



ITALY

SICILIAN MINI CAROUSEL FROM PALERMO WITH AEOLIAN ISLANDS

(TOUR CODE: 13089)

STARTS AND ENDS

Palermo to
Catania

TRAVEL PERIODS

07 May 24 - 24 Sep 24 | 06
May 25 - 30 Sep 25

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Food & Wine

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

From Palermo's vibrant culture to the allure of Mount Etna and the Aeolian wonders, embark on a sensory journey that will leave you completely mesmerized. Your Sicilian odyssey awaits.

Highlights

- Exclusive tour for small groups up to **20 People Maximum**.
- Discover **Lipari, Panarea & Stromboli and Salina** islands
- Explore the rich tapestry of Arab-Norman culture in **Palermo**
- Visit to the one of main **historical markets** of the island to have a full immersion in the "Authentic Sicilian life"
- Visit to a prestigious winery on **Mount Etna** where the native vine of "Nerello Mascalese" is grown!

During this 9-day itinerary, you'll experience the beauty and natural wonders Sicily Island & the Aeolian Islands.

Your journey kicks off in Palermo, where you'll dive into the city's vibrant culture with a guided exploration and savor authentic street food delights. From there, you'll marvel at the architectural wonders of Monreale and bask in the coastal beauty of Cefalù. As you travel to Taormina, you'll be captivated by the stunning views of the Strait of Messina and the magnetic presence of Mount Etna. Enjoy a memorable wine tasting on the volcano's slopes and immerse yourself in the enchanting atmosphere of Taormina's charming streets.

Head to Milazzo and set sail on an adventure to explore Lipari, the largest of the Aeolian Islands. Your journey includes visits to the picturesque islands of Panarea and Stromboli, as well as a boat excursion to Salina, renowned for its beautiful beaches. Following your island exploration, you'll transfer to Catania, where you'll have the freedom to leisurely explore the historic city center. Your unforgettable trip concludes in Catania.



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

INCLUSIONS

- 8 nights accommodation in 4* hotels
- Return Transfer by hydrofoil Milazzo Harbour/Lipari
- Transportation by deluxe coach or minivan
- Return Transfer by minivan from Lipari Harbour/Hotel
- Transfer by minivan Taormina/Milazzo (on day 5) and Milazzo/Catania-Hotel (on day 8)
- 8 buffet breakfasts
- Visit of a cellar and Wine tasting on Mount Etna
- Regular multilingual boat excursions from Lipari to Panarea, Stromboli and Salina
- Taxi Tour of Lipari Island
- Local guides where necessary
- English-speaking tour escort (excluded on the Aeolian Islands)
- Portage at hotels (excluded on the Aeolian Islands)
- "Whispers" (audio guide for group with more than 10 passengers)

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Palermo

Independent arrival at the hotel in Palermo.

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



PALERMO'S CATHEDRAL

Day **2**

Palermo

After a buffet breakfast, you have some free time at disposal for visit Palermo and lunch on your own.

In the afternoon, meet with your guide to start the guided tour of the city. First, we will enjoy a **"street food" lunch** in the centre of the town and 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



CITY CENTRE OF PALERMO

Day **3**

Palermo Monreale 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, 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 Arab-Norman Cathedral and the medieval washhouse built in the rock.

Free time at disposal to explore the town and lunch on your own (not included).

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 **4**

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 winery** 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 (tickets not included) with its spectacular view of Giardini Naxos and Mount Etna.

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

Breakfast



Day **5** Taormina Milazzo Lipari

After a buffet breakfast, departure to Milazzo.

Arrival in **Lipari**, the largest island in the Aeolian archipelago, after boarding the hydrofoil in Milazzo. Upon arrival, there will be a transfer to the hotel, followed by leisure time to explore the charming village of Lipari (*Lunch is not included*).

In the afternoon, enjoy a taxi tour of the island, and, then the rest of the evening is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Lipari in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day **6** Lipari Panarea & Stromboli Lipari

After a buffet breakfast, you will have a free morning for your own leisure.

In the late morning, there will be a boat departure to **Panarea and Stromboli**. The first stop will be in Panarea, where you can explore the small village by taking a pleasant walk along the streets lined with traditional white Aeolian-style houses. Afterward, the journey continues to Stromboli, often referred to as the wildest island, as it maintains a strong connection with nature, particularly its volcano, locally known as "Iddu." You'll have free time to explore Stromboli.

Once you get back on the boat, you will continue until you reach the "*Sciara del fuoco*", a ridge of the crater from where the lava descends. From the boat it will also be possible to witness the evocative eruptions of the volcano that follow one another with intervals of about fifteen minutes.

Return to Lipari in the evening.

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

Breakfast



Day 7 Lipari Salina Lipari

After a buffet breakfast in hotel, departure by boat to **Salina**. After a stop in the center of S. Marina, continue by boat to circumnavigate the island, swim in Pollara, the beach of the famous film "Il Postino".

Free time for lunch (not included).

Continue to **Lingua** where there is a salt lake from where salt was extracted in ancient times (hence the name of the island). Return to Lipari in the afternoon.

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

Breakfast



Day 8 Lipari Milazzo Catania

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the port of Lipari, and boarding on the hydrofoil for Milazzo. From there, you'll continue your journey to Catania, where you'll check into your hotel.

Lunch will be on your own (not included).

In the afternoon, you'll have the opportunity to explore Catania's historic center on your own. Some of the main attractions to visit include Piazza Duomo, Pescheria, Castello Ursino, Piazza San Francesco, via Teatro Greco, Piazza Dante, via Gesuiti, Alessi staircase, Piazza Università, Piazza Vincenzo Bellini, and Piazza San Placido.

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

Breakfast



Day 9 Catania

After a buffet breakfast, end of the tour.

Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Entrance fees Supplement

The Entrance tickets to sites and museums are included.

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 Palermo Airport to Palermo

One way transfer from Palermo Airport to Palermo 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 Catania to Catania Airport

One way transfer from Catania hotel to Catania Airport.

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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.
- Please be advised that in the **Aeolian Islands, there will be independent touring** provided by multilingual local guides (without a tour leader/escort).
- 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)