



SPLENDID SICILY

8 DAYS • 7 NIGHTS
CATANIA – TAORMINA



RATE PER PERSON IN CANADIAN DOLLARS (LAND ONLY)

SEASON

2023 APR	8
2023 MAY	6, 13, 20, 27
2023 JUN	3, 17, 24
2023 JUL	15
2023 AUG	26
2023 SEP	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
2023 OCT	7, 14

DOUBLE

\$2,899

SINGLE

\$3,489

TRIPLE ON REQUEST

OUR HOTELS OR SIMILAR

CATANIA	Katane hotel 4* or similar
RAGUSA	Poggio Del Sole Resort 4* or similar
MARSALA	Baglio Oneto Resort 5* or similar
PALERMO	Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa 4*/Politeama Palace 4* or similar
TAORMINA	Villa Diodoro 4*/Hotel Caparena 4* or similar

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 7 nights accommodation in 4* hotels
- 1 night in a 4* or 5* stars Luxury Resort
- Welcome drink on day 1.
- 2 Dinners (Catania on day 1 and Ragusa on day 3) and 7 Breakfasts at Hotel.
- Mineral water (1/2 per person) at meals in Hotel
- 2 Street food experiences in Catania and Palermo
- Cheese tasting in Ragusa
- Almond pastries tasting in Erice
- Visit of a cellar and Wine tasting in Marsala
- Visit of a cellar and Wine tasting on Mount Etna
- Transportation de Luxe motor coach* with free wi-fi
- *a minivan with English Speaking driver, normally not equipped with wifi, will be provided if the number of participants is equal to or less than nine
- English speaking Tour Escort*
- Local Guides where necessary
- Headsets where required
- Portage at hotels
- Entrance fees to sites and museums
- Local Assistance and 24Hr Alitours Concierge Service

NOT INCLUDED:

- By Law City/Tourist Tax must be paid directly at the hotel (1-6 Euro per person, per night.)
- Additional Supplements for transfers with pick-up times between the hours of 7:00 a.m - 8:00 p.m.
- Tips, Additional Drinks and items of personal nature
- Anything not specifically mentioned under "Package Includes"

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DAY 1 • CATANIA

Arrival at Catania airport and transfer to the hotel in Catania, accommodation. Welcome cocktail and dinner at Hotel. Overnight in your hotel. **(D)**

DAY 2 • CATANIA/SIRACUSA/CATANIA

After a buffet breakfast, departure to Syracuse: visit the World Heritage Site "Neapolis". The visit of this archaeological area includes the famous Greek theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre, the Latomie of Paradise and the "Dyonisios Ear". Continue to the island of Ortigia, the small baroque old city centre of Siracusa; free time for lunch. In the afternoon visit of the beautiful Cathedral, which is built upon the site of the Doric Temple of Minerva, the legendary Arethusa's Fountain and the Temple of Apollo. Free time at disposal to stroll through the streets of the centre and for shopping. Return to your hotel in Catania. Free evening at your disposal to experience the city and its nightlife and to dine in one of the typical restaurant in the city centre. Overnight. **(B)**

DAY 3 • CATANIA/RAGUSA

After a buffet breakfast, departure for a nice walking tour of Catania, stroll through the city centre with your professional guide who will charm you with the history of the city and visit the famous fish market "A PISCARIA", one of the largest fish markets in Sicily. As old as the city itself, it's a great way to experience the abundant fishing and seafood culture of Sicily, with a very special and authentic atmosphere. Here you will have the chance to taste the delights of typical Catania's street food. 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. Ragusa is also renowned for its cheese production, therefore we will not miss a tasting of artisan cheeses. We will continue to the reserved hotel where we will have time at disposal to relax at the swimming pool or at the Spa. Dinner in hotel and Overnight. **(B/D)**

DAY 4 • RAGUSA/AGRIGENTO/MARSALA

After a buffet breakfast, departure to Agrigento, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; visit of the Valley, including the Temple of Concordia, which is in almost perfectly preserved condition, the temples of Juno and Heracles. Free time at disposal for lunch. In the afternoon we'll proceed to Marsala a city on the western coast famous for its production of sweet Sicilian wine. Arrival at Baglio Oneto dei Principi di San Lorenzo Resort. Here we will do a tour of the resort's wineries, starting from the vineyards, where the whole wine-making process begins. We'll explore the historic courtyard and the Palmento Room, where grapes were laid down in berries to be crushed before being transferred to barrels. We will visit the Ageing Cellar, a room that has never stopped keeping its fascinating atmosphere intact. We will taste 3 different fine wines. Free time at disposal to relax at the swimming pool or to enjoy magic moments at sunset in your hotel. In the evening, we'll reach Marsala city centre and have free time at disposal to discover the historical centre by walking and free time for dinner. Return to the hotel and overnight. **(B)**

DAY 5 • MARSALA(SALT ROUTE)/ERICE/PALERMO

After a buffet breakfast, departure to Erice, via the spectacular "Salt Route", a road flanked by the salt pans, windmills, and the "salt houses" where they still extract the sea salt as the Phoenicians. Arrival in 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 and stop for marzipan and biscuit tasting. Free time at disposal for lunch. Continue to Palermo, the capital of Sicily. We will visit the Cathedral, one of the most important architectural monuments. We will continue our visit by walking along Corso Vittorio Emanuele to reach "I Quattro Canti di Città" Piazza Pretoria, Piazza Bellini and we'll visit the Martorana Church, one of the most beautiful churches of Palermo. We will then reach one of the most famous and historical markets of Palermo to experience the authenticity of this wonderful and colorful city. We will end our tour with a taste the delights of typical Palermo's street food, one of the most renowned all over the world. Accommodation at hotel and free time at disposal for shopping and dinner. Overnight. **(B)**

DAY 6 • PALERMO/MONREALE/CEFALU'/MESSINA/TAORMINA

After a buffet breakfast departure to visit the town of Monreale, situated on a hill at few kms far from Palermo in panoramic position. Visit of the Cathedral, one of the most beautiful monuments in the world with its Moorish architecture, housing very fine mosaics representing a complete cycle of the Old and New Testaments in Arab-Norman style. Continue to Cefalù, a former fishing village, now a charming coastal town. Enjoy a walk to the city centre and down main street to reach the ArabNorman Cathedral and the medieval wash-house built in the rock. Free time at disposal to explore the town and shopping and lunch on your own. Proceed to Taormina through the coastal road passing through Messina from where we'll have the chance to admire the suggestive scenery of the Strait of Messina. Accommodation at your hotel and free time at disposal for dinner. Overnight. **(B)**

DAY 7 • TAORMINA/MT. ETNA/TAORMINA

After a buffet breakfast, excursion to Mount Etna, the highest active Volcano in Europe. Weather conditions permitting, across fascinating landscape with different kind of vegetation, a mixture of citrus groves, vineyards and fruit trees. We will reach a height of 1800 metres to visit the Sylvester Craters where we'll enjoy a spectacular panorama over the Ionian Sea. Stop at a local vineyard on the eastern slopes of Etna and visit a prestigious cellar. We will have the opportunity to taste different local wines accompanied by local cheese and cold cuts. In the afternoon back to 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. Free time for dinner and overnight. **(B)**

DAY 8 • TAORMINA

After buffet breakfast, end of the Tour. **(B)**

**Would you like to extend your stay in Taormina? Please ask for additional info.*