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We consistently prioritize the drive for enhancement and creativity, aiming to introduce novel excursions. Our objective is to familiarize and cultivate an appreciation for the Sicily destination among travelers, achieved through a thorough examination of the offered itineraries. We ensure the provision of G.T. buses, quality accommodations, and proficient guides, accompanied by our representative throughout the entirety of the journey.

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Sicily discovery tour an 8 days 7 nights.



1ST DAY: AIRPORT CATANIA/TAORMINA. KM 84.

- *Upon arrival at Catania airport, guests will be greeted by our driver and assistant for a transfer to Taormina. A guide will then lead a full-day tour of the city. Taormina, situated on the eastern coast of Sicily, is a picturesque hill town in close proximity to Mount Etna, an active volcano offering hiking trails to its summit. The town is renowned for the Teatro Antico di Taormina, an ancient Greco-Roman amphitheater still in use today. Adjacent to the theater, steep cliffs cascade down to the sea, creating secluded coves with sandy beaches. A slender sandbar connects to the petite Isola Bella, designated as a nature reserve. A lunch break will be enjoyed at a local restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to the hotel for check-in, settle into the designated rooms, enjoy dinner, and stay overnight. Prior to dinner, convene with our guide for an introduction and overview of the tour.*

2ND DAY: SIRACUSA/NOTO. KM 180.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Siracusa. Meeting with the guide and city tour. Exploration of the historical center (Ortigia) including the Temple of Minerva and the Fountain of Arethusa. Visit to the Greek Theater, the Roman Amphitheater, the Latomie, and the Ear of Dionysius. Subsequently, transfer to Noto for lunch at a restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, meet with the guide and explore the city. As the Baroque capital of Val di Noto, it will impress you with its palaces and Baroque churches, showcasing a distinctive architectural richness. The Basilica of S. Nicolò, Palazzo Ducezio, the Church of S. Domenico, Palazzo Villadorata, and Palazzo Castelluccio are among the magnificent monuments you will see.*
- *Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

3RD DAY: RAGUSA/SCICLI/MODICA. KM 170.

- *Breakfast at the hotel is followed by a full-day excursion to the cities of Ragusa, Scicli, and Modica. Upon arrival in Ragusa, visitors are greeted by a guide for a tour of the city. The historic center boasts over fifty churches and numerous noble palaces showcasing rich baroque architecture with spirals, columns, statues, and various decorations. Ragusa Ibla, with its maze of narrow streets and charming squares lined with churches and grand palaces, is a captivating destination in Sicily, centered around the picturesque Piazza Duomo. The scenic views offer glimpses of the sea in the distance, with the light-colored stone creating mesmerizing light effects with the sun, evoking beauty, wonder, and harmony. Noteworthy museums and filming locations of the TV series Inspector Montalbano can also be found here. The journey continues to Scicli, where a guided tour explores the city's historic center, featuring magnificent churches in golden stone and luxurious palaces. The Church of San Giovanni Evangelista stands out with its distinctive facade, housing the famous "Crucifix of Burgos." Palazzo Spadaro, adorned with eight balconies and ornate decorations, and Palazzo Bonelli Patanè, known for its opulent early-century interiors, are among the architectural gems of Scicli. Another highlight is Palazzo Beneventano, a late Baroque building adorned with intricate decorations, including unique masks of human faces and mythical creatures. The day concludes with a transfer to Modica for hotel check-in, room assignment, and lunch.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Modica. Meet with the guide for a city tour. Designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2002 along with the Val di Noto, Modica boasts a historic center adorned with baroque architecture. Renowned globally for its chocolate and notable landmarks such as the Duomo di San Giorgio, Pizzo Belvedere, Castello dei Conti di Modica, and Casa Natale di Salvatore Quasimodo. Conclude with a tasting of the renowned Modica chocolate.*
- *Upon evening arrival at the hotel, enjoy dinner and stay overnight.*

4TH DAY: CALTAGIRONE/PIAZZA ARMERINA. KM 210.

- *After breakfast at the hotel, the day begins with a journey to Caltagirone. Upon arrival, a local guide will lead a tour of the city known for its rich ceramic craftsmanship. A highlight of the visit is the renowned Staircase of Santa Maria del Monte, consisting of 142 steps adorned with Sicilian majolica. This staircase serves as a significant landmark, linking the historic center to the newer part of the city. In May, the city celebrates spring with the vibrant Infiorata, where the entire staircase is beautifully adorned with flowers. The impressive Cathedral of San Giuliano, featuring a majestic bell tower, stands at the heart of the town. Although originally constructed during the Norman period, the cathedral underwent significant damage due to a powerful earthquake in 1542, resulting in the collapse of the bell tower, which was subsequently restored. The day concludes with a transfer to Piazza Armerina for lunch at a local restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, rendezvous with the guide to explore the mosaics of the Villa Romana del Casale. Situated in Piazza Armerina, Sicily, the Villa Romana del Casale stands as a prime illustration of a late-imperial Roman luxury villa, epitomizing the Roman utilization of the land as the focal point of extensive estates that underpinned the rural economy of the Western Empire.*
- *Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

5TH DAY: AGRIGENTO/SCALA DEI TURCHI. KM 148.

- *After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, the day will commence with a visit to Agrigento. Upon arrival, guests will meet with a guide for a tour of the Valley of the Temples. This archaeological site boasts some of the most significant Greek temples in Sicily, offering a glimpse into the historical grandeur of ancient Akragas, once a prominent city in Magna Graecia. Among the notable structures is the Temple of Concordia, a remarkably well-preserved monument towering at over 13 meters with 38 impressive fluted columns standing at 6.5 meters each. Another highlight is the Temple of Hercules, one of the oldest temples in the park, showcasing nine remaining columns that hint at its former grandeur. Visitors will also have the opportunity to explore other intriguing temples such as the Temple of Juno, Temple of the Dioscuri, Temple of Demeter, and Temple of Hephaestus. Following the tour, guests will be transferred to their accommodations in Agrigento for check-in and lunch.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Scala dei Turchi for a photo opportunity.*
- *Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

6TH DAY: MARSALA/MOZIA. KM 279.

- *Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Marsala. Meeting with the guide for a city tour. Explore Porta Garibaldi and Porta Nuova, the two remaining city gates. Stroll along Via XI Maggio, known as the Cassaro, Marsala's main street. Visit the elegant Piazza della Repubblica, the city's central square, featuring the Palazzo Comunale and the grand Mother Church dedicated to Saint Thomas of Canterbury. Discover the "minor" churches: the Church of Purgatory with its charming baroque facade and the Church of the Addolorata. Explore Baglio Anselmi, a former winery transformed into an archaeological museum in 1985, showcasing the remains of a Punic ship and recounting the history of Lilibeo, a city founded by survivors of the Phoenician colony of Mozia facing Libya. Conclude the day with wine tastings at various Marsala wineries, including the Martinez wineries.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to the Stagnone pier, where you will board the characteristic boats for the transfer to the island of Mozia. The entrance fee is included, and a guided tour of the island will be provided. Mozia is an ancient Phoenician colony known for its shallow waters and significant archaeological discoveries, making it one of Sicily's most captivating attractions. Visitors are advised to follow the guided paths and instructions indicated on maps placed at various points on the island to explore its main points of interest. The ticket for accessing the island includes entry to the Whitaker Museum, which showcases a collection of valuable archaeological artifacts. Among the museum's most notable exhibits is the Mozia Youth, a Greek statue discovered in a Punic settlement, presenting a challenging historical and artistic context.*
- *Transfer to the hotel in Marsala in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

7TH DAY: PALERMO. KM 145.

- *Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Palermo. Meet your guide and enjoy a full-day city tour. Palermo, the capital of Sicily, boasts the 12th-century Palermo Cathedral with royal tombs, the grand neoclassical Teatro Massimo renowned for opera performances, the Palazzo dei Normanni, a 9th-century royal palace, and the Cappella Palatina adorned with Byzantine mosaics. Explore bustling markets like Ballarò and Vucciria in the city center. Lunch at a restaurant.*
- *Transfer to the hotel in Palermo in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

8TH DAY: ERICE/CATANIA AIRPORT. KM 311.

- *Breakfast and transfer to Erice. Meeting with the guide and visiting the city. The initial point of interest in Erice is the Mother Church along with the adjacent Bell Tower. As you stroll along a cobblestone street, the square hosting these structures will unfold before you. Even from these early moments, you will observe the seamless integration that defines Erice: the ground paved with small stones harmonizes with the walls of the buildings, crafted from gray stone. Next, you will encounter the Church of San Martino, distinguished by its uniquely pink facade. Proceed along the winding alleys of Erice towards the Church of San Pietro, situated in one of the most charming and vibrant lanes of Erice. Following a rather steep ascent, you will arrive at the Giardino del Ballo, which, once traversed, will reveal breathtaking vistas of the surrounding landscape and the salt pans of Trapani. Prior to reaching this point, however, you will be treated to splendid panoramas of the Castello di Venere. Conclude the morning with lunch at a local restaurant.*
- *Transfer to Catania airport in the afternoon marks the conclusion of our services.*

INCLUDED SERVICES:

- *Coaches from G.T., entrances, and coach parking where applicable.*
- *Accommodation and meals at hotels according to the itinerary;*
- *Restaurant-provided lunches.*
- *1 mineral water and 1/4 wine with meals;*
- *Local guided tours spanning 1 to 2 days in Taormina, Syracuse, Noto, Ragusa, Scicli, Modica, Caltagirone, Piazza Armerina, Agrigento, Marsala, Mozia, Palermo, and Erice.*
- *Modica chocolate tasting event.*
- *Sampling different Marsala varieties at Martinez wineries or equivalent.*
- *Round trip ticket to Mozia Island:*
- *Entrance to Mozia Island.*
- *Our tour guide.*

EXCLUDED SERVICES:

- *Admission fees for villas, museums, and art galleries;*
- *Hotel lodging tax (if applicable);*
- *Cancellation and medical baggage insurance.*

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Sicily Mon Amour 8 days 7 nights.















1ST DAY: CATANIA AIRPORT/TAORMINA. KM 86.

- *The group's arrival at Catania airport, where they met with the driver and assistant before being transferred to the hotel for accommodation in the reserved rooms and lunch.*
- *In the afternoon, rendezvous with the guide to explore the city. Key landmarks include the Greek Theater, an emblem of Taormina. Carved into the rock, its cavea seamlessly blends with the natural surroundings, offering a truly unparalleled panoramic view. Another must-see spot in Taormina is Piazza IX Aprile, a scenic terrace with views of the bay below. Proceed from the terrace to Piazza Duomo to behold the 13th-century cathedral basilica of San Nicolò di Bari on one side, and on the other, the Baroque fountain known as the Four Fountains.*
- *In the evening, return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay. Prior to dinner, convene with our tour leader for the tour presentation.*

2ND DAY: ETNA/SIRACUSA. KM 140.

- *Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before boarding the coach to transfer to Etna. Meet with the guide for a visit to the highest volcano in Europe. The excursion to the summit craters is undeniably the most captivating experience on Etna, offering the best vantage point atop the Mediterranean. Ascend by cable car and continue on foot up to 3330m. Afterward, transfer to Siracusa for lunch at a restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, there will be a meeting with the guide followed by a city tour. Renowned globally for its Greek theater, the extensive Archaeological Park, and the charming island of Ortigia, this city stands out as a top tourist spot in Sicily. The well-known and historic spring on Ortigia Island is Fonte Aretusa, distinguished by its circular form and the presence of papyrus plants.*
- *Return to the hotel in Taormina in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

3RD DAY: NOTO/MODICA. KM 146.

- *Breakfast at the hotel, boarding the coach, and transferring to Noto. Meeting the guide and exploring the city. Porta Ferdinandea, also known as Porta Reale, serves as a grand entrance to the town. Passing through Porta Reale leads to the main street of the center: Corso Vittorio Emanuele. Adjacent to Porta Reale on Corso Vittorio Emanuele stands the church of Santa Maria Assunta, recognized as the Church of Santa Chiara. Further down Corso Vittorio Emanuele lies the Basilica of Noto. Exiting the basilica, Palazzo Ducezio comes into view: hosting the town hall and offering access to the Hall of Mirrors. The Palazzo dei principi di Nicolaci, meticulously restored to its former glory, stands as a prominent example of Baroque architecture in Noto. Regarded as one of the most elegant Baroque structures in the city. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Modica for a guided tour of the city. Modica is renowned for its numerous tourist attractions, with the Duomo of San Giorgio being a prominent highlight, showcasing exemplary Sicilian Baroque architecture. This impressive church is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Equally significant is the Castello dei Conti, an ancient manor overlooking the city. The church of San Pietro, situated in the historic center, is distinguished by its baroque style and facade adorned with statues of saints and apostles. Additionally, Modica is the birthplace of Salvatore Quasimodo, allowing visitors to delve into the life and childhood of the Sicilian poet.*
- *Upon arrival in the evening, proceed to the designated hotel in Modica for check-in, dinner, and overnight stay in the prearranged rooms.*

4TH DAY: SCICLI/RAGUSA. KM 120.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Boarding the coach from G.T. and transfer to Scicli. Meeting with the guide and visit of the city. The heart of Scicli is via Francesco Mormino Penna, the main street of the Sciclitans: a grand street that leads to a charming square, known as the Town Hall. Inside the neo-Renaissance building, the exquisite Art Nouveau room of the Mayor is prominent, featured in the Inspector Montalbano series as the office of the police commissioner of Montelusa. Next to the Town Hall is the fourteenth-century church of San Giovanni Evangelista. Along via Penna, there are also the eighteenth-century church of San Michele Arcangelo, Palazzo Bonelli-Patané, the baroque Palazzo Spadaro with its eight wrought iron balconies, and the church of the Madonna del Carmine (1751) with a precious Rococo-style facade. Tucked away on a side street is the magnificent Palazzo Beneventano, known for its balconies with distinctive railings supported by corbels and adorned with masks depicting human faces and mythical creatures. Transfer to Ragusa for lunch at a restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, rendezvous with the guide to explore the city. Upon arrival, visit the Church of the Santissime Anime del Purgatorio, one of the few structures that withstood the earthquake of 1693. Proceeding along Via delle Scale, you will reach the Palazzo della Cancelleria, one of Ragusa's 18 UNESCO World Heritage Site monuments. Noteworthy among Ragusa's attractions is the striking blue dome of the church of Santa Maria dell'Itria, situated in the historic Jewish quarter. Strolling along Via Duomo, you will encounter the church of San Giorgio before reaching the highest point of the main square, where the entrance to the Duomo is accessed via a lengthy staircase.*
- *Subsequently, proceed to the hotel in Agrigento for check-in, dinner, and overnight stay in the designated rooms.*

5TH DAY: AGRIGENTO/MARSALA. KM 279.

- *Breakfast at the hotel, followed by accommodation on the coach from G.T. and transfer to the Valley of the Temples. A meeting with the guide precedes a city tour. The Valley of the Temples stands out as a must-see attraction, being one of Sicily's most renowned historical sites and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Situated south of Agrigento, this archaeological site houses 8 temples constructed between 510 and 430 BC, with the Temple of Concordia and the Temple of Hera (also known as the Temple of Juno) being the most prominent. Agrigento's historic center offers a picturesque setting for a leisurely stroll, featuring charming churches and quaint cobblestone streets. Noteworthy landmarks include the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, renowned for its almond cakes crafted by the nuns, and the Cathedral of San Gerlando. Visitors can also explore the Church of Santa Maria dei Greci and the Episcopal Palace. The day concludes with lunch at a local restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Marsala. Meet with the guide for a city tour. Porta Garibaldi and Porta Nuova are the two remaining gates of the city, with Porta Garibaldi being the passage of Giuseppe Garibaldi and the Thousand on May 11, 1860. Explore the Cassaro, Marsala's main street, which stretches from Piazza Matteotti to Porta Nuova. Visit the elegant Piazza della Repubblica, the city's focal point, featuring the Palazzo Comunale and the grand Mother Church dedicated to Saint Thomas of Canterbury. Exiting the historic center, you will encounter the Baglio Anselmi, a former wine factory transformed into an archaeological museum in 1985, showcasing, among other artifacts, a Punic shipwreck.*
- *Upon arrival in the evening, guests will be transferred to the hotel in Marsala where they will be accommodated in the reserved rooms. Dinner will be provided, followed by an overnight stay.*

6TH DAY: TRAPANI/ERICE/PALERMO. KM 168.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Accommodation on the coach from G.T. and transfer to Trapani. Meeting with the guide and visit of the city. The visit to Trapani commences at the Cathedral of San Lorenzo, dating back to the Norman era. Next, a visit to the Sanctuary of the Annunziata, home to the significant work, the Madonna of Trapani. Within the church, you will also find the Pepoli Museum, offering insights into the country's ancient history. Stroll along Corso Vittorio Emanuele, at the intersection with Via Roma, to explore one of Trapani's most exquisite churches, the Church of the Jesuit College, a baroque edifice lavishly adorned with stucco and marble. Transfer to Erice for lunch at a restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, a meeting with the guide is scheduled for a city tour. The exploration of Erice commences at Porta Trapani, believed to have been reconstructed during the medieval period. Noteworthy in Piazza Matrice is the grand Cathedral of Erice, accompanied by the Tower of King Frederick. Adjacent to the cathedral is a nearly 30-meter high bell tower, initially a watchtower, later transformed into a bell tower during King Frederick III's reign. The tour of Erice's attractions proceeds with a visit to the Ruins of the Monastery of the Santissimo Salvatore. Dating back to the 13th century, the monastery of the SS. Salvatore is situated where a temple dedicated to a female deity once stood. Originally linked to the Torri del Balio by a drawbridge, the Norman Castle was subsequently connected by a staircase, now accessible for visitors.*
- *Transfer to Terrasini to the hotel, where accommodation in the reserved rooms, dinner, and overnight stay will be provided.*

7TH DAY: PALERMO. KM 36.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Boarding the coach from G.T. and transfer to Palermo. Meeting with the guide and full-day tour of the city. The Cathedral of Palermo is the first early Christian basilica; then a mosque, during the long Arab domination; finally a church again with the Normans. Regarding the style, Ferdinando Fuga, architect at the court of Charles of Bourbon, imposed a strong neoclassical turn on the building. A mix of styles to which are added the royal tombs, including the sarcophagus of Frederick II and, above all, the tomb of Santa Rosalia, patron saint of the city. In 1433 Alfonso of Aragon ceded the church to the nearby Benedictine monastery founded by the noblewoman Eloisa Martorana. Hence the name of the church. The place where the living meet the dead. Palazzo dei Normanni is the oldest royal residence in Europe; it is the seat of the Sicilian Regional Assembly. The "Fontana Pretoria" or, as the Palermitans call it, the "Fountain of Shame" because of the nakedness of the statues all around. Lunch in a restaurant.*
- *Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

8TH DAY: MONREALE/CATANIA AIRPORT. KM 256.

- *Breakfast at the hotel, boarding the coach, and transferring to Monreale. Meeting with the guide for a visit to the Cathedral and the Cloister. The Cathedral of Monreale serves as the primary place of worship in Monreale and the Archbishop's seat. Constructed in 1174 by King William II of Altavilla, it is renowned for its ornate beauty highlighted by exquisite mosaics. Additionally, the cloister of the historic Benedictine monastery, erected in the late 12th century, is of significant interest. Lunch will be provided at a restaurant.*
- *Proceed to Catania airport. Our services have concluded.*

INCLUDED SERVICES:

- *Coaches from G.T., entrances, and coach parking where applicable.*
- *Hotel accommodation and meals according to the itinerary;*
- *Restaurant-provided lunches.*
- *Local guide services are available in Taormina, Etna, Syracuse, Noto, Modica, Scicli, Ragusa, Agrigento, Marsala, Trapani, Erice, Palermo (full day), and Monreale.*
- *Our tour guide.*

EXCLUDED SERVICES:

- *Admission fees for villas, museums, and art galleries;*
- *Hotel lodging tax (if applicable);*
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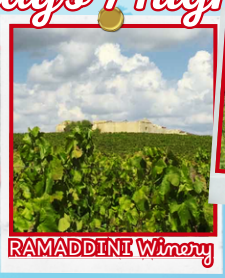
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From Cellar to Cellar: Exploring Sicilian Wines
8 days 7 nights.















While touring Sicily, you will have the chance to explore different wineries spread across the island and partake in wine tastings set amidst its captivating scenery. You will also have the opportunity to visit key attractions in this stunning southern region, including Etna, the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, the historic Villa Romana del Casale, and the picturesque Botanical and Geological Park of the Alcantara Gorges.

Wine tastings in Sicily typically feature wines crafted from a mix of international and native grape varieties. Predominant white grape varieties in the area include Zibibbo, Carricante, Catarratto, Grecanico, Grillo, Malvasia, and Moscato. The prevalent red grape varieties consist of Nero d'Avola, Frappato, Calabrese, Nerello, and Perricone. Noteworthy international varieties found in Sicily encompass Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, and Pinot Noir.

Summers on the island can be quite warm, with temperatures fluctuating between 30 and 40 degrees during the day. Therefore, it is advisable to undertake this tour in spring or autumn, when temperatures are more moderate.

1ST DAY: CATANIA AIRPORT/CANTINE MURGO/ETNA. KM 86.

- *Upon arrival in the captivating city of Catania, we will meet with our driver and assistant for transfer to the hotel. Accommodation will be provided in the reserved rooms before proceeding to Santa Venerina. Our visit will be hosted by the MURGO winery for a wine tasting session featuring 5 wines:*
  - *1 classic method sparkling wine VSQ;*
  - *1 VSQ classic method sparkling wine;*
  - *2 Sicilian Terre IGP wines;*
  - *2 wines from the ETNA DOC region.*
  - *The tasting will be complemented by a selection of cold cuts and cheeses, 3 pates made in-house, our PGI olive oil, bread, breadsticks, and still water. *Wines may vary depending on availability; if certain labels are unavailable, they will be substituted with other products of similar price range.*
- *In the afternoon, a meeting with the guide is scheduled for a visit to Etna. The excursion to the summit craters is undeniably the most captivating experience on Etna. It is the optimal approach to reach the peak of the Mediterranean. The ascent involves a cable car ride followed by a hike up to 3330m.*
- *In the evening, return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay. Prior to dinner, there will be a meeting with our guide for the tour presentation.*

2ND DAY: NICOSIA CELLARS/TAORMINA. KM 12.



- *Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, transfer to the cellars: NICOSIA. A tour to explore the cellar and its evocative underground barrel cellar, followed by a rich and captivating tasting of 4 Etna wines. Four labels to uncover the various nuances that wine excellence can embody in a distinctive region like Etna. Accompanied by a selection of cured meats and traditional Sicilian cheeses.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Taormina. Meet with the guide and explore the city. Depending on the arrival time, visit the captivating Greco-Roman theater, the Cathedral, and Palazzo Corvaja. Alternatively, enjoy leisure time strolling along the charming streets of the center with a medieval ambiance, or indulge in shopping for some of the finest artisan products on the entire island.*
- *Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

3RD DAY: THE VAL DI NOTO: SIRACUSA/NOTO/MODICA. KM 136.

- *The day begins with breakfast at the hotel followed by a visit to Siracusa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the largest and most influential Greek colony in Sicily. The tour commences at the Neapolis Archaeological Park, showcasing the Greek Theater, Roman Amphitheater, Latomie del Paradiso, and the Ear of Dionysius. A visit to Ortigia, a quaint baroque island and the historic heart of Syracuse, offers views of the magnificent Cathedral and the renowned Fountain of Aretusa, a notable freshwater source in the ancient Greek world. The next stop is the PUPILLO cellars, owned by the Pupillo family, situated near Megara Hyblaea, one of Sicily's earliest Greek settlements on the Ionian coast. The cellars are close to the Eurialo ruins, a fortress dating back to the 5th century BC, forming part of the defensive Dionysian Walls. Guests will enjoy a tasting session introducing the region and the company's esteemed DOCs. Each tasting includes a guided tour of the cellar and the historic garden, where vineyards of Moscato, Catarratto, Nero d'Avola, and Cabernet Sauvignon flourish in diverse soil and climate conditions. The tasting features 2 wines.*
  - *Highly esteemed, Dr. Siracusa Bianco;*
  - *King Frederick, Doc Siracusa Rosso.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Noto, renowned as the birthplace of Sicilian Baroque, celebrated for its elegant structures from the early 19th century and designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.*
- *Transfer to the hotel in Modica in the evening. Check-in to the designated rooms, have dinner, and stay overnight.*



4TH DAY: EXPLORING THE CELLARS AND TRADITIONAL FISHING VILLAGES OF SOUTHEASTERN SICILY. KM 140.



- *Breakfast at the hotel is followed by a full-day excursion to the picturesque seaside villages of Marzamemi and Portopalo in southeastern Sicily. Away from the hustle and bustle, visitors can enjoy the stunning beaches spanning from the Vendicari Marine Reserve to Isola delle Correnti, including Spinazza, S. Lorenzo, Cala Mosche, and La Cittadella. A visit to the RAMADDINI cellars offers a tasting experience. Situated in a valley of twenty-eight hectares, our vineyards lie 50 meters above sea level, near the Ionian Sea, on slightly clayey soil with a volcanic substratum. The grapes benefit from ample sunlight and a favorable climate, enhancing their maturation. Sea breezes carrying saltiness settle on the grapes, enriching their flavor profile. Guests can savor our wines with a Sicilian aperitif. The winery tour covers its history and production cycle, culminating in a tasting of four exceptional labels. The experience includes fried broad beans and chickpeas, bread with our own EVO oil, a selection of cold cuts and cheeses with jams, bruschetta, dried tomatoes, Modica chocolate, and cooked must. Dinner at the BARONE SERGIO winery showcases our commitment to organic farming practices. Our winemaker, Emiliano Falsini, emphasizes the importance of vineyard care in crafting exceptional wines. With decades of expertise, we specialize in cultivating and processing premium grapes like Nero d'Avola and Moscato, as well as the rare Lucignola vine. This relic vine, once extinct, has been revived to produce a unique ruby red wine. The Classic Route tour includes exploring vineyards and cellars, accompanied by appetizers and a chef-selected first course. Dinner is served buffet-style in the historic baglio or on the Baronetto terrace, offering a memorable dining experience amidst the vineyards.*
- *Following dinner, embark on the coach and make your way back to the hotel for an overnight stay.*

5TH DAY: RAGUSA/MODICA/AGRIGENTO. KM 148.

- *Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before boarding the coach in the morning to transfer to Ragusa Ibla. Upon arrival, meet with the guide for a visit to its baroque historic center, including the Cathedral situated in the picturesque Piazza Duomo and the "Giardino Ibleo". This location, known for being featured in the famous television series "Il Commissario Montalbano", has been recognized as one of the 44 Italian sites on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Experience a tasting session at VALLE DELL'ACATE, where you will have the opportunity to sample classic organic wines that authentically represent the history and character of the Ibleo region, while exploring the ancient 19th-century palmento during the cellar visit.*
  - *The indigenous red wines: BDN Cerasuolo di Vittoria DOCG, Il Frappato di Vittoria DOC, Il Moro Nero d'Avola DOC Sicilia.*
  - *The floral whites: Zagra Grillo DOC Sicilia and Thymbra Vermentino IGT Terre Siciliane, capturing the scent of the valley's flowers.*
  - *The Bellifolli line includes Insolia, Bianco, Nero D'Avola, Rosso Syrah, and Frappato di Rosato, known for their remarkable brilliance and aroma.*
- *Taste 4 VALLE DELL'ACATE wines accompanied by "arancini" and "scacce", olives, "ciappe di pomodoro" (dried tomatoes), and homemade naturally leavened bread. All items are organic and sourced locally. Proceed to Agrigento. Upon arrival, meet our guide for a visit to the Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Among hundreds of almond trees, the Doric temples of the 5th century, including the "Temple of Hera," the "Temple of Concordia," and the "Temple of Heracles," are prominently featured.*
- *Upon arrival in the evening, proceed to the hotel in Agrigento for check-in, dinner, and overnight stay in the designated rooms.*



6TH DAY: AGRIGENTO/MARSALA. KM 279.

- *Breakfast at the hotel followed by a guided visit to the city of Agrigento, renowned as one of the wealthiest Greek colonies in Sicily, described by Pindar as "the most beautiful city built by mortals." Enjoy a tasting session at PLANETA, a family-owned company that has been hosting visitors for two decades, offering a voyage of Sicilian wine discovery. This immersive experience spans 5 distinct terroirs, presenting a selection of wines thoughtfully matched with various Sicilian products and delicacies. Tailored for adventurers and connoisseurs alike, this tour encompasses:*
  - *Visit to the vineyards and cellar.*
  - *Guided wine tasting of 5 local wines paired with Sicilian delicacies.*
  - *Technical evaluation of three olive oils.*
- *Proceed to Marsala. Transfer to the hotel. Check-in to the designated rooms, have dinner, and stay overnight.*



7TH DAY: MARSALA/MOZIA/PALERMO. KM 145.

- *Following breakfast at the hotel, rendezvous with your guide to explore Marsala. Porta Garibaldi and Porta Nuova stand as the city's two remaining gates, with Porta Garibaldi being the passage of Giuseppe Garibaldi and the Thousand on May 11, 1860. Next, traverse the Cassaro, Marsala's main thoroughfare, stretching from Piazza Matteotti to Porta Nuova. The elegant Piazza della Repubblica, the city's focal point, hosts the Palazzo Comunale with its portico and the grand Chiesa Madre dedicated to San Tommaso di Canterbury. Exiting the historic center leads you to the Baglio Anselmi, a former winery transformed into an archaeological museum in 1985, showcasing, among other treasures, a Punic shipwreck. Enjoy a wine tasting at CANTINE FLORIO, established in 1833 by Vincenzo Florio. Overlooking the sea of western Sicily, the Cantine Florio in Marsala are enveloped in the region's breezy aura and maritime flavors. The cellars, adorned with oak woods, provide the perfect setting for the Marsala Florio to mature in a seemingly motionless process. Numerous barrels, vats, and casks, each with its unique tale, absorb the sea essence through the tuff floor, within the lofty naves where scents and architecture harmonize. In this enchanting locale, embodying the essence of Sicilian beauty, our Oenologist Tommaso Maggio crafts Marsala in its diverse sensory profiles by skillfully manipulating space, time, and oxygen. Following a thirty-minute excursion through the barrel cellars, featuring the meticulously restored ancient tuff floor, visitors enter the Donna Franca and Duca Enrico tasting chambers. Here, guests are greeted by spaces where sampling the Corvo, Duca di Salaparuta, and Florio wines evolves into a captivating experience, enhanced by a thoughtfully curated selection of culinary delights.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to the Stagnone pier, where you will board the distinctive boats for the transfer to the island of Mozia. The entrance fee is covered. Enjoy a guided tour of the island, an ancient Phoenician colony. Its archaeological treasures make it one of Sicily's most captivating attractions. The ticket grants access to the Whitaker Museum, home to a collection of esteemed archaeological artifacts. Among them, the most notable is the young man of Mozia, a Greek statue discovered in a Punic settlement.*
- *Transfer to Palermo. Hotel lodging, dinner, and overnight stay.*



8TH DAY: PALERMO/CATANIA. KM 270.

- *Following breakfast at the hotel, embark on a guided tour of Palermo, renowned as one of the most culturally rich Sicilian cities due to its historical and artistic significance. Situated on a bay at the base of Mount Pellegrino, which Goethe famously described as "the most beautiful I have ever seen," Palermo is characterized by a prevalence of Baroque architecture intertwined with various architectural styles that mirror the city's diverse past. Notable landmarks include the Arab-Norman Cathedral, the exquisite Church of the Martorana, and the remarkable Palatine Chapel, showcasing a fusion of different cultural influences, religions, and ideologies. As we continue our exploration, we will encounter the striking fountain of Piazza Pretoria, situated in the historic Kalsa district and adorned with sculptures dating back to the 16th century. Our journey will culminate in a wine tasting experience at the renowned SALLIER DE LA TOUR winery. Established in 2008 by Filiberto Sallier de La Tour, Prince of Camporeale, this project entrusted the Tasca d'Almerita cousins with the management of his estate located just a few kilometers from Palermo. Indulge in a tasting featuring three vintages of La Monaca, each encapsulating a unique temporal journey. The immersive experience includes a stroll through the vineyard, a tour of the cellar, and a wine tasting paired with local delicacies.*
- *Boarding the coach and transferring to Catania airport mark the conclusion of our services.*



INCLUDED SERVICES:

- *Coaches from G.T., entrances, and coach parking where applicable.*
- *Hotel accommodation and meals according to the itinerary;*
- *Restaurant-provided lunches.*
- *Local guiding services are available in Taormina, Etna, Syracuse, Noto, Modica, Ragusa, Agrigento, the Valley of the Temples, Marsala, Mozia, and Palermo.*
- *Ferry to Mozia Island;*
- *Tastings at the wineries: Murgo, Nicosia, Pupillo, Ramaddini, Barone Sergio, Valle dell'Acate, Planeta, Florio, Sallier de la Tour. Wineries are subject to change based on availability.*
- *VAT and taxes are included.*
- *Our tour guide.*

EXCLUDED SERVICES:

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1ST DAY: CATANIA AIRPORT/TAORMINA/CASTELMOLA. KM 75.

- *The group's arrival at Catania airport, where they will be met by our driver and escort for the transfer to Taormina. Upon arrival, they will meet with the guide for a city tour, including a visit to the Greek Theater, a significant symbol of Taormina. The theater features a cavea carved into the rock, blending seamlessly with the natural surroundings and providing a truly unique panoramic view. Another must-see attraction in Taormina is Piazza IX Aprile, a scenic terrace offering stunning views of the bay below. Visitors can then stroll to Piazza Duomo to admire the 13th-century cathedral basilica of San Nicolò di Bari on one side and the Baroque fountain known as the 4 fountains on the other. The day concludes with a transfer to the hotel, check-in to the reserved rooms, and lunch.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Castelmola for a guided visit of the picturesque village. Situated above Taormina, Castelmola is renowned as one of the most charming villages in Sicily, Italy. The village is perched on a natural terrace encircling the remains of a Norman castle, which has evolved over time into a gently concave shape resembling a millstone (mola). An ancient arch at the village entrance overlooks Piazza S. Antonino, a square paved with a mosaic of white lava stone that offers stunning views of Taormina. Descending Via De Gasperi, the village's main thoroughfare, you will encounter Bar Turrisi, known for its prominent display of wooden phalluses symbolizing abundance and good fortune in accordance with Hellenic tradition.*
- *Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay. Prior to dinner, there will be a meeting with our tour leader for the tour presentation.*

2ND DAY: SAVOCA/MONTALBANO ELICONA/SAN MARCO D'ALUNZIO. KM 340.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Savoca. Meeting with the guide and visit to the village. Savoca, a small village in the province of Messina with 1750 inhabitants, offers much to tourists. It is graced by the streams of Agrò and Savoca and is an art town included in the circuit of "The most beautiful villages in Italy". There are numerous attractions in Savoca: the seventeen mummies housed in the crypt of the Capuchin convent, the many churches scattered throughout the area, and some of the locations from "The Godfather", the acclaimed film by Francis Ford Coppola, filmed in 1972 in these very villages. A journey back in time to a village with minimal traffic and tranquility, to the ancient lava stone buildings, surrounded by citrus groves, vineyards, and olive groves. Proceed to Montalbano Elicona for a guided tour. One of the village's landmarks is the Montalbano Castle, constructed around 1200 by Frederick II of Swabia as a fortress, later transformed into a royal residence after 1302 by order of Frederick II of Aragon. Within the Montalbano Castle, two rooms serve as a museum. From the Church of the Holy Spirit to the Church of Santa Caterina d'Alessandria, all the churches in Montalbano reflect the medieval ambiance of the place. The entire territory of Montalbano Elicona is enchanting. The Argimusco Plateau, also known as the Sicilian Stonehenge, features a collection of megaliths, rocks that have acquired anthropomorphic and zoomorphic characteristics over time due to erosion: an eagle, a praying virgin, the alchemist, and male and female figures. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to San Marco D'Alunzio. Meet with the guide and explore the village. San Marco d'Alunzio is a small gem situated atop Monte Castro, in the heart of the stunning Nebrodi Park. Apart from the breathtaking panoramic views stretching from Cefalù to Capo d'Orlando and glimpsing the Aeolian Islands, the rich historical heritage preserved here is of significant importance. The unmistakable symbols of San Marco d'Alunzio are the Norman Castle, constructed in 1061 by Robert Guiscard, and the Temple of Hercules, a relic from the ancient Greek city dating back to the 4th century BC. In March and July, two highly significant events occur in San Marco d'Alunzio - the Festa del Crocifisso featuring the poignant procession of the Babbaluti, and the captivating Palio dell'Assunta, a historical and medieval re-enactment of the village.*
- *Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.*

3RD DAY: GANGI/CEFALU'/TERRASINI. KM 335.

- *Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before boarding the coach to transfer to Gangi. Upon arrival, meet your guide and explore the village. Gangi, the recipient of the prestigious "Borgo dei Borghi" award in 2014, is renowned as one of Italy's most picturesque villages. Highlights of the visit include the Ventimiglia Tower, a Norman-Gothic structure commissioned by Francis I in 1337. Visitors can ascend the medieval tower for a stunning panoramic view, visit the Mother Church featuring the largest "Last Judgement" painting in Italy by Zoppo di Gangi, and explore the crypt housing 60 mummified priests of Cecilia from the 18th and 19th centuries. Another notable site is Palazzo Bongiorno, an 18th-century noble residence constructed by Baron Francesco Benedetto Bongiorno, showcasing exquisite Italian Rococo architecture. Conclude the day with lunch at a local restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Cefalù. Meet with the guide and explore the coastal village. A must-see in Cefalù is the impressive Norman Cathedral, located in the heart of the historic center and at the base of the Rocca. The Cathedral of Cefalù showcases a blend of Arab-Norman architectural influences, with its interior adorned by exquisite Byzantine mosaics crafted by Constantinople's master artisans in 1145. The Mandralisca Museum houses a remarkable collection of our island's treasures, including paintings, artworks, ancient coins, archaeological artifacts, furniture, and books. Established by Enrico Piraino, the Baron of Mandralisca, the museum is home to the renowned "Portrait of an Unknown Sailor" by the celebrated Antonello da Messina. Also of note is the medieval washhouse, designed in a late Renaissance style. This site served as a communal laundry area for the residents of Cefalù, utilizing the underground passage of the "Cefalino" river that flows into the sea.*
- *Transfer to the hotel in Terrasini. Check-in to the reserved rooms, followed by dinner and overnight stay.*

4TH DAY: BORGO PARRINI/PIANA DEGLI ALBANESI/MONREALE KM 151.

- *After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, guests will board the coach and be transferred to Borgo Parrini. A meeting with the guide will precede a visit to the village. Established in the early 17th century by the Jesuits, known locally as "Parrini," Borgo dei Parrini was created near Partinico. In the early 18th century, the Jesuits constructed watchtowers, warehouses, residences, and a small church dedicated to Maria Santissima del Rosario. Following the suppression of the Jesuit Order, the property transitioned to the French prince Henri d'Orléans. Post-World War II, the local populace migrated to urban areas, resulting in the partial abandonment of the village. Since the late 1990s, an authentic revitalization effort has been underway, rejuvenating the small village. The journey continues to Piana degli Albanesi, the most significant among the five Albanian settlements in Sicily. The Church of S. Giorgio, dating back to 1759, stands as the oldest in Piana; its single nave features a presbytery enclosed by an iconostasis embellished with recent icons by the Greek artist Stefano Ermacolas. The Church of S. Demetrio, the primary church of the Greek rite, initiated in 1590, retains some original elements despite recent renovations. The "Nicola Barbato" Civic Museum showcases Albanian attire, traditional artifacts, and ethnographic exhibits. A slight deviation allows access to the Portella Ginestra pass, where a memorial commemorates the victims of the bandit and Sicilian independence advocate Salvatore Giuliano. A delightful lunch will be served at a local restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Monreale for a guided tour of the Cathedral and the Cloister. Monreale is renowned for its Cathedral, featuring mosaics considered among Europe's finest. Key attractions include the Benedictine cloister and the city's main square, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele. Spanning over 6000 m², the golden mosaics depict biblical scenes and the lives of saints. The Palatine Chapel showcases a blend of Norman, Arab, and Byzantine influences. Noteworthy features include Christ Pantocrator and Saints Peter and Paul depicted at the apse's summit. The Benedictine Cloister in Monreale stands as a testament to significant artistic and historical value.*
- *Transfer to the hotel in Terrasini, check-in to the reserved rooms, enjoy dinner, and stay overnight.*

5TH DAY: ERICE/SALEMI/MAZARA DEL VALO/MARSALA. KM 179.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Board the coach and transfer to Erice. Meeting with the guide and visit. Once upon a time, a village was suspended between the sky and the sea. Welcome to Erice, a village replete with beauty and charm that will captivate you! While in Erice, a visit to the Castle of Venus and a stroll in the enchanting Garden of the Baglio are essential. Perched between the sky and the sea, the Castle of Venus stands tall. The Cathedral of Erice, also known as the Mother Church, is situated in the square of the same name, just a few steps from Porta Trapani, serving as the primary religious edifice of the village. Proceed to Salemi. Salemi is situated on the grounds of the ancient Elymian city of Halyciae. In 827, it was conquered by the Arabs, who fostered its prosperity and from whom the name Salemi is believed to have originated. The Norman Castle, the Museum of Ritual Bread, and the Civic Museums of Salemi are highly recommended for exploration, encompassing various sections such as sacred art, archaeology, Risorgimento, the Mafia museum, and the Pietra Campanedda museum. Within the civic museum lies an 18th-century chapel that faithfully replicates the Holy House of Loreto "Casa della Madonna". Noteworthy traditions in Salemi include carpet weaving, embroidery, and stone craftsmanship using materials from the local quarries. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Mazara del Vallo for a guided tour. The village encapsulates the essence and history of an entire island: showcasing its historic center, including the Casbah where Islamic philosophers, scholars, judges, and merchants once roamed. The Casbah, an ancient Arab quarter, is predominantly inhabited by a sizable Tunisian community. The city's cathedral, the Basilica Cattedrale, was constructed by the Normans circa 1000 AD and boasts a distinctive architectural style blending Romanesque, Greek, and Baroque influences. Exhibiting a majestic design, the cathedral features a portal that opens towards the sea. Noteworthy are the magnificent Norman churches of Madonna delle Giummare and San Nicolò Regale, along with the baroque Church of San Francesco. A must-see attraction along the waterfront is the Church of San Vito, the city's patron saint. Adjacent to the College stands the Church of Sant'Egidio, which hosts a museum dedicated to a significant relic from the classical Greek art era: the bronze statue of the Dancing Satyr.*
- *Transfer to the hotel in Marsala. Check-in to the designated rooms, enjoy dinner, and stay overnight.*

6TH DAY: SAMBUCA DI SICILIA/NARO/MONTECHIARO P.T./AGRIGENTO. KM 236.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Board the coach and transfer to Sambuca di Sicilia. Meeting with the guide and visit to the village. The historic center of this village in the province of Agrigento reflects two significant historical moments: the Arab era with residences around the fortress of Zabut, and the seventeenth-eighteenth century period. The Arab quarter features intricate alleys in a labyrinthine layout, offering a glimpse of ancient domination. Moving on to the baroque area, notable historic buildings and churches include Santa Caterina d'Alessandria, the casino of the Beccadelli marquises, the church of Carmine, and the Panitteri palace. Proceed to Naro, a village cherished by Frederick II, showcasing medieval and baroque architecture. Situated near the Valley of the Temples, Naro has a rich history of Norman, Swabian, Spanish, and Arab influences. Enclosed within medieval walls, Naro is adorned with churches, monasteries, palaces, and convents, embodying a blend of stories, cultures, and religions symbolized by the Mother Church, formerly a mosque. The castle overlooks the hilly panorama. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Palma di Montechiaro for a guided tour. The village, known as the setting of the renowned novel "The Leopard," is a genuine baroque gem, most notably showcased in the cathedral with its twin bell towers, a prominent feature of the village. Visitors to this village are immediately captivated by the sight of the imposing "calvary," standing stern and grand on the hill of the same name, adjacent to the remnants of the Church of Santa Maria della Luce. This monumental complex embodies the city's history and the religious devotion of the Tomasi family. Be sure not to overlook the Chiaramontano Castle, proudly standing in solitude away from the town center in the Capreria district, along with the San Carlo tower.*
- *In the evening, proceed to the hotel in Agrigento for accommodation in the reserved rooms, dinner, and overnight stay.*

7TH DAY: MONTEROSSO ALMO/CHIARAMONTE GULFI/SCICLI/MODICA. KM 220.

- *After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, embark on a coach journey to Monterosso Almo. Upon arrival, meet the guide and explore this renowned village, part of the prestigious "Most Beautiful Villages in Italy" circuit. The heart of the village, known locally as "U Chianu" (The Plane), is graced by the elegant Church of S. Giovanni Battista. Overlooking the main square is the Palazzo Cocuzza, now housing the Civic Museum, a testament to the grandeur of the Cocuzza family and their extensive holdings in the region. Winding through narrow alleys, courtyards, and ancient passageways, we arrive at the oldest district, "Matrice," home to the rebuilt Church of the Madonna Addolorata, which presides over the charming Piazza S. Antonio. Across the square stands the impressive Mother Church, reconstructed after the earthquake of 1693. Our journey continues to Chiaramonte Gulfi, where a guided tour awaits. This captivating town, named after its founder, Norman Count Manfredi I Chiaramonte, boasts a wealth of surprises for visitors. With its abundance of churches, stately palaces, and picturesque alleys, Chiaramonte Gulfi stands out in the Val di Noto for its concentration of historic monuments within the town center. Welcoming us at the town's entrance is the Sanctuary of Maria Santissima di Gulfi, featuring a marble Madonna statue. Strolling through the historic center, we reach Piazza Duomo, where the monumental facade of the Mother Church commands attention. Just a short walk from the square lies Palazzo Montesano, an eighteenth-century gem adorned with late Baroque balconies. Conclude the day with a delightful lunch at a local restaurant.*
- *Transfer to Scicli and enjoy a guided tour of the village. Situated in the Val di Noto, Scicli is a lavish city that is a must-visit on the exploration of Sicilian Baroque. Its historic center showcases the artistic brilliance of the late Baroque period, a result of the reconstruction efforts in the 18th century post the devastating earthquake of 1693 that leveled the entire city. Via Francesco Mormino Penna, renowned as one of the most exquisite streets in Sicily, is lined with noble palaces from the 18th century (Palazzo Spadaro, Palazzo Bonelli, Palazzo Conti, Palazzo Porcelli-Battaglia-Sgarlata-Veneziano, Palazzo Papaleo, Palazzo Carpentieri, Palazzo di Città, Palazzo Donzelli-Iacono) and late Baroque churches built with local golden stone (Church of San Giovanni Evangelista, Church of San Michele, Church of Santa Teresa). Palazzo Beneventano, acclaimed as the most magnificent Baroque palace in Sicily, is renowned for its Moorish head masks. The 19th-century Piazza Busacca features the Church and Convent of Carmine.*
- *Transfer to the hotel in Modica in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

8TH DAY: PALAZZOLO AGREIDE/NOTO/CATANIA AIRPORT. KM 167.

- *Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before boarding the coach to transfer to Palazzolo Acreide. Upon arrival, meet with the guide for a city tour. Palazzolo Acreide, one of Sicily's most picturesque villages, is situated in the southernmost region and renowned for its ancient Greek amphitheatre. UNESCO has designated the churches of San Paolo and San Sebastiano as World Heritage Sites. Other notable religious sites include the Church of Santa Maria della Medaglia, the Mother Church of San Nicola, the Church of Madonna Annunziata, and the Church of the Immaculate Conception. At the heart of Palazzolo Acreide lies Palazzo Judica, a stunning 1790 building with an exquisitely adorned facade, exuding elegance and sophistication. Noteworthy among the town's architectural gems is the Greek Theatre of Akrai, an ancient Greek polis dating back to 664-663 BC. Adjacent to this site is the ancient rock sanctuary known as "I Santoni," one of Sicily's oldest places of worship dedicated to the goddess Cybele. The journey continues to Noto, where lunch will be served at a local restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, a guided tour takes visitors through the history of Noto. The city was devastated by an earthquake in 1693, leading to its reconstruction with the expertise of talented architects. Noto stands as a pinnacle of Baroque art, often described as the most exquisite kilometer of artistic expression in Europe. The journey begins at Porta Reale, adorned with a pelican symbolizing loyalty to King Ferdinand of Bourbon. Flanking the entrance are towers denoting strength and a cirneco representing faithfulness. Proceeding to Piazza Immacolata, visitors encounter a Baroque church dedicated to St. Francis, with the Monastery of SS. Salvatore nearby. Noteworthy features include ornate wrought iron grates at the Convent of S. Chiara. The architectural marvels of Palazzo Ducezio, the town hall, and the Cathedral, connected by a grand staircase, embody the intersection of religious and secular authority. Despite the Cathedral's collapse in 1996 due to the Santa Lucia earthquake, its restoration sparked a revival in Noto. Adjacent structures include the 19th-century Palazzo Vescovile and Palazzo Landolina di Sant'Alfano. Along Corso Vittorio Emanuele, a path leads to the Church of Montevergini, distinguished by a concave façade flanked by bell towers. Notably, Via Nicolaci showcases some of Noto's finest Baroque architecture, such as Palazzo Nicolaci di Villadorata, renowned for its elaborate balconies adorned with whimsical figures like cherubs, horses, mermaids, and lions.*
- *Proceed to Catania Airport to conclude our services.*

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- *Restaurant-provided lunches.*
- *1 mineral water and 1/4 wine with meals;*
- *Local guiding service in Taormina, Castelmola, Savoca, San Marco d'Alunzio, Montalbano Elicona, Gangi, Cefalù, Borgo Parrini, Piana degli Albanesi, Monreale, Erice, Salemi, Mazara del Vallo, Sambuca di Sicilia, Naro, Palma di Montechiaro, Monterosso Almo, Chiaramonte Gulfi, Scicli, Palazzolo Acreide, Noto;*
- *Our tour guide.*

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1ST DAY: CATANIA AIRPORT/PALERMO/ERICE. KM 309.

- *The group's arrival at Catania airport, where they will meet our driver and assistant before being transferred to the hotel in Palermo or the surrounding area. Check-in to the reserved rooms followed by lunch.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Erice. Meet with the guide and explore the city. The primary sights in Erice include the Mother Church with the Bell Tower. Following this, a cobblestone street leads to a square where two notable buildings stand: The Church of San Martino, distinguished by its uniquely pink facade, and the church of San Pietro, situated in one of the most picturesque and vibrant areas.*
- *In the evening, return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay. Prior to dinner, meet with our guide for the tour presentation.*

2ND DAY: MARSALA/MOZIA. KM 169.

- *Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Marsala. Meeting with the guide for a city tour. Explore Porta Garibaldi and Porta Nuova, the two remaining city gates. Stroll along Via XI Maggio, known as the Cassaro, Marsala's main street, leading to the elegant Piazza della Repubblica, the city's focal point with the Palazzo Comunale overlooking it. A must-see is the Baglio Anselmi museum, a former winery transformed into an archaeological museum in 1985. Discover the remains of a Punic ship and delve into the history of Lilibeo, the city overlooking Libya. Conclude with a tasting of various Marsala wines at Cantina Martinez.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to the Stagnone pier, where you will board the distinctive boats for the transfer to the Island of Mozia. Enjoy a guided tour of the island, known for being an ancient Phoenician colony with shallow waters and remarkable archaeological discoveries, making it one of Sicily's most captivating attractions. The ticket grants access to the Whitaker Museum, showcasing a collection of esteemed archaeological artifacts, including the renowned young man of Mozia.*
- *Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

3RD DAY: PALERMO. KM 62.

- *Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Palermo. Meet your guide and enjoy a full-day city tour. Palermo, the capital of Sicily, boasts the 12th-century Palermo Cathedral with royal tombs, the grand neoclassical Teatro Massimo renowned for opera performances, the Palazzo dei Normanni, a 9th-century royal palace, and the Cappella Palatina adorned with Byzantine mosaics. Explore bustling markets like Ballarò and Vucciria in the city center. Lunch at a restaurant.*
- *Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

4TH DAY: SEGESTA/MONREALE. KM 82.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for Segesta. Meeting with the guide and city tour. The key features of Segesta include the theater, temple, and sanctuary of contrada Mango, symbolizing worship, performances, and politics. The theater dates back to the 4th or 2nd century. Lunch at a restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Monreale. Meet with the guide and explore the city. The Cathedral of Monreale stands as the primary place of worship in the area and serves as the Archbishop's seat. Constructed in 1174 by King William II of Altavilla, it is renowned for its ornate beauty, highlighted by exquisite mosaics. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2015.*
- *Upon returning to the hotel, enjoy dinner and stay overnight.*

5TH DAY: CEFALÙ/CATANIA AIRPORT. KM 245.

- *Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before boarding the coach to transfer to Cefalù. Upon arrival, meet your guide and explore the city. Cefalù, a coastal town in northern Sicily, is renowned for its Norman cathedral, a 12th-century fortress-like building adorned with intricate Byzantine mosaics and towering twin spires. Adjacent to it, the Mandralisca Museum showcases archaeological displays and an art collection featuring a portrait of Antonello da Messina. Conclude the visit with lunch at a local restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Catania airport, marking the conclusion of our services.*

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- *Coaches from G.T., entrances, and coach parking where applicable.*
- *Hotel accommodation and meals according to the itinerary;*
- *Restaurant-provided lunches.*
- *Local guide services are available in Erice, Marsala, Mozia, Palermo, Monreale, Segesta, and Cefalù.*
- *Winery tasting in Marsala.*
- *Round trip ticket to Mozia Island and admission to the island.*
- *Our tour guide.*

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Western Sicily 4 days 3 nights.


Palermo


Erice


Segesta


Marsala


Mozia


Selinunte

1ST DAY: CATANIA/PALERMO AIRPORT. KM 245.

- *The group's arrival at Catania airport, where they will meet the driver and assistant before transferring to Palermo. Upon arrival, they will meet the guide for a full day exploring the city. Palermo, with its thousand-year history, showcases Art Nouveau villas, noble palaces, seventeenth-century squares, baroque churches, and neoclassical theaters. Once the residence of emirs and kings, the city boasts monuments from the Arab-Norman period, including the stunning Cathedral, the captivating Church of the Martorana, one of Italy's most intriguing Byzantine churches from the Middle Ages, and the Palatine Chapel, a pinnacle of historical and artistic significance. A lunch break is scheduled at a local restaurant.*
- *Transfer to the hotel in Palermo or surrounding areas in the evening. Enjoy dinner and stay overnight.*

2ND DAY: ERICE/SEGESTA. KM 82.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for Erice. Meeting with the guide and city tour. In Erice, you will feel as if time has stood still. The quaint medieval village, situated on Mount San Giuliano, captivates with its simplicity and allure. Erice boasts over sixty churches, some of which are architectural treasures of significant worth and historical importance. Lunch at a restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Segesta. Explore the archaeological site with a guide; the renowned Segesta will captivate you with its striking Solitary Temple, showcasing exquisite Doric architecture, celebrated for its remarkably preserved state, and the Theater, partially carved into the hill's rock.*
- *Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

3RD DAY: MARSALA/MOZIA. KM 87.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Marsala, meeting with the guide, and exploring the city. Highlights include Porta Garibaldi and Porta Nuova, the two remaining gates of the city. Stroll along Via XI Maggio, known as the Cassaro, Marsala's main street. Visit the elegant Piazza della Repubblica, home to the Palazzo Comunale and the grand Mother Church dedicated to Saint Thomas of Canterbury. Explore the "minor" churches: the Church of Purgatory with its charming baroque façade and the Church of the Addolorata. Discover Baglio Anselmi, a former winery transformed into an archaeological museum in 1985, showcasing the remains of a Punic ship. Conclude the day with a tasting of various Marsala wines at Cantina Martinez.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to the Stagnone pier, where you will board the distinctive boats for the transfer to the island of Mozia. Enjoy a guided tour of this ancient Phoenician colony, known for its remarkable archaeological discoveries, making it one of Sicily's most captivating attractions. The ticket grants access to the island as well as entry to the Whitaker Museum, home to a collection of esteemed archaeological artifacts. Among the museum's prized possessions is the Mozia Youth, a Greek statue discovered in a Punic settlement, presenting a challenging historical and artistic context.*
- *Transfer to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

4TH DAY: SELINUNTE/CATANIA AIRPORT. KM 340.

- *Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before boarding the coach to transfer to Selinunte. Upon arrival, meet with the guide for a visit to the expansive archaeological park. Situated on the south-western coast of Sicily, this park is one of the largest in Europe and showcases the remains of the ancient Greek city of Selinunte. This city was overtaken by the Carthaginians circa 200 BC and later ravaged by different Mediterranean civilizations. Conclude the morning with a delightful lunch at a local restaurant.*
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- *Winery tasting at Martinez or equivalent;*
- *Round trip ticket to Mozia Island and admission to the island.*
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Taormina


Etna


Siracusa


Noto


Ragusa


Donnafugata

1ST DAY: CATANIA AIRPORT/TAORMINA. KM 86.

- *The group's arrival at Catania airport, where they met with the driver and assistant before being transferred to the hotel. They were then accommodated in the reserved rooms and had lunch.*
- *In the afternoon, embark on the coach and journey to Taormina. Upon arrival, meet your guide and explore the city. Taormina, situated on the eastern coast of Sicily, is a picturesque hill town. It is in close proximity to Mount Etna, an active volcano offering hiking trails to its summit. The city is famed for the Teatro Antico di Taormina, an ancient Greco-Roman amphitheater that remains in use to this day. Adjacent to the theater, a slender stretch of sandy land leads to the small Isola Bella, designated as a nature reserve.*
- *In the evening, return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay. Prior to dinner, convene with our tour leader for a tour briefing.*

2ND DAY: ETNA/SIRACUSA. KM 145.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Departure in the morning to the highest volcano in Europe. Meeting with the guide and sightseeing. The southern side (Nicolosi), with the Etna cable car, is the most popular. Easily accessible on-site is a walk to the Silvestri Craters, while a short drive away, you can reach the panoramic viewpoint of Valle del Bove from the Monte Pomiciaro area. Lunch at a restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Siracusa. Meet with the guide and explore the city. Discover the historical center (Ortigia) featuring the temple of Minerva and the Fountain of Arethusa. Visit the Greek Theater, the Roman Amphitheater, the Latomie, and the Ear of Dionysius.*
- *Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

3RD DAY: NOTO/MODICA. KM 180.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Board the coach and transfer to Noto. Meeting with the guide and city tour. Noto, the Baroque capital of Val di Noto, will impress you with its palaces and Baroque churches, showcasing a distinctive architectural richness. The Basilica of San Nicolò, Palazzo Ducezio, Church of San Domenico, Palazzo Villadorata, and Palazzo Castelluccio are among the magnificent monuments to be visited. Lunch at a restaurant.*
- *Departure for Modica in the afternoon. Meeting with the guide and exploration of the city. Modica, included in 2002 in the UNESCO World Heritage List along with the Val di Noto, is renowned globally for its baroque architecture in the historic center. The city is also famous for its chocolate and notable landmarks such as the Duomo di San Giorgio, Pizzo Belvedere, Castello dei Conti di Modica, and Casa Natale di Salvatore Quasimodo.*
- *Transfer to the hotel in Modica in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

4TH DAY: RAGUSA/SCICLI. KM 86.

- *Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before boarding the coach in the morning for a transfer to Ragusa. Upon arrival, meet with the guide for a city tour. Explore the ancient historical center, boasting over fifty churches and numerous noble palaces showcasing rich baroque architecture. Ragusa Ibla, with its maze of narrow streets and charming squares overlooking churches and grand palaces, stands out as one of Sicily's most captivating destinations. The heart of the city lies in the picturesque Piazza Duomo, home to some of the region's significant museums and iconic filming locations from the TV series Inspector Montalbano. Conclude the morning with lunch at a local restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Scicli for a guided tour of the city. Explore the historic center's charming streets lined with magnificent golden stone churches and grand palaces. The Church of San Giovanni Evangelista stands out as the city's most significant landmark, housing the renowned painting "The Crucifix of Burgos," also known as the "Christ in a skirt" due to the distinctive long robe depicted. Admire Palazzo Spadaro, a stunning architectural gem in Scicli adorned with eight balconies featuring ornate railings and intricately decorated doors and windows. Visit Palazzo Bonelli Patanè, a distinguished residence celebrated for its opulent early-century interiors, gilded stucco work, frescoes, and exquisite furniture. Lastly, marvel at Palazzo Beneventano, an exquisite example of late Baroque architecture adorned with elaborate decorations.*
- *Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

5TH DAY: DONNAFUGATA CASTLE/CATANIA AIRPORT. KM 135.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Board the coach and depart for Donnafugata. Meeting with the guide and visit to the Castle. The castle originated as a country villa. The fiefdom was acquired in 1648 by Vincenzo Arezzo, the 1st Baron of Donnafugata, from the Cabreras, another noble Sicilian family. Initially, it functioned as a watchtower safeguarding the extensive fiefdom. Return to the hotel for lunch.*
- *Later in the afternoon, proceed to Catania airport by coach, marking the conclusion of our services.*

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- *Restaurant-provided lunches.*
- *Guided tour covering Taormina, Etna, Syracuse, Noto, Modica, Scicli, Ragusa, and Donnafugata Castle over 1 to 2 days.*
- *Modica chocolate tasting event.*
- *Our tour guide.*

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Etna


Taormina


Siracusa


Noto


Ragusa


Modica

1ST DAY: CATANIA AIRPORT/ETNA/TAORMINA. KM 86.

- *The group's arrival at Catania airport is followed by a meeting with the driver and assistant, then a transfer to Etna. A guide joins them for a visit to Europe's highest volcano. The southern side (Nicolosi) with the Etna cable car is the most popular among tourists. A stroll to the Silvestri Craters is easily accessible on-site. A short distance away, the panoramic viewpoint of Valle del Bove from Monte Pomiciaro can be reached. Lunch is scheduled at a restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Taormina. Meet your guide and explore the city. Taormina is situated close to Mount Etna, an active volcano offering trails to the peak. The city is famed for the Teatro Antico di Taormina, an ancient Greco-Roman amphitheater that remains active to this day. Adjacent to the amphitheater, cliffs slope down to the sea, creating secluded coves with sandy beaches. A slender stretch of sand links to the petite Isola Bella, designated as a nature reserve.*
- *Upon arrival at the hotel, guests will be escorted to their reserved rooms for check-in, followed by dinner and overnight accommodations. Prior to dinner, a meeting will be held with our assistant for a tour presentation.*

2ND DAY: SIRACUSA/NOTO. KM 180.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for Syracuse. Meeting with the guide and city tour. Ortigia, the historical island center of Syracuse. Unique corners, workshops, and shops showcasing artists depicting the prickly pear, the symbol of the region. Explore baroque churches, the Temple of Athena integrated into the Cathedral, the Fonte Aretusa with its papyrus, and the Castello Maniace. Proceed to Noto for lunch at a restaurant.*
- *Meeting the guide and exploring the city. As the Baroque capital of Val di Noto, it will impress you with its palaces and Baroque churches, showcasing a distinctive architectural richness. The Basilica of S. Nicolò, Palazzo Ducezio, the Church of S. Domenico, Palazzo Villadorata, and Palazzo Castelluccio are among the magnificent monuments you will see.*
- *Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

3RD DAY: RAGUSA/SCICLI/MODICA. KM 170.

- *Breakfast is served at the hotel. Following breakfast, embark on the coach for a transfer to Ragusa. Upon arrival, meet with the guide for a city tour. Ragusa's historic center impresses with its array of over fifty churches and numerous noble palaces showcasing rich baroque architecture characterized by spirals, columns, statues, and various decorations. Ragusa Ibla, with its maze of narrow streets and charming squares lined with churches and grand palaces, stands out as one of Sicily's most captivating destinations, centered around the picturesque Piazza Duomo. This area also hosts some of the key museums in the Iblean region and serves as the backdrop for the renowned TV series Inspector Montalbano. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Scicli. Meet with the guide for a city tour. Stroll through the streets of Scicli's historic center, where magnificent golden stone churches and grand palaces line the way. The Church of San Giovanni Evangelista stands out with its undulating facade featuring concave and convex shapes. Inside, a renowned painting, "the Crucifix of Burgos" is displayed, known as the "Christ in a skirt" due to the long robe depicted. Admire Palazzo Spadaro, adorned with eight balconies showcasing ornate railings and decorative elements on its doors and windows. Explore Palazzo Bonelli Patanè and the esteemed Palazzo Beneventano, recognized as one of the most exquisite palaces in Scicli and all of Sicily.*
- *Transfer to the hotel in Modica in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

4TH DAY: MODICA/CATANIA AIRPORT. KM 136.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Meeting with the guide and visit to the city of Modica. Designated in 2002 as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its baroque architecture, Modica is renowned for its chocolate and landmarks such as the Cathedral of San Giorgio, Pizzo Belvedere, Castle of the Counts of Modica, and Birthplace of Salvatore Quasimodo. Enjoy a tasting of Modica chocolate at a local artisan workshop before returning to the hotel for lunch.*
- *Subsequently, transfer via coach to Catania airport, concluding our services.*

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1ST DAY: CATANIA AIRPORT/MILITELLO IN VAL DI CATANIA/VIZZINI/MODICA. KM 146.

- *The group's arrival at Catania airport, where they were met by the driver and assistant. They were then transported by coach from G.T. to Militello in Val di Catania. Upon arrival, they met with the guide and explored the village. Militello is recognized as a "World Heritage Site" by UNESCO, listed among "The late Baroque cities of the Val di Noto." Following the earthquake of 1693, the village was extensively reconstructed and now boasts over 20 churches and numerous buildings. The main church is situated on the remains of the ancient Basilica Matrice, destroyed in the earthquake. Of particular interest is the 17th-century Chapel of the Pietà, featuring an exquisite sculptural representation of the Holy Family dating back to 1748. This sanctuary, a prominent feature in Militello's urban landscape, was also designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2002. The Church of San Benedetto and the adjoining abbey, constructed between 1614 and 1646 based on a design by the monk Valeriano De Franchi, now house the town hall. Visitors can explore the Norman Tower and the nearby Church of Santa Maria la Vetere by venturing to the eastern outskirts of Militello. Palazzo Baldanza, constructed in the 18th century and once belonging to the esteemed Caruso family, exemplifies Baroque civil architecture in Militello. The group then proceeded to Vizzini for lunch at a local restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, rendezvous with the guide and explore. Vizzini maintains the original structure of its historic center. The central Piazza Umberto I offers views of the Palazzo Verga and the Palazzo Municipale, adjacent to the Salita Marineo, an ornate staircase. The Chiesa Madre, dedicated to San Gregorio, features a Gothic Norman portal that survived the 1693 earthquake. Adjacent to the Chiesa Madre is the Basilica of San Vito. Within an eighteenth-century building in the historic center, you can explore the "Immaginario Verghiano" Museum. The museum's focal point is the permanent display of Giovanni Verga's photographs, complemented by a collection of memorabilia, including items related to the writer's photographic equipment. In the Masera district, you will find the remnants of a cluster of residences and factories known as "Cunziria" (tannery), immortalized by Verga as the setting for "Cavalleria Rusticana."*
- *Transfer to Modica hotel, dinner, and overnight accommodation. Prior to dinner, there will be a meeting with our assistant for the tour presentation.*

2ND DAY: ISPICA/MARZAMEMI/NOTO. KM 114.

- *Breakfast is served at the hotel before boarding the coach to depart for Ispica. Upon arrival, meet the guide and embark on a city tour. The urban exploration commences on via XX Settembre, featuring the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore, followed by a stroll along Corso Umberto showcasing the Town Hall, culminating at the Sanctuary and Convent of Carmine. Transitioning from via XX Settembre leads to the square of the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore. Progressing further, visitors encounter the Loggiato del Sinatra, a distinctive semi-elliptical structure enclosing the square of the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, renowned for its appearance in the series "Il Commissario Montalbano". Noteworthy sites include Palazzo Bruno di Belmonte and the Church of the Santissima Annunziata, constructed between 1704 and 1720. The journey continues to Marzamemi, named after the Arabic "Marsa al Hamen," translating to Rada delle Tortore, with its origins rooted in an Arab settlement. The Saline and the Tonnara, along with the initial Arab huts, date back to this era, while the present-day Marzamemi was established in 1752, marked by the construction of the palace, the Loggia, the new tonnara, and the chapel by the Prince of Villadorata. The vibrant village life centers around Piazza Regina Margherita, encompassed by picturesque fishermen's dwellings. Overlooking the square are the Church of San Francesco da Paola and the Palazzo del Principe di Villadorata. Conclude the day with a transfer to Noto for lunch at a local restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, a meeting with the guide is scheduled for a city tour. Noto, known as "The Capital of Baroque," earned UNESCO World Heritage Site status in 2002. The ideal starting point for exploring this Baroque gem is through the Porta Reale, a 19th-century triumphal arch erected during the visit of King Ferdinand II of the Two Sicilies. Strolling along Corso Vittorio Emanuele, visitors encounter the Church of Santa Chiara, showcasing exceptional baroque architecture. The Cathedral of San Nicolò stands as the primary place of worship and holds significant historical importance in Noto. A true baroque masterpiece from the 18th century, Palazzo dei principi di Nicolaci epitomizes the artistic grandeur and opulence of Noto's historic center. Upon entering Via Nicolaci, one is immediately struck by its distinctive façade featuring a grand portal, two imposing columns, and an ornate balcony adorned with intricately carved stone corbels depicting whimsical figures. From Palazzo Ducezio to the Church of S.S. Salvatore, Villa D'Ercole, and the Teatro Vittorio Emanuele, Noto offers a plethora of architectural marvels to explore.*
- *In the evening, return to the hotel for dinner and lodging.*

3RD DAY: BUCCHERI/FERLA/PALAZZOLO ACREIDE. KM 120.

- *Following breakfast at the hotel, proceed to Buccheri. Meet with the guide and explore the village. Buccheri stands as a charming hub in the Iblei Mountains, boasting a wealth of archaeological remnants reflecting the historical presence of the Siculi, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, and Normans. Notable remnants of the castle endure to this day. Devastated by the earthquake of 1693, Buccheri was reconstructed on its original site. Presently, visitors can admire various religious architectural marvels, including the churches of S. Antonio and S. Maria Maddalena, the Mother Church featuring an unfinished facade housing a 16th-century wooden crucifix, a 17th-century canvas portraying S. Michele in the left nave, and a painting of S. Ambrogio, the town's patron saint, from the mid-18th century. In 2021, Buccheri joined the esteemed ranks of the "Most Beautiful Villages in Italy." Proceed to Ferla for a city tour. Situated amidst a region of significant natural and historical importance, Ferla neighbors Pantalica, Europe's largest rock necropolis and a UNESCO-designated site. Stroll along the Via Sacra, lined with graceful palaces and five of the city's eight religious edifices. While many medieval features were lost in the catastrophic earthquake of 1693, remnants from this era persist in the Vecchie Carceri neighborhood. Here, amid narrow alleys, ancient dwellings, and caves, the village's historical essence endures. Visitors can still observe traditional homes with cat passages - doors punctured to allow feline passage - and discreet windows on doors for surreptitious observation. Conclude the day with a sampling of the region's distinctive products, emblematic of the village's deep connection to the land. Journey onwards to Palazzolo Acreide for lunch at a local restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, rendezvous with the guide to explore the village. In the northern section of the city lies an archaeological site: the remnants of ancient Akrai, established by the Syracusans in 664 BC, featuring a small Greek theater hosting classical performances, along with other significant vestiges of religious sites, tombs, quarries, and an ancient decumanus. Standing at Piazza del Popolo, one cannot help but marvel at the magnificence of the church of San Sebastiano, reconstructed post the 1693 earthquake, with a picturesque staircase enhancing the allure of its three-tiered facade. The Palazzo Comunale, dating back to the early 1900s, showcases a neoclassical design with touches of Liberty style. Strolling along Corso Vittorio Emanuele, the baroque edifices serve as a reminder of the affluent and prominent families of a city that transcended provincialism, such as the residence of the archaeologist Iudica from the late 18th century, the seventeenth-century Palazzo Pizzo, leading to the Church of the Immaculate, previously known as Santa Maria di Gesù, housing a Renaissance masterpiece by the Dalmatian artist Francesco Laurana, a Madonna with Child (1471). Further along, you will encounter the Church of San Michele Arcangelo, the main church of San Nicola, and the Basilica of San Paolo, featuring a distinctive three-tiered tower facade with a pronaos.*
- *Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.*

4TH DAY: RAGUSA IBLA/SCICLI. KM 85.

- *Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before boarding the coach to depart for Ragusa Ibla. Upon arrival, meet the guide and embark on a city tour. Notable attractions include the Cathedral of San Giovanni and the Church of Santa Maria dell'Itria, featuring a distinctive bell tower topped with a cobalt blue dome. The elegant noble palaces lining the cobbled streets are easily identifiable by the intricately carved corbels supporting the balconies, with Palazzo Cosentini and Palazzo Bertini standing out for their unique feature of three masks adorning the windows: a beggar, a merchant, and a nobleman. Explore the eastern part of Ragusa Ibla, where the charming Giardino Ibleo is located, before returning to the hotel for lunch.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Scicli for a guided tour of the village. The historic center of Scicli showcases exquisite Baroque architecture and holds the prestigious title of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Noteworthy landmarks include the Church of San Giovanni Evangelista, distinguished by its unique facade featuring concave and convex elements. This church boasts an oval layout adorned with elaborate decorations, stuccos, and frescoes. Palazzo Spadaro stands out as one of Scicli's most magnificent structures, characterized by its eight balconies with curved railings and ornate embellishments on doors and windows. Another prominent site is Palazzo Bonelli Patanè, a distinguished residence renowned for its opulent early-century interiors, gilded stuccos, frescoes, and period furniture. The Church of San Michele Arcangelo captivates with its warm hues and late Baroque design. Of particular interest is the bell atop the facade, crafted from a fusion of Greek coins and tin discovered after the earthquake of 1693. Piazza Busacca serves as the city's main square, home to the Church of the Madonna del Carmine and a statue honoring Pietro di Lorenzo, also known as Busacca, a key figure in the city's development. Scicli gained widespread recognition as the filming location for the renowned television series "Inspector Montalbano," adapted from the novels by Andrea Camilleri.*
- *Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.*

5TH DAY: MODICA/CATANIA AIRPORT. KM 127.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Modica. Meeting with the guide and visit. An ancient city of Greek origin and rebuilt after a devastating earthquake in 1693, Modica stands in a position on the confluence of two rivers that earned it the definition of "the most unique city in Italy after Venice". It is a sort of multilayered city, on both sides of the hill that separates the two rivers, and two clearly distinct areas, Modica Alta and Modica Bassa. The Cathedral of San Giorgio, located at the top of a monumental staircase of 260 steps. This church is a riot of stucco, decorations and works of art, both outside and inside. The Church of San Pietro, located in the Lower Town is overlooked by the Rocca del Castello dei Conti. The House Museum of Salvatore Quasimodo, the Nobel Prize-winning writer originally from Modica. In the rooms of the museum, furnished in early twentieth-century style, furniture and objects belonging to the writer are exhibited. Not to be missed, a tasting at the countless chocolate laboratories. Return to the hotel for lunch.*
- *In the afternoon, transfer by coach to Catania airport, concluding our services.*

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- *Our tour guide.*

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From Cellar to Cellar: Exploring the Wines of Val di Noto
4 days 3 nights.















1ST DAY: CATANIA AIRPORT/RAGUSA/MODICA. KM 158.

- *The group's arrival at Catania airport, followed by a meeting with the driver and assistant, and transfer to Ragusa Ibla. Subsequently, a meeting with the guide and a tour of its historic center, including the Cathedral in the picturesque Piazza Duomo and the "Giardino Ibleo". This location, known from the famous television series "Il Commissario Montalbano", is now recognized as one of the 44 Italian sites on the UNESCO Heritage list. A tasting session at VALLE DELL'ACATE awaits at the company. The wine tastings in the Cellar, coupled with a visit to the ancient 19th-century palmento, focus on the classic organic wines that authentically represent the history and essence of the Ibleo region.*
  - *The indigenous red wines: BDN Cerasuolo di Vittoria DOCG, Il Frappato di Vittoria DOC, Il Moro Nero d'Avola DOC Sicilia.*
  - *The floral whites: Zagra Grillo DOC Sicilia and Thymbra Vermentino IGT Terre Siciliane, capturing the scent of the valley's flowers.*
  - *The Bellifolli line includes Insolia, Bianco, Nero D'Avola, Rosso Syrah, and Frappato di Rosato, known for their remarkable brilliance and aroma.*
- *Taste 4 VALLE DELL'ACATE wines paired with "arancini" and "scacce", olives, "ciappe di pomodoro" (dried tomatoes), and homemade bread with natural leavening. All items are organic and sourced locally. Proceed to Modica. Upon arrival, meet our guide for a city tour. The most remarkable aspect of Modica is its location, seemingly enclosed by the vast valley surrounding it, resembling a picturesque nativity scene to visitors. The view of the city from above is truly breathtaking: residences, huts, and baroque structures showcase the elegance of the baroque architectural style. Explore the cathedrals of S. Giorgio and S. Pietro, and savor the renowned Modica chocolate.*
- *Upon evening arrival, proceed to the hotel in Modica for check-in to the designated rooms, followed by dinner and overnight stay. Prior to dinner, convene with our guide for an overview of the tour.*



2ND DAY: SIRACUSA/NOTO/MODICA. KM 136.

- *Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Siracusa to explore the largest and most influential Greek settlement in Sicily. The tour will commence at the Archaeological Park of Neapolis, featuring the Greek Theater, the Roman Amphitheater, the Latomie del Paradiso, and the Ear of Dionysius. Discover Ortigia, a quaint baroque island and the ancient heart of Syracuse. Here, marvel at the magnificent Cathedral and the renowned Fountain of Aretusa, a celebrated freshwater spring in the Greek realm. Proceed to the PUPILLO cellars. Situated near Megara Hyblaea, one of the initial Greek colonies on Sicily's Ionian coast, the Pupillo family's estates offer a tasting experience for an introduction to our region and the company's esteemed DOCs. All tastings incorporate a guided tour of the cellar and historic garden. The vineyards, cultivating Moscato, Catarratto, Nero d'Avola, and Cabernet Sauvignon, flourish in distinct areas distinguished by varying soil and climate conditions. Tasting of 3 wines:*
  - *Highly esteemed, Dr. Siracusa Bianco;*
  - *King Frederick, Doc Siracusa Rosso.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Noto. Meet with the guide and explore the city. The history and splendor of its monuments captivate visitors, who gradually immerse themselves in the city, blending with the Baroque Capital. Passing through Porta Ferdinandea, you step into C.so Vittorio Emanuele, the city's main thoroughfare lined with significant landmarks: the church of S. Francesco all'Immacolata, the convent of the Benedictine Sisters, the church of S. Chiara, the Cathedral of S. Nicolò, Palazzo Ducezio, Palazzo Nicolaci, the church of S. Carlo, the Church of S. Domenico, and the Teatro Vittorio Emanuele.*
- *In the evening, return to the hotel for dinner and lodging.*



3RD DAY: CALTAGIRONE/MILITELLO VAL DI CATANIA. KM 220.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. A full day is dedicated to a guided tour of Caltagirone and Militello in Val di Catania. Caltagirone is renowned worldwide for its artisanal ceramics production. The tradition of majolica dates back to ancient times, with the first kilns originating in the Muslim era. The heart of the city is represented by Corso Vittorio Emanuele and Via Roma. Corso Vittorio Emanuele boasts stunning baroque architecture, including Palazzo Gravina and the Norman basilica of San Giacomo. At the start of Via Roma stands the Tondo Vecchio, an exedra-shaped structure, and the colorful ceramic balcony of Palazzo Ventimiglia. The Town Hall square serves as the meeting point of the Town Hall, the Senatorial Palace, and the Don Sturzo Gallery. In the nearby Piazza Umberto I, the Cathedral of San Giuliano stands tall. Adjacent to the Cathedral is the Corte Capitaniale, a unique building in the city. Next, visitors are invited to explore the Jundeka cellars. Cesare and Valentina, natives of Caltagirone, founded the winery with a shared passion for wine. Judeka adheres to organic farming practices, hand-harvesting grapes to preserve their natural essence and the unique qualities of indigenous vines. The winery is surrounded by 45 hectares of clay and sand, soils that impart particular elegance and intensity to the grapes' aromas. Caltagirone is part of the Cerasuolo di Vittoria appellation, Sicily's only DOCG (Controlled and Guaranteed Designation of Origin). The initial vine selection was based on the region's characteristics: Frappato paired with Nero d'Avola, Sicily's flagship grape variety. The combination of these two vines results in Cerasuolo di Vittoria, Sicily's sole DOCG wine. Judeka oversees the entire production process, from vineyard cultivation to bottling, using exclusively Italian-made components such as corks, bottles, labels, and boxes. The tour commences in the vineyard, continues through the cellar where Judeka wines are crafted, and culminates in a comprehensive tasting experience featuring a range of wines, including esteemed whites and DOCs like Frappato and Cerasuolo di Vittoria DOCG. Visitors gain insights into each wine's characteristics and learn about the production techniques employed.*
- *In the afternoon, head to Militello Val di Catania to explore the city. In Piazza Municipio, you will find the church and monastery of San Benedetto, dating back to the 17th century, surrounded by stunning baroque architecture. Continuing along Via Umberto, you will encounter the grand church of San Nicola, reconstructed following the earthquake of 1693. Adjacent to the church lies the museum of S. Nicolò, exhibiting religious artifacts from different periods. Further along Via Umberto, you will be greeted by the sight of the Sanctuary of S. Maria della Stella, encircled by ancient structures in gentle hues.*
- *Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*



4TH DAY: EXPLORING THE CELLARS AND CHARMING FISHING VILLAGES OF SOUTH-EASTERN SICILY/CATANIA AIRPORT. KM 120.



- *Breakfast at the hotel is followed by a full-day excursion to the picturesque seaside villages of Marzamemi and Portopalo in south-eastern Sicily. Away from the hustle and bustle, visitors can enjoy the stunning beaches spanning from the Vendicari Marine Reserve to Isola delle Correnti, including Spinazza, S. Lorenzo, Cala Mosche, and La Cittadella. A visit to the RAMADDINI cellars offers a unique tasting experience. Situated in a valley of twenty-eight hectares, just a few kilometers from the Ionian Sea, the vineyards thrive on slightly clayey soil with a volcanic substratum. The grapes benefit from ample sunlight and a favorable climate, resulting in wines with distinctive flavors. Guests can savor these wines during an aperitif with Sicilian specialties. The winery tour provides insights into its history and production process, culminating in a tasting of four exceptional labels. The experience is complemented by fried broad beans and chickpeas, bread drizzled with our own extra virgin olive oil, a selection of cold cuts and cheeses paired with jams, bruschetta, dried tomatoes, Modica chocolate, and cooked must.*
- *In the afternoon, embark on the coach and transfer to Catania airport, concluding our services.*









INCLUDED SERVICES:

- *Coaches from G.T., entrances, and coach parking where applicable.*
- *Accommodation and meals at hotels according to the itinerary;*
- *Restaurant-provided lunches.*
- *1 mineral water and 1/4 wine with meals;*
- *Local guiding service in Syracuse, Noto, Modica, Ragusa, Caltagirone, and Militello in Val di Catania.*
- *Tastings at the wineries: PUPILLO, RAMADDINI, JUDEKA, VALLE DELL'ACATE. Substitution of wineries is possible depending on availability.*
- *Our tour guide.*

EXCLUDED SERVICES:

- *Admission fees for villas, museums, and art galleries;*
- *Hotel lodging tax (if applicable);*
- *Cancellation and medical baggage insurance.*

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Val di Noto 5 days 4 nights.


Modica


Palazzolo


Noto


Caltagirone


Ragusa


Scicli


Militello val di Catania

1ST DAY: CATANIA AIRPORT/MODICA. KM 136.

- *The group's arrival at Catania airport, where they met with our assistant and driver. They were then accommodated on the G.T. coach and transferred to the hotel for lunch in the reserved rooms.*
- *In the afternoon, a panoramic city tour of Modica with our guide.*
- *In the evening, return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay. Prior to dinner, there will be a meeting with our guide for the tour presentation.*

2ND DAY: PALAZZOLO ACREIDE/NOTO. KM 140.

- *Breakfast will be served at the hotel followed by a morning departure to Palazzolo Acreide. Upon arrival, there will be a meeting with the guide for a city tour. Akrai was founded by the Syracusans and has seen various dominations over the centuries including Roman, Byzantine, Arab, and Norman. This rich history is reflected in the city's different names: Akrai, Acre, Palatioli, and finally Palazzolo, which was officially changed to Palazzolo Acreide in 1862. Highlights of the visit include the archaeological park of Akrai, Piazza del Popolo, the Town Hall, the church of S. Sebastiano, Palazzo Iudica, the church of S. Paolo, and the church of S. Nicolò. The journey will then continue to Noto, where lunch will be enjoyed at a local restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, a meeting with the guide is scheduled, followed by a visit to the city of Noto, known as the "Garden of Stone". The rich history and captivating beauty of its monuments captivate visitors, immersing them in the essence of the city and its Baroque heritage. Starting from Porta Ferdinandea, one enters Corso Vittorio Emanuele, the city's main thoroughfare lined with significant landmarks such as the Church of S. Francesco all'Immacolata, the convent of the Benedictine Sisters, the Church of S. Chiara, the Cathedral of S. Nicolò, Palazzo Ducezio, Palazzo Nicolaci, the Church of S. Carlo, the Church of S. Domenico, and the Vittorio Emanuele Theater.*
- *Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

3RD DAY: RAGUSA/SCICLI/MODICA. KM 96.

- *Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before boarding the coach in the morning for a transfer to Ragusa. Embark on a guided tour of the city, known for its ancient origins and a history of various dominations. In 1282, Ragusa came under the rule of the Aragonese, then the County of Chiaramonte, and later the County of Modica. A period of prosperity ensued, establishing the city as a significant agricultural hub. The transformative era under the Cabrera in 1448 marked a pivotal moment for Ragusa. Unfortunately, in 1663, a devastating earthquake struck, causing widespread destruction. Explore the Iblean Garden, including the churches of S. Giovanni, the Cappuccini, and S. Giuseppe, along with the Cathedral of S. Giorgio. Stroll through the historic center, where you can recognize locations featured in the television series "Inspector Montalbano." Next, proceed to Scicli for a guided tour, visiting landmarks such as Palazzo Beneventano, the Church of Carmine, the Convent of San Domenico, the Church of San Bartolomeo, the Cathedral of San Matteo, the Church of San Giovanni, and the charming Chiafura District. Return to the hotel for lunch.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Modica for a guided tour of the city. One of the most remarkable aspects of Modica is its captivating location, nestled within a vast valley. The city presents itself to visitors like a picturesque nativity scene. The panoramic view from above is truly breathtaking, showcasing a blend of houses, huts, and Baroque landmarks that epitomize the beauty of the Baroque era. Explore notable sites such as the cathedrals of S. Giorgio and S. Pietro, and indulge in a tasting of the renowned Modica chocolate.*
- *Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

4TH DAY: CALTAGIRONE/MILITELLO IN VAL DI CATANIA. KM 220.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. A full day is dedicated to a guided tour of the cities of Caltagirone and Militello in Val di Catania. Caltagirone is renowned worldwide for its artisanal ceramics production. The art of majolica has ancient origins, with the first ovens dating back to the Muslim era. Numerous small shops in the city's historic center exhibit genuine masterpieces along Corso Vittorio Emanuele and Via Roma. The former is lined with stunning baroque architecture, including Palazzo Gravina and the Norman basilica of San Giacomo. At the start of Via Roma, you'll find the Tondo Vecchio, an exedra-shaped structure, and the polychrome ceramic balcony of Palazzo Ventimiglia. Piazza del Municipio serves as the meeting point of Palazzo Municipio, Palazzo Senatorio, and the Galleria Don Sturzo. In the nearby Piazza Umberto I, the Duomo di San Giuliano stands tall. Adjacent to the Duomo is the Corte Capitaniale, the city's most distinctive building. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, head to Militello Val di Catania to explore the city. In Piazza Municipio, you will find the church and monastery of San Benedetto, dating back to the 17th century, accompanied by stunning baroque architecture. Continuing along Via Umberto, you will encounter the grand church of San Nicola, reconstructed following the earthquake of 1693. Adjacent to the church lies the museum of S. Nicolò, exhibiting religious artifacts from different periods. Further along Via Umberto, you will be greeted by the sight of the Sanctuary of S. Maria della Stella, encircled by ancient structures in gentle hues.*
- *Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

5TH DAY: MODICA/CATANIA AIRPORT. KM 136.

- *Hotel breakfast. Boarding the coach and transferring to Catania airport. Conclusion of our services.*

INCLUDED SERVICES:

- *Coaches from G.T., entrances, and coach parking where applicable.*
- *Hotel accommodation and meals according to the itinerary;*
- *Restaurant-provided lunches.*
- *Local guide services are available in Noto, Modica, Scicli, Ragusa, Palazzolo Acreide, Caltagirone, and Militello.*
- *Modica chocolate tasting event.*
- *Our tour guide.*

EXCLUDED SERVICES:

- *Admission fees for villas, museums, and art galleries;*
- *Hotel lodging tax;*
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Val di Noto 4 days 3 nights.


Palazzolo


Noto


Modica


Siracusa


Scicli

1ST DAY: CATANIA AIRPORT/PALAZZOLO ACREIDE/NOTO/MODICA. KM 212.

- *The group's arrival at Catania airport is followed by a meeting with our assistant and driver, then a transfer by coach to Palazzolo Acreide. A guided tour of the city includes visits to the archaeological area, Greek Theatre, Church of S. Sebastiano, Church of S. Paolo, and Church of the Annunziata, followed by lunch at a restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Noto. Meet with the guide and explore the city: Porta Nazionale, San Francesco Church, S. Chiara Church, Palazzolo Villadorata, Town Hall, and S. Carlo Church.*
- *In the evening, proceed to the hotel in Modica for dinner and an overnight stay. Prior to dinner, convene with our guide for an introduction to the tour.*

2ND DAY: SIRACUSA. KM 182.

- *Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before boarding the coach in the morning to depart for Siracusa. Upon arrival, meet with the guide for a full-day exploration of the city, including visits to the Archaeological Park, the Ear of Dionysius, the Greek Theatre, the Latomie, and the Catacombs of San Giovanni. Lunch will be provided at a restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, explore Ortigia Island: the Cathedral, Fonte Aretusa, Piazza Archimede, Via dei Cordari.*
- *Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

3RD DAY: RAGUSA/MODICA. KM 48.

- *Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before boarding the coach in the morning for a transfer to Ragusa. Embark on a guided tour of the city, exploring Ragusa Ibla following the Inspector Montalbano itinerary. Return to the hotel for lunch.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Modica for a guided tour of the city, including visits to the Cathedral of S. Giorgio and the Cathedral of S. Pietro, followed by a tasting of the renowned "Cioccolata Modicana."*
- *In the evening, proceed to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.*

4TH DAY: SCICLI/CATANIA AIRPORT. KM 156.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Boarding the coach and transferring to Scicli. Meeting with the guide and visiting the city: Palazzo Beneventano, Church of Carmine, Convent of San Domenico, Church of San Bartolomeo, Cathedral of San Matteo, Church of San Giovanni, the characteristic Chiafura district. Lunch at a restaurant.*
- *Transfer to Catania airport in the afternoon marks the conclusion of our services.*

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INCLUDED SERVICES:

- *Coach from G.T. for the entire tour, including entrances and coach parking where necessary;*
- *Hotel accommodation and meals according to the itinerary;*
- *Restaurant-provided lunches.*
- *Modica chocolate tasting event.*
- *Local guide services are available in Noto, Modica, Scicli, Ragusa, and Palazzolo Acreide.*
- *Our tour guide.*

EXCLUDED SERVICES:

- *Admission fees for villas, museums, and art galleries;*
- *Hotel lodging tax (if applicable);*
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Val di Noto 3 days 2 nights.


Palazzolo


Noto


Modica


Scicli

1ST DAY: CATANIA AIRPORT/PALAZZOLO/NOTO/MODICA. KM 166.

- *The group's arrival at Catania airport is followed by a meeting with our driver and assistant, then a transfer to Palazzolo Acreide. A guided tour of the city includes visits to the archaeological area, featuring the Greek Theater, Church of S. Sebastiano, Church of S. Paolo, and Church of the Annunziata, followed by lunch at a restaurant.*
- *In the afternoon, proceed to Noto. Meet with the guide and explore the city: The National Gate, Church of San Francesco, Church of S. Chiara, Palazzo Villadorata, The Town Hall, Church of S. Carlo.*
- *In the evening, proceed to Modica to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay. Prior to dinner, convene with our guide for the tour presentation.*

2ND DAY: RAGUSA/MODICA. KM 60.

- *Breakfast and dinner will be provided at the hotel. Begin the day by boarding the coach to transfer to Ragusa. Upon arrival, meet with the guide for a tour of the city, specifically Ragusa Ibla following the Inspector Montalbano itinerary. Return to the hotel for lunch.*
- *In the afternoon, a guided tour of Modica city includes visits to the Cathedral of S. Giorgio, Cathedral of S. Pietro, and a tasting of the renowned "Cioccolata Modicana."*
- *Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and an overnight stay.*

3RD DAY: SCICLI/CATANIA AIRPORT. KM 166.

- *Breakfast at the hotel. Board the coach and depart for Scicli. Meeting with the guide and visit of the city: Palazzo Beneventano, Church of Carmine, Convent of San Domenico, Church of San Bartolomeo, Cathedral of San Matteo, Church of San Giovanni, the characteristic Quartiere Della Chiafura. Lunch at a restaurant.*
- *Subsequently, proceed to the airport to conclude our services.*

INCLUDED SERVICES:

- *Coaches from G.T., entrances, and coach parking where applicable.*
- *Hotel accommodation and meals according to the itinerary;*
- *Restaurant-provided lunches.*
- *Local guide services are available in Noto, Modica, Scicli, Ragusa, and Palazzolo Acreide.*
- *Modica chocolate tasting event.*
- *Our tour guide.*

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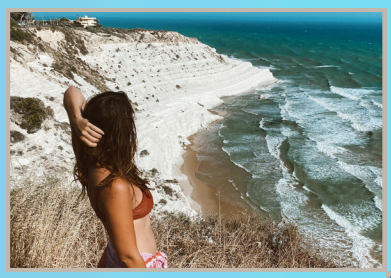


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- *Arriving in Sicily;*
- *Transportation service for tours and daily extra-curricular activities;*
- *Educational Excursions Organization;*
- *Project organization includes PON, POR, Erasmus, and School-Work Alternation (PCTO).*
- *Foreign language courses organization.*



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Blanco Tour Operator's (Blanco Travel) general terms and conditions.



Blanco S.r.l, headquartered at Via Roma n. 7, Rosolini, VAT number 04099540249, acts as a Tour Operator, arranging and marketing tourist packages with specific services as outlined below.

Legislative resources.

The marketing of travel packages is regulated by the Tourism Code (art.32-51–novies) as modified by Legislative Decree no. 62 of 21.05.2018, which enacts EU Directive 2015/2302 and subsequent revisions, along with the relevant provisions of the civil code concerning transportation and agency, where relevant.

Administrative System.

The organizer and intermediary of the tourist package, to whom the traveler turns, must be authorized to conduct their activities in compliance with current legislation, including regional or municipal laws, as per their respective jurisdictions.
The organizer and intermediary must disclose to third parties, before finalizing the contract, the specifics of the insurance policy covering risks related to professional civil liability. They should also provide information on any optional or mandatory guarantee policies safeguarding travelers against potential disruptions to their holiday, such as trip cancellation, medical expenses, early return, luggage loss or damage. Additionally, details regarding protection against the risks of insolvency or bankruptcy of the organizer and intermediary should be shared, within their respective scopes, to facilitate reimbursement of payments or traveler repatriation to the departure location if the tourist package includes transportation services.
In accordance with Article 18, paragraph VI, of the Tourism Code, the inclusion of terms such as "travel agency," "tourism agency," "tour operator," "travel broker," or similar expressions, whether in a foreign language or not, in the business name or designation is only allowed for the authorized companies mentioned in the initial paragraph.

Definitions.

In the package travel sales contract, the following is implied:
A professional is any individual or entity, whether public or private, who, as part of their commercial, industrial, artisanal, or professional activities in organized tourism, engages in contracts, transactions, either directly or through a representative, acting as an organizer, seller, facilitator of related tourist services, or provider of tourist services, in accordance with the regulations outlined in the Tourism Code.
Organizer: a professional who combines and sells packages directly or through another professional, or transmits traveler data to another professional.
Seller: the individual, aside from the organizer, who vends or presents for sale packages arranged by an organizer.
A traveler is someone who intends to enter into a contract, or does enter into a contract, or is authorized to travel based on a concluded contract within the realm of organized tourism contract law.
establishment: the entity as defined in Article 8, letter e), of Legislative Decree 26 March 2010, n. 59;
Durable medium refers to any tool that enables individuals to store information intended for them personally in a manner that permits future access for a period sufficient for its intended purposes and allows for the exact reproduction of the stored information.
Unforeseeable and exceptional circumstances: events outside the control of the party citing such circumstances and the outcomes of which could not have been prevented even with all reasonable actions taken.
Nonconformity: failure to provide the tourist services included in a package.
Point of sale refers to any location, whether mobile or fixed, utilized for retail transactions, or a retail website, or a comparable online sales platform, encompassing situations where retail websites or online sales platforms are offered to travelers as a unified tool, including telephone services.
Repatriation involves the traveler's return to the departure location or an alternative destination as mutually agreed upon by the parties involved.
In the contract, the term 'traveller' may refer to the 'contractor', even if it is not the actual trip user or the person undertaking the obligations resulting from the contract, on behalf of third parties.

Tourist package definition.

A package tour is a combination of at least two different types of tourist services, including passenger transport, accommodation not part of passenger transport or for long-term language courses, car rental requiring a category A driving license, and other tourist services not integral to the aforementioned ones, excluding financial or insurance services, for the same trip or holiday, under specific conditions.
These services are consolidated by one professional, either upon the traveler's request or based on their selection, prior to finalizing a single contract for all services.
Such services, even if contracted separately with individual suppliers, are:
Purchased at a single point of sale and selected before the traveler agrees to pay;
Offered, sold, or invoiced at a flat or global price;
2.3) Marketed or distributed under the designation "package" or a similar title;
After the conclusion of a contract, the trader combines various travel services or those purchased from separate traders, giving the traveler the option to choose.

Individual Services.

Contracts that solely offer transport services, accommodation services, or other individual tourist services cannot be classified as instances of travel organization or tourist packages. Consequently, they do not benefit from the safeguards outlined in Legislative Decree 62/2018, which transposed EU Directive 2015/2302.
Nevertheless, the remaining general terms of sale outlined here are enforceable without constituting a travel package in any scenario.
These are not tourist packages; hence, the combinations of tourist services specified in art. 33 c. 2 of Legislative Decree 62/2018 are regarded as individual services.

Reservation and payment.

Reservations are accepted until all available spots are filled. They are deemed finalized upon the prompt submission of the required deposit following confirmation. Payment methods will be specified in the confirmation correspondence. Failure to remit the specified amounts by the set dates constitutes an explicit termination clause, granting Blanco S.r.l. the right to terminate.

Termination of residency.

In the event of withdrawal from the travel contract, Blanco S.r.l. will impose the following penalties, along with the fees and costs for canceling the services.
25% of the total amount will be charged if the cancellation is made up to 60 days before the scheduled use of the services.
50% of the total amount will be charged if the cancellation is made up to 30 days before the scheduled use of the services.
If the cancellation is made up to 16 days before the scheduled services, 75% of the total amount will be refunded to the organizing agency.
No refunds within 15 days prior to utilizing the reserved services.
Cancellations and annulments of confirmed groups typically incur the aforementioned penalties. Nevertheless, cancellations and annulments of individual confirmed services (hotels, restaurants, guides) may be subject to varying penalties due to Events, Fairs, Demonstrations, Holidays of specific locations or nations.
In case of a stay interruption, refunds will not be issued unless the group provides a formal statement from the hotel management or service provider agreeing to refund the unused services. This process is mandatory, and the agency will only reimburse the approved amount, deducting any applicable fees.

Decrease in participant numbers.

The precise number of attendees must be communicated, with a minimum of 25 paying guests. Substantial reductions in attendance may lead to changes in pricing and services. Additionally, discrepancies in attendance compared to the previous rooming list may result in the imposition of a "no show" penalty (up to 100%).

Penalty-free cancellations.

Customers who buy the package are entitled to cancel the contract without incurring any penalties in the specified situations:

- *price increase of the reserved package exceeding 8%.*
- *In the case of unforeseeable and exceptional circumstances (art.3 c. g) arising at the destination or in its immediate vicinity, significantly affecting the package's execution or the transportation of passengers to the destination, the traveler is entitled to cancel the contract before the package commences without incurring any cancellation charges. They are also eligible for a complete reimbursement of payments made for the package, without additional compensation.*
- *Significant alterations to one or more contract elements objectively deemed essential for the overall enjoyment of the tourist package, as evaluated and suggested by the organizer post-contract agreement but prior to departure, and not approved by the traveler.*

The contractor is required to notify Blanco S.r.l. in writing of their decision to accept or decline the proposed changes within 2 (two) business days upon receiving them. If the contractor chooses to withdraw, they are entitled to a refund of any payments made or can opt for a different tourist package of similar quality. Blanco S.r.l. reserves the right to cancel the tourist package agreement, providing a full reimbursement to the traveler without additional compensation if:

- *The quantity of individuals enrolled for the package falls below the minimum stipulated by the contract. Consequently, the organizer notifies the traveler of the contract's termination within the specified timeframe, which is no later than twenty days before the commencement of the package for trips exceeding six days, seven days before the package's commencement for trips lasting between two and six days, and forty-eight hours before the package's commencement for trips lasting less than two days.*
- *Blanco S.r.l. cannot fulfill the contract due to unforeseeable and exceptional circumstances and promptly informs the traveler of the withdrawal before the package commences.*

In the aforementioned instances, the contracts functionally linked with third parties shall be terminated.

Variations.

Blanco S.r.l. has the authority to substitute hotels and/or resorts with others of comparable features for operational purposes or other arising requirements. As per article 9 of these standard terms, the contractor is obligated to notify Blanco S.r.l. in writing of their decision (to accept the proposed alteration or terminate the contract) within 2 (two) business days of receiving the proposal. In the event of non-acceptance of the proposed change, the contractor may withdraw without incurring penalties and is entitled to the benefits outlined in article 40 of the Tourism Code.

Complaints.

Any failure to fulfill the contract must be challenged by the traveler during the trip by promptly lodging a complaint, allowing the organizer, their local representative, or the companion to assess the validity of the traveler's claims.
The traveler must submit a complaint within ten working days of returning to the departure location. This complaint must be sent via registered mail to the organizer or through certified email to blancosrlstour@pec.it with acknowledgment of receipt, under the risk of forfeiture. Due to the catalog being prepared well in advance of service provision, Blanco S.r.l. cannot be held liable for any changes in collateral services descriptions. Additionally, it is clarified that certain facilities like the swimming pool, disco, market, entertainment, mini club, sports courses, and similar amenities may remain inactive due to weather conditions or low guest numbers, with no entitlement to a refund for their non-activation.

Participants' responsibilities.

In addition to promptly communicating the lack of conformity as stipulated in Article 11, paragraph 2, travelers must adhere to the following obligations:
For guidelines on the expatriation of minors, please consult the details available on the State Police website. It is essential to highlight that minors need to carry a valid personal travel document, such as a passport or, for EU nations, an expatriation-valid identity card. For minors under 14 leaving the country or those requiring authorization from the judicial authority, please adhere to the regulations specified on the State Police website at http://www.poliziadistato.it/articolo/191.
Foreign nationals should acquire necessary details through their diplomatic missions in Italy or official government channels. Travelers must verify updates with relevant authorities before their journey, such as the local police headquarters or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Italian citizens. It is essential to adhere to the provided information to avoid any issues with departure. Failure to verify information absolves intermediaries or organizers of any responsibility for travelers unable to depart.
Travellers are required to notify the intermediary and the organizer of their citizenship when booking a tourist package or service. Before departure, they must confirm that they have vaccination certificates, a valid passport, and all necessary documents for the countries on the itinerary, including residence permits, transit visas, and health certificates.
Moreover, to assess the socio-political and health security conditions and other pertinent details concerning the target nations and, consequently, the practical utility of the acquired or prospective services, it is incumbent upon the traveler to procure official general information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as made available on the institutional website of the Farnesina www.viaggiaresicuri.it.
The provided details are not found in the T.O. catalogues, whether online or in print, as they include general descriptive information outlined in Article 34 of the Tourism Code, rather than information subject to temporal changes. Travelers are expected to acknowledge this.
On the booking date, if the selected destination is flagged as a "warning" location for security reasons through official information channels, a traveler who later opts to withdraw will not be able to cite this as a reason.
For the purpose of exempting the reduction of the compensation request for the withdrawal made, the termination of the contractual cause linked to the security conditions of the country.
Travelers are required to adhere to standard caution and care practices, along with the particular regulations in effect in the travel destinations, all guidance provided by the organizer, and the legal provisions related to the tour package. Travelers will be responsible for any harm caused to the organizer and/or intermediary due to non-compliance with the mentioned obligations, including expenses for their return journey.
The traveler must furnish the organizer with all documents, information, and materials in their possession that are pertinent to the organizer's right of subrogation against third parties liable for the damage. The traveler is accountable to the organizer for any harm inflicted on the right of subrogation.
The traveler will also communicate in writing to the organizer, at the time of the proposal for the sale of the tourist package and before the organizer sends the confirmation of booking of the services, any particular personal requests that may form the subject of specific agreements on the travel arrangements, provided that it is possible to implement them and that they are in any case the subject of a specific agreement between the traveler and the organizer.
The traveler must always notify the Seller and the Organizer of any specific requirements or circumstances (such as pregnancy, food intolerances, disabilities, etc.) and clearly indicate the need for corresponding personalized services. The traveler affirms and accepts full responsibility for the actions of the chosen Travel Agency regarding the information provided, document delivery, and the accurate and timely settlement of fees owed to Blanco S.r.l. for the tourist services reserved/purchased. Failure to settle the fee may result in Blanco S.r.l. rightfully terminating the travel agreement by issuing a basic written notice to the intermediary Travel Agency.

Prices.

All prices incorporate VAT and service charges. If there is a rise in VAT, prices will need to be modified. Prices exclude beverages, additional items, gratuities, admission fees, and the tourist tax, which travelers must pay directly to the hotel.

Compulsory insurance.

Blanco S.r.l. has arranged an insurance policy with Europ Assistance Itali S.p.a. pol. n. 4835643 to ensure the precise fulfillment of obligations towards contractors, in accordance with Article 47 of the Tourism Code.

Extensive insurance coverage.

It is possible and recommended to purchase insurance for healthcare, baggage, and medical expenses at Blanco S.r.l. offices at the time of booking, as they are not included in the price.
Groups of students can opt for a policy tailored to the requirements of school tourism.
Additional details regarding the two insurance coverages are available in the general information within the Catalog.

Guarantee Fund (Article 47 of the Tourism Code).

Package travel organization contracts are backed by appropriate guarantees from the organizer and the intermediary travel agent. In cases of insolvency or bankruptcy of either party, they ensure the refund of the paid price for the travel package and the prompt return of the traveler (if transportation is included).

Privacy.

Blanco S.r.l. ensures the highest level of data confidentiality. The data will be handled in strict accordance with Legislative Decree 196/03, as amended and supplemented by Legislative Decree 101/18, in line with EU Regulation 2016/679, also known as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Postponement.

For any matters not explicitly addressed in the aforementioned general conditions, please refer to the legal provisions outlined in point 1).

Competent Forum.

The Court of Syracuse will have exclusive jurisdiction over any disputes and controversies.

Communication required by Article 17 of Law No. 38 dated 6 February 2006. Italian legislation penalizes offenses linked to prostitution or child pornography with imprisonment, regardless of whether they occur overseas.

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