



ITALY

EASTERN ESCAPE & TAORMINA EXPERIENCE (TOUR CODE: 17047)

STARTS AND ENDS

Catania to
Taormina

TRAVEL PERIODS

28 Apr 27 - 20 Oct 27

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Explore eastern Sicily from ancient Syracuse and charming Ortygia to the volcanic landscapes of Mount Etna. Savour local wines, discover Taormina's elegant streets and cruise along the Ionian coast, taking in spectacular views of Sicily's celebrated coastline.

Highlights

- Exclusive tour for **small groups up to 20 people** maximum
- Explore **Syracuse's Archaeological Park** and discover its remarkable Greek and Roman ruins
- Wander through **Ortygia's Baroque streets** and enjoy a curated tasting of **Sicilian street food**
- Visit **Mount Etna's Silvestri Craters** and admire spectacular volcanic landscapes and **Ionian Sea views**
- Discover **Taormina** and cruise along the coast to admire **Isola Bella** and hidden coves

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.

Experience the enchanting landscapes and timeless treasures of eastern Sicily on a journey filled with culture, cuisine and coastal beauty. Discover the ancient wonders of Syracuse and the charming streets of Ortygia, before exploring the volcanic slopes of Mount Etna and sampling acclaimed Etna DOC wines at a local winery. Continue to Taormina, the celebrated "Pearl of the Ionian Sea", for panoramic views, elegant streets and a scenic boat trip along the Ionian coast. With time to relax and explore at your own pace, this escape captures the very best of eastern Sicily.



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

INCLUSIONS

- 5-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by deluxe coach or minivan
- Daily breakfast
- Welcome drink on day 1
- Street food lunch experience in Syracuse including a glass of wine
- Visit of a cellar and wine tasting on Mount Etna
- Excursion to Mount Etna and the Silvestri Craters
- Visit to Ortygia Island and its historic centre
- Half day boat excursion along the Ionian Coast from Giardini Naxos
- "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.

Breakfast



Day **2**

Catania Syracuse 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



Day **3**

Catania Mt Etna Taormina

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." Check-in at your hotel and enjoy free time to explore Corso Umberto, visit artisan boutiques, admire panoramic terraces. Dinner at leisure.

Overnight stay in Taormina at **Splendid Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **4**

Taormina Giardini Naxos Taormina

After breakfast, depart for **Giardini Naxos**, one of Sicily's most charming seaside locations and the first Greek colony in Sicily. Board a boat for a scenic excursion along the Ionian coast, discovering some of the area's most beautiful coastal landscapes. Cruise past dramatic cliffs, hidden coves and crystal-clear waters, with views of Taormina's coastline from the sea. The excursion includes the possibility to admire the famous **Bay of Taormina, Isola Bella** and the surrounding natural scenery, with time for swimming or relaxing on board (weather permitting).

Return to Taormina and enjoy free time at leisure.

Overnight stay in Taormina at **Splendid Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **5**

Taormina

After breakfast, full day at leisure to explore Taormina independently, relax in one of its panoramic cafés, browse local shops or simply enjoy the unique atmosphere of this refined Sicilian town.

Overnight stay in Taormina at **Splendid Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **6**

Taormina

After breakfast, check-out from the hotel. 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.

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.



Splendid Hotel Taormina

Taormina

Awaken your senses at Splendid Hotel Taormina, where refined flavours, elegant details, and enchanting scents meet stunning views and heartfelt hospitality. A truly unforgettable escape, crafted to inspire.



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.
- 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)