



ITALY

EASTERN ESCAPE & BAROQUE EXPERIENCE (TOUR CODE: 17046)

STARTS AND ENDS

Catania to
Ragusa

TRAVEL PERIODS

28 Apr 27 - 20 Oct 27

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Experience eastern Sicily's ancient treasures, volcanic landscapes and Baroque splendour. Explore Siracusa, Ortygia and Mount Etna, discover UNESCO-listed Ragusa, Modica and Noto, and savour authentic flavours including Etna wines, Modica chocolate and fresh seafood in picturesque Marzamemi.

Highlights

- Exclusive tour for **small groups up to 20 people** maximum
- Explore **Siracusa's Greek ruins** and discover the historic island of **Ortygia**
- Admire volcanic landscapes of **Mount Etna** and taste **Etna DOC wines** at a prestigious local winery.
- Discover **Ragusa Ibla's magnificent Baroque palaces** and **Cathedral of San Giorgio**
- Explore **Modica's historic centre** and sample its traditional **artisan chocolate**
- Admire **Noto's golden Baroque architecture** before relaxing in colourful seaside **Marzamemi**

Entire Bonus

This holiday package is carefully designed by our team to give you complete Peace of Mind, with access to trusted local partners and expert support at your destination.

Uncover the captivating charm of eastern Sicily, where ancient treasures, dramatic volcanic landscapes and exquisite Baroque architecture come together. Begin in Catania and explore the ancient wonders of Siracusa and the historic streets of Ortygia, before travelling to Mount Etna for spectacular views and a tasting of renowned Etna DOC wines. Continue through the UNESCO-listed towns of Ragusa, Modica and Noto, admiring grand churches, ornate palaces and picturesque lanes. Along the way, savour authentic Sicilian flavours, from traditional street food and Modica chocolate to fresh seafood in Marzamemi.



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

INCLUSIONS

- 6-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by deluxe coach or minivan
- Daily breakfast
- Street food lunch experience in Syracuse including a glass of wine
- Welcome drink on day 1
- Traditional Modica chocolate tasting
- Baroque Train experience in Ragusa Ibla
- Visit of a cellar and wine tasting on Mount Etna
- Walking tour of Noto and visit Marzamemi
- Explore the historic centre of Ortygia and Modica
- "Whispers" Kit (audio guide-for group with more than 10 passengers) on days 2-3
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Catania

Make your way to the hotel in Catania.

Late in the afternoon, meet your tour leader and fellow travelers during a welcome drink. Free evening to enjoy dinner at leisure and begin discovering the local atmosphere.

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



CATANIA

Day **2**

Catania Siracusa Ortygia Catania

After breakfast, depart for **Syracuse**, one of the most powerful cities of the ancient Greek world and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the impressive **Archaeological Park of Neapolis**, including **The Greek Theatre, The Roman Amphitheatre, The Ear of Dionysius, The Latomia del Paradiso**.

Continue to **Ortygia Island**, the enchanting historical centre of Syracuse. It is a maze of elegant Baroque palaces, hidden courtyards, and piazzas facing the sea. Highlights include: The magnificent Cathedral built upon the ancient Temple of Athena, The Fountain of Arethusa, The Temple of Apollo. Enjoy a **curated street-food lunch experience**, tasting some of Sicily's most beloved local specialties.

In the afternoon, free time at disposal in Ortygia. Return to Catania. Evening at leisure.

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

Breakfast, Lunch



ORTYGIA

Day **3**

Catania Mt Etna Taormina Catania

After breakfast, travel to **Mount Etna**, Europe's highest and most active volcano. Journey through spectacular volcanic landscapes of black lava fields, vineyards and ancient forests to reach approximately 1,800 metres above sea level. Visit the **Silvestri Craters** and admire breathtaking views stretching from the volcano to the Ionian coastline.

Continue to one of Etna's most prestigious wineries, where volcanic soils produce some of Italy's most acclaimed wines. Enjoy a winery tour, a **guided tasting of Etna DOC wines** and a selection of local cheeses, cured meats and traditional delicacies .

In the afternoon, continue to **Taormina**, Sicily's most elegant resort town, known as the "Pearl of the Ionian Sea." Enjoy free time to explore Corso Umberto, visit artisan boutiques, admire panoramic terraces. Return to Catania. Dinner at leisure.

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

Breakfast



Day **4**

Catania Ragusa

After breakfast, depart towards south-eastern Sicily, a region renowned for its extraordinary Baroque heritage, rolling countryside and authentic rural landscapes.

Arrive in **Ragusa**, one of Sicily's most fascinating towns and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discover Ragusa Ibla, by the "Baroque train". You will 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. Stroll through the charming lanes and admire the magnificent **Cathedral of San Giorgio**, one of the finest examples of Sicilian Baroque architecture.

Enjoy time to explore local artisan boutiques and traditional cafés, discovering regional products and the unique atmosphere of this enchanting hilltop town. Continue to your hotel in Ragusa. Dinner at leisure.

Overnight stay in Ragusa at **San Giorgio Palace Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **5**

Ragusa Modica Ragusa

After breakfast, depart for **Modica**, another UNESCO-listed Baroque gem famous worldwide for its unique chocolate making tradition. Explore the historic centre, characterised by impressive churches, elegant palaces and scenic stairways connecting the upper and lower parts of the town. Visit the magnificent Cathedral of San Giorgio and enjoy a **tasting of Modica's traditional chocolate**, produced according to an ancient recipe introduced during the Spanish period.

Continue your discovery with a visit to local artisan shops, where traditional crafts and regional specialties showcase the authentic identity of south-eastern Sicily. Return to the hotel. Lunch, afternoon and dinner at leisure.

Overnight stay in Ragusa at **San Giorgio Palace Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **6**

Ragusa Noto Marzamemi Ragusa

After breakfast, depart for **Noto**, the "Pearl of Sicilian Baroque" and one of the island's most elegant historic towns. Enjoy a

walking through its magnificent centre, admiring the **Cathedral of San Nicolò**, the refined Baroque palaces, decorated balconies and golden limestone façades that create the town's unique charm. Take time to explore local boutiques, artisan workshops and charming cafés.

Continue towards the coast to **Marzamemi**, a picturesque fishing village known for its colourful waterfront, traditional architecture and authentic maritime atmosphere. Stroll through the charming square, once the centre of the ancient tuna fishing tradition, and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of this seaside gem. Free time to enjoy a seaside lunch or sample local seafood specialties. Return to the hotel. Dinner at leisure.

Overnight stay in Ragusa at **San Giorgio Palace Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



MARZAMEMI

Day **7**

Ragusa

After breakfast, end of the tour.

Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Entrance Fees Supplement

The Entrance tickets to sites and museums include:

- The Neapolis in Siracusa and the Dome;
- Crateri Silvestri in Mount Etna.

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 Ragusa to Ragusa Airport

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ACCOMMODATION

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	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 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)