

Sicily II the Wild West

WITH CHEF RIC ORLANDO





ITINERARY

DAY 1 - ARRIVAL IN SICILY AND WELCOME DINNER

BENVENUTI IN SICILIA!

Upon arrival at Palermo Airport, clear entry formalities and meet your English-speaking driver at the pre-arranged meeting point. You will then be transferred by private vehicle to your accommodation in Palermo.

Please note that all our transfers include 1 piece of luggage and 1 carry-on per person.

4* PALAZZO LIBERTY UNIQUE HOTEL - PALERMO

Located in a privileged position in the heart of Palermo, Palazzo Liberty Unique Hotel is a charming 4-star hotel offering a warm and professional welcome. The interiors of the building, rich in history, feature decorated ceilings and historic floors that tell the story of its illustrious past, all harmoniously combined with innovative touches that respect the Art Nouveau style. The attention to detail and the quality of the spaces make every stay a unique and memorable experience.

Guests can enjoy a delightful buffet with refined sweet and savory specialties, prepared with zero-kilometer ingredients from their Sicilian organic farm, ensuring freshness and authenticity. The rooms, immersed in a Liberty atmosphere, combine elegance and functionality with innovative elements, offering a comfortable and sophisticated retreat for every type of traveler. Choosing Palazzo Liberty means experiencing quality in a unique and charming setting.

WELCOME DRINK & WELCOME DINNER

Meet and greet at the hotel with Chef Ric Orlando, the rest of the group and the tour leader.
Group dinner at an authentic local restaurant to celebrate your first night in Sicily.



DAY 2 - HISTORIC TOUR OF PALERMO & FAMIATA EXPERIENCE IN AGRIGENTO

PRIVATE WALKING TOUR OF PALERMO WITH CAPPELLA PALATINA

After breakfast, discover the highlights of Palermo with this introductory walking tour. You will visit Palazzo dei Normanni, from where you will follow the different stages of its historical urban development. You will admire the Cappella Palatina with its glittering gold mosaics, complemented by marble floors and a wooden muqarnas ceiling. Along the axis which crosses ancient Cassaro, we will discover some of the footprints of the Phoenician settlement, the Cathedral, the hybrid styles of San Cataldo and Martorana churches, and the artistic masterpieces of the Spanish rule.

At the end of the tour will stop for a tasting of the most famous Sicilian street food. Board your private minibus and depart for our accommodation in Agrigento.

RESORT FONTES EPISCOPI - AGRIGENTO AREA

Fontes Episcopi Bio Resort welcomes you with old fashioned yet contemporary hospitality. Fontes Episcopi delights those who love the vitalizing effects of being in nature, the sensorial harmony and the sense of art that is truly Sicilian. Artfully restored and eclectically furnished, the resort's rooms are all unique. This is where we will begin to meet some of Sicily's local and truly unforgettable characters.

After check-in at Fontes Episcopi, we'll enjoy some time at leisure in this place of peace and relaxation before joining our Famiata experience.

FAMIATA EXPERIENCE WITH DINNER AT FONTES EPISCOPI

Chef Maddalena Terrana, a local legend and character extraordinaire, will teach us about the "Famiata." In Sicily, the wood oven has always been an important element of community, where moments of joy and sharing with friends and family are celebrated around it. This will be an authentic experience including a hands-on cooking class with a local mum. We will make Cuddiruni, a historic type of rustic focaccia with 100% organic ancient grains, grown at the Valley of the Temples nearby. We actually grind the wheat in the kitchen, before getting our hands into the sourdough. The starter for this dough is over 70 years old. It will be cooked in the centuries old wood oven. We will make great food while having incredible laughs with Maddalena and her warm and witty team. Then we will enjoy a OKM, uber local and seasonal meal.

Overnight at Bio Resort Fontes Episcopi.



DAY 3 - A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SMALL SICANI VILLAGE

PRIVATE VILLAGE EXPERIENCE IN THE SICANI MOUNTAINS

Get ready for real full immersion in a normal day of a community, living in a small village of a few hundred families. Today you will visit a gem nestled in the Sicani area, rich in both charm and history, with a splendid view over a large part of southern Sicily. Here everything moves slowly and along the road you will see panoramic views of valleys, hills, peaks, mountains one after another. The river itself flows slowly, as do the flocks of sheep, and the people walking the streets or playing cards at the bar. This tour allows you to enjoy the unique way of life of this little village. Likewise, we will show you a lesser-known Sicily, directly through its people. This is rather an authentic human experience, far from the well-worn tourist destinations. The day will end with a vegetarian lunch composed of food with edible flowers.

We'll then return to our accommodation in Agrigento.

Gather with the group at the end of the day for your aperitivo dinner.



DAY 4 - SCIACCA & OLIVE OIL TOUR IN MENFI

After breakfast, we'll say goodbye to the lovely people of Fontes Episcopi and we'll depart to our next accommodation in Menfi.

RELAIS CASA MIRABILE - MENFI

Relais Casa Mirabile in Menfi is a charming accommodation that preserves an ancient soul, while offering modern and comfortable services. Each room has been carefully designed, respecting the original style of the estate, creating a unique atmosphere where the past meets the present, infused with Sicilian tradition. The interiors and exteriors are enriched with works of art and sculptures by Sicilian artists, adding a touch of authenticity and local culture. For moments of relaxation, the large pool, nestled in the greenery of a centuries-old olive grove, provides the perfect place to rest during the hottest hours of the day, read a good book, or enjoy an aperitif in complete tranquility.

OLIVE OIL FARM EXPERIENCE AT CASA MIRABILE

Upon arrival we'll enjoy an authentic journey and discover the deep, genuine and sunny nature of Sicily, that part of the island hidden from the sea and suspended between wonder and mystery. You will be mesmerized by the beauty of this area with its verdant countryside and its excellent agricultural products. With a guided tour of the farm, visit to the olive groves and an oil tasting you will learn more about the history of this area and its flavors.

At the end of the tour, we'll transfer to a local restaurant for lunch.

In the afternoon you can enjoy some free time and relax at Casa Mirabile or join the group for an excursion to Sciacca where you can choose between a walking tour or time on the beach.

OPTIONAL: WALKING TOUR OF SCIACCA

Enjoy a guided tour of Sciacca, a historic town in South-Western Sicily overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, with our tour leader. Walk along the streets while admiring religious buildings and noble palaces where ancient doors offer enticing glimpses of a different way of life.

The day will end with a light dinner at the Relais Osteria Agricola at Casa Mirabile, a welcoming trattoria where local ingredients are transformed and enhanced into authentic dishes, offering a true journey through the flavors of Sicily.



DAY 5 - CORLEONE

FULL DAY EXCURSION TO CORLEONE

After breakfast, depart on a day excursion to immerse yourself in the rich history and captivating stories of Corleone with our exclusive guided tour. Led by knowledgeable local guides, this offers you a unique opportunity to learn the truths and myths of this town which the movie *The Godfather* has made fabled in the eyes of Americans. During the journey, you'll wander through the winding streets, marvel at ancient architecture, and delve into the intriguing tales that have shaped Corleone's identity over the centuries. From the picturesque piazzas to the charming trattorias, every corner holds a story waiting to be uncovered.

The tour will finish with a visit of the CIDMA (Mafia and Anti-Mafia Center Guided Visits) to understand the fact and fiction of *The Godfather*.

We'll then enjoy lunch at a local trattoria that offers dishes that reflect the authenticity of peasant cuisine, celebrating recipes passed down from generation to generation. A welcoming place to savor the flavors of the Sicilian land and relive the memories of grandmothers' kitchens.

After lunch we'll return to the accommodation in Menfi.

Light dinner at the Relais Osteria Agricola.



DAY 6 - MARSALA WINERY & NUBIA SALT PANS

WINERY TOUR AND TASTING

After breakfast, we'll say goodbye to Menfi and depart to Marsala. The first stop will be a visit to a local winery. During the guided tour, from the vineyard to the cellar, we'll learn about the different stages of production of still wines, classic methods and oxidizing sparkling wines, through the various areas of vinification and aging. The visit ends with a tasting of three of the most important and representative wines.

Lunch at a local restaurant in Marsala.

WALKING TOUR OF SALT PANS

In the afternoon visit to Nubia Salt Pans, a charming place, where the "culture of salt" has shaped the territory in the wake of a pluri-secular tradition passed down through generations. The place is today a nature reserve surrounded by windmills and where since Phoenician times the sea salt has been extracted.

At the end of the tour, we'll head to Trapani.

4* PALAZZO GATTO ART HOTEL AND SPA - TRAPANI

Conveniently situated in the center of Trapani, Palazzo Gatto Art Hotel and Spa features a rooftop terrace with hot tub, a wine cellar and a wellness center.

Dinner on your own and overnight in Trapani, where you will have the opportunity to enjoy the local dish, CousCous. CousCous di Mare (seafood CousCous) is indeed the signature dish in the port town. It is a must try.



DAY 7 - SEGESTA & ERICE

PRIVATE FULL DAY TOUR OF SEGESTA AND ERICE

This morning you'll depart to discover some important and historic spots of Trapani's area. You will head Segesta where you will visit a doric Greek temple built by the Elyms, a mysterious population who colonized the area since the 12th century BC. Enjoy the unforgettable and breathtaking views on the way up to the medieval town of Erice, which is located at the very top of Saint Julian's Mountain. You will walk along the narrow alleys admiring the historic buildings, the majestic Norman castle, the enchanting facade of the main church. Here you'll have a tasting of typical Sicilian pastry and the famous "genovesi" at Maria Grammatico pastry shop.

FAREWELL DINNER AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT IN TRAPANI

We'll then return to our accommodation for some free time before enjoying the Farewell dinner and our last night in Sicily.

DAY 8 - CHECK OUT OF HOTEL & DEPARTURE

ARRIVEDERCI!

Say arrivederci (until we see each other again!) to the stunning heart of Sicily.

PRIVATE TRANSFER FROM TRAPANI ACCOMMODATION TO PALERMO AIRPORT

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Experience Details

LAND ITINERARY COST

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE ROOM:	\$ 6,490.00
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$ 1,010.00

LAND ITINERARY PAYMENTS

DEPOSIT DUE ON BOOKING PER PERSON:	\$ 1,000.00
FINAL PAYMENT DUE 90 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL	

INCLUSIONS:

Accommodations:

- 1 Nights at 4* Palazzo Liberty Unique Hotel - Palermo or similar – City tax and breakfast included.
- 2 Nights at Resort Fontes Episcopi - Agrigento area or similar – City tax and breakfast included.
- 2 Nights at Relais Casa Mirabile - Menfi or similar – City tax and breakfast included.
- 2 Nights at 4* Palazzo Gatto Art Hotel and Spa - Trapani or similar – City tax and breakfast included.

Tour director:

- Permanent tour leader and guide with the group for the whole tour

Transportation:

- Individual private transfers from Palermo Airport to the accommodation in Palermo
- Private minibus from day 2 to day 7 for the transfers indicated in the itinerary
- Individual private transfers from the accommodation in Trapani to Palermo airport

Activities & Tours:

- Private Walking Tour of Palermo with Cappella Palatina
- Private Village Experience in the Sicani Mountains
- Olive Oil Farm Experience in Menfi
- Walking Tour of Sciacca
- Walking Tour of Corleone with Mafia Museum
- Winery Tour with tasting in Marsala
- Walking Tour of Nubia Salt Pans
- Private Full Day Tour of Segesta archaeological site and Erice with pastry tasting

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Meals and Food experiences:

- Welcome dinner at a local restaurant in Palermo
- Famiata Experience with Dinner at Fontes Episcopi
- Lunch in the Sicani Mountains
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Menfi
- Light dinner at Casa Mirabile
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Corleone
- Light dinner at Casa Mirabile
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Marsala
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Trapani

EXCLUSIONS:

- Flights
- All meals not included above
- All activities not included above
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended - ask for a quote)
- Gratuities
- Items of a personal nature
- Hotel city tax

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