



Sicily & the Amalfi Coast

October 2-13, 2023

Price per person based on 2 to a room...\$3750.00
Single Supplement...\$950.00

Visit Palermo, Segesta, Erice, Ragusa, Valley of Temples, Piazza Amerina, Siracusa, Taormina, Mt

Day 1... Depart from home. Your flight includes meals, drinks, and in-flight entertainment for your journey.

Meals - D

Day 2...Palermo

Transfer to our hotel in Palermo. Tonight enjoy our welcome dinner at a local restaurant..

Overnight: Palermo – Hotel Concordia or similar – Meals BD

Day 3...- Palatine Chapel and Palermo City

Tour Start your tour of Palermo with the visit of the Palatine Chapel, a UNESCO Heritage Site, located inside the complex of Palazzo dei Normanni. Its glittering gold mosaics, complemented by inlaid marble floors and wooden ceilings, reflect Norman Sicily's cultural complexity. Continue with a walking tour including the Cathedral, Piazza dei Quattro Canti, Piazza Pretoria, and the church of Casa Professa, an expression of the Baroque style in its most amazing form. Visit a Puppet Theater, a traditional form of Sicilian entertainment that dates back to the 15th century and is still alive today. Discover Palermo on your own with its winding alleyways and colorful back streets during free time

Overnight: Palermo- Hotel Concordia - Meals: B

Day 4... Segesta, Farm Lunch, Erice

Morning drive through western Sicily where you will view the famous Doric Temple of Segesta rising high on a hill, constructed in the 5th century B.C., one of the greatest examples of this style of architecture. Continue to the mountaintop Erice, a wonderfully preserved medieval town with breathtaking views and a great historical presence. Walk along the cobbled streets lined with superb examples of Gothic, Baroque and Renaissance architecture, home of the “Ericina” ceramic handicraft art. Continue to your hotel.

Overnight: Marsala – Villa Carlo Resort - Meals – B

Day 5... Salt Mines, and Planeta Estate Winery- Valley of the Temples

Today we follow the road from Trapani to Marsala that skirts round the edge of the lagoon and the island of Mozia providing fine views of the local saltworks: panels of mirror-like water, held by thin strips of earth, synchronise to form an irregular and multicoloured scene. In places, the profile of a windmill may be discerned, a reminder of times past when they provided the main means of pumping the water and grinding the salt. From the shallow water, the searing temperatures and arid winds was born a tough, but beneficial industry to produce the precious element, so vital to the survival of man. This afternoon we will visit the Planeta Estate Winery for lunch and a wine tasting!

Overnight: Agrigento –Residence Hotel Antica Perla. – Meals: BL

Day 6...- Valley of Temples, Make your own Pizza and Piazza Armerina

This morning, discover Agrigento's celebrated Valley of the Temples the largest and best preserved temple ruins outside of mainland Greece. Tour this magnificent archaeological park, built between 430 and 510 B.C., all majestically positioned in the same area on rocky crests south of modern day Agrigento This afternoon enjoy making your own Pizza using fresh ingredients in Licata. After tasting your own creation, travel to Piazza Armerina to view the intricate examples of Roman mosaics at the famous Roman Villa del Casale, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. These extraordinarily vivid mosaics deal with numerous subjects, ranging from Homeric escapades and mythological scenes to portrayals of daily life. The Villa itself was rediscovered in the 19th century after being almost completely covered by a landslide.

Overnight: Island of Ortygia – Ortea Luxury Palace - Meals: BL

Day 7... Syracuse-Ortygia

This morning we'll learn more about Ortygia and take a closer look at this small fishing island. We'll explore the local market, stroll through centuries in the Cathedral of Syracuse, and marvel at the masterpiece of the Piazza del Duomo. This afternoon we'll enjoy a lively performance of Sicily's traditional puppet theater, where the language is no barrier to entertainment. Then the rest of the day is yours to wander through Syracuse's delightful jumble of Greek, Roman, medieval, and Baroque layers — or settle on a quiet park bench with a harbor view. . This evening we'll take a walk through the city's historic old town on the island of Ortygia.

Overnight: Island of Ortygia – Ortea Luxury Palace -Meals: B

Day 8... Mt. Etna Summit & Taormina

Begin the day with a visit to the lava-crustled slopes of Mt. Etna, which dominates the scenery and is the most active volcano in Europe! Ascend via cable car and bus to reach the altitude of 9,000 feet; step carefully on the varied layers of lava which have solidified over the centuries. Learn about Etna's impact on the surrounding area and its unique geology. Stop to sample some typical street food for lunch before heading toward Taormina.

Overnight: Taormina Panoramic Hotel - Meals: BL

Day 9... - Charming Taormina

This morning we'll ride the cable car to tour Taormina's remarkably situated ancient Greek theater, which is still used today for open-air performances. This afternoon you're free to luxuriate in this cliffhanging, Old World resort town. Wander through its elegant gardens, posh cafés, and shops; to the beach; or explore the nearby mountain top village of Castelmola. Any way you slice it, you'll have a ringside seat to savor *il dolce far niente* (the sweetness of doing nothing), Sicilian style. This evening we'll meet up for a Sicilian pizza dinner together.

Overnight: Taormina Panoramic Hotel - Meals: BD

Day 10...Flight to Naples – Scenic Drive, Positano and Amalfi

Our journey takes you along the Bay of Naples, offering stunning views, including Capri, in the distance, across the bay, and historic Mt. Vesuvius opposite shore, on land. Continuing down the Sorrentine Peninsula, enjoying the unique landscape for which this road is known. These breathtaking views culminate with a “wow” photo-op when we stop above the town of Positano. We'll stop to enjoy the town of Positano, wander the narrow streets, do a bit of shopping, or enjoy some local gelato as a treat after your travel

We'll then make our way to our destination of Amalfi. The historic town of Amalfi was, for centuries, an important trade bridge between the Byzantine and Western worlds. Characterized by a virtual maze of narrow, winding streets and alleys, lined with unique shops, and cafes, Amalfi's main square is centered around a magnificent Cathedral.

Overnight: Sorrento- Grand Hotel De La Ville- Meals BL

Day 11...Isle of Capri and Blue Grotto

After breakfast a full day tour to the enchanting and picturesque Isle of Capri by boat - it will be a highlight! Blue Grotto weather permitting. Here, you'll walk through the narrow lanes of Anacapri, with its chic boutiques and shops offering tastings of the island's famous Limoncello. Then, to La Piazzetta (Piazza Umberto I) where everyone gathers to socialize and to the Gardens of Augustus, towards the top of the island, a natural paradise, from where you can see splendid views of the sea and the famous Faraglioni rock formations, one of the island's natural wonders. After a lovely day in Capri, return to Sorrento

Overnight: Sorrento - Grand Hotel De La Ville - Meals; B

Day 12...Flight home.

Back to home via flight and transportation to airport. **Meals: L**

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Group tour manager throughout the land tour.

Tours, sightseeing and admissions as per itinerary.

All applicable taxes

Meals as indicated on the itinerary

(10 Breakfasts-B – 5 Lunches-L – 3 Dinners-D)

Flights can be scheduled from any airport on request possibly additional cost.

Exclusions in above prices:

- Seat selection
- Personal items
- Optional Tours
- Meals unless listed in itinerary

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