

Day 1 (Sat) Palermo

Welcome to the warm, beautiful and pleasant island of Sicily! Arrival at Palermo airport (PMO) and independent transfer to your hotel.

Day 2 (Sun) Agrigento

Following breakfast.

Today we drive through the interior of Sicily to reach **Agrigento** where we visit the finest of all ancient Greek sites—the complete Doric Temples (*Admission fee: not included*). This afternoon we visit the Archaeological Museum (*Admission fee: not included*) who offers a fine introduction to the splendors of ancient Akragas and gives an insight into the life of the Greek settlers. Later we then return to Palermo. **(BB)**

Day 3 (Mon) Palermo & Monreale

Breakfast at hotel.

Today transfer to **Piazza Pretoria**. Then by walk we reach the famous “four corners” converge in a quartet of baroque palaces from the climax of the Spanish rule dating from 1560. Then our short stroll will continue on to **Casa Professa Church** (*Admission fee: not included*), After, crossing the old city centre, we arrive at the lively **Ballarò Market**, a place overflowing with beautiful fresh fish, and local vegetables and cheeses. This afternoon a short drive take us to **Monreale**, to see where the **Arab-Norman** art and architecture reached the pinnacle of its glory with the Duomo (*Admission fee: not included*). It represents scenes from the Old and New Testaments all in golden mosaics. Later we return to Palermo. **(BB)**

Day 4 (Tue) Erice & Segesta

Early departure to tour western Sicily where we reach Erice uptown. Wander through its ancient streets and visit some of the famous homemade pastry shops—world-famous for **marzipan candies** and other delicacies like almond and pistachio pastries. Later we proceed to have a light-lunch in a local **winery-farmhouse** including tasting of mixed local product. This afternoon we continue onto **Segesta**, one of the major cities of the ancient indigenous Elymian people, to visit the unfinished **Doric temple** (*Admission fee: not included*). We then return to Palermo. **(BB L)**

Day 5 (Wed) Piazza Armerina

Breakfast at hotel.

Today departure for Piazza Armerina. Upon arrival we visit the amazing **Roman Villa of Casale** (*Admission Fee: not included*). This afternoon we then continue to Taormina, the world famous resort town of Sicily. **(BB)**



PEAK SEASON: Eur 1.190 per person
Rate are, LAND only, double/twin occupancy.

EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT:
from **eur 40** up to **eur 210** OFF per person
discount details at page 2

2015 DEPARTURE DATES FROM PALERMO

March	28
April	4 11 18 25
May	2 9 16 23 30
June	6 13 20 27
July	4 11 18 25
August	1 22 29
September	5 12 19 26
October	3 10 17 24 31
November	7 14

**Day 6 (Thu) Syracuse**

Breakfast at hotel.

Today we depart for **Syracuse**, founded by colonists from Cornith in 735 B.C. and once the most important competitor to Athens. On arrival visit through the **Archaeological Park** (*Admission fee: not included*) highlights the Greek Theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre and the Paradise Quarry. Then stroll through the streets of **Ortygia Island**, the heart of the city center. This afternoon we return to Taormina. **(BB)**

Day 7 (Fri) Taormina

Breakfast at hotel. Today is at leisure! **(BB)**

Day 8 (Sat) Taormina/Catania

Breakfast at hotel. Time to say goodbye to Sicily. Then independent transfer to Catania airport. **(BB)**

Meal Legend:

(BB) Breakfast **(L)** Light Lunch

FEATURED PROPERTIES USED:

Palermo: Hotel Plaza Opera, Hotel Hilton Excelsior
Taormina: Hotel Villa Diodoro, Hilton Giardini Naxos
Hotel may be substituted with similar categories

OPERATED WITH:

This tour is **operated only with a Driver-Escort up to 5 people.**

The Driver Escort is not a Licensed Tourist Guide --Licensed Tourist Guide: are the only professionals, with a Regional license, permitted to conduct visits and tours in all sites and museums within a city -- and he cannot escort people inside the monuments because this is not allowed by Italian Rules. However, he has the competences to promote the most important highlights providing basic historical & cultural information.

From **6 people**, this tour is **operated with a Driver Escort or Tour Director & Licensed Local Guide.**

Licensed Local Guide provided on the spot as:

- Monreale: to see the Dome;
- Agrigento: to see the Temple Valley;
- Piazza Armerina: to see the Roman Villa of Casale;
- Syracuse: to see Ortygia & the Archaeological Park.

ADMISSION FEE:

the price of this tour does not include the Admission Fees (around eur 10,00 per person per entrance). If you are over 65 or under 18 years old and you have EU or Commonwealth Passport, the admission fees are free of charge for you showing your document (or copy of your document) on the spot.

CITY TAXES:

the offer does not include the City Taxes-- *required to finance tourism, maintenance of cultural heritage sites and environment, as well as public services*—who have to be paid directly at hotel, during the check out.

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- Palermo: four night accommodation
- Taormina: three night accommodation
- Daily breakfast buffet
- One light lunch in a local winery-farmhouse
- Vehicle/coach with air conditioning, no toilet
- English speaking staff as per program
- Local Guide from minimum 6 people on the tour
- All sightseeing & excursions as per itinerary
- Hotel & VAT

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

- Intercontinental Flight
- Gratuities and Tips
- Porterage at airport
- Fee for luggage handling fee at hotel
- Beverages & meals not mentioned in the program
- Travel Insurance
- Admission fees
- Optional Excursions
- Licensed tourist guide if less than 4 people
- City Taxes
- Airport transfers

**Days Prior to Departure**

- 60 or more days
- 59 - 45 days
- 44 - 15 days
- 14 - 8 days
- 7 - 0 days

Cancellation Fees

- Euros 100,00
- 25% of the Tour cost
- 50% of the Tour cost
- 80% of the Tour cost
- 100% of the Tour cost

**EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT:**

Valid for all the departures from March 28, 2015 to October 31, 2015

PRICE ARE EUR PER PERSON, LAND ONLY, DOUBLE/TWIN OCCUPANCY:

Code: A1	Eur 980	for payment received up to November 30, 2014
Code: A2	Eur 1.030	for payment received from December 1, 2014 up to December 31, 2014
Code: A3	Eur 1.080	for payment received from January 1, 2015 up to January 31, 2015
Code: A4	Eur 1.150	for payment received from February 1, 2015 up to March 15, 2015

EARLY BOOKING RESERVATION AND PAYMENT:

A **NOT-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT** of eur 300 per person is required at the time of booking. The balance is due 2 months before tour begins.