



ITALY

SELF-DRIVE PALERMO (TOUR CODE: 14893)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Palermo

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Apr 25 - 31 Mar 25

EXPERIENCECultural
Self-Drive**TRAVEL STYLE**

Independent Holiday Packages

Discover Sicily's rich heritage on a self-drive adventure from Palermo. Explore ancient ruins, Baroque towns, and stunning landscapes, from Mount Etna to the Valley of the Temples.

Highlights

- Wander through **Palermo's rich blend of Norman, Baroque, and Gothic architecture**, from the Cathedral to Quattro Canti and vibrant local markets
- Explore **Segesta's grand Doric temple and stroll through Erice's medieval streets** while enjoying local marzipan and almond pastries
- Visit **Marsala's wineries for a wine-tasting experience** and **explore the ancient Phoenician ruins** on the island of Mothia
- Discover **Agrigento's UNESCO-listed archaeological site**, home to stunning Greek temples like the Temple of Concordia
- Drive up **Mount Etna, Europe's highest active volcano**, before exploring **Taormina's picturesque streets and breathtaking Greek Theatre**

This self-drive tour begins in Palermo, unveiling Sicily's architectural and cultural wonders. Journey through Monreale, Segesta, and Erice before exploring Marsala's wineries and ancient Mothia. Discover Selinunte's ruins, Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, and Piazza Armerina's Roman mosaics. Experience Ragusa's Baroque charm, Siracusa's Greek legacy, and Catania's vibrant streets. A visit to Mount Etna and Taormina's panoramic views completes this immersive Sicilian experience.



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

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Palermo at Astoria Palace Hotel - 4* or similar
- 2 nights in Trapani at Mahara Hotel & Wellness - 4* or similar
- 1 night in Agrigento at Hotel Dioscuri Bay Palace - 4* or similar
- 1 night in Ragusa at Hotel Mediterraneo Palace - 4* or similar
- 1 night in Catania at Katane Palace Hotel - 4* or similar
- AVIS Car Rental (Opel Corsa or similar) included for 7 days
- Daily Breakfast

ITINERARY

Day 1

Palermo

Arrive at **Palermo Airport**, where your adventure begins with a seamless car pickup. Step into the heart of **Palermo**, the historic capital of the Norman kingdom, where centuries of culture and architecture blend in a mesmerising tapestry. Wander through the city's storied streets, where echoes of the **Punic, Byzantine, Arab, and Norman** eras stand alongside stunning **Baroque, Gothic, and Art Nouveau** masterpieces. Discover a city where every corner whispers tales of a glorious past, setting the stage for an unforgettable journey.

Overnight stay in Palermo at **Asotia Palace Hotel** or similar.



PALERMO CATHEDRAL

Day 2

Palermo Monreale Segesta Erice Trapani

After breakfast, visit the Cathedral, one of the most important architectural monuments and continue by walking along Corso Vittorio Emanuele to reach "I Quattro Canti di Città" Piazza Pretoria, Piazza Bellini and the Martorana Church. Later, proceed to Monreale, a little town on the heights of Palermo famous for the golden mosaics in its Dome and the Benedictine cloister. Drive to Segesta. Its Doric Temple has a stunning scenic impact as well as its theatre opposite the sea.

Proceed to Erice a beautiful little town located on the top of the homonymous mountain. Take the opportunity to stroll in the alleys, narrow streets and small squares, flanked by churches and noble palaces which allow glimpses of majestic and amazing views. Experience a unique local Marzipan and almonds pastry tasting.

Overnight stay in Trapani at **Mahara Hotel & Wellness** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 3

Trapani Marsala Mothia Trapani

After breakfast, drive to Marsala renowned for the famous sweet wine « Marsala » and for the island of Mothia and the Salinas with still working mills and the museum of Salt. You can do a boat tour of Mothia, Punic centre where the Phoenicians in the VIII century B.C. built their outpost towards Sicily, connected to land by a road that today is submerged by the waters of the "Stagnone", and visit the Whitaker museum. Do not forget to visit some winery and have an unforgettable wine tasting experience.

Overnight stay in Trapani at **Mahara Hotel & Wellness** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **4** Trapani Sellinunte Agrigento

After breakfast, drive to Selinunte and visit the most important archaeological area in Europe, proof of the Hellenic civilization in Sicily. Continue to Agrigento and visit the “Valley of the Temples”, the impressive Doric temples on the sacred hill (the temple of Hera Lacinia, Concordia, Eracle, Giove Olimpo and Castore and Polluce) classified by the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Overnight stay in Agrigento at **Hotel Dioscuri Bay Palace** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **5** Agrigento Piazza Armerina Ragusa

After breakfast, drive to Piazza Armerina where you will discover the amazing “Villa Romana del Casale”, built in the Imperial Rome and worldwide known for its spectacular polychrome mosaics. Continue to Ragusa, the city with two souls. It has a modern area and an ancient, Baroque-style area called Ibla. Ragusa has the refined elegance that characterises the late-

baroque towns of the Val di Noto. You will have the chance to visit the Cathedral of S. Giovanni, the church of Purgatory, Madonna dell'Itria, palazzo Battaglia, palazzo Casentini, palazzo Cancelleria, palazzo La Rocca.

Overnight stay in Ragusa **Hotel Mediterraneo Palace** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **6**

Ragusa and Siracusa Catania

After Breakfast, visit Siracusa. Prestigious city of the ancient world, the most powerful rival of Athens and Rome, Siracusa preserves important remaining of its glorious past. You will visit the solemn and spectacular Greek Theatre, the Ear of Dionysus the most famous of Syracuse's caves.

Then proceed to the small Baroque Island of Ortigia, the historic centre of Syracuse. It is widely considered one of the most beautiful destinations in Sicily. Dotted with impressive church facades, outdoor restaurants, elegant squares and surrounded by a crystalline sea. Here you will visit the temple of Minerva transformed in a Christian Cathedral, the legendary source Aretusa, the Apollo temple. Proceed to Catania. Cosmopolitan, exuberant, eclectic, Catania is a multi-coloured universe, from the sparkling whiteness of the Baroque stuccos (UNESCO Heritage) to the black lava of the Liotru, the elephant carved in basalt in Piazza Duomo, the heart of the city.

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

Breakfast



Day **7**

Catania Etna Taormina Catania

Today you will drive to Mt Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe and one of the most active in the world. With its 3327 meters of height and an average basal diameter of 40 km, Etna dominates the entire island. Proceed to Taormina and enjoy a walk through its stunning streets and admire the panoramic view.

During the walk along Corso Umberto, the shopping street full of boutiques, jewellers and antique shops you will reach the Greek Theatre: a breath-taking view, which when the air is clear reaches the coast of Calabria. Proceed to Palermo

Overnight stay in Palermo at **Astoria Palace Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **8**

Palermo

After breakfast, check out of your hotel.

End of services.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Astoria Palace Hotel

Palermo

Situated at the foot of Monte Pellegrino, this modern hotel boasts stunning views of Palermo and a prime location near the harbour, city centre, and Mondello Beach. Combining traditional Sicilian hospitality with international comfort, it offers exclusive deals, a convenient GHS shuttle service, and a dedicated concierge for a seamless stay.



Mahara Hotel & Wellness

Trapani

Sign in to save with a Genius discount at Mahara Hotel Wellness, just a 10-minute walk from Mazara del Vallo's centre. Enjoy free Wi-Fi, parking, and a shuttle to partner beaches. Spacious, air-conditioned rooms feature balconies or terraces, with many offering Mediterranean Sea views. The hotel boasts a wellness centre, an outdoor pool, and the acclaimed Ghilbi restaurant serving Sicilian cuisine. The A29 motorway is 5 km away.



Hotel Dioscuri Bay Palace

Agrigento

Overlooking the sea and just a few kilometres from the Agrigento and the magnificent Valley of the Temples, Hotel Dioscuri Bay Palace is the answer to all your travel needs. Featuring a semi-olympic pool with sea view, the hotel will offer you plenty of occasions to relax between a swim, a massage and a cocktail at sunset.



Mediterraneo Palace Hotel

Ragusa

Mediterraneo Palace Hotel is a modern and elegant 4-star property located in the historic centre of Ragusa close to the town's major attractions, such as Piazza Libert , Corso Italia and the imposing Cathedral of San Giovanni Battista. All rooms are bright, spacious and equipped with every comfort.



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.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- Please note that additional services may apply for the Car Rental such as Gasoline / fuel load, additional insurance, additional driver charges, special equipment; and pick-up supplement applicable depending on the exact point.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means we may need to offer an alternative hotel of equivalent or better quality. Our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit.

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