

Day 1 (Sat) Catania/Syracuse

Welcome to the warm, beautiful and pleasant island of Sicily! Arrival at Catania airport (CTA) and independent transfer to your hotel in Syracuse.

Day 2 (Sunday) Syracuse & Noto

Following breakfast we visit through the **Archaeological Park** (Admission fee: not included) highlights the Greek Theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre and the Paradise Quarry. Later stroll through the streets of **Ortygia Island**, the heart of the city center. This afternoon a short drive takes us to **Noto**, a lovely village parts of the UNESCO, famous for its honey colored buildings of the early eighteenth century. Later we drive back to Syracuse. **(BB)**

Day 3 (Monday) Ragusa & Modica

Today departure for Ragusa. The city is situated in the Iblean mountains and, along with **Ragusa**, it is part of the UNESCO Heritage Sites in Sicily. Upon arrival we walk through the historical town of **Ragusa Ibla** highlights the wide array of Baroque architecture in Sicily, including several stunning palaces and churches. Light lunch in a local trattoria. This afternoon a short drive takes us to **Modica** a small village famous for the chocolate. Modica's chocolate is one of the most famous products of the Ragusa area. Later we then return to Syracuse. **(BB L)**

Day 4 (Tuesday) Agrigento

Following breakfast, 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 then continue to Palermo, the capital of Sicily. **(BB)**

Day 5 (Wednesday) Palermo & Monreale

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 a lively **Market**, a place overflowing with beautiful fresh fish, and local vegetables and cheeses. Later 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), launched in 1174 by William II. Return to Palermo. This afternoon is at leisure. **(BB)**



ONE SEASON: Eur 1.990 per person
Rate are, LAND only, double/twin occupancy.

2015 DEPARTURE DATES FROM CATANIA

March	14	28
April	11	25
May	9	23
June	13	
September	5	19
October	3	24
November	7	



Day 6 (Thursday) Erice, Olive Oil & Segesta

Early departure to tour western Sicily where we reach Erice uptown. The Elymians settled the medieval town of **Erice**, which was an important religious site associated with the goddess Venus. Later we proceed to have a light-lunch in a local **olive oil -farmhouse**. 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 7 (Friday) Winery & Piazza Armerina

Breakfast at hotel. Today we drive in the heart of Sicily where lies a lovely **winery**. Light lunch at the local winery with wines tasting. This afternoon we then continue to Piazza Armerina. Upon arrival we visit the amazing **Roman Villa of Casale** (Admission Fee: not included) in Piazza Armerina. Later we then continue to Taormina, the world famous resort town of Sicily. **(BB L)**

Day 8 (Saturday) Taormina

Breakfast at hotel. Today is at leisure: Taormina is a hill-village with a glossy sheen of glamour. **(BB)**

Day 9 (Sunday) Taormina/Catania

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

Meal Legend:
(BB) Breakfast **(L)** Light Lunch

FEATURED PROPERTIES USED:

- Syracuse:** Grande Hotel Ortigia
 - Palermo:** Hotel Hilton Excelsior
 - Taormina:** Hotel Imperiale
- Hotel may be substituted with similar categories

OPERATED WITH:

This tour is operated with **Driver-Escort/Tour Director & Licensed Local Guide**.

Licensed Local Guide provided on the spot:

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

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:

- Syracuse: three night accommodation
- Palermo: three night accommodation
- Taormina: two night accommodation
- Daily breakfast buffet
- Ragusa: one light lunch in a local trattoria
- Erice: one light lunch at olive-oil-farmhouse
- Butera: one light lunch in a winery with wines
- Vehicle/coach with air conditioning, no toilet
- English speaking Staff as per program
- Licensed Local Guide when needed
- All sightseeing and excursions as per tour
- Hotel & VAT

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

- Intercontinental Flight
- Gratuities and Tips
- Porterage at airport
- Fee for luggage handling fee at hotel
- Beverages and meals not mentioned
- Travel Insurance
- Admission fees & 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

