



ITALY

## SICILIAN MINI CAROUSEL FROM CATANIA (TOUR CODE: 12980)

**STARTS AND ENDS**

Catania to  
Palermo

**TRAVEL PERIODS**

03 May 25 - 27 Sep 25 | 02  
May 26 - 17 Oct 26

**EXPERIENCE**

Escorted  
Food & Wine

**TRAVEL STYLE**

Escorted Group Tour

Immerse in the essence of Sicilian flavours through a captivating Eno-gastronomical exploration, all while uncovering the cultural wonders of the biggest Mediterranean's Island.

### Highlights

- Exclusive tour for **small groups up to 20** People maximum in English Only.
- Delve into the history of **Catania** and visit its famous fish market "A Piscaria."
- Enjoy some **artisan cheeses and sicilian specialties in Ragusa**
- **Enjoy gastronomic and enological experiences** like wine tasting in Marsala or the taste of traditional almond pastries in Erice!

Embark on a 6-day mini Carousel journey from Catania. Then, 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.



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

## INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights accommodation in 4\* hotels
- 1 night in a restored nineteenth-century Baglio
- Transportation by deluxe coach or minivan
- 5 buffet breakfasts
- 2 Dinners (Catania on day 1 and Ragusa on day 3)
- 1 light lunch on the way to Monreale (day 5)
- Street food lunch in Siracusa
- Almond pastries tasting in Erice
- Cheese & sicilian products tasting/ light lunch in Ragusa
- Panoramic tour by Baroque train in Ragusa
- Visit of a cellar in Marsala with wine tasting/light dinner at Sunset
- Local guides where necessary
- English-speaking tour escort
- Porterage at hotels
- "Whispers" (audio guide- for group with more than 10 passengers)

## ITINERARY

Day **1**

### Catania

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

Overnight stay in Catania at **Katane Palace Hotel** or similar.

Dinner



Day 2

## Catania Siracusa Catania

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

Then 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 "Dyionisios Ear". Continue to the island of Ortigia, the small baroque old city centre of Siracusa; 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.

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 at **Katane Palace Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 2

## Catania Reggio

After a buffet breakfast, departure for a nice walk in **Catania**, stroll through the city centre 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.

Depart to **Ragusa**, renowned for its cheese production; stop for a tasting of artisan cheeses and sicilian specialties (*light lunch*).

We will enjoy an enchanting panoramic tour of the historical centre "Ibla" by the "Baroque train". We'll admire 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 reserved hotel. Free 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 at **Poggio Del Sole Resort** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



#### 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 (*entrance tickets not included*). Then, 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 (*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, in the Marsala countryside, on the hills in front of the the Egadi Islands. The baglio was a property of Florio family. 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 at **Baglio Donna Franca Wine Resort** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **5** Marsala Salt Route Erice Monreale 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, on the top of a hill overlooking the Trapani and the Egadi Islands: walk through its tiny and characteristic streets, the winding lanes and, inner courtyards and stop for biscuit tasting.

Departure to **Monreale**, light lunch with local specialties on the way. Arrival in Monreale, situated on a hill, 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.

Proceed to **Palermo**, the capital of Sicily where you have some free time at disposal.

Overnight stay in Palermo at **Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **6** Palermo

Your tour ends after breakfast.

Breakfast

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

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### Entrance Fees 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.

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.

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### 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 Palermo to Palermo Airport

One way transfer from Palermo to Palermo Airport.

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## ACCOMMODATION

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### Katane Palace Hotel

#### Catania

The Katane Palace Hotel is in the historical centre of Catania, which is between the sea and Mount Etna and is one of the most beautiful parts of Sicily. The Katane Palace Hotel is close to Via Umberto and Via Etnea, which are in the centre of Catania. It is a good place to stay for business

or pleasure. With period furniture, expensive tapestries, an arched ceiling, and paintings, the room has a sophisticated feel.



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## Hotel Poggio del Sole

### Ragusa

Located between central Ragusa and the Mediterranean Sea, **Poggio del Sole** is an imposing **19th-century country manor**. The property features an outdoor swimming pool, a modern wellness centre and spacious, elegant and modern rooms.



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## Baglio Donna Franca Wine Resort

### Marsala

Step into timeless elegance at Baglio Donna Franca, a beautifully restored 19th-century estate nestled in the rolling hills of Marsala, overlooking the Stagnone Reserve and the Egadi Islands. Once the birthplace of the legendary Marsala wine and home to the renowned Florio family, this historic baglio pays tribute to the pioneering spirit of Donna Franca Florio. Today, it invites guests to relive the splendour of Sicily's Belle Époque with an immersive journey through rich heritage, breathtaking landscapes, and the captivating culture of wine.



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## Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa

### Palermo

The Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa is situated in the middle of the city, making it easily accessible to all of Palermo's most popular points of interest. The historical hotel that we have earned a rating of 4 stars for is full of allure and splendour.





# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

## LOCAL CURRENCY

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 eight.
- 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**)