



# Secrets of Sicily - 5 Days (#19007)

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### Overview

Regular departures every Tuesday.

# **Trip Highlights**

Palermo-Catania-Acitrezza

# **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 in hotel.





#### **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.

#### **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 specialities: granita & brioche. Dinner on your own and overnight in hotel.

#### **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.

**Day 05** 

#### Day 5 - Saturday: CATANIA

Our short tour ends today. Breakfast in hotel and end of our services. Goodbye Sicily!

### Inclusions

• Multilingual Tour leader and professional travel guide\* (English, Italian or Spanish) for the whole tour (from the 2nd day to the evening of the 4th day), local guides or audio-guides where necessary.

• Deluxe bus from day 2 to day 4.

• 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

- 4 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.

# **Exclusions**

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#### 4 Nights from AUD 1,725

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

Supplement for Post-night in hotel in Catania on Bed and Breakfast Basis available on request.

Transfers Palermo airport/hotel in Palermo on request.

Transfers Catania airport/hotel in Catania on request

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

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 Acireale or Caltagirone.

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

# **Program Touring / Guide**

Escorted Experience

# **Fixed Departure**



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