



Valley of the Temples, Agrigento, Sicily



ITALY

SICILIAN CAROUSEL (TOUR CODE: 11754)

STARTS AND ENDS

Catania to
Taormina

TRAVEL PERIODS

07 Sep 23 - 19 Oct 24 | 03 May
25 - 18 Oct 25

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Immerse yourself in Sicily's distinct culture, varied landscape and rich history during this fascinating 8-day Bespoke Small Group tour.

Highlights

- Exclusive tour for **small groups up to 20 People** maximum in English Only.
- Visit the **historical markets** to have a full immersion in the authentic Sicilian life!
- **Enjoy gastronomic and enological experiences** like wine tasting in Marsala or the taste of traditional almond pastries in Erice!
- Explore the charming city of **Taormina** and take time for a visit to **the Ancient Greek Theater** boasting a scenic view over the bay!
- Marvel at **Cefalù** one of the most evocative destinations on the island!
- Explore the archaeological sites of **Siracusa, Agrigento & the Valley of the Temples**

From Catania, travel to Siracusa, a city on the Ionian Coast. Visit its ancient ruins including the Neapolis Archaeological Park. Depart to the hilltop city of Ragusa to explore its stunning Baroque palaces and churches. Continue to Agrigento, a hilltop city renowned for the magnificent Valley of the Temples, some of the best-preserved ancient Greek buildings outside Greece.

After a short visit to Erice via the spectacular "Salt Route", continue to the capital of Sicily: Palermo. Explore its historical centre including the sprawling Palermo Cathedral, the Palace of the Normans and Teatro Massimo. Depart to Cefalu, a charming coastal town known for its Arab-Norman cathedral and sandy beaches. Last stop is the charming city of Taormina, located on the east coast of Sicily and called "the pearl of the Ionian Sea".



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights accommodation in 4-star hotels
- 1 night in a restored nineteenth-century Baglio
- Transportation by deluxe coach or minivan
- Daily Breakfast
- 3 Dinners (Catania on day 1, Ragusa on day 3, light dinner at Sunset in Marsala on day 4)
- Street food experience/tour in Syracuse
- Cheese & sicilian products tasting/ light lunch in Ragusa
- Almond pastries tasting in Erice
- Visit of a cellar and Wine tasting in Marsala and on Mount Etna
- English-speaking tour escort
- Local guides where necessary
- Porterage at hotels
- "Whispers" (audio guide) throughout the itinerary

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Catania

Make your way to the hotel in Catania. Tonight, you'll enjoy a welcome dinner.

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

Dinner



Day **2**

Catania Siracusa Catania

After a buffet breakfast, travel to **Siracusa**.

Visit the Neapolis Archaeological Park, including the famous Greek Theatre, the Latomia del Paradiso (*entrance tickets not included*) and the Ear of Dionysus. Continue to the Island of Ortigia, the small baroque city centre of Siracusa. Visit the Cathedral, which is built on the site of the Temple of Minerva, the legendary Arethuse Fountain and the Temple of Apollo.

We will enjoy a **"street food" light lunch in the centre of Ortigia**. Afternoon at disposal to stroll through the streets of the centre and for shopping.

Return to **Catania** and enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure to experience the city on your own.

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

Breakfast, Lunch



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. Here you will have the chance to taste the delights of typical Catania's street food.

Depart to **Ragusa** renowned for its cheese production; therefore, we will not miss a tasting of artisan cheeses and sicilian specialties (*light lunch*).

Then, will visit 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. We will continue to the hotel where you have time at disposal to relax at the swimming pool or at the Spa.

In the evening, enjoy a dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in **Ragusa** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 4

Ragusa Agrigento Marsala

After a buffet breakfast, proceed to **Agrigento**, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (*entrance tickets not included*). Enjoy a guided tour 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 (not included).

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 Donnafranca, a perfectly restored nineteenth century baglio, which rises in the Marsala countryside, on the hills in front of the Stagnone Reserve and the Egadi Islands. The baglio was a property of Florio. Here we will have the opportunity to visit the cellar and learn all about winemaking. At the end of the tour, we wil enjoy a wine tasting/**light dinner at sunset**.

Overnight stay in **Marsala** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast, Dinner



VALLEY OF TEMPLES

Day **5**

Marsala 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.

Continue to **Palermo**, the capital of Sicily where you have some free time at disposal for lunch (not included).

Then, we'll 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 Church of Santa Caterina.

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

Breakfast



PALERMO

Day **6**

Palermo Cefalu 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 (*entrance tickets not included*), 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.

Then departure to **Cefalù** a former fishing village, now a charming coastal town. Free time at disposal for lunch (not included).

Enjoy a walk to the city centre and down main street to reach the Arab-Norman Cathedral and the medieval wash-house built into rock. 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.

Overnight stay in **Taormina** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



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 (lunch not included).

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. The remainder of the day is at your leisure.

Overnight stay in **Taormina** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day 8

Taormina

Your tour ends after breakfast.

Breakfast



OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Entrance tickets Supplement

The Entrance tickets to sites and museums include:

- The Neapolis in Siracusa and the Dome;

- Valley of Temples in Agrigento;
- Santa Caterina Church in Palermo;
- The Dome in Monreale.

In case of price increases for the entrance fees, we will update you at the time of the booking.



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

Transfer from Catania Airport to Catania

One way transfer from Catania Airport to Catania Hotel.

*There will be a surcharge for arrivals between 22:00 and 07:00. In addition, a supplementary fee will be applied to all transfer services on the designated bank holidays: January 1st and 6th, Easter Sunday and Monday, April 25th, May 1st, June 2nd, August 15th, November 1st, December 8th, 25th, and 26th.

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Transfer from Taormina to Catania Airport

One way transfer from Taormina Hotel to Catania Airport.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Italian	EURO

- 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.
- A minivan with driver/guide, normally not equipped with wifi, will be provided if the number of participants is equal to or less than 8.
- For organizational reasons, the itinerary may be reversed or modified without notice. In this case, our supplier ensures similar visits and excursions in accordance with the spirit of the tour program.
- 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 (Entrance tickets to sites and museums)