



ITALY

SICILIAN CAROUSEL (TOUR CODE: 11754)

STARTS AND ENDS

Catania to
Taormina

TRAVEL PERIODS

08 Apr 2023 - 14 Oct 2023

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Immerse yourself in Sicily's distinct culture, varied landscape and rich history during this fascinating 8-day Bespoke Small Group tour.

Highlights

- Exclusive tour for **small groups up to 18/20** People maximum in English Only.
- Visit the **historical markets** to have a full immersion in the authentic Sicilian life!
- **Enjoy gastronomic and enological experiences** like wine tasting in Marsala or the taste of traditional almond pastries in Erice!
- Explore the charming city of **Taormina** and take time for a visit to **the Ancient Greek Theater** boasting a scenic view over the bay!
- Marvel at **Cefalù** one of the most evocative destinations on the island!
- Explore the archaeological sites of **Siracusa, Agrigento & the Valley of the Temples**

This classic tour will take you from the opulent palaces and cathedrals of Palermo to the hilltop town of Taormina. From Catania, travel to Siracusa, a city on the Ionian Coast. Visit its ancient ruins including the Neapolis Archaeological Park. Depart to the hilltop city of Ragusa to explore its stunning Baroque palaces and churches. Continue to Agrigento, a hilltop city renowned for the magnificent Valley of the Temples, some of the best-preserved ancient Greek buildings outside Greece.

After a short visit to Erice via the spectacular "Salt Route", continue to the capital of Sicily: Palermo. Explore its historical centre including the sprawling Palermo Cathedral, the Palace of the Normans and Teatro Massimo. Depart to Cefalu, a charming coastal town known for its Arab-Norman cathedral and sandy beaches. Last stop is the charming city of Taormina, located on the east coast of Sicily and called "the pearl of the Ionian Sea".



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

INCLUSIONS

- 7-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by deluxe coach or minivan
- Daily Breakfast
- 2 Dinners (Catania on day 1 and Ragusa on day 3)
- Street food experience/tour in Palermo and in Catania
- Cheese tasting in Ragusa and Almond pastries tasting in Erice
- Visit of a cellar and Wine tasting in Marsala, on Mount Etna
- English-speaking tour escort
- Local guides where necessary
- Porterage at hotels
- "Whispers" (audio guide) throughout the itinerary

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Catania

Make your way to the hotel in Catania. Tonight, you'll enjoy a welcome dinner.

Overnight stay in **Catania** in a 4* hotel.

Dinner



Catania Siracusa Catania

After a buffet breakfast, travel to **Siracusa**.

Visit the Neapolis Archaeological Park, including the famous Greek Theatre, the Latomia del Paradiso (*entrance tickets not included*) and the Ear of Dionysus. Continue to the Island of Ortigia, the small baroque city centre of Siracusa. Visit the Cathedral, which is built on the site of the Temple of Minerva, the legendary Arethuse Fountain and the Temple of Apollo. Free time at disposal to stroll through the streets of the centre and for shopping.

In the afternoon, return to **Catania** and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to experience the city on your own.

Overnight stay in **Catania** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast

**Catania Ragusa**

After a buffet breakfast, departure for a **nice walking tour of Catania**, stroll through the city centre with your professional guide who will charm you with the history of the city and visit the famous fish market "A PISCARIA", one of the largest fish markets in Sicily. Here you will have the chance to taste the delights of typical Catania's street food.

Depart to **Ragusa** and visit of the enchanting historical centre "Ibla", with its stunning baroque palaces and churches; together with other seven cities in the Val di Noto, Ragusa is listed among the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We will continue to the hotel where you have time at disposal to relax at the swimming pool or at the Spa. In the evening, have dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in **Ragusa** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **4** Ragusa Agrigento Marsala

After a buffet breakfast, proceed to **Agrigento**, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (*entrance tickets not included*). Enjoy a guided tour of the Valley, including the Temple of Concordia, which is in almost perfectly preserved condition, the temples of Juno and Heracles.

Free time at disposal for lunch. In the afternoon we'll proceed to **Marsala**, a city on the western coast famous for its production of sweet Sicilian wine. Arrival at Baglio Oneto dei Principi di San Lorenzo Resort .

Here you will do a tour of the resort's wineries, starting from the vineyards, where the whole wine-making process begins. In the evening, we'll reach Marsala city centre and have free time at disposal to discover the historical centre by walking and free time for dinner.

Overnight stay in **Marsala** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day **5** Marsala Erice Palermo

After a buffet breakfast, departure to **Erice**, via the spectacular "Salt Route", a road flanked by the salt pans, windmills, and the "salt houses" where they still extract the sea salt as the Phoenicians. Arrival in Erice, placed on the top of a hill overlooking the city of Trapani and the Egadi Islands: walk through its tiny and characteristic streets, the winding lanes and, inner courtyards and stop for marzipan and biscuit tasting.

Free time at disposal for lunch.

After lunch, we proceed towards **Palermo**, the capital of Sicily. We will visit the Cathedral, and continue our visit by walking along Corso Vittorio Emanuele to reach "I Quattro Canti di Città" Piazza Pretoria, Piazza Bellini and we'll visit the Martorana Church (*entrance tickets not included*). We will then reach one of the most famous and historical markets of Palermo to experience the authenticity of this wonderful and colorful city. We will end our tour with **a taste the delights of typical Palermo's street food**. Enjoy a dinner in your hotel

Overnight stay in **Palermo** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **6**

Palermo Cefalu Taormina

After a buffet breakfast, departure to visit the town of **Monreale**, situated on a hill at few kms far from Palermo in panoramic position. Visit of the Cathedral (*entrance tickets not included*), one of the most beautiful monuments in the world with its Moorish architecture, housing very fine mosaics representing a complete cycle of the Old and New Testaments in Arab-Norman style.

Then departure to **Cefalù** a former fishing village, now a charming coastal town. Enjoy a walk to the city centre and down main street to reach the Arab-Norman Cathedral and the medieval wash-house built into rock. Proceed to **Taormina** through the coastal road passing through Messina from where we'll have the chance to admire the suggestive scenery of the Strait of Messina.

Overnight stay in **Taormina** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day **7**

Taormina Mt Etna Taormina

After a buffet breakfast, excursion to **Mount Etna**, the highest active Volcano in Europe. Weather conditions permitting, across fascinating landscape with different kind of vegetation, a mixture of citrus groves, vineyards and fruit trees. We will reach a height of 1800 metres to visit the Sylvester Craters where we'll enjoy a spectacular panorama over the Ionian Sea. Stop at a local vineyard on the eastern slopes of Etna and **visit a prestigious cellar** . We will have the opportunity to taste different local wines accompanied by local cheese and cold cuts.

In the afternoon back to **Taormina**, charming city called "the pearl of the Ionian Sea": enjoy time at leisure for shopping or walking through its tiny streets. The remainder of the day is at your leisure.

Overnight stay in **Taormina** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day **8**

Taormina

Your tour ends after breakfast.

Breakfast



OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Entrance tickets Supplement

The Entrance tickets to sites and museums include:

- The Neapolis in Siracusa and the Dome;
- Valley of Temples in Agrigento;
- Martorana Church in Palermo;
- The Dome in Monreale.



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

LOCAL CURRENCY

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)