



ITALY

WESTERN SICILY & AEGADIAN ISLANDS EXPERIENCE (TOUR CODE: 17048)

STARTS AND ENDS

Palermo to
Marsala

TRAVEL PERIODS

09 May 27 - 17 Oct 27

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Explore western Sicily through Palermo's historic streets, Erice's medieval charm and Marsala's celebrated wines. Cruise to the Aegadian Islands to discover Favignana and Levanzo, with turquoise waters, picturesque villages and unforgettable Mediterranean scenery.

Highlights

- Exclusive tour for **small groups up to 20 people** maximum
- Explore **Palermo's historic landmarks**, vibrant markets and taste its traditional **Sicilian arancino**
- Wander through **Erice's medieval streets** and admire panoramic views over western Sicily
- Visit a historic **winery** in **Marsala** and savour its renowned wines with a light lunch
- Discover **Favignana** and **Levanzo**, surrounded by crystal-clear waters and scenic coastlines
- Admire **Marsala's historic salt pans** and the striking landscapes of **Stagnone Lagoon**

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 diverse charms of western Sicily, beginning in Palermo, where grand landmarks, bustling markets and centuries of cultural influences create a captivating city experience. Travel onwards to Erice and Marsala to discover medieval heritage, celebrated wines and atmospheric salt pans, before cruising to the Aegadian Islands. Explore the idyllic shores of Favignana and Levanzo, swim in crystal-clear waters and enjoy leisurely moments surrounded by spectacular Mediterranean scenery.



- ✓ 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
- Roundtrip transfer to/from Marsala Hotel and Port for the Aegadi mini cruise
- Full day mini cruise to the Egadi Islands: Favignana & Levanzo + light lunch
- Daily breakfast
- Welcome dinner on day 1
- "Arancino" tasting in Palermo
- Guided tour to Palermo's historic centre and main landmarks
- Excursion to Stagnone Lagoon and historic salt pans
- Visit of a cellar and wine tasting/light lunch in Marsala
- "Whispers" Kit (audio guide-for group with more than 10 passengers)
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Palermo

Make your way to the hotel in Palermo.

Meet your tour leader and fellow travelers during a welcome dinner. This first gathering offers the perfect introduction to Sicily's warm hospitality and rich cultural heritage. Free evening to enjoy and begin discovering the local atmosphere.

Overnight stay in Palermo at **Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa** or similar.

Dinner



Day 2

Palermo

Breakfast at the hotel. Begin the day with a guided visit of **Palermo**, a fascinating city where centuries of Arab, Norman, Byzantine and Spanish influences have left an extraordinary cultural legacy. Explore the historic centre and admire some of its most iconic landmarks, including **Quattro Canti**, **Piazza Pretoria**, **Piazza Bellini** and the magnificent **Palermo Cathedral**. Continue your discovery with a visit to one of Palermo's renowned open-air markets, where vibrant colours, enticing aromas and centuries-old traditions create an authentic and unforgettable Sicilian atmosphere. Conclude the morning with a tasting of the traditional Sicilian arancino, a beloved local speciality.

The afternoon is free to enjoy Palermo at your own pace or to join an optional excursion to Cefalù: Discover Cefalù, one of Sicily's most picturesque coastal towns. Wander through its charming medieval streets, admire the stunning Arab-Norman Cathedral, visit the historic medieval washhouse and enjoy a relaxing walk along the scenic seafront before returning to Palermo.

Overnight stay in Palermo at **Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa** or similar.

Breakfast



Palermo Erice Marsala

After breakfast, depart for **Erice**, a perfectly preserved medieval village dramatically located on a hilltop overlooking the western coast of Sicily. Explore its charming, cobbled streets, discover its historic treasures and enjoy breathtaking panoramic views extending across the surrounding coastline. With its ancient churches, traditional stone pathways and artisan boutiques, Erice offers an authentic journey into Sicily's fascinating past and heritage.

Continue to **Marsala**, a town celebrated worldwide for its historic fortified wine and deep-rooted maritime traditions. Visit a local winery for a guided tour of the historic cellars, followed by a wine tasting experience featuring its renowned wines, accompanied by a light lunch showcasing typical Sicilian flavours.

In the afternoon, discover the unique landscapes of the **Stagnone Lagoon**, one of western Sicily's most distinctive natural settings. Visit the historic salt pans, where salt harvesting has shaped the area's identity for centuries, and admire the beauty of the shallow waters as they reflect the changing colours of the afternoon light. Accommodation at your hotel in Marsala. Dinner and evening at leisure.

Overnight stay in Marsala at **Baglio Donna Franca** or similar.

Breakfast



Marsala Egadi Favignana Levanzo Marsala

After breakfast, embark for a full-day excursion to the stunning **Egadi Islands Marine Reserve**, one of the Mediterranean's most pristine archipelagos. Your first stop is **Favignana**, the largest of the islands, famous for its turquoise waters, picturesque harbour and traditional tuna-fishing heritage. Enjoy free time to explore the charming town, relax along the waterfront or discover the island's unique atmosphere.

Continue by boat to the peaceful island of **Levanzo**, a small fishing village where whitewashed houses overlook crystal clear waters. Wander through its quiet streets and admire the island's unspoilt natural beauty. During the excursion, enjoy time to swim (weather permitting) and admire the spectacular coastal scenery before returning to Marsala in the afternoon.

Overnight stay in Marsala at **Baglio Donna Franca** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **5**

Marsala

Full day at disposal to relax in your resort or hotel or you can book some optional activities: cooking class, pastry cooking class, excursion to Selinunte and lunch in a farmhouse with olive oil tasting, etc.

Overnight stay in Marsala at **Baglio Donna Franca** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **6**

Marsala

After breakfast, check-out of the hotel. End of the tour.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa

Palermo

The Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa is situated in the middle of the city, making it easily accessible to all of Palermo's most popular points of interest. The historical hotel that we have earned a rating of 4 stars for is full of allure and splendour.



Baglio Donna Franca Wine Resort

Marsala

Step into timeless elegance at Baglio Donna Franca, a beautifully restored 19th-century estate nestled in the rolling hills of Marsala, overlooking the Stagnone Reserve and the Egadi Islands. Once the birthplace of the legendary Marsala wine and home to the renowned Florio family, this historic baglio pays tribute to the pioneering spirit of Donna Franca Florio. Today, it invites guests to relive the splendour of Sicily's Belle Époque with an immersive journey through rich heritage, breathtaking landscapes, and the captivating culture of wine.



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)