



## ITALY

# LA DOLCE VITA ORIENT EXPRESS: 2026 SHORES OF SICILY

(TOUR CODE: 15106)

<b>STARTS AND ENDS</b> in Catania	<b>TRAVEL PERIODS</b> 18 May 26 - 05 Sep 26	<b>EXPERIENCE</b> Luxury Cultural	<b>TRAVEL STYLE</b> Rail Journeys
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From the palaces of Palermo to the treasures of Taormina, a Sicilian adventure that leads directly to the renowned Mount Etna.

## Highlights

- Explore Palermo, Sicily's vibrant capital - with a range of Optional Off-Board Experiences\*
- Savour a Michelin-starred lunch curated by Chef Heinz Beck with Italian-inspired, seasonal dishes
- Arrive in Taormina, Sicily, and immerse yourself in its rich history with a range of Optional Off-Board Experiences\*

Embark on a remarkable journey aboard the La Dolce Vita Orient Express, starting in Catania and winding through Sicily's treasures. Savour a gourmet lunch crafted by 3-Michelin-starred Chef Heinz Beck before arriving in Palermo to explore the vibrant capital. Enjoy an authentic Sicilian dinner before continuing to Taormina. Conclude in Catania, carrying memories of stunning landscapes, rich culture and culinary delights.



## INCLUSIONS

- 24-hour onboard service and entertainment
- Table d'hôte meals featuring innovative Italian cuisine with beverages, including selected wines, spirits, mineral water, soft drinks, tea and coffee
- One-night private ensuite accommodation onboard the train in a Deluxe Cabin
- Round-trip transfers to and from the train station in Rome

## ITINERARY

Day 1

### Catania Palermo

Private transfer service collects guests from the hotel or airport, ensuring a smooth and comfortable journey to the station for embarkation.

Upon arrival at Catania Station, step aboard La Dolce Vita Orient Express, where a dedicated conductor will accompany each guest to their cabin. Shortly after, the train departs Catania, marking the beginning of a memorable journey through Sicily's captivating landscapes.

Midday brings a leisurely lunch in the Restaurant Car. Surrounded by stunning views, guests will enjoy a fine dining menu

curated by Chef Heinz Beck. The maître d' will confirm individual sitting times.

In the afternoon, preparations begin for disembarkation as the train approaches Palermo.

Arrival at Palermo Station offers an extended opportunity to explore the city. Guests may choose to join an organised Off-board experience\* or enjoy free time at leisure. For daytime activities ashore, smart casual attire and comfortable footwear are recommended.

Later in the evening, a minivan transfer returns guests to the train, ready for the next leg of the journey.

As the train departs Palermo, the evening continues in the Bar Car with live music entertainment into the early hours.

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#### Lunch



Day

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## Taormina Catania

Breakfast is served on board, either in the Restaurant Car or in the comfort of the cabin, offering a relaxed start to the day. As the morning unfolds, preparations begin for disembarkation as the train approaches Taormina.

Upon arrival at Taormina Station, there is ample time to explore the town. Guests may choose to take part in an organised Off-board experience\* or enjoy free time at leisure. For time spent ashore, smart casual attire and comfortable footwear are recommended.

In the afternoon, a minivan transfer returns guests to the train in time for departure from Taormina.

Shortly after, preparations begin for the final disembarkation as the train approaches Catania.

Arrival at Catania Station marks the end of the journey. A limousine service is arranged for onward travel, ensuring a smooth and comfortable transition to the next destination.

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#### Breakfast



## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

### The Spirit of Palermo

Step into the soul of **Palermo** with an exclusive experience that weaves together elegance, heritage, and Sicilian flair. Begin with a private visit to a storied aristocratic palace, where the grandeur of its interiors and the warmth of its hosts offer a glimpse into the refined life of Palermo's past.

As you wander through charming squares, admire opulent Baroque churches, and experience the vibrant energy of the city's bustling markets, you'll uncover the rich cultural and artistic heritage that defines the Sicilian capital.

Continue your journey with a delightful ride in an APE Calessino—an iconic three-wheeler that winds its way through Palermo's most picturesque quarters with charm and character.

Afterwards, prepare to be enchanted by a traditional puppet show—one of Palermo's most treasured cultural traditions. This captivating performance of Sicilian marionettes transports audiences through time, illuminating the island's folkloric past with artistry and emotion.

Conclude the day with an elegant dinner in an atmospheric setting, where the flavours of Sicily meet timeless hospitality—leaving a lasting impression of Palermo's soul, both regal and raw.

Starting from \$3,136 per person, with pricing subject to availability and confirmation.

### Palermo and Teatro Massimo: A Journey Through Opulence

Embark on a guided tour of **Palermo's** historic centre—an enchanting journey through the city's most iconic landmarks and architectural masterpieces.

The route begins in the narrow streets of the old town, where history, art, and culture intertwine to create a vibrant, captivating atmosphere. Along the way, visit highlights such as the Palermo Cathedral, a magnificent example of Norman architecture.

As you stroll through the heart of the city, take time to admire ancient squares, lively markets, and elegant Baroque churches.

The highlight of the tour is a visit to the Teatro Massimo, one of the largest and most prestigious opera houses in Europe. Here, explore the architectural grandeur of the building and discover its rich cultural legacy. Constructed in the 19th century, the Teatro Massimo is renowned for its flawless acoustics. During your visit, uncover its opulent interiors—including the main stage and grand foyer—while immersing yourself in the unique atmosphere that has made this theatre a cultural icon of Palermo.

The day concludes with dinner at a charming location, where an enchanting ambience provides the perfect finale.

This experience offers a comprehensive introduction to the city, allowing you to delve into its captivating history and appreciate the artistry behind its most significant monuments—making your visit truly unforgettable.

Starting from \$2,720 per person, with pricing subject to availability and confirmation.

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## Monreale: From Cloisters to Cellars

Indulge in a visit to the magnificent Cathedral of Monreale—a true masterpiece of Norman architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Renowned for its resplendent golden mosaics, the Cathedral vividly depicts biblical stories with such exquisite craftsmanship that visitors are left in awe.

After exploring this architectural marvel, continue your journey into the rich history and culture of Monreale, a charming village that has preserved its authentic character through the centuries.

Next, travel to a prestigious local winery, where elegance, history, and tradition converge. Nestled amid lush greenery and surrounded by sprawling vineyards, this tranquil estate is a sanctuary steeped in Sicilian heritage. During the visit, uncover the fascinating story of the family behind the estate and their deep-rooted connection to the land. Learn about the art of winemaking and admire the timeless beauty of the property.

As the day unfolds, enjoy a traditional Sicilian dinner, expertly paired with wines crafted on the estate.

Starting from \$2,287 per person, with pricing subject to availability and confirmation.

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## Sicily from Above: Castelmola & Taormina

Discover the soul of Sicily with an exclusive journey through **Castelmola** and **Taormina**—two timeless jewels set between sky and sea.

The day begins with a visit to the hilltop village of Castelmola, perched high above Taormina. This authentic slice of Sicily enchants with its winding alleys, historic churches, and breathtaking views across the sea and surrounding hills.

Continue on to Taormina, where history and elegance converge. A guided stroll reveals the town's Greco-Roman architecture, flower-filled balconies, and sweeping vistas that stretch from the coastline to majestic Mount Etna. As you explore its storied streets, the timeless beauty and cultural richness of this enchanting destination unfold before you.

Indulge in a deliciously immersive experience with a hands-on pastry workshop led by expert Sicilian pastry chefs. Discover the secrets behind the island's most iconic dessert—the *Cannolo Siciliano*—from crafting the perfect crisp shell to preparing the creamy ricotta filling. Learn to select the finest ingredients and master traditional techniques to create an authentic version of this beloved treat.

The day concludes with a refined dinner in a traditional restaurant overlooking lush gardens and the shimmering sea, where classic Sicilian flavours are elevated with elegance and care.

A harmonious blend of culture, tradition, and indulgence—this journey is designed to reveal the essence of Sicily with style and authenticity.

Starting from \$2,343 per person, with pricing subject to availability and confirmation.

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## Taormina to Etna: A Journey in Contrast

Begin the experience with a guided stroll through the lively alleys of **Taormina**, where centuries of history are reflected in every stone and square.

From here, embark on a unique adventure to Mount Etna—the highest active volcano in Europe. Travel by Jeep across its dramatic terrain, guided by a local naturalist who offers fascinating insights into the volcano's geological evolution and the unique flora and fauna that flourish within this extraordinary ecosystem.

Follow scenic off-road trails revealing panoramic views of ancient craters and the otherworldly, lunar-like landscape that defines Etna’s powerful presence—transforming the journey into an unforgettable encounter with nature.

To complete the experience, enjoy a traditional lunch at a local wine estate. Here, regional Sicilian dishes are thoughtfully paired with an exceptional selection of wines, offering a perfect expression of the island’s culinary heritage in a warm and elegant setting.

This remarkable journey seamlessly weaves together nature, history, and gastronomy—leaving lasting memories of one of the world’s most awe-inspiring natural wonders.

Starting from \$2,232 per person, with pricing subject to availability and confirmation.

## ACCOMMODATION

### La Dolce Vita Orient Express

UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Choose from two categories on board the Orient Express: **Deluxe** and **Suite** Cabins. Each cabin radiates sophistication and offers thoughtful amenities and traditional room service.

The room service menu offers a tempting selection of savoury Italian delights, such as olives, fennel taralli, Italian cheese platters and breadsticks. Simply place your order with the steward via the in-room call button, and your chosen dishes will be served on trays, either at your bedside or table, allowing you to enjoy them while admiring the stunning views.

#### DELUXE CABIN

The 12 Deluxe Cabins are designed to help you unwind and disconnect. With carpeted floors and wood-beamed ceilings, each cabin offers a refined ambiance that sets the tone for a captivating journey. For added comfort, every cabin includes a private ensuite bathroom. As night falls, experience the “Great Transformation,” where the cabin seamlessly converts into a cozy bedroom. The sofa transforms into a double bed, and the footstools turn into coffee tables and stools. The room, measuring 7 m² (75 sq ft), offers a truly enchanting experience.



### Room Upgrades

#### Suite Cabins

Choose from one of 18 Suites, each offering an exquisitely designed bedroom that also offers the option for a twin room layout, furnished with a sofa, table, two armchairs and a private ensuite bathroom. Measuring 11 m² (118 sq ft), these Suites boast vibrant hues of orange, terracotta, and purple, creating a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Brass accents, reflective smoked mirrors, glossy lacquered "burnt sienna" ceilings, and sumptuous carpets and curtains, along with lighting fixtures by renowned 20th-century designers, infuse the space with timeless elegance and

charm.



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

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE  
Italian

LOCAL CURRENCY  
EURO

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### 2026 departure dates:

- 18 May
- 04 June
- 18 July
- 05 September

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals & Off-board experiences 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