



## ITALY

# AUTHENTIC SICILY (TOUR CODE: 11714)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Palermo to  
Catania

### TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Nov 23 - 20 Dec 24

### EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine  
Cultural

### TRAVEL STYLE

Private Escorted Tours

The wonderful island of Sicily will charm you with its overwhelming beauty and rich history during this 8-Day Journey from Palermo.

## Highlights

- Visiting the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of **Villa Romana del Casale** and the **Valley of The Temples**.
- Walk along the historical centre with stops on the tops of beautiful buildings in **Palermo**.
- Stop at **Eraclea Minoa**, an ancient greek town and Roman colony, and at the enchanting **Scala dei Turchi**, a unique panoramic site by the sea with mesmerising white rocks eroded by time.

The largest of the Italian islands, Sicily attracts travelers from all over the world with its natural landscapes, historical treasures, delicious food and tasty wines. From turquoise beaches and natural wonders to Greek temples, ancient archaeological sites, characteristic villages and cities full of history, this island will mesmerize you and provide thousands of precious memories to treasure.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support

- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

# INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Palermo in a 4\* hotel
- 1 night in Mazara del Vallo in a 4\* hotel
- 1 night in Agrigento in a 4\* hotel
- 2 nights in Catania in a 4\* hotel
- Private arrival transfer from PMO airport to the hotel
- Transportation as per itinerary by car or minivan, with English-speaking driver
- Private departure transfer from Catania hotel to the airport
- Daily Breakfast
- Street-food lunch in Palermo
- Couscous cookery lesson and lunch in Mazara del Vallo
- English-speaking local guides as per itinerary
- Porterage service at the hotels
- Expenses for meals and accommodation for driver
- "Whispers" (audio guide) throughout the itinerary

# ITINERARY

Day

1

## Palermo

Upon arrival at the airport, you will be transferred to your hotel for the check-in.

Overnight in **Palermo** in a 4\* hotel.



CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH, PALERMO

Day

2

## Palermo

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a **morning visit of Palermo** with a local guide: walking in the pedestrian area of the historical centre of city, one of the largest in Europe, you will see the beautiful Martorana Church, Piazza Bellini, Piazza Pretoria, Corso Vittorio Emanuele, the ancient "Cassaro" and the Palatine Chapel inside the Norman Palace. You will then have the chance to taste **Palermo's street food at a typical local market.**



In the afternoon, continue your visit of the city with a unique experience in **Palermo's planetary garden**. You'll explore the Museum of Puppets, a celebration of puppetry with a global collection and Sicilian puppets, the Church of Santa Maria dello Spasimo, a unique 16th-century church, and the Botanical Garden, a green sanctuary featuring rare plant species from around the world, overseen by the Goddess Flora.

Overnight in **Palermo** in a 4\* hotel.

Breakfast



Day **3**

## Palermo

After breakfast at the hotel, the morning is yours to stroll down the historic centre of Palermo.

Alternatively, you can add an optional half day tour to **Monreale** with a local guide. Monreale is a small town perched on a hill few kilometres from Palermo and its Cathedral is one of the most beautiful monuments in Europe.

In the afternoon, enjoy a unique experience: visit **Palermo "from above"**: a walking tour along the historical centre, with entrances to the tops of the city's most beautiful buildings, with a final tasting in one of its most elegant terraces. Aperitif and dinner at a local restaurant positioned in panoramic position included.

Overnight in **Palermo** in a 4\* hotel.

Breakfast



CATHEDRAL OF MONREALE, PALERMO

Day **4**

## Palermo Mazara del Vallo

After breakfast at the hotel, departure to **Mazara del Vallo**, a small fishers' town in the south-western side of Sicily: its ancient hystorical centre hosts many monumental churches and it features an Islamic architecture, with the typical tiny streets of the arab Kasbah. Visit to the archaeological museum, with the famous "Satiro Danzante" (Dancing Satyr) statue. You will then have a **couscous cooking lesson**, followed by **lunch with the prepared dishes**.

Overnight in **Mazaro del Vallo** in a 4\* hotel.

Breakfast, Lunch



MAZARA DEL VALLO PORT

Day **5**

## Mazara del Vallo Agrigento

After breakfast at the hotel, departure to **Agrigento**.

Along the way, you will briefly stop at **Eraclea Minoa** and the enchanting **Scala dei Turchi** (The Turkish Steps): Eraclea Minoa was an ancient greek town and Roman colony; Scala dei Turchi is a unique site by the sea, with mesmerising white



rocks eroded by time and the continuing movement of the waves.

Then, the afternoon will be focused on the visit of the majestic **Valley of the Temples**, UNESCO World Heritage Site, famous for the many Greek temples it hosts, of which the Temple of Concoria is the best preserved one.

Overnight in **Agrigento** in a 4\* hotel.

Breakfast



Day **6**

**Agrigento**   **Piazza Armerina**   **Catania**

After breakfast at the hotel, check-out and departure to **Piazza Armerina**: upon arrival, you will visit the amazing **Villa Romana del Casale**, yet another UNESCO World Heritage Site, famous for the outstandingly preserved mosaics representing hunting, mythological and daily-life scenes of the Roman period.

Free time for Lunch (own expenses).

In the afternoon, continue to **Catania**, the second largest city of Sicily. After checking in, begin a walking tour of the hystorical centre, visiting the beautiful Cathedral and the famous Via Etnea.

Overnight in **Catania** in a 4\* hotel.

Breakfast



CATANIA

Day **7**

## Catania

After buffet breakfast, day at leisure in Catania.

Alternatively, we suggest to fill your day with an excursion to the highest active Volcano in Europe **Mount Etna and Taormina**.

Overnight in **Catania** in a 4\* hotel.

Breakfast



GREEK THEATRE OF TAORMINA

Day **8**

## Catania

After breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight.

Breakfast





CATHEDRAL OF ST. AGATHA, CATANIA

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

### Day 3: Half day Monreale

Half day excursion to Monreale (private car and local guide).

Monreale is a small town, situated on a hill at few kms far from Palermo in panoramic position; the Cathedral is one of the most beautiful monuments of the world with its Moorish architecture, housing very fine mosaics representing a complete cycle of the Old and New Testaments. Then visit the cloister.



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### Day 7: Full day Etna & Taormina with wine tasting & light lunch on Etna



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.

Continue to **Taormina**, the most famous Sicilian town, known as the "pearl of the Mediterranean Sea" where you will visit the town with the Greek theatre, the Cathedral, Palazzo Corvaja. Return to Catania



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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Italian	EURO

- This independent holiday can also accommodate **a group up to 6/7 people traveling** together. Please make an inquiry to our team for further information.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

## Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package