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Recap:

7 nights/8 days

Taormina (2 nights) Palermo (3 nights) Siracusa (2 nights)

LAND: Catania airport - est side

LEAVE: Catania airport - est side

Trip Summary

Day 1 (Friday & Monday)

WELCOME TO SICILY! Arrival Transfer in Taormina

Day 2 (Saturday & Tuesday)

Taormina at leisure

Day 3 (Sunday & Wednesday)

7:45

TAORMINA TO PALERMO: Cefalù highlights | Semi Private up to 7 people

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MONREALE AND PALERMO: Highlights and Street Food - Half-day Tour

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PALERMO TO SIRACUSA: Valley of the Temples and Roman Villa | Semi Private up to 7 people

Day 7 (Thursday & Sunday)

BEST OF SIRACUSA - Half-day Tour

Day 8 (Friday & Monday)

ARRIVEDERCI! Departing from Catania Airport

Day 1 (Friday & Monday)



PICK-UP - 1 hr 30 min -

WELCOME TO SICILY! Arrival Transfer in Taormina

Welcome to the warm, beautiful and pleasant island of Sicily!

Upon arrival at **Catania Airport**, please proceed through Passport Control and collect your luggage inside the customs area. Our italian-speaking driver will be waiting for you at the arrival department. Then transfer to Taormina.

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick-up Catania airport • Drop-off Taormina hotel • Private vehicle with AC • Italian speaking chauffeur • Luggage allowed: 1 suitcase of 23 kg and a hand-bag per person • VAT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips and gratuities • Meals and beverages not cleraly specified • Luggage handling at hotel and airport • City taxes

Day 2 (Saturday & Tuesday)



Taormina at leisure

Today is at Leisure to explore the town on your own.

Taormina has long since been Sicily's most favourite resort town, perched on a coastal bluff that looks out to the Tyrrhenian Sea between Messina and Catania in the north east of the island. Its ancient narrow streets are full of little specialist shops, cafes and restaurants, which are an invitation to step into the spell cast by this intriguing town. The town's history is vibrant and complicated and dates back to the Ancient Greek period. Taormina was settled in 395 BC by residents from the nearby city of Giardini-Naxos, Sicily's oldest Greek established city dating back to 735 BC. Giardini Naxos was where the Greeks established their colony during their domination of Sicily.

WHAT WE DO RECOMMEND WHILE IN TAORMINA

- #1 - A Cooking Class with lunch which is arranged in the morning, half day
- #2 - A Boat Tour Experience, half day
- #3 - Etna WD4X4 Jeep with lunch in a rustic trattoria, full day
- #4 - Godfather Villages (visit: Savoca and Forza d'Agrò), half day
- #5 - Godfather Tour (visit: Castello degli Schiavi), half day

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VAT • Booking fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips and gratuities • Meals and beverages not clearly specified • Optional day tours • City taxes



Day 3 (Sunday & Wednesday)



7:45 - 11 hr -

TAORMINA TO PALERMO: Cefalù highlights | Semi Private up to 7 people

Today h 8.45AM departure from **Taormina** (*Pick-up could be coordinated based on the ZTL --Limited Traffic Zone--*) in direction of **Cefalù (approx. 2,5 hours driving)** on highway with suggestive sea view you will arrive in this gorgeous town located on the northern coast of Sicily and one of the major tourist attractions in the region.

Built on a promontory dominated by a sheer cliff, Cefalù, still keeping its ancient print, has grown around the Cathedral wanted by Ruggero II. The Cathedral, began in 1131, is one of the most interesting medieval monuments of the island and boasts outstanding mosaics and a wonderful cloister. A large part of the town is pedestrian. Stroll through the medieval narrow street and admire the picturesque houses on the sea and the long beach of finest sand.

Time at disposal for an independent visit and lunch on your own

Later departure for Palermo (approx. 1 hour driving)

INFORMATION:

- Tour is Operated:** Rain or Shine
- Group Size:** minimum 2 people, up to 7 people
- Tour Scheduled:** Sunday and Wednesday, all year round
- Language:** English

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taormina Hotel pick-up in uptown or downtown • Palermo Hotel drop off in town • Vehicle with air conditioning • English speaking driver • Luggage allowed: 1 suitcase up to 23 Kg + 1 handbag • Independent visits as per itinerary • Booking fees • Fuel, parking fee and driver expenses • VAT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed Tourist Guide • Gratuities and Tips • Meals and Beverages not specified • City taxes



Day 4 (Monday & Thursday)



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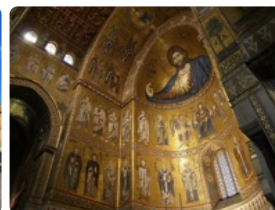
MONREALE AND PALERMO: Highlights and Street Food - Half-day Tour

Today you are greeted at Palermo hotel and driven by taxi to **Monreale** to see with your expert Guide where the Arab-Norman art and architecture reached the pinnacle of its glory with the Dome. Launched in 1174 by William II, it represents the scenes from the Old and New Testaments all in golden mosaics.

Later the taxi will drive you back to **Palermo** to continue your walking tour of the city center. Explore a large open air street market (Capo or Ballarò) that captures the flavor of Palermo's Saracen Arab past. Enjoy a local street food tasting inside the market. Then continue by seeing "four corners" that converge Palermo at a quartet of baroque palaces left over from the heyday of Spanish rule dating from 1560, Piazza Pretoria and Via Maqueda.

The tour ends at Piazza Verdi (Massimo Opera Theatre square). Independent transfer to your hotel.

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel pick-up • Round Trip Taxi Service to Monreale • Licensed Tourist guide • Street Food tasting • Booking fees • VAT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop off at hotel • Admission fees • Gratuities and tips • Meals and beverages not clearly specified • City taxes



Day 5 (Tuesday & Friday)



8:15 - 8 hr -

ERICE & MARSALA: Salt, Wine, Olive Oil (lunch included) | Semi Private up to 7 people

Today h 8.15AM departure for **Erice** uptown. The Elymians settled in the **medieval** town of Erice, which was an important religious site associated with the goddess Venus. Wander through its ancient streets and visit some of the famous homemade pastry shops—world-famous for marzipan candies and other delicacies like almond and pistachio pastries. At arrival, independent walk along the city centre with recommended stop at local pastry shop to taste some Sicilian local sweet.

Enjoy a **light lunch in a local [Sicilian Olive Oil](#)** producer Farmhouse including tasting of mixed local products.

This afternoon, we drive along the scenic **Salt Way Road** to admire the beautiful **Saltpans** where the sea-salt is still produced following the old Phoenician tradition preserved during the century. We then continue onto **Marsala**, the Arab “Marsa Allah” –Harbor of God–, is known in the whole world for one thing: [Wine!](#)

The **Marsala Wine** comes from the western lands of Sicily and its name derives from the homonymous town. The **Marsala is the oldest Italian DOC wine**, with an average alcohol content of about 18 degrees.

Later we return to Palermo (*estimated arrival time h 4.15PM ish depending on the traffic situation*)

INFORMATION:

- Tour is Operated:** Rain or Shine
- The order of the activities could be **Reversed**
- Group Size:** minimum 2 people, up to 7 people
- Tour Scheduled:** Tuesday and Friday, all year round
- Language:** English

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel pick-up and drop off (hotel located in town) • Vehicle with air conditioning • English speaking driver • Independent visits as per itinerary • One lunch in an Olive Oil farmhouse • One visit to a winery in Marsala with wine tastings • Booking fees • Fuel, parking fee and driver expenses • VAT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed Tourist guide • Admission fees • Gratuities and Tips • Meals and Beverages not specified • City taxes



Day 6 (Wednesday & Saturday)



7:45 - 11 hr -

PALERMO TO SIRACUSA: Valley of the Temples and Roman Villa | Semi Private up to 7 people

PRICE

€0.00 EUR

Today h 7.45AM we drive through the interior of Sicily to reach **Agrigento** to see the **Valley of the Temples**: two hours audio-guide independent walking tour on the **Valley of the Temples** an important **Unesco World Heritage site** covers the Temple of Hera, the Temple of Concordia, the Temple of Hercules and the Temple of Zeus. Agrigento, according to legend, was founded by Daedalus and his son Icarus after they had fled from Crete "by air". Historically, however, its origins date back to 582 B.C. when it was founded by Rhodian-Cretan colonist from the neighboring Gela who named their city Akragas after the nearby river. It rapidly increased in size, importance and military strength under Phalarides, the first tyrant, and later under Theron, who extended his way over northern Sicily as far as Himera.

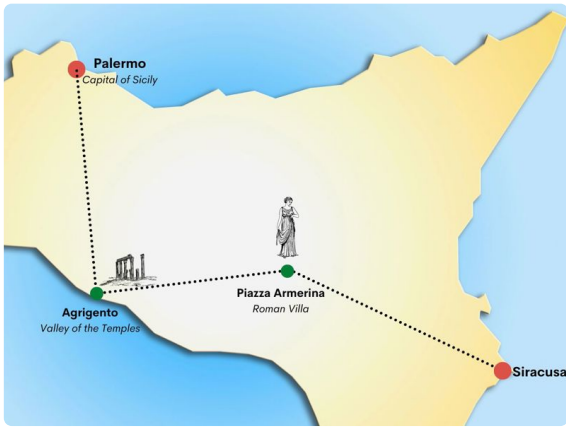
This afternoon we then continue onto **Piazza Armerina** to enjoy an independent visit of the amazing **Mosaics Floor at the Roman Villa of Casale**, that belongs to the Unesco Heritage. Built on the 4th century AD, the Villa was later forgotten and only in the 20th century excavations revealed the whole building. It is the supreme example of a luxury Roman villa (about 3500 square meters of floor mosaics) and was probably the residence of a member of the upper class of the Roman Empire. The mosaics discovered here are celebrated among scholars of antiquity. The visit inside the Roman Villa will be done independently. Every room has information boards.

Later we continue to **Siracusa** (*estimated arrival time h 6.45PM ish depending on the traffic situation*)

INFORMATION:

- Tour is Operated:** Rain or Shine
- Group Size:** minimum 2 people, up to 7 people
- Tour Scheduled:** Wednesday and Saturday, all year round
- Language:** English

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palermo Hotel pick-up in town • Siracusa Hotel drop off in town (Ortigia area) • Vehicle with air conditioning • English speaking driver • Independent visits as per itinerary • Audio-Guide and Admission fee package to visit the Valley of the Temples • Luggage allowed: 1 suitcase up to 23 Kg + 1 handbag • Booking fees • Fuel, parking fee and driver expenses • VAT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed Tourist Guide • Admission fee to visit the Roman Villa (payable on the spot) • Gratuities and Tips • Meals and Beverages not specified • City taxes



Day 7 (Thursday & Sunday)



- 4 hr -

BEST OF SIRACUSA - Half-day Tour

Meet your Guide at your hotel or directly in city center and you will be driven to the **Archaeological Park** that highlights the **Greek Theatre**, the **Roman Amphitheatre** and the Paradise Quarry, we then take the taxi back to the center to start your guided walking tour strolling through the streets of **Ortygia Island**, the heart of the city center connected to the mainland by Umberto bridge. Siracusa that belongs to the **Unesco heritage**, was founded by colonists from Cornith in 735 B.C. and once the most important competitor to Athens. Admire the Dome in Baroque style, the Arethusa Fontain, the Maniace Castle (external view), the Temple of Apollo and the beautiful palaces around Ortygia.

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxi service for round trip transfers to the Archaeological Park • Licensed Tourist guide Half Day (max 4 hours) • Booking fees • VAT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission fees • Meals and beverages not clearly specified • Gratuities and tips • City taxes



Day 8 (Friday & Monday)



PICK-UP - 1 hr -

ARRIVEDERC!! Departing from Catania Airport

Time to say goodbye to Sicily.

Our italian-speaking driver will bring you from your hotel in Siracusa to Catania airport. Ready to take your flight.

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pick-up in Siracusa hotel• Drop-off in Catania airport• Vehicle with air conditioning• Italian speaking driver• Booking fees• Luggage allowed: <i>1 suitcase of 23 kg and a hand-bag per person</i>• VAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tips and gratuitis• Meals and beverages• Luggage handling at hotel and airport• City taxes

Information



Tour Map

