



Tour Sicily, Matera & Apulia - 10 Days (#20600)

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Overview

Regular departures every Tuesday from Palermo.

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Trip Highlights

Palermo-Catania-Trani-Bari

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01**Day 1 - Tuesday: PALERMO (hotel in Palermo)**

Individual arrival to the hotel in the charming city of Palermo (optional private transfer on request). Dinner on your own and overnight.

Meal: No Meal

Day 02

Day 2 - Wednesday: MONREALE - PALERMO (hotel in Palermo)

Breakfast in hotel and departure for Monreale, a gem located on the hills overlooking Palermo. Here, you will visit the magnificent Arab-Norman Cathedral, famous for its extraordinary Byzantine mosaics. The beauty and majesty of the cathedral will leave you breathless. The tour continues with the visit of the Cloister, with its finely carved columns and a lush garden. The day goes on to Palermo, a city located at the foot of Monte Pellegrino. Rich in history and culture, Palermo is a true mosaic of architectural styles, the result of the overlapping of different historical periods. The visit will begin with the Cathedral, a jewel that combines Norman, Arab and Baroque influences, reflecting the complexity and richness of Sicilian history. Following, visit of the Martorana Church, famous for its beautiful mosaics and the harmonious fusion of Byzantine and Baroque architecture. You will admire the Cappella Palatina, located inside the Palazzo dei Normanni. Stop for a typical Sicilian lunch in a local restaurant. The afternoon will be dedicated to a pleasant walk in the historic centre of Palermo. You will be fascinated by the Teatro Massimo and the fountain in Pretoria Square, a Renaissance monument of great importance. Dinner on your own and overnight in hotel.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 03

Day 3 – Thursday: CEFALU’- CATANIA (hotel in Catania)

The day begins with a visit of the beautiful Cefalu, picturesque coastal town famous for its Norman Cathedral, an architectural masterpiece that will immerse you in the medieval Sicilian history. Free time to walk along the streets of the old town. Alternatively, it is possible to visit the renowned Mandralisca Museum. Lunch stop in a local restaurant. Departure for Catania, located at the foot of Mount Etna. Catania is a vibrant city, rich in history. The old town is characterized by late baroque architecture built with the use of lava stone, which gives the buildings a characteristic dark colour. You will cross Duomo Square, where you will admire the Cathedral and the Elephant of lava stone, symbol of the city. The walking tour continues to University Square, an elegant space surrounded by historical and academic buildings and Via Dei Crociferi, the heart of the Baroque in Catania. Here, you can admire splendid palaces and churches, including the S. Benedict Monastery. Stop in a historic bar in the centre to enjoy one of the local specialties: granita & brioche. Dinner on your own and overnight in hotel.



Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 04

Day 4 - Friday: ETNA – TAORMINA (hotel in Catania)

After breakfast in hotel, a short visit of the famous "Pescheria" of Catania, the lively fish market. Following, departure for Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe. Etna offers spectacular landscapes with lava flows, craters and rich biodiversity. The wild nature and the breathtaking views will give a unique and unforgettable experience. You will reach the Rifugio Sapienza, the starting point for the exploration of the "Crateri Silvestri", old inactive craters. During the tour, there will be the opportunity for a tasting of artisanal honey and other local products. Proceeding on and departure for Taormina, one of the pearls of the Mediterranean. This charming city, overlooking the sea, is famous for its timeless beauty and spectacular views. Lunch in a restaurant in the old town. You will then visit the fascinating Greco-Roman Theatre which offers a breathtaking view of the sea and Mount Etna, creating a perfect combination between art, history and nature. Free time to walk along the narrow streets of the historic centre of Taormina or to go shopping in local craft shops. Back in Catania for dinner on your own and overnight in hotel.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 05

Day 5 - Saturday: SIRACUSA – ORTIGIA (hotel in Catania)

After breakfast in hotel, departure for Syracuse, an old city full of history and art. You will admire the famous Archaeological Park of Neapolis, a site that offers a glorious past of Sicily. Inside the park, you will visit the Greek Theatre, one of the largest and best preserved in the ancient world, the Roman Amphitheatre, an imposing structure that testifies to the importance of Syracuse during the imperial era, the Latomie of Paradise, ancient stone quarries used as prisons. Walking among these fascinating rocks formations, you will arrive at the Ear of Dionysius. Free lunch. The tour continues to Ortigia, the ancient heart of Syracuse, where you will admire Piazza Duomo, full of history and beautiful architecture and the Cathedral, a masterpiece of Sicilian Baroque, built on the remains of a Greek temple. From Piazza Duomo, you will reach the port and the Arethusa's Fountain. Back in Catania for dinner on your own and overnight in hotel.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 06

Day 6 – Sunday: CATANIA - BARI (hotel in Trani)



Breakfast in hotel, transfer to the airport and direct flight - or with a layover - to Bari. Here, a comfortable transfer awaits you: climb aboard our minivan for a comfortable journey to the beautiful Trani. After that, dinner and overnight in hotel. According to flights' schedule, free time to discover Catania and its city centre, declared UNESCO World Heritage, or to enjoy the stunning Trani.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 07

Day 7 - Monday: CASTEL DEL MONTE - TRANI (hotel in Trani)

The day begins with a breakfast full of local Flavors, preparing your senses for the wonders that await you. Immediately afterwards, at 10 am, a unique experience begins: a guided tour of Castel del Monte (UNESCO heritage), one of the most enigmatic and evocative castles in southern Italy. This fortress, created by Frederick II of Swabia, captures the imagination with its architecture and mysteries. Return to Trani for a free lunch break and then, you will immerse yourself in the history and beauty of Trani with a guided tour. You will admire the majestic seaside cathedral, symbol of the city, the vibrant port and the enchanting Jewish quarter. This walk through the streets of Trani will allow you to savour the slow and fascinating life of this seaside city, a jewel yet to be discovered. Returning from the guided tour, at sunset, we will enjoy an aperitif overlooking the port. As the sun sets, you will find yourself enveloped by the breathtaking beauty of the view of Trani's tourist port. Free dinner and overnight in hotel.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 08

Day 8 - Tuesday: MATERA (hotel in Trani)

After breakfast, depart to Matera, one of the most fascinating and unique cities in the world, UNESCO heritage. This town is popular for its "Sassi", the ancient part of the city, where buildings alternate with rock caves and labyrinths. Matera reveals a fascinating and complex history with a charming fusion between landscapes and cultures; the city is also famous for being the movie set of great masterpieces, including Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ". The guided tour of Matera begins in Piazza Vittorio Veneto, right in front of the Banco di Napoli. From here, you will be able to enjoy an extraordinary panoramic view of Civita and Sasso Barisano. The route will take you through symbolic places of the city, such as Piazza del Sedile and Via Duomo, until you reach a beautiful viewpoint, from which you can admire the splendour of Matera in all its glory. The tour will continue with a visit to the rock churches of Madonna dell'Idris and San Giovanni in Monterrone, unique testimonies of a remote and fascinating past. You will also have the opportunity to enter a typical cave house, to experience the traditional life of Matera up close, immersed in an atmosphere that will transport you back in time. Return to Trani, free dinner and overnight.



Meal: Breakfast

Day 09

Day 9 - Wednesday: ALBEROBELLO & POLIGNANO (hotel in Trani)

After breakfast, your journey continues towards Alberobello, a UNESCO Site since 1996 and one of the most emblematic destinations in Apulia. This city is the capital of trulli, unique structures that you will not find anywhere else in the world. You will discover the secrets and stories that lie behind the white "casedde" and the conical roofs of the trulli, the result of the skill of the ancient "cased Dari" or "trullari". Our local guide will lead you through the two historic districts of Alberobello: Aia Piccola and Rione Monti. The tour proceeds towards Polignano a Mare, famous for its breathtaking views and picturesque historic centre. Upon entering the city, you will be greeted by the statue of Domenico Modugno, a tribute to "Mr. Volare". The historic centre, perched on the sea, offers numerous panoramic terraces from which to enjoy spectacular views of the crystalline sea. You will also have the pleasure of tasting the famous "special coffee", a drink with a unique taste and a secret recipe. Return in hotel, free dinner and overnight.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 10

Day 10 - Thursday: EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL TOUR - BARI

After breakfast, we will proceed with check out and head towards a characteristic oil mill in the area. This day will be dedicated to one of the most emblematic elements of the region: the olive tree and its precious fruit, extra virgin olive oil. We will walk among the centuries-old olive trees, witnesses of an ancient and precious agricultural tradition. We will listen to the history of the oil company and visit the modern oil mill, where the different phases of harvesting and producing the oil will be illustrated to us. The highlight of the visit will be the extra virgin olive oil tasting, an experience that will awaken all your senses. Through sight, smell and taste, you will have the opportunity to appreciate the different nuances of this extraordinary product and learn to recognize a superior quality oil. After this immersive experience, we will continue the journey towards Bari, accompanying you to the point you indicated, concluding our service around 1pm.

Meal: Breakfast

Inclusions

Sicilia

- Multilingual Tour leader and professional travel guide* (English or Spanish) for the whole tour (from the 2nd day to the



evening of the 5th day), local guides or audio-guides where necessary.

- Deluxe bus from day 2 to day 5.
- Whisper kit Crystal Sound for the whole trip: the latest generation, fast and light. It transmits the driving voice up to 150 meters away.
- Accommodation in charming 4 stars hotels, international breakfast included:
Palermo city centre: Mercure Palermo Centro 4*/ Ibis Styles Palermo Cristal 4* or similar.
Catania city centre: Il Principe Hotel 4*/ Romano House Hotel 4* or similar
- 5 international breakfasts and 3 lunches in famous restaurants to have a taste of Sicilian traditional cuisine
- Visit of the main suggestive Unesco World Heritage Sites: Monreale, Palermo, Cefalù, Catania city centre, Etna
- Tasting of Sicilian typical products:

Catania (day 3) tasting of Sicilian “granita & brioche”;

Etna (day 4) visit of a beekeeping honey company and honey tasting

*Monolingual departures during high season.

Private tour extension to MATERA & APULIA

- One-way flight (direct or with layover) Catania-Bari with hold luggage up to 20 kg.
- Private transfer from Bari Airport to Hotel in Trani.
- Private transfer from Bari-to-Bari Airport.
- Accommodation in charming 4 stars hotels mostly located in the city centre, international breakfast included:
Trani: Hotel Palazzo Paciotti 4* or similar
- Bed and Breakfast Basis Treatment (overnight and breakfast).
- 4 international breakfasts.
- English speaking travel guide for the full journey.
- Aperitif on the port in Trani.
- Tasting of the famous "special coffee, a unique drink very famous in Polignano.
- Visit of the characteristic oil mill and extra virgin olive oil tasting.
- Transfer in Minivan, according with the program.

Exclusions

- Transfer in
- Meals not included by the program
- Beverages with meals
- Entrance fees at monuments/museums
- City taxes (where compulsory)
- Anything not specified under “The rate includes”



Note

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Palermo city centre: Mercure Palermo Centro 4*/ Ibis Styles Palermo Cristal 4* or similar.

Catania city centre: Il Principe Hotel 4*/ Romano House Hotel 4* or similar

Trani: Hotel Palazzo Paciotti 4* or similar

Supplement for Pre-night in hotel in Palermo on Bed and Breakfast Basis available on request.

Transfers Palermo airport/hotel in Palermo rates available on request.

Post night in hotel in Bari, on request

Assistance – Medical Expense Reimbursement – Luggage insurance – Travel Cancellation Expenses Insurance: on request.

For organizational reasons or due to force majeure the itinerary may be modified.

EXTRA FEES ENTRANCES:

*Sicily

Monreale Cathedral - Monreale Cloister - Palermo Cappella Palatina - Palermo Martorana Church - Taormina Greek theatre.

Matera & Apulia

Trani Cathedral: Free

Castel del Monte: AUD 25

Casa grotta nei Sassi & Rupestrian Churches of Matera: AUD 20

Arrival Day: on request, it is possible to arrange optional HD private excursions to Palermo – Bagheria - Cefalù – S. Vito Lo Capo – Erice – Segesta -Trapani - Selinunte.

Departure Day: on request, it is possible to arrange optional HD private excursions to S.M Di Leuca - Otranto - Grotte di Castellana.

The Private Tour extension “Matera & Apulia” may be matched with other Sicilian Secrets tours.

Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

Fixed Departure



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