Palermo, 2 in Taormina)
- * Meals: Daily breakfast and dinner, 2 lunches
- * Ground transportation in deluxe motor coach
- * Porterage at the hotels
- * English Speaking tour escort
- * Local guides where necessary
- * Tasting of typical products
- * Hotel service charges and VAT taxes
- * Meals: B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner
- * Document holder

- * 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 \$ 1,499 Single \$ 1,899 Triple \$ 1,469

April	15
May	6, 13, 20, 27
June	3, 10, 24
July	8, 22
August	26
September	2, 09, 16, 23,30
October	7,14

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