



EXPERIENCE SICILY AND ITS CULTURE!

Travel from coast to coast and then into the central mountains of Sicily to learn firsthand about its history and culture. Travel from the Greek ruins of Agrigento to Corleone, the birthplace of the mafia, to experience all of the faces of this island.

HIGHLIGHTS

Palermo, Corleone, Marsala, Agrigento, Valley of the Temples, Siracusa, Taormina

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Welcome to Sicily

Arrive at the Palermo airport and take a private transfer to your hotel in the historic center. Meet your fellow tour participants before dinner. **D**

DAY 2: The Sicilian Mafia

Spend the day learning about Sicily's most famous social phenomenon: the Mafia. Ascend the inland mountains to Corleone, the birthplace of the Mafia, where you will participate in a cooking lesson featuring traditional Sicilian dishes. Then settle in for an informative lecture about the Mafia and Corleone's fight against it. **B, L**

DAY 3: Explore Palermo

Enjoy a morning tour of Palermo, the capital of Sicily that is full of character. Visit the Quattro Canti, the Palace of the Normans, and the Cathedral before taking a trip to nearby Monreale. There, you'll go to the famous Benedictine Abbey, a 12th Century cathedral housing very fine mosaics. Spend the rest of the day in Palermo at your leisure or opt for an excursion to the picturesque fishing village of Cefalù (included). In the evening, enjoy dinner in a fashionable restaurant. **B, D**

DAY 4: Segesta and Seaside Marsala

Journey to Segesta to admire the town's large archaeological zone, in particular the Doric Temple dating from 420 BC. Continue to the sea town of Marsala, where you will visit a wine cellar and sample some of the town's namesake vino. Drive along the Trapani coastline and stop for a special Sicilian lunch, returning to Palermo for the evening. **B, L, D**

DAY 5: Greek Ruins in Agrigento

Agrigento is home to some of the most impressive Greek ruins in the Mediterranean. Within the Valley of the Temples, you'll tour the temples of Juno and Concordia, in addition to a beautiful garden. After the visit, continue on to Taormina, arriving in time for dinner at your hotel. **B, D**

DAY 6: Mount Etna and "The Godfather"

Enjoy a morning walking tour of Taormina's charming city center, including the Greek/Roman amphitheater. Next, ascend 1800 meters up Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano, to the inactive Silvestri Craters. En route back to Taormina, you may choose to take a once-in-a-lifetime excursion to the villages used by Francis Ford Coppola in "The Godfather." (included) **B**

DAY 7: The Splendor of Siracusa

Travel to Siracusa to experience highlights of the city, including the archaeological park, home to the Greek Theater and the Ear of Dionisius. Enjoy a special dinner with wine in a restaurant characteristic of this region. **B, D**

DAY 8: Ciao Sicilia!

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before your private transfer to the Catania airport. **B**

B= Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 7-night first-class hotel accommodation with daily breakfast
- Transport by air-conditioned motorcoach or minivan
- Professional English-speaking tour director
- 5 dinners, 2 lunches
- 1 wine tasting, 1 cooking lesson, 1 lecture
- Sightseeing as indicated, including local guides where necessary
- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Entrance fees
- Optional tours to Cefalu (day 3) and Savoca, Forza D'Agro' (day 6)

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

HOTELS: Taormina: Hotel Villa Diodoro or Hotel Caparena

Palermo: Hotel Palazzo Sitano or Hotel Excelsior Mercure

Hotels can be substituted with others based on availability

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE
APRIL05....19	\$1,885	\$2,329	\$1,868
MAY.....10....24	\$1,885	\$2,329	\$1,868
JUNE.....07....14	\$1,885	\$2,329	\$1,868