



ENJOY SICILY

Unesco sites, tasty food, film locations and walk on the volcano:
this tour shows the variety of sicily

DAYS: 8 **NIGHTS:** 7

FROM: PALERMO **TO:** CATANIA

VISITED CITIES/PLACES:

PALERMO - SEGESTA - ERICE - AGRIGENTO
PIAZZA ARMERINA - SCICLI/PUNTA SECCA - RAGUSA IBLA
SIRACUSA - ETNA - TAORMINA



ENJOY SICILY / ITINERARY

1ST DAY: PALERMO

Arrive at the airport, meet your driver and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation, dinner and overnight: **HOTEL VILLA IGIEA*****LUX (D)**

2ND DAY: PALERMO

After breakfast we'll discover Palermo with a guided tour including some of the highlights of the city such as the Norman Palace with the Palatine Chapel, the Teatro Massimo, the piazza Pretoria and the two old markets Capo and Vucciria. Street food lunch. In the afternoon, we'll reach the hill town of Monreale for a guided tour of the the Benedictine's Cloister and the Cathedral with its amazing Byzantine mosaics (a UNESCO Heritage). Dinner on your own and overnight: **HOTEL VILLA IGIEA*****LUX (BL)**

3RD DAY SEGESTA/ERICE

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Segesta, a perfectly preserved archaeological site. guided tour of the Doric Temple and the Greek Theater that is still used for performances. Transfer to Erice, visit of the suggestive medieval village, world famous for the local pastry shops. Lunch in a typical "Agriturismo", to taste genuine food. Arrival in Agrigento. Accommodation, dinner and overnight: **VILLA ATHENA*****LUX (BLD)**

4TH DAY: AGRIGENTO/PIAZZA ARMERINA

After breakfast departure to Piazza Armerina. On our way we'll visit the Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO site just outside the city of Agrigento, once the ancient and rich city of Akragas. After a guided tour of the archaeological area, we'll have lunch in a local restaurant and then continue to Piazza Armerina we'll visit the amazing Villa Romana del Casale, where excavations have revealed some of the finest examples of Roman mosaics worldwide. Where we will spend the night in an "Agriturismo", a local farmhouse. On the way, we'll stop in a private house, where we will admire a small and colorful private collection of Sicilian carts. Accommodation, dinner and overnight: **AGRITURISMO VECCHIA MASSERIA Wine Resort and Farm Estate (BLD)**

5TH DAY: TOUR OF MONTALBANO SITES INCLUDING PUNTA SECCA

After breakfast departure to Modica, a place that will amaze you with its views, monuments and traditional delicacies. Transfer and visit to Scicli (location of Montalbano's police station), then to Pisciotta and the so-called "La Mannara" in the Montalbano series, a factory dating back to the early 20th century. Continue to Punta Secca (location of Montalbano's house). Visit to Ragusa Ibla, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site thanks to its Baroque buildings. Accommodation, dinner and overnight: **Historical Boutique Hotel LOCANDA DON SERAFINO (BD)**

6TH DAY: SIRACUSA

After breakfast we'll travel to Siracusa, which was once the most powerful Greek city of the whole Mediterranean area. On the way, we'll stop at "Gli Aromi", a local farm special-

ized in the production of fine herbs. At the end of the visit, we'll have a cooking class and lunch, with the food we helped to prepare. In the afternoon, after we check-in, we'll enjoy a guided walking tour of Ortigia (old city center of Siracusa), that will lead us through centuries of history and art. After some time at leisure, we'll have dinner in a local restaurant. Accommodation and overnight: **GRAND HOTEL ORTIGIA***** (BLD)**

7TH DAY: ETNA

After breakfast, our 4x4 will pick you up from hotel and drive you up to the volcano. First stop at the 1992 lava flow then we'll visit the cave, a beautiful lava gallery. We continue to the south side Etna sky resort, Rifugio Sapienza (about 2000m a.s.l.), where we'll enjoy an easy trekking around the Silvestri Craters (formed in 1892). From here we'll drive in direction of the town of Trecastagni for a wine tasting with a tasty selection of typical local products, such as salami, Sicilian cheeses, Slow Food presidia, preserves in oil and Sicilian tapas.

After the tasting we will return in Taormina. Accommodation and overnight: **HOTEL SAN DOMENICO*****LUX (BL)**

8TH DAY: TAORMINA/CATANIA

After breakfast, visit of the charming town of Taormina with its beautiful Greek Roman theatre. Transfer to Catania Airport.



ENJOY SICILY / INFO AND CONDITIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

- We will be initiated by a guru of the Sicilian street food
- We will have the unique chance to be hosted in a private house, in order to admire an icon of Sicilian craft, the "Carretti Siciliani", done by one of the last "master of axe".
- At "Gli Aromi", we'll have a sensorial experience, we'll use our smell, taste and touch more than our sight, led by the volcanic owners, the Russino family, and at the end we'll attend a cooking class and will eat in one of the greenhouses.
- The Etna is a Unesco site itself and the local guide is an added value to understand not just the geology, but mostly the importance of the mountain in local economy as well as the tight relationship in between the locals and the volcano.

RATE INCLUDES

- Minivan 8 seat for 2/4 pax
- English speaking assistant for transfer in/out
- Nr. 7 nights at the hotels according our itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary (**B**=breakfast / **L**=lunch / **D**=dinner)
- Street Food in Palermo
- 1 cooking class in Sicily
- Beverages ¼ of wine and ½ Water, and coffee for all the included meals
- English speaking driver
- English speaking licensed local guide: half day Palermo/Monreale + Half day Segesta + half day Valley of the Temple + half day Piazza Armerina + Half day Ragusa Ibla + half day Siracusa/Ortigia + half day Taormina - half day Etna
- Activities according to our itinerary
- Wine tastings (Marsala and Etna)
- Excursion in Jeep Etna Nord
- Entrances fees at all sites mentioned on the itinerary
- Hotel portorage
- City tax to be paid at the hotels

RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Tips and personal extras
- All not mentioned as included



FOR ORGANIZATIONAL REASONS, THE ITINERARY MAY BE REVERSED OR MODIFIED WITHOUT NOTICE.
IN ANY CASE STS ENSURE THE VISITS AND EXCURSIONS MENTIONED ON THE JOURNEY