



# Sicily & the Amalfi Coast

## April 24-May 6, 2022

Price per person based on 2 to a room...\$3750.00  
Single Supplement...\$950.00

Visit Palermo, Segesta, Erice, Ragusa, Valley of Temples, Piazza Amerina, Siracusa, Taormina, Mt Etna, Pompeii, Sorrento, Capri

**Day 1...** Depart from home. Your flight includes meals, drinks, and in-flight entertainment for your journey.

**Meals - Dinner**

### Day 2...Palermo

Transfer to our hotel in Palermo. Tonight enjoy our welcome dinner at a local restaurant..

**Overnight: Artimesia Hotel Palermo or similar - Meals Breakfast and Dinner**

### Day 3...- Palatine Chapel and Palermo City

Tour Start your tour of Palermo with the visit of the Palatine Chapel, a UNESCO Heritage Site, located inside the complex of Palazzo dei Normanni. Its glittering gold mosaics, complemented by inlaid marble floors and wooden ceilings, reflect Norman Sicily's cultural complexity. Continue with a walking tour including the Cathedral, Piazza dei Quattro Canti, Piazza Pretoria, and the church of Casa Professa, an expression of the Baroque style in its most amazing form. Visit a Puppet Theater, a traditional form of Sicilian entertainment that dates back to the 15th century and is still alive today. Discover Palermo on your own with its winding alleyways and colorful back streets during free time

**Overnight: Palermo Meals: Breakfast**

### Day 4... Segesta, Farm Lunch, Erice

Morning drive through western Sicily where you will view the famous Doric Temple of Segesta rising high on a hill, constructed in the 5th century B.C., one of the greatest examples of this style of architecture. Enjoy lunch with an olive oil tasting at a local farm. Continue to the mountaintop Erice, a wonderfully preserved medieval town with breathtaking views and a great historical presence. Walk along the cobbled streets lined with superb examples of Gothic, Baroque and Renaissance architecture, home of the "Ericina" ceramic handicraft art. Continue to your hotel.

**Overnight: Marsala – Meals – Breakfast & lunch**

### Day 5... Salt Mines, and Planeta Estate Winery

Today we follow the road from Marsala to Trapani that skirts round the edge of the lagoon and the island of Mozia providing fine views of the local saltworks: panels of mirror-like water, held by thin strips of earth, synchronise to form an irregular and multicoloured scene. In places, the profile of a windmill may be discerned, a reminder of times past when they provided the main means of pumping the water and grinding the salt. From the shallow water, the searing temperatures and arid winds was born a tough, but beneficial industry to produce the precious element, so vital to the survival of man. This afternoon we will visit the Planeta Estate Winery for lunch and a wine tasting!

**Overnight: Agrigento – Foresteria Baglio Della Luna or similar. – Meals: Breakfast & lunch**

### **Day 6...- Valley of Temples, Make your own Pizza and Piazza Armerina**

This morning, discover Agrigento's celebrated Valley of the Temples the largest and best preserved temple ruins outside of mainland Greece. Tour this magnificent archaeological park, built between 430 and 510 B.C., all majestically positioned in the same area on rocky crests south of modern day Agrigento This afternoon enjoy making your own Pizza using fresh ingredients in Licata. After tasting your own creation, travel to Piazza Armerina to view the intricate examples of Roman mosaics at the famous Roman Villa del Casale, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. These extraordinarily vivid mosaics deal with numerous subjects, ranging from Homeric escapades and mythological scenes to portrayals of daily life. The Villa itself was rediscovered in the 19th century after being almost completely covered by a landslide.

**Overnight: Ragusa – San Giorgio Palace Hotel or similar. – Meals: Breakfast & lunch.**

### **Day 7... - Ragusa-Ibla, Aromatic Herb & Plant Gardens**

This morning, indulge in the baroque atmosphere of Ragusa-Ibla, with its breathtaking sights of houses, churches, and palaces that seem layered one on top of the other. production. Continue to visit a garden of aromatic herbs & plants. Learn how the herbs are grown and their uses while trying to recognize them, using all your senses. Return to your hotel in Ragusa in the evening

**Overnight: Ragusa Meals: Breakfast<sup>i</sup>**

### **Day 8... Noto, Siracusa with its Neapolis & Ortigia**

Today, travel to Noto, a wonderful Baroque town, where you will have time to wander around and discover one of the most spectacular urban settlements. Arrive in Siracusa to admire the “Old City,” also known as Città Vecchia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, located on the island of Ortigia. After free time for lunch, continue with a visit to the archaeological area of the Neapolis and get a glimpse of Siracusa as it was in ancient times with its Greek theater, the remains of Roman Amphitheater, and the "Ear of Dionysius," an awe-inspiring artificial limestone cave renowned for its outstanding acoustics. Travel to Catania, a wonderful combination of ancient and modern, under the shadow of Mt. Etna

**Overnight: Taormina – Panoramic Hotel or similar. - Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Day 9... - Mt. Etna Summit & Taormina**

Begin the day with a visit to the lava-crusting slopes of Mt. Etna, which dominates the scenery and is the most active volcano in Europe! Ascend via cable car and bus to reach the altitude of 9,000 feet; step carefully on the varied layers of lava which have solidified over the centuries. Learn about Etna's impact on the surrounding area and its unique geology. Stop to sample some typical street food for lunch before heading toward Taormina, where you will take a walk on the main Corso, followed by free time to enjoy the city. Perhaps visit the massive Greek Theater, from where you can admire the remarkable panoramas of the city and countryside. Return to Taormina in the afternoon

**Overnight: Taormina Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

### **Day 10...Flight from Catania, Sicily to Naples. Visit Pompeii and Wine tasting and lunch**

After arrival our motorcoach will take us to Pompeii. Enroute we can view the magnificent Abbey of Montecassino, majestic Mt. Vesuvius marks our way to Pompeii, the city that was frozen in time under a thick carpet of volcanic ash almost 2,000 years ago. The tragic fossils of people attempting to escape, along with their children and dogs are still visible, along with the preserved ruins of the Temples of Apollo and Jupiter, and the Forum. Wine tasting and lunch at Mt Vesuvius.

**Overnight: Sorrento – Hilton Sorrento Palace or similar - Meals; Breakfast & lunch**

### Day 11...Isle of Capri and Blue Grotto

After breakfast a full day tour to the enchanting and picturesque Isle of Capri by boat - it will be a highlight! Blue Grotto weather permitting. Here, you'll walk through the narrow lanes of Anacapri, with its chic boutiques and shops offering tastings of the island's famous Limoncello. Then, to La Piazzetta (Piazza Umberto I) where everyone gathers to socialize and to the Gardens of Augustus, towards the top of the island, a natural paradise, from where you can see splendid views of the sea and the famous Faraglioni rock formations, one of the island's natural wonders. After a lovely day in Capri, return to Sorrento.

**Overnight: Sorrento - Meals; Breakfast**

### Day 12... Free Day in the Amalfi Coast – Farewell dinner!

Enjoy your last day in Italy and the beautiful Amalfi Coast.

**Overnight: Sorrento – Meals: Breakfast & dinner**

### Day 13...Flight home.

Back to home via flight and transportation to airport. **Meals: Lunch**

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#### **Inclusions in above prices:**

Airfare

First Class Hotel Accommodations based on twin share.

All transfers and transportation are by private air-conditioned vehicles \* any individuals traveling outside of group arrangement must organize own transfers.

Group tour manager throughout the land tour.

Tours, sightseeing and admissions as per itinerary.

All applicable taxes

Meals as indicated on the itinerary

(11 Breakfasts-B - 4 Lunches-L - 4 Dinners-D)

Flights can be scheduled from any airport on request possibly additional cost.

#### **Exclusions in above prices:**

- Seat selection
- Personal items
- Optional Tours
- Meals unless listed in itinerary

\*\* Our hotels and itinerary may change but all inclusions and class of hotel will stay the same.

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