



# ***Programs***

## ***Discover Sicily 2021/22***



***Tours for individuals & Small group***



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## Discover Eastern Sicily

5 days / 4 nights

### 1°day: Catania

PRIVATE VEHICLE AND ENGLISH SPEAKING DRIVER DISPOSAL: TRANSFER-IN ONLY.

B&B to hotel Catania

Arrivals in airport. Pick up your private English speaking driver and transfer in hotel. In the afternoon visit to the historical centre, declared to UNESCO World Heritage for the baroque treasure. Return in Hotel. Overnight

### 2°day: Etna/Taormina

PRIVATE VEHICLE AND ENGLISH SPEAKING DRIVER ESCORT DISPOSAL: FULL DAY FROM H 8.30AM

B&B to hotel Catania

Breakfast and departures to etna, the highest active vulcan in Europe (3.350m o.l.s), declared Unesco world Heritage. At 2.000m in Sapienza harborage you can visit Silvestri crater, volcanic unactivity cone from 1888, circles to lava flow more recent. The breathtaking view can permit to admire unique panoramas in the world. In the afternoon departure to Taormina when you can visit the Greek-Romans Theater with its view on Naxos Gulf! Freetime to buy some souvenirs along the little street of medieval historical center. In the evening to return in hotel. Overnight

### 3°day: Siracusa/Noto

PRIVATE VEHICLE AND ENGLISH SPEAKING DRIVER ESCORT DISPOSAL: FULL DAY FROM H 8.30AM

B&B to hotel Siracusa

Breakfast in Hotel and Departure to Siracusa. Visit of Archeological Park of the Neapolis (Greek Theatre, Roman Amphitheater, Latomie and Dionisio's ear). Visit to the historical center of Ortigia where you will be enchanted to the amazing Baroque Cathedral and its square that it was Greek Temple in Doric Style. Following, along the little street of the centre you could see the famous Aretusa mountain, in front of the Big Port. In the afternoon departure to the close Noto, Baroque Capital in Sicily and UNESCO Heritage. Along its main axis you will admire palaces, churches and convents where the main are the Cathedral, Nicolaci Palace, Villadorata and Ducezio Palace. Return in hotel in Siracusa. Overnight

### 4°day: Modica/Scicli/Ragusa

PRIVATE VEHICLE AND ENGLISH SPEAKING DRIVER ESCORT DISPOSAL: FULL DAY FROM H 8.30AM

B&B to hotel Siracusa

After breakfast departure to Discover the places of Andrea Camilleri's characters, Montalbano Commissary. You start in Scicli, characterized to some 700th building. Between buildings you can recognize The Municipal Building, the Montalbano Police station.

You will visit Ragusa, one of the most beautiful and oldest baroque city, similar to a true living crib, for its little and leaning house and the little street. To 2002 its historical center was declared Unesco world heritage, and with Val di Noto, they are the oldest district of Ragusa with over 42 churches and any baroque buildings that in Montalbano fiction become architecture of Vigata city.

You get Ibleo garden where there are the archeological excavation of old city, called Hybla.

At the end you will go in Modica as well it baroque city and Unesco world Heritage. A lot of scenes of Vigata was taken from this city. Walking to the fascinating street you can admire San Giorgio Cathedral, Unesco Heritage, and the born house of Salvatore Quasimodo. But the city is as well famous for its chocolate, that become with a particular cold working of chocolate, without conching phase. Overnight

5°day: Vehicle and Italian Speaking Driver Disposal: transfer-in only.

After breakfast, free morning in Siracusa. After Pick up your private English speaking driver and transfer in Airport.

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## Discover West Sicily

5 days / 4 nights

### 1°day:Palermo

Private Vehicle and Italian Speaking Driver Disposal: transfer-in only.

B&B to hotel Palermo

Arrivals in airport. Pick up your private English speaking driver and transfer To Hotel .

In the afternoon you will have a guide visit of the historical center of Palermo that has a lot of monument from Arabic-Norman period as the Cathedral, Martorana Church, San Ctaldo Church, Normanni Building and Palatina Chapel. You can admire along the way the Quattro canti, Massimo Theater, Pretoria square with Shame fountain and politeama-Garibaldi theater.

Return in Hotel. Overnight

### 2°day: Monreale/Erice/Marsala saline

PRIVATE VEHICLE AND ENGLISH SPEAKING DRIVER ESCORT DISPOSAL: FULL DAY FROM H 8.30AM

B&B to hotel Agrigento

Breakfast and departure to Monreale. Guide visit of massive Arabic-Norman Cathedral(famous for Byzantines Mosaics) and its beautiful cloister, masterpieces of art, of the sculptures and of the inlay.

You will continue to visit Erice, a city at 1000m over sea level, when you can see Egadi Islands. In the afternoon you will visit Marsala's saline, from where you will admire Stagnone's islands and windmills, put inside the natural reserve. You will go from Agrigento where you will have a accommodation in hotel.

### 3°Day: Agrigento/Borgo di Sant'Angelo Muxaro/Valle dei templi

PRIVATE VEHICLE AND ENGLISH SPEAKING DRIVER ESCORT DISPOSAL: FULL DAY FROM H 8.30AM

B&B to hotel Agrigento

After breakfast we will travel to reach the hinterland of Agrigento where on the hill in the center of the Platani River it was born little village call Sant'Angelo Muxaro(old Kamikos, famous for Dedalo and Minosse mitos). Here you will meet the local guide that he shows you the historical city center and he will support you in the visit of the archeological museum, cheese factory and old bakery( where you can eat the typical food: sfincione, sicilian pizza with pecorino, olive oil, anchovies, onion and oregano). After lunch you will come to Agrigento .Visit the beautiful Temples Valley, Unesco World Heritage, from a wide expanse of almond trees(already in flowers in February)stand the rests of the old Akragas, defined from Pindaro "the best city of mortal". Here you can admire Giunone Temple, Concordia Temple and Ercole and Zeus Temples. Return in Hotel. Overnight

### 4°day: Sambuca Di Sicilia/ Selinunte / Segesta

PRIVATE VEHICLE AND ENGLISH SPEAKING DRIVER ESCORT DISPOSAL: FULL DAY FROM H 8.30AM

B&B to hotel Palermo

After breakfast you will go to Sambuca of Sicily, a typical Sicilian village that in 2016 was voted as the best village in Italy. In this beautiful resort you could admire its historical center with its beautiful way; the Carmine Church built in 1530 but in reality have a strong 300 style to arrive you have to climb to the top a suggestive street in the middle of its palm trees. After this visit you will go to Selinunte where you will visit its big archeological site. This site shows precious Greek ruins, encircle of a typically Mediterranean landscape. Lunch. You will continue to Segesta where you will visit one of the most suggestive places of all Sicily situate on Barbaro mount, 400 meter high over the sea level, founded of Elimi. Segesta is famous especially for its Doric temple, and on the top there is the theater in direction to Castellammare gulf. In the evening you will arrive in hotel in Palermo where you have accommodation. Overnight

5°day: Private Vehicle and Italian Speaking Driver Disposal: transfer-in only.

After breakfast, free morning in Palermo. After Pick up your private English speaking driver and transfer in Airport.

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## Discover Sicily

8 days - 7 nights

### DAY 1 – CATANIA/PALERMO

Arrival at Catania Airport, transfer to Palermo, Dinner and Overnight hotel a Palermo.

### DAY 2 – PALERMO & MONREALE

After breakfast departure to explore the Sicilian culture and cuisine. The itinerary begins with a visit to the Mercato del Ballarò, where you can see and taste the famous street food: panelle, arancine, croquettes and bread. You can admire the small sellers and the multicolored stalls, the wealth of fruit and fish, all among curious characters who scream to catch your attention.

After that you can visit Palermo which stretches along beautiful Tyrrhenian bay. Founded by the Phoenicians between the seventh and eighth centuries BC, it was conquered by the Arabs in 83, giving rise to a long period of prosperity. You will be enchanted by the wide avenues of the city, the old town and its Baroque buildings. You will visit the main attractions of the city: the Norman area, the "Quattro Canti" of the city & the baroque square of the cathedral. In the afternoon transfer by minibus to Monreale to visit the beautiful Byzantine style mosaics depicting scenes from the Old and New Testaments. Return to the hotel in Palermo. Dinner e Overnight at Hotel.

### DAY 3 –CANTINA FEUDO ARANCIO / AGRIGENTO

After breakfast departure for the visit to the Cantina del Feudo Arancio: tasting of four different wines during a typical Sicilian soft lunch. Overnight in Agrigento.

### DAY 4 – VALLE DEI TEMPLI & SANT'ANGELO MUXARO (Relational tourism)

After breakfast we will visit the splendid Valley of the Temples, UNESCO World Heritage Site, surrounded by almond trees. After the visit we will travel to reach the hinterland of Agrigento, where on the top of a hill is the small village of Sant'Angelo Muxaro (old Kamikos). After the visits, your guide will take you to a typical bakery to taste the typical homemade biscuits. This walking route leads away from the classic tourist routes. Return to the hotel in Agrigento for a nap. In the evening, dinner in a traditional rural country house, where between Sicilian music and food of the ancient Sicilian traditions, in a familiar and festive atmosphere we will spend the evening. Overnight in Agrigento.

### DAY 5 - COOKING CLASS – FARM CULTURAL PARK / CATANIA

Breakfast at hotel and transfer to Favara. This experience has guests spending a morning at the Farm Cultural Park of Favara (a city in the province of Agrigento). The British travel blog "Purple Travel" has ranked Favara and its Farm Cultural Park at the 6th place in the world – preceded by Florence, Paris, Bilbao, the Greek Islands and New York – as a touristic destination for lovers of contemporary art.

Program:

Welcome drink, fresh homemade lemonade served with typical Sicilian snacks

- Cooking course lasting about three hours, using fresh, local organic produce; guests will receive instructional hands-on lessons in the preparation of three traditional Sicilian dishes
- Tour of the art gallery and courtyards (the gardens, current exhibits, museum shop, etc.)

Lunch consisting of the dishes prepared during the course, served in the museum's "black space" or "nzemmula" with locally made wine and seasonal fruit. In the afternoon transfer a Siracusa. Accommodation in hotel; overnight in Catania.

### DAY 6 – MT ETNA & GAMBINO WINERY - TAORMINA

After breakfast transfer to Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe and one of the most visited destinations in Sicily. Famous and fascinating not only for the volcanic phenomena, but also for the breathtaking views and the different types of vegetation visible during the ascent. At the end of the tour we will visit Gambino Winery for the tasting of 4 wines accompanied by a soft lunch of typical Sicilian products. After lunch, transfer to Taormina and visit of Taormina. The historic city was founded around 1300 BC. Later it was used by the Greeks and Romans. Here we visit the Greek-Roman amphitheater, the Cathedral of Taormina, the Piccolo Teatro Odeon, the Palazzo Corvaia and we can take a walk on Corso Umberto. The guided tour will last about 3 hours. Return Hotea to Catania. Dinner In hotel and Overnight in Catania.

Overnight

### DAY 7 – SIRACUSA & Boat excursion

After breakfast visit of the Archaeological Park of Neapolis (Greek Theater, Roman Amphitheater, Latomie and Dionisio's ear). Continue to Ortigia where you will be enchanted by its historic center, dominated by the extraordinary baroque cathedral, but also the Fonte di Aretusa and the port. Soft lunch based on typical Sicilian products in a typical local Ortigia, by the Burgio Brothers.

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*After lunch, we will go to the marina of Syracuse, where a boat awaits us, to make a 2-hour excursion around the island of Ortigia. We will also see the evocative sea caves of Syracuse. In the evening return to hotel in Catania, dinner and overnight*

**DAY 7 – Airport Catania , arrivederci sicilia**

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## Discover Sicily

10 days - 9 nights

### 1 DAY: PALERMO

Arrival at Palermo Airport, transfer to Hotel. Dinner and Overnight.

### 2 DAY: FOOD MARKET & PALERMO & MONREALE TOUR

Breakfast in hotel. Pick up by your private driver and transfer to Capo's Market. We will start right away exploring the Sicilian culture and cuisine. The itinerary starts with a visit in the Capo Market, the oldest market in Palermo, where we'll see and taste the famous street food: panelle, arancine, crocchette and pani ca meusa. You will admire the little and colored shacks that characterize the richness of fruits, fishes and meat and the sellers, screaming, to gain your attention. After that you'll visit Palermo, which extends along the beautiful Tyrrhenian bay. Founded by the Phoenicians on 7th and 8th century BCE, it was conquered by the Arabs in 831 AD, and then started a great period of prosperity. The wide boulevards of the city, the historical center and the building in baroque's architectural style will enchant you. We will visit the main attractions of the city like the Norman section, I Quattro Canti (the four corners in the city), baroque square of Cathedral. Departure to Monreale in the afternoon, visiting the imposing Arab-Norman Cathedral with its masterpieces of art, (famous for the rich Byzantine mosaics magnificently decorating its inside) its beautiful cloister, sculptures and inlay. Typical Sicilian dinner at the restaurant and Overnight in Palermo.

### 3 DAY: SEGESTA & ERICE

Breakfast and departure to Segesta for a guided tour of the Temple and the Theater. Segesta is one of the most beautiful places in Sicily, located on Mount Barbaro. The latter was founded by the Elimi and extends to a height of about 400 meters above the sea level (ASL). The fame of Segesta is undoubtedly linked, above all, to the famous Doric Temple. In its vicinity, in the direction of the Gulf of Castellammare or Mazara, is found a semicircular shaped theater which dates back to the Roman conquest (3rd Century AD), located on the highest peak of Mount Barbaro. Lunch in restaurant. Afterwards, visit to Erice, the wonderfully preserved mediaeval hill town located at about 1000 meters above sea level at the extreme north-west corner of Sicily. Erice offers the most breathtaking views of both the city of Trapani and the archipelago of the Egadi Islands. Actually on a clear day you can see the North African coast. You will visit the Norman Castle and the Duomo walking through the cobblestoned streets, breathing fresh air and the amazing bakery smell passing by the many pastry shops. A special stop at the Maria Grammatico's famous pastry shop to see the variety of sweets she lovingly creates. Dinner and Overnight in Palermo.

### 4 DAY :VISIT OF A DAIRY SHEEP FARM AND CHEESE PRODUCTION – FEUDO ARANCIO WINERY

After breakfast, departure for Sambuca di Sicilia. Visit of a dairy sheep farm and cheese production, where you can see the milking of the sheep, visit the laboratory where they make typical cheeses of the area, ends with the tasting of ricotta and cheeses that are produced in this company with a biological cycle.

Afterwards we will visit the Feudo Arancio winery, where you will visit the wine cellar, it will do wine tasting and will end with a soft lunch, with typical Sicilian products. Accommodation in hotel in Agrigento and dinner.

### 5 DAY: AGRIGENTO / BORGIO DI SANT'ANGELO MUXARO / VALLE DEI TEMPLI

After breakfast we will travel to reach the hinterland of Agrigento. In its wonderful province, on the hillside close to the center of the Platani River, it was born a little village called Sant'Angelo Muxaro (old Kamikos, famous for Dedalo and Minosse mitos). Our professional tour guide will take us to a bakery to enjoy biscuits and home made cookies; then, we will visit a shepherd's house to taste soft pecorino and ricotta cheese, still warm. This walking itinerary really takes us far from the classic tourist routes. Here you will meet the local guide, an expert of this village who will show us the historical center of the city and will support us during our visit of the archeological museum and the old bakery (where you can enjoy southern typical food: sfincione, sicilian pizza with pecorino, olive oil, anchovies, onion and oregano). We will also enjoy a family-style lunch in a court. After lunch we will go to Agrigento. Here, a professional guide will lead us in the Valley of the Temples: The Unesco World Heritage site, which has recently (March 2017) been recognized, by the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage, as the winner of the best project for the protection and enhancement of the Italian landscape. From a wide expanse of almond trees (already in flowers in February), stands the rest of the old Akragas, (Agrigento city) defined from Pindaro "the most beautiful city of mortals". To your amazement, here you'll be admiring multiple temples: Giunone, Concordia, Ercole and Zeus. In the evening dinner and accommodation in Hotel. In the evening dinner in a typical Sicilian local, where, between dances and songs, food and good wine, we will let you live a traditional Sicilian party. Overnight in Agrigento.

### 6 DAY: COOKING CLASS – FARM CULTURAL PARK / SIRACUSA

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- Tour of the art gallery and courtyards (the gardens, current exhibits, museum shop, etc.)

Lunch consisting of the dishes prepared during the course, served in the museum's "black space" or "nzemmula" with locally made wine and seasonal fruit. In the afternoon transfer a Siracusa. Accommodation in hotel; dinner and overnight in Siracusa.

#### **7 DAY – SIRACUSA & NOTO**

Breakfast in Hotel and departure to Siracusa. Here, we will visit the Archeological

Park of the Neapolis (Greek Theatre, Roman Amphitheater, Latomie and Dionisio's Ear). We will also visit the historical center of Ortigia, famous for its Square and for its amazing Baroque Cathedral, which used to be a Greek Temple in Doric Style. Following, along the little streets of the city center, it will be possible to admire the famous Aretusa fountain, located in front of the "Big Port". We will have lunch at a famous "Salumeria" located in Ortigia, where we'll be tasting typical Sicilian products (cold cuts, cheeses and caponata). In the afternoon, we will depart to the close city of Noto, the Baroque Capital of Sicily and a UNESCO Heritage Site,

for a guided tour. Along its main axis, we will admire imposing landmarks such as palaces, churches and convents, which characterize the historical center of this

amazing city. Some of those landmarks are: The Cathedral, Nicolaci Palace, Villadorata and Ducezio Palace. Return in hotel in Siracusa. Dinner and accommodation.

#### **8 DAY – MODICA & RAGUSA / TAORMINA**

After breakfast at the hotel, meeting with the professional guide to visit the town of Modica. This is another impressive baroque city that we find in the fiction of the "Commissario Montalbano". Among the places to visit, you will recognize the steps leading to the medical examiner's house; the journalist's house; the Polara Palace featured in the episode titled "The dog of terracotta", the Cathedral of St. Giorgio where a chase takes place in the episode "Gita a Tindari"; and then again the mutual aid societies, the Church of St. Pietro, the palace of the studies where the premises of the Prosecutor and the room of the prosecutor are located. You will visit, again, the Church of St. Pietro and the Cathedral of St. Giorgio. Experiencing the view of their walls and interiors make worth spending the energy required for climbing the long stairways that lead to these wonderful churches. After this excursion, we will go to the other town, Ragusa. Lunch in Restaurant and visit of Ragusa.

In its "Vigata Square", is a must to admire the Mather Church in the fiction: St. Giorgio Cathedral. We will then continue to the Conversation Club, featured in the episode "The smell of the night" and where Montalbano goes to see Doctor Pasquano at that time playing cards. Continuing on Via XXV Aprile, at some point you'll see Piazza Pola, in front of the Church of St. Giuseppe which, in recent episodes of the fiction, represents the location of the police station in Vigata. It will be impossible not to notice, the number of photographers capturing this location. Dinner and Overnight in Taormina

#### **9 DAY – ETNA TOUR E VISIT WINERY / TAORMINA**

Breakfast in Hotel and transfer to Etna Mountain, the biggest active volcano in Europe. It is one of the main attractions in Sicily. Mount Etna is famous not only for its volcanic phenomena, but also for the breathtaking views of its paths, and the variety of flora and fauna found there. During the climb, in maximum security, we will admire the main points of the past eruptions. Through this excursion, it is possible to discover the traditional smells and flavors that characterize the attractive slopes of Mount Etna. At the end of the Etna tour, we will visit a local winery. Visit Cellar, wine tasting and soft lunch, based on typical Sicilian products. Thanks to the temperature and to the special volcanic soils present in this very specific area, particular types of grapes can thrive. And from these grapes, Sicilians are proud to produce unique kinds of local wines. In fact, at some maximum heights, the temperatures have great variations among the day and night, thus permitting a peculiar maturation of phenol, which plays an essential role in terms of red grapes' color and flavor conveyance. This also plays a significant role for the aroma of the white wines. In the afternoon, we will leave to Taormina where we will meet the professional guide for our city tour. The Sicilians founded this historic town in 1300 BCE. Later the Greeks and the Romans settled there. Here we'll visit the Greek-Roman Amphitheater, Taormina's Cathedral, the Piccolo Teatro Odeon, the Corvaci Palace and we can even take a walk on the main street inside Taormina: "Corso Umberto". The guided tour will last about 2-3 hours. Accommodation in hotel. Dinner and overnight.

#### **10 DAY: ARRIVED IN SICILY**

After breakfast, free morning before departure from the hotel to the Catania Airport.

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## Discover SICILY

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**DAY 1 – Palermo** Arrival at Palermo Airport Private transfer to Hotel. Overnight in hotel in Palermo.

### **DAY 2 - PALERMO & MONREALE**

After breakfast starting to explore the culture and Sicilian kitchen. The itinerary starting with a visit in the Capo Market, the oldest market in Palermo, where you see and taste the famous street food: panelle, arancine, crocchette and panica meusa. You admire the little and colour shacks that characterize the richness of fruits, fishes and meet and the personsellers scream to take your attention. After that you'll visit Palermo that it extends along beautiful tirrenian bay. Founded to the fenicians on 7° and 8° century AC, it was conquered to the Arabics on 831 and there started a great prosperity period. You will be enchanted to the wide boulevards of the city, to the historical center and to the baroque builds... you will visit the main attractions of the city like Norman section, Quattro canti(the four corners in the city), baroque square of Cathedral. In the afternoon, departure for Monreale to visit the beautiful Byzantine-style mosaics depicting scenes from the Old and New Testament. Return in hotel in Palermo, Overnight.

### **DAY 3 - PALERMO - SEGESTA & ERICE – AGRIGENTO**

Breakfast in hotel. Pick up by your private driver and transfer Segesta one of the main suggestive place in Sicily. It was built on Barbaro Mountain high 400 m on the level of the sea, by Elimi. Segesta is very important for the Doric Temple and we can find it in the higher part of the city. This is oriented to the north toward the Gulf of Castellammare. Continue to Erice, a town situated about 1000 meters high, with a view of the archipelago of the Egadi islands. Free lunch. In the afternoon visit the old town and the medieval castle. The day will end with a visit of the salt mines of Marsala, from where we could admire the islands of the Lagoon and the windmills, situated inside a natural reserve of great historical and environmental value. Return in Agrigento. Overnight in hotel in Agrigento

### **DAY 4 –PLANETA WINERY – SAMBUCA DI SICILIA**

Today we leave for Sambuca di Sicilia, to visit the famous Planeta winery. We'll taste four different wines during a typical Sicilian lunch. After lunch continue to Sambuca di Sicilia, a typical Sicilian village that in 2016 was voted the most beautiful Borgo of Italy "THE VILLAGE OF VILLAGES". In this wonderful destination you can enjoy its historic center with its beautiful walk; the Carmine church built in 1530 but in fact you'll notice that instead demonstrates a strong fourteenth-century style to get there you have to climb atop a picturesque uphill road between two majestic palm trees. After the visit of Sambuca di S. Return in hotel in Agrigento. Overnight.

### **DAY 5 –AGRIGENTO/BORGIO DI SANT'ANGELO MUXARO/VALLE DEI TEMPLI**

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### **DAY 6–SCIACCA- COOKING CLASS IN PARK CULTURAL FARM - SIRACUSA**

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In the afternoon Trasfer Area Siracusa Overnight in Hotel.

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#### **DAY 7– SIRACUSA & NOTO.**

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#### **DAY 8– TAORMINA**

*Breakfast in hotel and meeting with the guide and visit The historic town was founded by the Sicilians in 1300 to C. Later it was used by the Greeks and Romans. Here we visit the greek-Roman amphitheater, Taormina's Cathedral, the Piccolo Teatro Odeon, the Corvaia Palace and we can take a walk on the Corso Umberto. Afternoon free for shopping and the relax.*

*Overnight stay at Hotel in Taormina .*

#### **DAY 9 – : ETNA TOUR E VISIT WINERY / CATANIA**

*Breakfast in Hotel and transfer to Etna Mountain, the biggest active volcano in Europe, It is one of the main attraction in Sicily. Beautiful and famous not only for volcanic phenomena, but as well for the breathtaking view and the different kind of flora and fauna that you can find there. During the climb, in maximum security, you can admire the principal point of the past eruptions discovering the traditional smells and flavours that it born on the slopes. At the end of the Etna tours we will visit the winery where born a particular kind of wine thanks to temperature and special volcanic soils, where it grows a particular type of grape. At the maximum height where the temperature have a great buzz among the day and night permit a phenol and aromatic maturation that it is essential for the colour and flavour of the red grapes and for the aroma in white wines. In the afternoon visit to Catania, the town known for its original baroque style and for its streets built with black lava stone from mount Etna. Walking tour through Via Etnea, the Baroque street "Via Crociferi", Piazza Duomo with the Cathedral and the "Liotru" statue, symbol of the city. Overnight in hotel Area Taormina*

#### **DAY 10 – BREAKFAST IN HOTEL AND PRIVATE TRANSFER TO CATANIA AIRPORT**





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## Discover Sicily

13 Days – 12 nights

### DAY 1 : WELCOME TO SPICY CATANIA

Arrive in Catania International Airport and travel to the city center for a three nights stay in our central "HOTEL", close to the city's architectural treasures. Meet your Sicilian tour manager for a welcome drink followed by dinner in restaurant. Overnight in CATANIA.

### DAY 2: VOLCANIC CATANIA, HOME-HOSTED LUNCH & ALMOND WINE IN CASTELMOLA

After breakfast at our hotel, we depart for Taormina, one of the island's most ancient towns and most beautiful destinations. On the way you'll discover the vibrant city of Catania, a city which owes its homogeneous Baroque architecture in gloomy black lava to the last quake of 1693. You'll visit the Cathedral Of St. Agatha, where the reliquary of the patron saint is housed, Piazza Duomo (Cathedral Square), the Bellini theater, the Villa Gardens and the lively local fish Market. We continue our journey along the panoramic cyclops coastline to reach a quaint village at the foot of the volcano where a Sicilian family will celebrate you with an included lunch. Following this, we'll visit the hamlet of Castelmola perched above Taormina from where to enjoy fabulous views over the Ionian coast and Mount Etna. Continue to hillside Taormina for your last 4 nights at the first class HOTEL with breakfast included. Enjoy a welcome drink on arrival and dinner is on your own in one of the local trattorias. Overnight stay in TAORMINA

### DAY 3: BREATHTAKING SAVOCA, GIARDINI NAXOS WITH LUNCH & TAORMINA DELIGHTS

This morning tour takes you to visit the picturesque mountain village of Savoca, set on the foothills of the Peloritani Mountains. Here you'll visit the 18th century Bar Vitelli, one of Coppola's favorite spots and the church of St. Lucia. Continue to the stunning fishing village of Giardini Naxos, the site of the first Greek settlement in Sicily for an included lunch on a private sandy beach. In the early afternoon we continue to Taormina for an orientation tour and a visit to the Greek theater. Clamped to a rocky bluff planted with cypresses, pines and lush subtropical vegetation, the exquisitely maintained medieval town of Taormina is Sicily's glitziest and most dramatically situated resort. Taormina's origin goes back to the time of Dionysus in about 400 BC. It remained an important city during the Greek and Roman periods and the Theater and Odeon still survive as reminders of those times. Taormina boasts a number of elegant mansions and palaces dating back to the Middle Ages, and several interesting churches including the 15th century fortified Cathedral and St Pancras which incorporates part of a Greek Temple. It is also a wonderful setting where to practice the "Dolce Far Niente" (the sweetness of doing nothing) while strolling the charming medieval city center and enjoy the stupendous views. The evening is on your own for more explorations. Overnight stay in TAORMINA

### DAY 4 : TAORMINA IN FREEDOM

Breakfast in hotel & Overnight stay in TAORMINA

### DAY 5: MAJESTIC MOUNT ETNA, WINERY VISIT

Breakfast at hotel. Explore the majestic Mount Etna known to the Greeks as a "sky-lifting column" - Etna is the highest and largest volcano in Europe and one of the most active in the world. Currently it rises to 11,000 meters above sea level and literally tower over the Ionian coast of Sicily. Since 1987, its slopes have been part of the Etna Parkland, an area that includes both Alpine forests and the Black Summit. You will climb up to 7,000 feet. We walk on foot to visit the Silvestri Craters and the new lava flow from recent eruptions (further climb to the highest levels to pay locally). Then you will come to the village of Milo to visit a family-run wine cellar where you can enjoy excellent Sicilian wines accompanied by a delicious lunch. Pernottamento in SIRACUSA.

### DAY 6: ENCHANTING SIRACUSA- TOWN OF TYRANTS

Encapsulating Sicily's timeless beauty, Syracuse is a dense tapestry of overlapping cultures and civilizations. In the morning, you'll explore this major outpost of the Greek empire with a local expert. The city boasts an incredible historical heritage, starting from the Archaeological Park, featuring the ancient Greek Theater now used for classical performances, the Latomie del Paradiso, the largest quarry in the ancient urban settlement and the Ear Of Dionysus, a subterranean artificial cave quarry used as a prison. You'll see numerous elegant Baroque town houses, rebuilt after the earthquake that severely damaged the city in 1693; the elegant Piazza Duomo, dominated by the cathedral's baroque facade that is subdivided by columns and the Temple of Athena from the 5th century BC lying behind it. After an included street food experience at the lively market, you'll be sailing around the fascinating island of Ortigia to discover some of its prehistoric caves (weather permitting). Dinner is included in a local tavern. Overnight in SIRACUSA

### DAY 7: BAROQUE TREASURES OF THE SOUTH EAST-RAGUSA, MODICA & SICILIAN FARM

A full day's journey today takes you south-east to witness the splendors of the Sicilian Baroque architecture, part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In 1693, in the wake of a mighty eruption of Etna, this corner of Sicily was devastated by an earthquake. Towns were rapidly rebuilt out of the glowing local limestone. We'll visit first the splendid "one hundred churches town" where to enjoy a tasting of the well-known Cioccolato Modicano, then we journey to ancient Ragusa

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Ibla, a picturesque hill town, famous for its labyrinth of crooked lanes, tiny squares and noble Palazzos. Upon arrival, we'll visit the main church of San Giorgio, with its imposing facade and flight of steps, an exceptional example of the Baroque style in Sicily. After lunch on your own and an included visit to an historical Palazzo, we'll journey into the Sicilian countryside to visit a far owned by a local family, sampling some Sicilian extra virgin Olive oil and learning about the rural life in Sicily. Salute!! Evening is on your own. Overnight stay in SIRACUSA

#### **DAY 8: ROMAN VILLA MOSAICS & AGRIGENTO**

Your transfer to Agrigento features a stop at the Villa Romana del Casale, one of the 44 UNESCO World Heritage sites in Italy, built in the first quarter of the 4th century. It contains the richest, largest and most complex collection of Roman mosaics in the world. The villa was a luxurious hunting lodge used, some believe by the Roman emperor Maximian. After being abandoned in the 1200s, it was covered by a mudslide that protected the mosaics until systematic excavation in 1880s. Following a lunch in a country family owned Osteria, your journey continues to the city of Agrigento. After staying in the hotel, we will spend the night, for a night tour with our vehicle, to admire the Valley of Temples illuminated at night. Then we will take a stroll in the center of Agrigento. Overnight stay in AGRIGENTO

#### **9 DAY : THE BAKERY EXPERIENCE AT BORGO SANT'ANGELO MUXARO & THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES**

After breakfast we will travel to reach the hinterland of Agrigento where on the hill in the center of the Platani River it was born little village call Sant'Angelo Muxaro. Our guide will then take us to a bakery. This walking itinerary really takes us far from the classic tourist routes.

In Sicily, the bakery is often identified with the name "u furnu" (the oven) even more so here where one of the last wood ovens remains and where it is still one of the first activities to begin the morning. In small town Sicily the bakery is often not just a place to purchase bread, but is also the place to go to get the "freshest news of the day." It can also be a place to bake a dish prepared at home; and it is here in this familiar and village-scale environment, where we spend a few hours, helping Mrs. Maria with her business, primarily to prepare pizza that will become our lunch at a table specially set in front of the bakery. After breakfast, visit to the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, an incredible concentration of Greek temples in varying states of ruin and reconstruction. We'll explore the major temples with a local expert who will shed light on these monuments to the Golden age of Tyranny. This historic site was the heart of one of the most important cities in the ancient world and is the prime example of the magnificence of Magna Grecia. Dinner is included in a local tavern. Overnight stay in AGRIGENTO

#### **DAY 10: HIGHLIGHTS OF PALERMO & MONREALE**

Breakfast in hotel. Departure to Palermo, arriving in the city, Start your Discover of Sicily with a guided walking tour of Palermo, the Sicilian capital. A crossroads of history, Palermo holds the distinction of being the world's most conquered city and a melting pot of civilizations ranging from the Phoenicians, Romans and Byzantines to the Arabs and Normans. We have included today a visit to the Byzantine Martorana church, famous for its impressive Norman mosaics, the striking and evocative Palatine Chapel, dating back to the 12th century, the perfect expression of the marriage, with its gold-inflected Byzantine Mosaics crowned by a honeycomb "muqarnas" ceiling- a masterpiece of Arab craftsmanship. Time permitting we will also see some of the rooms of the Royal Palace. After a visit to the Ballarò market located in the ancient Arabic quarter of the city, you'll attend a guided tour of the Opera Massimo Theater, the biggest one in Italy and one of the largest of Europe. Sicilian lunch is included in the best Palermitan tavern followed by a short drive in the hills south of Palermo to discover the town of Monreale, known for one of Sicily's great sites – the stunning 12th century Norman cathedral literally wallpapered with golden mosaics that tell the stories of the bible. Evening is on your own to enjoy Palermo. Overnight in PALERMO

#### **DAY 11: SEGESTA, TRAPANI SALT PANS EXPERIENCE & SPECTACULAR ERICE**

Breakfast in hotel. Western Sicily has always been more African than European and the first known settlers were the Elymians, probably Trojan refugees, about whom little is known. This morning we take a panoramic drive to Segesta, a unique archaeological site famous for its magnificent 5th century Doric temple. Though never completed it is one of the best preserved examples of a Greek temple. We continue travelling along the Salt Road, passing Salt Pans and Windmills and learning about the history and process of salt harvesting at the Museum of the Salt in Trapani. Afterwards, we'll be reaching the perfectly preserved medieval treasure hill town of Erice which combines medieval charm with astounding 360-degree views. It boasts a breathtaking setting high above the Tyrrhenian Sea and its roots date as far back as the Carthaginian empire. It also boasts an impressive Castle with views over the Egadi Islands. After a "slow food" lunch in a local tavern and a taste of local Marsala wine, we'll descend to Trapani by a 10 mins panoramic cableway ride (weather permitting) to return to Palermo. Rest of the evening is on your own. Overnight stay in PALERMO

#### **DAY 12: PALERMO IN FREEDOM**

Breakfast in hotel & Overnight stay in PALERMO

#### **DAY 13 september: PALERMO – CEFALÙ - MILAZZO**

After a buffet breakfast, depart to Cefalù, charming coastal town, a former fishing village which is also home to a breathtaking Norman Cathedral, famous for its Mosaic of Christ Pantocrator – a stunning Byzantine mosaic that's

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*considered as one of the most important pieces of religious artwork in Sicily. Take a stroll to the city centre and down main street to reach the Cathedral and the medieval wash-house built in the rock. Next, proceed to Milazzo harbor for boarding in the ferries / hydrofoil for Salina and Lipari.*





## Discover Sicily & Lipari

14 Days – 13 Nights

### 1 Day -Palermo

Arrival at Palermo Airport Private transfer to Hotel.

Hotel 4\* in Palermo Overnight.

### 2 Day - Palermo & Monreale

After breakfast, we leave for Monreale to visit the beautiful Byzantine-style mosaics depicting scenes from the Old and New Testament.

After you return to Palermo to explore the picturesque district of La Kalsa to visit the gravestone mermoria the Jewish people and a short walk to the narrow streets. The day will end at the famous Marina Square where stands the imposing building of Palazzo Steri , once the seat of the Holy Inquisition. There will be the opportunity to visit the cells of the Inquisition victims who still retain impressive written and drawings made by prisoners.

Later, we will head towards the Duomo and the imposing building of the Norman Palace for a deeper understanding of the social relationship between the Jews, the religious power and political power.

The day will end in the beautiful palace of the Norman Zisa , built in Arab-Norman style, who still retains an inscription in Hebrew and an ancient Jewish candlestick .

Hotel 4\* in Palermo Overnight.

### 3 Day - Palermo - Segesta & Erice – Area Trapani

Breakfast in hotel. Pick up by your private driver and transfer to Segesta, for a guided tour of the Temple and of the theatre. Next stop Erice , a wonderfully preserved Mediaeval hill town at the extreme north-west corner of Sicily, on the top of "Monte San Giuliano". The town overlooks the city of Trapani and the low western coast towards the Egadi Islands, where sea salt is made, offering the most breath taking views. Actually on a clear day you can see the African coast. You will visit the Norman Castle and the Duomo walking through the cobblestoned streets breathing fresh air and the amazing bakery smell passing by the many pastry shops. Visit to the Salt Pans along the salt road between Trapani and Marsala and transfer to Hotel 4\* in Area Trapani Overnight.

### 4 Day - Boat excursion, Favignana Island

Breakfast in hotel. Pick up by your private driver and transfer port to Trapani.

Departure from Port of Trapani at 09:30 / Full tour of the island of Favignana / Visit of the coast and stops for bathing and snorkeling in the crystal clear waters of the island / Lunch offered by the crew: Cracked bread, fruit, wine and water / 1h 30m stop to visit the country / Trapani return to about 18:15. excursion from Trapani to Favignana on board on Marabù

This boat excursion along Favignana Island will make your holiday in Trapani a unique travel memory. You will be surrounded by the crystal blue water of Egadian Islands.

Transfer to Hotel 4\* in Area Trapani Overnight.

### 5 Day –Trapani - Planeta winery – Sambuca di Sicilia

Today we leave for Sambuca di Sicilia, to visit the famous Planeta winery, founded in 1995 on the banks of Lake Arancio and is surrounded by vineyards and a native olive tree grove. We'll visit the presses, the steel tubs used for fermentation, and witness the bottling process. Finally, we'll visit the barrel cellar, which consists of around 1,200 barrels. We'll taste four different wines during a typical Sicilian lunch. After lunch continue to Sambuca di Sicilia, a typical Sicilian village that in 2016 was voted the most beautiful Borgo of Italy "THE VILLAGE OF VILLAGES". In this wonderful destination you can enjoy its historic center with its beautiful walk; the Carmine church built in 1530 but in fact you'll notice that instead demonstrates a strong fourteenth-century style to get there you have to climb atop a picturesque uphill road between two majestic palm trees. After the visit of Sambuca di S.

Hotel 4\* in Agrigento Overnight.

### 6 Day – Agrigento/Borgo di Sant'Angelo Muxaro/Valle dei Templi

After breakfast we will travel to reach the hinterland of Agrigento where on the hill in the center of the Platani River it was born little village call Sant'Angelo Muxaro(old Kamikos, famous for Dedalo and Minosse mitos). Our guide will then take us to a bakery to taste biscuits and home made cookies; then we will visit a shepard's house to taste soft pecorino cheese and ricotta cheese, still warm. This walking itinerary really takes us far from the classic tourist routes. Here you will meet the local guide thet he shows you the historycal city center and he will support you in the visit of the archeological museum, and old bakery( where you cale at thet ipycal food: sfincione, sicilian pizza with pecorino, olive oil, anchovies, onion and oregan). Family lunch in a tipycal court. After lunch you will come to Agrigento where with a guide you'll visit the beautifull Temples Valley, Unesco World Heritage, from a wide expanse of almond trees(already in flowers in February) stand the rests of the old Akragas, defined from Pindato "the best city of mortal".

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Here you can admire Giunone Temple, Concordia Temple and Ercole and Zeus Temples. Hotel 4\* in Agrigento Overnight.

#### **7 Day – Agrigento - Cooking Class in Park Cultural Farm or - Siracusa (B, L)**

Breakfast at hotel and transfer to Favara. This experience has guests spending a morning at the Farm Cultural Park of Favara (Agrigento). The British travel blog, Purple Travel has placed Favara and Farm Cultural Park at sixth in the world as a tourist destination for lovers of contemporary art, preceded by Florence, Paris, Bilbao, the Greek Islands and New York. Program : Gosicily welcome drink, fresh homemade lemonade served with typical Sicilian snacks;

Program:

Cooking course lasting about three hours, using fresh, local organic produce; guests will receive instructional hands-on lessons in the preparation of three traditional Sicilian dishes;

Tour of the art gallery and courtyards (the gardens, current exhibits, museum shop, etc.);

GoSicily lunch consisting of the dishes prepared during the course, served in the museum's "black space" or "n'zemmula" with locally made wine and seasonal fruit.

Arrive in Siracusa and accommodation at Hotel 4\* in Siracusa. Overnight .

#### **8 Day – Siracusa & Noto.**

Brekfast in Hotel and Visit of Archeological Park of the Neapolis (Greek Theatre, Roman Amphitheater, Latomie and Dionisio's ear). Visit to the historical center of Ortigia where you will be enchanted to the amazing Barocal Cathedral and its square that it was Greek Temple in Doric Style. Following, along the little street of the centre you could see th famous Aretusa mountain, in front of the Big Port. Lunch in an amazing historic "Salumeria" located in Ortigia, tasting typical Sicilian products (cold cuts, cheeses and caponata), In the afternoon guided Tour of Noto, Barocco Capital in Sicily and UNESCO Heritage. Along its main axis you will admire palaces, chuerches and convents where the main are th Cathedral, Nicolaci Palace, Villadorata and Ducezio Palace . Return in Hotel 4\* in Siracusa. Overnight .

#### **9 Day – Siracusa - Catania and Mount Etna**

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. Transfer to Catania situated between the Ionian Sea and the majestic Mount Etna. The city is often blanketed by a dark rain of ash and cinders. In 1669 there was a violent eruption of the Volcano and it covered everything with lava. Less than thirty years later (1693), when the city was still nursing its wounds, an earthquake destroyed anything that was still left. Catania managed to react to these natural calamities and started a huge building project that foresaw wide use of black lava and light colored limestone. The city was one huge, busy building site for decades and slowly the Baroque aspect that still characterizes the city began to form. Today Catania is one of the greatest baroque cities of the Mediterranean and the city radiates a strange romantic beauty with its broad boulevards and spacious squares, and great cathedrals, still striking in their black and white colors, lava and limestone, crumbling plaster, and cracked marble columns. First stop the "Pescheria", the daily fish and vegetable market. Transfer to Mount Etna to enjoy an amazing tour of the Volcano and wine tasting an lunch at the Etna DOC Winery. Hotel 4\* in Area Catania/Taormina. Overnight .

#### **10 Day –Taormina**

Breakfast in hotel and meeting with the guide and visit The historic town was founded by the Sicilians in 1300 to C. Later it was used by the Greeks and Romans. Here we visit the greek-Roman amphitheater, Taormina's Cathedral, the Piccolo Teatro Odeon, the Corvaia Palace and we can take a walk on the Corso Umberto. Afternoon free for shopping and the relax. Hotel 4\* in Area CataniaTaormina. Overnight .

#### **11 Day - Taormina / Milazzo / Lipari Island**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. Trasfer to Milazzo , boarding passengers with luggage on the hydrofoil Ustica Lines for Lipari (Aeolian Islands). Arrival and transfer to hotel. Accommodation in private rooms. Hotel 4\* in Lipari. Overnight .

#### **12 Day - Lipari**

Breakfast at the hotel. Free morning and afternoon guests at the beach. Hotel 4\* in Lipari. Overnight .

#### **13 Day - Lipari**

Breakfast at the hotel. Free morning and afternoon guests at the beach. Hotel 4\* in Lipari. Overnight .

#### **14 Day - Lipari / Milazzo / Aeroporto di Palermo o Catania.**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. Transfer to the port. Passengers boarding luggage on Ustica Lines for Milazzo. Arrival at Milazzo port and transfer by private car and English driver for Palermo or Catania Airport and end of our services

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## Discover Sicily of luxury

6 days – 5 nights

### 1°Day Taormina

Arrivals in Catania Airport. Meeting with the driver that in Spanish Language, and transfer to Taormina Taormina and accommodation in The Hotel. In the afternoon meeting with Spanish Language Touristic Guide and visit Taormina. The historic town was founded by the Sicilians in 1300 to C. Later it was used by the Greeks and Romans. Here we visit the greek-Roman amphitheater, Taormina's Cathedral, the Piccolo Teatro Odeon, the Corvaia Palace and we can take a walk on the Corso Umberto. The guided tour will last about 3 hours.

Free dinner and overnight in the Hotel

### 2°Giorno - Etna and See

After breakfast in the Hotel, at 9.00 pick up in Hotel for a wonderful day rich of emotions:

You will rise the craters of Etna Volcano by Jeep and a wonderful boat excursion exploring the Taormina Bays.

The crew will be ready to reveal the wonders of places that people can not reach. The volcano is the dominant element of our land and it is the main mother of the special quality of our wines that makes them unique. The tour includes a visit to one of the most famous winery and the typical tasting of food.

Departure from hotel by Jeep in direction of Etna Nord to visit natural sites, ancient and recent lava flows and extinct craters at 2,000 mt. (7,000 ft.). A tasting of wine will be served in the winery where you can taste the Etna wine and the typical Sicilian meal.

In the afternoon you reach the port and board on Tullio Abate 46 to admire the sea and also the majesty of Etna that seems to be immersed in the warm waters of the Ionian Sea. Swim and relax exploring Taormina Bays.

At around 18.30 hrs will return to the port and then to the hotel. All day driving in Spanish, from pick up to drop off at hotel. Overnight at hotel in Taormina.

### 3°Giorno - Siracusa - Agrigento

Breakfast in the hotel and meeting with driver who will accompany you in Siracusa. There you will meet the Spanish Language Touristic guide that show you the Historical center of Ortigia where you will be enchanted by the splendid Piazza Duomo and its Baroque Cathedral, which in the past was a Greek temple in Doric style. Next, along the delightful streets of the center, you will admire the famous Aretusa Font, located in front of the Grande Porto. Lunch in a typical restaurant and continue for Agrigento. Accommodation in hotel, dinner and overnight at Agrigento.

### 4°Giorno Agrigento/Borgo di Sant'Angelo Muxaro/Valle dei Templi

After breakfast you will meet the assistant and the driver. You will travel to reach the hinterland of Agrigento where on the hill in the center of the Platani River it was born little village call Sant'Angelo Muxaro (old Kamikos, famous for Dedalo and Minos mitos). Here you will meet the local guide that he shows you the historical city center and he will support you in the visit of the archeological museum, cheese factory and old bakery (where you can taste typical food: sfincione, sicilian pizza with pecorino, olive oil, anchovies, onion and oregano). Family lunch in a typical court. After lunch you will come to Agrigento where with a guide you'll visit the beautiful Temples Valley, Unesco World Heritage, from a wide expanse of almond trees (already in flowers in February) stand the rests of the old Akragas, defined from Pindaro "the best city of mortal". Here you can admire Giunone Temple, Concordia Temple and Ercole and Zeus Temples. After visit dinner in a typical restaurant and accommodation in Hotel.

### 5°Giorno Boat Day

After breakfast in Hotel, at 10.00 pick up in hotel and transfer to touristic port of San Leone (Agrigento, arrivals in 1 minutes. Meeting with skipper and start of the boat day to admire the wonderful Agrigentine coasts. We stop in front beautiful Scala dei Turchi, the natural Reserve of Torre Salsa and we will forward until Eraclea Minoa.

During the crossing we will delight with a typical Sicilian Street food accompanied by wine, soft drinks, water and fruit. About 18.00 return in touristic port of San Leone where the car is waiting to you to transfer in hotel. Dinner and overnight in the hotel.

### 6°Giorno. Agrigento - Welcome

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## Discover Sicily and the Aeolian Islands by boat

12 days 11 nights

### 1°day: Catania

Arrivals in airport and meeting with driver to transfer in hotel to accommodation. In the afternoon visit to historical city centre declared UNESCO world heritage for richness of its Baroque. Return in hotel to dinner and night.

### 2°day: Etna/Catania

Breakfast and departures at 8.30 to Etna volcano, return at 17.30. an adventurous hike trekking in the natural park of Etna, accompanied by our experienced guides who will take you to discover pristine and wild places like caves, hiking trails and craters that characterize the highest volcano in Europe '. Drive along in absolute safety, the main points, the scene of past eruptions and recent, discovering the traditions, tastes and smells that come from the slopes. Finally you will taste wines and typical products exclusively Km 0. In the afternoon, we will continue to the beautiful Natural Reserve of Isola Bella, pearl of the Ionian Sea, where you can relax for a refreshing swim. After a rich picnic on the beach with typical products of the place, in the afternoon we will visit Taormina, which, due to its unique location overlooking the sea, has fascinated illustrious writers like Goethe and Wilde. Walking along the main streets, we admire the imposing ruins of the Greek and Norman civilization and so much more. At the appointed time return to hotel.

### 3° day: Siracusa/Noto(8hours)

Breakfast in the hotel and meeting with the driver and departure to Siracusa. Visit the Archaeological Park Neapolis (Greek Theatre, Roman Amphitheatre, the Latomie and "Ear of Dionysius") and the old town "Ortigia", where you will be enchanted by the beautiful Piazza Duomo and its Baroque Cathedral in past was greek Doric temple. Next, along the lovely streets of the center, you admire the famous Arethusa's Fountain, located in front of the Grand Harbour. Free lunch. We will continue to Noto, the capital of Sicilian Baroque, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Along its main axis you can admire the palaces, convents and churches that characterize the city center: the Cathedral, the Nicolaci Villadorata Palace and the Ducezio Palace. Return to the hotel.

### 4°day:Modica/Scicli/Ragusa

After breakfast appointment with the driver and departure to the Ragusa in the character places of Montalbano Commissary of Andrea Camilleri. We'll start with Scicli, characterized by numerous eighteenth-century buildings. And among the buildings will recognize the City Hall, or the Commissioner of Vigata for Montalbano. We visit Ragusa, one of the oldest and most beautiful baroque city that resembles a real live nativity scene, for its huddled houses and narrow streets. Since 2002 his Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, along with Val di Noto, it is in the neighbourhood oldest of Ragusa has 42 churches and numerous palaces in the Baroque style for fiction become architectures and neighborhoods of the city of Vigata. We will reach the Garden Ibleo where there are also the excavations of the ancient city, called Ibla. Lunch aside. Ending with Modica with a historic center charming city and baroque architecture that insert him among the UNESCO World Heritage. Many of Vigata scenes were filmed in this city. Walking through the streets not miss a visit to the Cathedral of San Giorgio, which is also a UNESCO heritage site, the burning House of Salvatore Quasimodo. But the city is also famous for its chocolate that you get from a particular cold forming of chocolate without the conching phase. Returns to the hotel.

### 5°Day: Port

After breakfast freemorning before to transfer to Port. Max at 13.00 transfer by bus in the port. Accommodation in sailboat, Welcome drink and briefing to security information. Departures till 19.00. Dinner and Night in anchov close to Volcano near Gelso Beach.

### 6°day: Stromboli

Breakfast and sail to the island of Panarea (white bone) Swimming break, lunch and cruise to the island of Stromboli, stop bath and possibility of free tours of the island and possibility for the enthusiasts to make the accession to crater (900m about 4 hours walk) at sunset excursion fiery lava (possible night sailing) back to Stromboli, dinner recommended the observatory to watch the volcano and its strombolian activity.

### 7°day:Panarea

Navigating to the Basiluzzo Swimming break and lunch, in the afternoon sailing to the bay Milazzese excursion to the prehistoric village of Cala Junco, stop at anchor near the island's port service h24 tender.

### 8°Day: Filicudi

Departure to the island of Salina, with a stop swim at Pollara, (Where were made shooting the film "The Postman" by Massimo Troisi) in the afternoon sailing to the island of Filicudi and stop overnight near the village of pecorino ,night in the sea.

### 9°day: Salina

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*Departure towards the sea cow cave and the rock of the barrel, stop swimming and lunch, after lunch sail to the island of Salina, entered port at 18:00 and possibilities for excursions within the island.*

**10°day:Lipari**

*Navigating to the characteristics mountains of pumice (Lipari) Swimming break and cruising to the harbor front of the characteristic of the main square of the island (Marina Corta), possibility of excursion on the island (free dinner) and we recommend at Home restaurant with terrace on the sea in the area ancient island.*

**11°days: Lipari/Port**

*Departure to the characteristic Strepitosa Bay of S. Antonino in West Milazzo, swimming and lunch stop, in the afternoon sailing to Milazzo, swimming stop near Capo Milazzo beach, return to port and arrivals at about 19:00 (free dinner ).*

**12°day: Port**

*Breakfast and disembarkation at 09.00. Transfer to Catania/Palermo airport. Depending on sea conditions and the weather, the route may be changed to ensure the safety and comfort of the guests*

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**Boat:**

*Dufour 325 , 9.85mt - Dufour 34 , 10.60m - Grand Soleil 40 , 12.29mt- Dufour 45 , 12.25mt - Dufour 45 , 12.25mt - Dufour 45 , 13.77mt - Dufour 500 , 14.75mt - Dufour 525 , 15.50mt*

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## Discover the islands of the Mediterranean Sicily & Malta

12 days - 11 nights

### DAY 1 – PALERMO

Arrival at Palermo Airport, transfer to Hotel. Dinner and Overnight.

### DAY 2 – PALERMO & MONREALE

After breakfast departure to explore the Sicilian culture and cuisine. The itinerary begins with a visit to the Mercato del Ballarò, where you can see and taste the famous street food: panelle, arancine, croquettes and bread. You can admire the small sellers and the multicolored stalls, the wealth of fruit and fish, all among curious characters who scream to catch your attention.

After that you can visit Palermo which stretches along beautiful Tyrrhenian bay. Founded by the Phoenicians between the seventh and eighth centuries BC, it was conquered by the Arabs in 83, giving rise to a long period of prosperity. You will be enchanted by the wide avenues of the city, the old town and its Baroque buildings. You will visit the main attractions of the city: the Norman area, the "Quattro Canti" of the city & the baroque square of the cathedral. In the afternoon transfer by minibus to Monreale to visit the beautiful Byzantine style mosaics depicting scenes from the Old and New Testaments. Return to the hotel in Palermo. Dinner in Typical Restaurant ,Overnight at Hotel.

### DAY 3 –CANTINA FEUDO ARANCIO / AGRIGENTO

After breakfast departure for the visit to the Cantina del Feudo Arancio: tasting of four different wines during a typical Sicilian soft lunch. Overnight in Agrigento.

### DAY 4 – VALLE DEI TEMPLI & SANT'ANGELO MUXARO

After breakfast we will visit the splendid Valley of the Temples, UNESCO World Heritage Site, surrounded by almond trees. After the visit we will travel to reach the hinterland of Agrigento, where on the top of a hill is the small village of Sant'Angelo Muxaro (old Kamikos). After the visits, your guide will take you to a typical bakery to taste the typical homemade biscuits. This walking route leads away from the classic tourist routes. Return to the hotel in Agrigento for a nap. In the evening, dinner in a traditional rural country house, where between Sicilian music and food of the ancient Sicilian traditions, in a familiar and festive atmosphere we will spend the evening. Overnight in Agrigento.

### DAY 5 – COOKING CLASS – FARM CULTURAL PARK / SIRACUSA

Breakfast at hotel and transfer to Favara. This experience has guests spending a morning at the Farm Cultural Park of Favara (a city in the province of Agrigento). The British travel blog "Purple Travel" has ranked Favara and its Farm Cultural Park at the 6th place in the world – preceded by Florence, Paris, Bilbao, the Greek Islands and New York – as a touristic destination for lovers of contemporary art.

Program:

Welcome drink, fresh homemade lemonade served with typical Sicilian snacks

- Cooking course lasting about three hours, using fresh, local organic produce; guests will receive instructional hands-on lessons in the preparation of three traditional Sicilian dishes
- Tour of the art gallery and courtyards (the gardens, current exhibits, museum shop, etc.)

Lunch consisting of the dishes prepared during the course, served in the museum's "black space" or "nziemula" with locally made wine and seasonal fruit. In the afternoon transfer a Siracusa. Accommodation in hotel; dinner and overnight in Siracusa.

### DAY 6 – SIRACUSA & NOTO

After breakfast visit of the Archaeological Park of Neapolis (Greek Theater, Roman Amphitheater, Latomie and Dionisio's ear). Continue to Ortigia where you will be enchanted by its historic center, dominated by the extraordinary baroque cathedral, but also the Fonte di Aretusa and the port. Soft lunch based on typical Sicilian products in a typical local Ortigia, by the Burgio Brothers.

Afternoon dedicated to Noto, the capital of Sicilian baroque where we can admire palaces, churches and convents including the Cathedral, Palazzo Nicolaci Villadorata and Palazzo Ducezio. Dinner in a typical restaurant and Overnight in Syracuse.

### DAY 7 – TAORMINA

After breakfast transfer to Taormina. In the afternoon meeting with the guide and visit of Taormina. The historic city was founded around 1300 BC. Later it was used by the Greeks and Romans. Here we visit the Greek-Roman amphitheater, the Cathedral of Taormina, the Piccolo Teatro Odeon, the Palazzo Corvaia and we can take a walk on

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Corso Umberto. The guided tour will last about 3 hours. The afternoon will be at leisure. Dinner In hotel Overnight in Taormina.

#### **DAY 8 – MT ETNA & GAMBINO WINERY**

After breakfast transfer to Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe and one of the most visited destinations in Sicily. Famous and fascinating not only for the volcanic phenomena, but also for the breathtaking views and the different types of vegetation visible during the ascent. At the end of the tour we will visit Gambino Winery for the tasting of 4 wines accompanied by a soft lunch of typical Sicilian products. Overnight in Taormina.

#### **DAY 9 – MALTA**

After breakfast private transfer to Catania airport. Fly to Malta.

#### **DAY 10 – VALLETTA / MDINA**

Breakfast in Hotel before departing for an excursion to explore the two Maltese capitals during the centuries.. pick up at the Hotel's hall, accompanied by your private assistant/guide to visit the capital city Valletta, during the tour you will visit the St. John's Cathedral within the masterpieces of Caravaggio, Barraca Gardens enjoying scenic views of Valletta harbour, the visit going on to the Grand Master's palace which houses the Maltese Parliament. Free time for lunch and shopping. Transfer to the center of the island to visit the charming walled city of Mdina the ancient capitals of Malta under the Arab domination. The tour will include the visit of the St. Paul's Church and time for strolling in the narrow streets and enjoying panoramic views from the Mdina's Belvedere. Transfer and Overnight at Hotel.

#### **DAY 11 – THREE CITIES / MARSAXLOKK / BLUE GROTT / DINGLI CLIFFS**

The driver will be waiting you outside the Hotel to escort you by private car to the beautiful Cottonera Area, including the ancient cities of Senglea, Vittoriosa and Cospicua, the tour proceed to the fishing village of Marsaxlokk. The waterfront here is lined with traditional fishing boats known as luzzus and are brightly painted in red, blue and yellow adding vibrancy to this peaceful bay. There will be free time here to take a leisurely stroll or to browse the local market stalls. Lunch in a typical restaurant. Your tour then continues to the western coast of Malta to visit Wied iz-Zurrieq. From here you will board a boat to visit the Blue Grotto, a deep sea cave where the waters are renowned for being so pure and beautiful. The Blue Grotto area is steep and precipitous, but in places there are gaps in the cliffs that slope down to sea level. One of these gaps (small fjord) is Wied iz-Zurrieq, this narrow arm of the sea is an anchorage for boats in calm weather. Many of the fishermen today also use their boats to take visitors to see the Deep sea cave. (The boat fee is therefore paid locally) The tour then takes us on a scenic journey heading to the Dingli Cliffs passing by the maltese countryside. Your tour concludes with a scenic coach ride back to the Hotel through the beautiful costal road. Overnight.

#### **DAY 12 – Welcome**

Breakfast in Hotel. Check out. Transfer to the Airport.

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## Discover the islands of Italy Sicily & Sardinia

days / 20 nights

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### DAY 1: CATANIA-TAORMINA

Arrival at Catania airport and transfer to 4 \* hotel In Taormina . Welcome dinner & overnight.

### DAY 2 – MT ETNA TOUR WITH VISIT AT BENANTI WINERY

After breakfast transfer to Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. It is one of the main attractions of Sicily. Etna is famous not only for its volcanic phenomena, but also for the breathtaking views of its paths and for the variety of flora and fauna found there. At the end of the Etna tour, we will visit a local winery Benanti, including wine tasting and soft lunch, based on typical Sicilian products. Free afternoon, Overnight in Taormina

### DAY 3 – CATANIA – RIVIERA DEI CICLOPI – ACIREALE - TAORMINA

After breakfast transfer to Catania, ancient capital of Sicily. Visit Piazza di Duomo with Cathedral, Crocifieri Street, Fontana dell'Elefanti (Elephant fountain), Town Hall, Palazzo dei Chierici and Benedictine Monastery. Lunch at your leisure. In the afternoon, visit Riviera dei Ciclopi, the Riviera of the Cyclops, a legendary stretch of coast north from Catania. It passes through several charming villages. We will visit Aci Castello, Azi Trezza, the setting of the famous novel "The Galatea Sea" by the Sicilian writer Giovanni Verga, and Acireale, a small but beautiful Baroque city between volcano Etna and the sea. In the afternoon visit Taormina where we will meet the professional guide for our city tour. The Sicilians founded this historic city in 1300 BCE. Later the Greeks and Romans settled there. Here we will visit the Greek-Roman amphitheater, the cathedral of Taormina, the small theater Odeon, the Corvaia Palace and we can also take a walk on the main road "Corso Umberto". Free Afternoon, Overnight in Taormina

### DAY 4 – SIRACUSA

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Syracuse. Encapsulating Sicily's timeless beauty, Syracuse is a dense tapestry of overlapping cultures and civilizations. In the morning, you'll explore this major outpost of the Greek empire with a local expert. The city boasts an incredible historical heritage, starting from the Archaeological Park, featuring the ancient Greek Theater now used for classical performances, the Latomie del Paradiso, the largest quarry in the ancient urban settlement and the Ear Of Dionysus, a subterranean artificial cave quarry used as a prison. You'll see numerous elegant Baroque town houses, rebuilt after the earthquake that severely damaged the city in 1693; the elegant Piazza Duomo, dominated by the cathedral's baroque facade that is subdivided by columns and the Temple of Athena from the 5th century BC lying behind it. After an included street food experience at the lively market, you'll be sailing around the fascinating island of Ortigia to discover some of its prehistoric caves (weather permitting). Overnight in SIRACUSA

### DAY 5 – MODICA – FARM COS VITTORIA- RAGUSA IBLA

After breakfast meet with the guide to visit the city of Modica. This is another impressive baroque city that we find in the fiction of "Commissioner Montalbano". You will visit the Church of San Pietro and the Cathedral of San Giorgio. Experiencing the sight of their walls and interiors is worth spending the energy needed to climb the long steps that lead to these wonderful churches. After this excursion, we will go to Visit to the farm Cos di Vittoria, followed by a wine and oil tasting is a typical Sicilian lunch. After lunch You will visit Ragusa. In its "Vigata Square", is a must to admire the Mather Church in the fiction: St. Giorgio Chatedral. We will then continue to the Conversation Club, featured in the episode "The smell of the night" and where Montalbano goes to see Doctor Pasquano at that time playing cards. Continuing on Via XXV Aprile, at some point you'll see Piazza Pola, in front of the Church of St. Giuseppe which, in recent episodes of the fiction, represents the location of the police station in Vigata. It will be Impossible not to notice, the number of photographers capturing this location. Dinner and Overnight in Taormina Return to the hotel in Syracuse. Overnigt.

### DAY 6 –NOTO

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Noto, the Baroque Capital of Sicily and a UNESCO Heritage Site, for a guided tour. Along its main axis, we will admire imposing landmarks such aspalaces, churches and convents, which characterize the historical center of this amazing city. Some of those landmarks are: The Cathedral, Nicolaci Palace, Villadorata and Ducezio Palace. Return in hotel in Siracusa.

### DAY 7 –SIRACUSA – PIAZZA ARMERINA - COOKING CLASS IN PARK CULTURAL FARM FAVARA - AGRIGENTO

Breakfast at hotel and transfer to Piazza Armerina known worldwide for the mosaics of the Villa Romana del Casale, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After the visit, proceed to Agrigento, accommodation at the hotel and late afternoon, transfer to Park Cultural Farm Favara. This experience has guests spending a morning at the Farm Cultural Park of Favara (Agrigento). The British travel blog, Purple Travel has placed Favara and Farm Cultural Park at sixth in the world

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Tour of the art gallery and courtyards (the gardens, current exhibits, museum shop, etc.);

lunch consisting of the dishes prepared during the course, served in the museum's "black space" or "n'zemmula" with locally made wine and seasonal fruit. Return in hotel in Agrigento. Overnight stay.

#### **DAY 8: AGRIGENTO / BORGO DI SANT'ANGELO MUXARO / VALLE DEI TEMPLI**

After breakfast we will travel to reach the hinterland of Agrigento. On the hill near the center of the river Platani, was born a small village called Sant'Angelo Muxaro. Our professional tour guide will take us to a pastry shop to enjoy homemade biscuits; then, we will visit a shepherds' house to taste the soft, still warm pecorino and ricotta cheese. We will also enjoy a family lunch. After lunch we will go to Agrigento. Here, a professional guide will lead us into the Valley of the Temples: the UNESCO Heritage Site, which recently (March 2017) was recognized by the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage as the winner of the best project for the protection and enhancement of the Italian landscape. From a vast expanse of almond trees (already in bloom in February), stands the rest of the old Akragas, (city of Agrigento) defined by Pindar "the most beautiful city of mortals". Here you will admire more temples: Juno, Concordia, Hercules and Zeus. In the evening dinner in a traditional rural country house, where between Sicilian music and food of the ancient Sicilian traditions, in a familiar and festive atmosphere we spend the evening. Overnight in Agrigento.

#### **DAY 9: SCALA DEI TURCHI - CEFALÙ - PALERMO**

After a buffet breakfast, transfer for the Scala Dei Turchi, a living cliff made of a spur of white marl prominently on the sea, whose stratifying layers add a very suggestive aspect.

Continue for Cefalù, a charming coastal town, a former fishing village that also houses a breathtaking Norman Cathedral. Take a walk to the city center and along the main road to reach the Cathedral and the medieval wash house built into the rock. After Lunch to Cefalù, proceed to Palermo. Overnight hotel Palermo

#### **DAY 10: FOOD MARKET - PALERMO & MONREALE TOUR**

After breakfast transfer to the "Capo" market. We will begin immediately to explore the Sicilian culture and cuisine. The itinerary begins with a visit to the Capo market, the oldest market in Palermo, where we will see and taste the famous street food: pannelle, arancine, croquettes and bread. You will admire the small and colorful shacks that characterize the wealth of fruit, fish and meat and the sellers, who scream, to attract your attention. Later you will visit Palermo, which extends along the beautiful bay of the Tyrrhenian Sea. Founded by the Phoenicians in the seventh and eighth centuries BC, it was conquered by the Arabs in 831 AD. We will visit the main attractions of the city such as the Norman section, I Quattro Canti (the four corners of the city), the Baroque square of the Cathedral. In the afternoon departure for Monreale, visiting the impressive Arab-Norman cathedral with its masterpieces of art, (famous for the rich Byzantine mosaics that beautifully decorate inside) its beautiful cloister, sculptures and inlays. Typical Sicilian dinner at the restaurant and overnight in Palermo.

#### **DAY 11- SCOPELLO / SAN VITO LO CAPO / ERICE / TRAPANI**

After breakfast, accommodation in the private bus and transfer Scopello, walk through the center of the picturesque village and proceed to San Vito Lo Capo. After the walk where we will admire the white and crystalline sea, we continue to Erice, located about 1000 meters high, from which we can see the archipelago of the Egadi Islands. Late afternoon hotel in Trapani overnight at the hotel.

#### **DAY 12 - MARSALA / MOTHIA / SALINE / TRAPANI**

After breakfast Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Marsala, meeting with the guide and walk in the historic center and visit the Baglio Anselmi Archaeological Museum. Afterwards we will visit the Saline of the Stagnone di Marsale and the island of Mothia. Continue to Trapani where you can admire the Cathedral. In the evening return to the hotel, dinner in a restaurant and overnight at the hotel in Trapani.

#### **DAY 13 - PALERMO / OLBIA (1)**

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Palermo airport for boarding the flight to Olbia. Arrival in Olbia, accommodation by minibus and transfer to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Olbia

#### **DAY 14: CALAGONONE-CRUISE CAVE BLUE MARINO - DORGALI AND NURGAGHE SERRA ORRIOS**

Breakfast at the hotel Transfer to Calagonone and boarding on motorboat for the excursion to the Cave of Bue Marino. Return to Calagonone and transfer to Dorgali with the visit. In the afternoon transfer to the nuragic village of Serra Orrios, one of the most important and best preserved of Sardinia Nuragica, composed of about 100 huts, two small temples and two megalithic tombs. Returning to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Olbia

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**DAY 15: NUORO - ORGOSOLO AND LUNCH WITH I SHEPERDS**

Breakfast at the hotel Transfer to Nuoro, visit of the city and its Museum of ancient Sardinian costumes. Lunch with shepherds based on "purceddu" and typical products. Total immersion in the ancient Sardinian culture together with a folklore show as a complement. In the afternoon visit the murals of Orgosolo. Returning to the hotel. Overnight in Olbia

**DAY 16: SANTA TERESA OF GALLURA - CANNIGGIONE (BAJA SARDINIA) - ARZACHENA**

Breakfast at the hotel Transfer and visit to Santa Teresa di Gallura, visit of the historical center, of the tourist port and of the famous Tower of Longosardo. Transfer to Costa Smeralda and visit of the Baja Sardinia, its famous promenade and exclusive roads. Lunch during the excursion. In the afternoon, walk along the seafront of Canniggione and visit of Arzachena. Return to the hotel, overnight in Olbia

**DAY 17: PALAU - CAPRERA AND MADDALENA**

Breakfast at the hotel Transfer to Palau and boarding for La Maddalena. Transfer to the island of Caprera, with entrance to the Casa Museo "the hero of the worlds" Giuseppe Garibaldi. A fascinating journey through the places remained unchanged, where the hero spent the last years of his life. Returning to La Maddalena, a typical fish meal. In the afternoon visit of "La Maddalena" the largest of the islands that are part of the homonymous archipelago. I'm going back to the hotel. Overnight in Olbia

**DAY 18: COSTA SMERALDA: POLTU QUATU - PORTO CERVO - PORTO ROTONDO - CAPO CODA CAVALLO - ALGHERO**

Breakfast at the hotel Day dedicated to discovering the most beautiful places of the Costa Smeralda. Starting from Poltu Quatu (from the Sardinian means "hidden port", thanks to its natural form), we will follow with Porto Cervo, one of the main popular tourist destinations of the VIPs, finally Porto Rotondo, all the places of the island of great splendor and charm. Returning, we will stop at Capo Coda Cavallo, where we will admire, from a privileged position, the island of Tavolara and its beautiful natural pools. Follow-up to Alghero. Dinner and overnight Alghero

**DAY 19: GROTTI DI NETTUNO - SASSARI - ALGHERO**

Wake up and breakfast and transfer to the neptune caves for a boat excursion of about 2.30 hours. Lunch during the excursion and Continuation towards Sassari for a guided tour of the city. Return to Alghero for a guided tour, known for its historic paved center and its Catalan Gothic style buildings. Dinner and overnight in Alghero

**DAY 20: TEMPLE PAUSANIA - CASTELSARDO - BEACH LI COSSI**

Wake up and breakfast From the structure at 08.00 on time. Transfer to Tempio Pausania and short tour of the resort known for the production and craftsmanship of cork. Continuation towards Castelsardo, visit of the beautiful resort that develops on a beautiful promontory. Lunch during the excursion. Farewel Dinner in a typical restaunt and overnight. Alghero

**DAY 21 : OLBIA OR ALGHERO**

Breakfast and return to headquarters

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## Discover Sicily & Italy Central South

Days – 21 Nights

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### Day 1 Arrive Palermo Welcome to Sicily!

Upon arrival into Palermo Airport you are met by your Travel Director and embark on an orientation tour showing the highlights of the city (pending arrival time). Pass the Teatro Massimo, the Baroque Quattro Canti Square, Palermo Cathedral and Palace of the Normans. Tonight join your Travel Director at a local restaurant for a Welcome Dinner. (DW) Hotel: Mercure - 2 nights

### Day 2 Monreale & Mondello Excursion

Today we travel to the town of Monreale on the slopes of Monte Caputo overlooking the orange, olive and almond groves of La Conca d'Ora, we visit the magnificent 12th century Norman Cathedral. Then continue to Mondello fishing village before we return to Palermo. Tonight we attend a traditional Sicilian puppet show performance at the Teatro Carlo Magno (Subject to availability). (B)

### Day 3 Palermo – Agrigento & the Valley of the Temples

We delve into historical wonders of Segesta during time at an archeological site, marvelling at the unfinished temple and absorbing sweeping vistas of Sicily's sun-drenched valleys and undulating hills. Continue to Agrigento on the southern coast of the island. Here we join a Local Expert to explore the Valley of the Temples, Sicily's finest Greek sanctuary. Tonight we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D) Hotel: Hotel della Valle – 2 night

### Day 4 Agrigento – Sant'Angelo Muxaro – San Biagio Platani

After breakfast we will travel to reach the hinterland of Agrigento where on the hill in the center of the Platani River it was born little village call Sant'Angelo Muxaro (old Kamikos, famous for Dedalo and Minosse mitos). The tour allows you to enjoy the peculiarities offered by Sant'Angelo Muxaro, even with a few hours to spare. It is a walk among the picturesque village lanes with stops, tastings and encounters. A dairy stop with tasting of cheeses produced each day by a local family. A bakery stop with a taste of "pani cunzatu" (bread with local olive oil and pepper), almond cookies and honey, etc. An artisan stop. The tastes and artisanal products are the excuse for the "encounters". We'll recount a lesser known Sicily to you through its people. After breakfast at the hotel, in the afternoon we continue to San Biagio Platani and its La Festa degli Archi di Pasqua is the spectacular and evocative outcome of an artisan-craft competition, unique in its kind in Sicily. For many weeks, before Easter, the confraternities of the "Madunnara" (devotees to the Madonna) and the "Signurara" (devotees to Jesus), are engaged in the construction of impressive compositions of reeds and clasps.

These act as frameworks for magnificent artistic decorations of citrus, laurel and especially bread, in the most varied shapes and sizes. The grandiose artistic constructions, of arches, domes, and bell towers are then arranged along the Corso Umberto I, the main street of the town: the extraordinary refinement of the decorations, combined with the evening lighting transform San Biagio Platani into the most sumptuous and welcoming sky lounge open. (B-SL)

### Day 5 Agrigento – Piazza Armerina – Taormina

After breakfast departure for Piazza Armerina known worldwide for the mosaics of the Villa Romana del Casale, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lunch in a typical Farmhouse and continue to Taormina. (B – L) Hotel Villa Diodoro 3 Nights

### Day 6 - Taormina

After breakfast at the hotel, meeting with the guide and visit of the old town of Taormina that clings to the side of Mount Tauro overlooking the Ionian Sea. Join a local expert for a visit to the Greek Theatre graced with the most spectacular of backdrops. Stroll on to the tiny courtyard of the Palazzo Corvaja, Taormina's grandest building. We then enjoy an Easter lunch at a local

restaurant. Later transfer to our hotel which has panoramic views of Naxos Bay and where the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

### Day 7 Taormina – Mt Etna Excursion

Today we travel to Mt. Etna, Europe's largest active volcano. Ascend through the lush fertile foothills to the craters and barren lunar landscapes nearer the top. Enjoy a walking tour with a Local Expert where the views over the eastern Sicilian coast and Ionian Sea are spectacular. We then enjoy lunch and a wine tasting at Barone di Villagrande, located on the slopes of Mt Etna and surrounded by organically cultivated vineyards, where, for centuries, the tradition of winemaking has been handed down from generation to generation. (B,LW)

### Day 8 Taormina – Milazzo & Ferry to Lipari

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*This morning we travel to Milazzo to take the ferry crossing to Lipari located in the Aeolian Islands, which are a volcanic archipelago off the coast of Sicily. Here we spend the next 3 nights. Upon arrival we enjoy a walk around the old town with its Archaeological Park and Cathedral, then there is some free time to explore at your own leisure, before we transfer to our hotel. Tonight we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D) \*\*Please note: There is no coach at groups disposal during your stay in the Aeolian Islands. Hotel: Carasco Hotel – 3 nights*

#### **Day 9 Boat trip to Salina**

*After breakfast we transfer to the port and will board a boat to discover some of the most beautiful bays of Lipari and Salina. We will make the first stop at Cave of pomice for a swim, then sail along Acquacalda bay and direct to Salina. The first stop will be at St. Marina Salina to visit the most important municipality of the island. We will visit the wonderful church of Santa Marina with its ancient majolicas! You'll have time to buy some typical local products such as capers and the liquorose wine Malvasia. After having skirted the eastern side of the Island, we will stop for a second swim in the charming bay of Pollara, made famous by Massimo Troisi movie "Il Postino". Next we stop at Lingua, a small fishing village, where in addition to the delightful coves where you can swim, you can visit the salt lake which gave name to this island. For lunch you will enjoy a typical "pani cunzatu" and the delicious "granita" served by Alfredo. On the way back we will visit the most beautiful coves of Lipari and we will enjoy a swim in the beach of Vinci, facing the Faraglioni. In the afternoon back to Lipari and transfer back to our hotel. (B,L)*

#### **Day 10 Boat trip to Panarea & Stromboli**

*Transfer to the port and board our boat to continue to Panarea where we will visit the Bay of Calajunco, above which the prehistoric village of Capo Milazzese lies and we stop in the adjacent Cala Zimmari for a swim. We will enjoy the scenic ride between the islets by visiting the Cave of Lovers, to arrive at Panarea harbour. Once on the island we will visit the Church of St Peter, which boasts a breathtaking panoramic view, then we will head to the prehistoric village. There is then time for lunch. In the afternoon we will reach Stromboli where we will admire the sea and the small Ginostra and the gigantic rock Strombolicchio. Back on the island, we will visit this charming village, including the house where Ingrid Bergam stayed during the filming of the movie "Stromboli land of God" and where she fell in love with Roberto Rossellini. You will have free time to dine, stroll browsing in shops and in the magnificent gardens or have a swim in the beautiful cobalt blue waters. At sunset we will stop in front of the Sciara del Fuoco, a steep slope crisscrossed by streams of lava, to observe the lava flow and its reddish lapilli. In the evening return to Lipari and overnight. (B)*

#### **Day 11 Lipari – Ferry to Milazzo– Catania - Siracusa**

*This morning we transfer to the port and travel by ferry from Lipari back to Milazzo and then reboard our coach and continue to Catania where we visit the quaint fish market, better known as "la pescheria", where you will have the opportunity to taste local cheeses, olives and some exquisiteness in oil. On our orientation tour we then see the magnificent Duomo and Piazza, Villa Bellini and the elegant noble buildings of the Palazzo Senatorio. Overnight Siracuse. Tonight we have dinner at included at a local restaurant. (B,D) Hotel: Grand Hotel Villa Politi – 2 night*

#### **Day 12– Siracusa e Noto**

*After breakfast, we Visit to Syracuse, where on a walking tour with a local expert, we go off the beaten path in the old town centre and see the town's landmarks, including the Apollo Temple and Cathedral Square, plus the quiet lanes of the Jewish Quarter. Learn about Syracuse's history while admiring the Fountain of Aretusa. The tour will end at the vibrant local fish and fruit markets where you can take a breath of local life, colours and scents. We have some free time before we travel to the beautiful town of Noto to explore the traditions and culture. Enjoy a guided tour of the charming town with a knowledgeable guide, admiring the exquisite Baroque architecture. Then spend some time wandering the main shopping streets at your leisure. Perhaps try the Sicilian pastry dessert of cannolo (literally meaning 'little tube') or the semi-frozen dessert called Granita, made with sugar, water and flavourings, both originally from Sicily. (B)*

#### **Day 13 Siracusa – Polignano A Mare**

*This morning we transfer to board our ferry from Sicily to Italy. Travel along the Purple Coast and through the mountainous Calabri region and follow the shores of the Gulf of Taranto to our hotel in Polignano a Mare in the Apulia region of Italy for our 3 night stay. Dinner tonight is included at our hotel. (B,D) Hotel: Cala Ponte Hotel – 3 nights*

#### **Day 14 Alberobello**

*Explore the narrow streets of the spectacular town of Alberobello. We admire the small white-washed houses known as Trulli - circular structures with conical roofs and domed within, are clustered together throughout the city and built entirely without Mortar. This region is a paradise for wine-lovers so join an expert vintner for a tasting of Puglia's most robust and structured reds. Tonight it's off to the countryside to a local 'Masseria', a typical ancient fortified 'Farmhouse' of Puglia. We enjoy an incredible, authentic Puglian style dinner in a beautiful setting. A wonderful 'country roads' experience all served up with great wines from this region! (B,DW)*





#### **Day 15 Ostuni Excursion**

Today we travel to the stunning city of Ostuni, with its stark white-washed buildings, narrow cobbled streets and arched stairways. Ostuni is reminiscent of a North African Arab Medina. Perched high above the beautiful sea, the 'White Town' is a photographer's delight. Then, we'll visit a Mill to taste the renowned olive oil produced in this area that incorporates olives from the ancient groves of Puglia! (B)

#### **Day 16 Polignano A Mare - Matera – Sorrento**

Visit Matera with a Local Expert for an in-depth exploration of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sassi - a labyrinth of cave dwellings, churches, staircases and arches, hewn out of the solid rock. You may recognise Matera as the biblical backdrop for the film 'The Passion of the Christ.' Your journey continues with rolling green hills and wide mountain views paving the way, as you head towards the Tyrrhenian Sea. Take the dramatic coastal road to the lively clifftop town of Sorrento. We enjoy dinner tonight at a local restaurant, featuring some of the famous dishes of this region! (B,D) Hotel: Art Hotel Gran Paradiso – 3 nights

#### **Day 17 Isle of Capri Excursion**

Board the jetfoil to the sun-drenched island of Capri. Arrive at Marina Grande and take a funicular ride up to Capri town. A Local Expert escorts you to the luxuriant Caesar Augustus Gardens for views of the Faraglioni rocks and a crunchy, refreshing lemon granita - a specialty of the island. Savour the cosmopolitan mood of the Piazzetta before descending to the port by open-top taxi and returning to Sorrento where you are at leisure for the rest of the afternoon. (B)

#### **Day 18 Amalfi Coast Excursion**

Travel along Italy's finest coastline, the Amalfi Coast. Stop for a bird's-eye view of the terraced houses of Positano before venturing in to the heart of the town. There's time to be tempted by the boutiques before returning to Sorrento to enjoy stunning views down to the clear waters of the Bay of Naples. Sorrento's main square, Piazza Tasso, is a hub of activity; maybe relax over coffee and contemplate your options. You could stroll down to the harbour, visit the Church of St. Francis, take a swim from the foot of the cliffs or just relax and enjoy the warm, southern sunshine. (B)

#### **Day 19 Sorrento – Pompeii - Rome**

Journey north to the ancient Roman city of Pompeii, eerily preserved by the eruptions of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. Your Local Expert walks you through cobbled streets to explore some of the shops, villas and temples. Witness the colourful frescoes that were hidden for centuries. Continue beneath the brooding hilltop monastery of Monte Cassino and to the Eternal City of Rome, where the remainder of the evening is free. (B) Hotel: Colonna Palace – 3 nights

#### **Day 20 Rome Sightseeing**

This morning with our local expert, we'll explore the glorious history of the Roman Empire and hear tales of deadly gladiatorial combat inside the mighty Colosseum. Then, we'll walk in the footsteps of Roman soldiers and gaze over the incredible ruins of the forum, once the centre of political, religious and social life, while hearing tales of the mighty Roman Empire. We then discover the most charming areas in the city. Wander through the labyrinth of narrow streets and beautiful squares of Rome's historic centre, leading to highlights such as the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon, as well as hidden corners of the Eternal City. We then finish in the Piazza Navona with its pavement cafes, 17th century fountains and architecture. (B)

#### **Day 21 Rome Sightseeing**

Join a local expert for a guided visit through the Vatican Museums containing the accumulated treasures of the Popes. We visit a number of rooms, including the famous collection of tapestries and maps, before arriving at the greatest treasure of them all – the Sistine Chapel. The ceiling painted by Michelangelo is considered a work of genius! Next door in St Peter's Basilica, wonder at another of his works, the emotive 'Pieta' and stand beneath the splendid dome completed after his death. The remainder of the afternoon is then free at leisure. Perhaps shop in the boutiques near the Spanish Steps or relax in a sidewalk café? In the evening join your fellow travellers at a local restaurant for a Celebration Dinner of delicious local cuisine and wine! (B,DW) Day

#### **22 Day Depart Rome**

Our memorable tour ends this morning after breakfast with a transfer to Rome Fiumicino airport for our onward flight home! (B)

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## **Bus and Train to discover Sicily & Central Northern Italy**

**17 DAYS – 16 NIGHTS**

### **DAY 1 – BOLOGNA**

Arrival at Bologna airport, transfer to your hotel in Bologna. In the evening, Welcome dinner and Overnight.

### **DAY 2 - BOLOGNA**

After breakfast at the hotel, meet with the guide and begin to explore the city. Your gourmet walking tour of Bologna begins under the city's famous leaning towers of Asinelli and Garisenda, where the fish market was originally located. Head off on a walk with your guide to the Palace of Mercanzia, where you'll find all the major foods of the city on offer – from tortellini to lasagna, and friggione to galantine. From Via Caprarie you can access the Quadrilatero, a colorful area with both old and new shops featuring local fruit and vegetables. You'll have the opportunity to taste local foods including Bologna ham, crescentine, Parmesan cheese, and wine. Your tour ends with a chocolate tasting at Majani, founded in 1796.

Overnight at hotel. (B-L)

### **DAY 3 – BOLOGNA - FIRENZE**

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer by private vehicle to the station of Bologna, accommodation on the Freccia Rossa, first class and departure for Florence.

Arrival in Florence, transfer by private vehicle to the hotel. You will then enjoy a walking tour of the Best of Florence, exploring the beauties of the City by night. Medici Family in Florence and its intrigues. Banking, commerce, and religious influence led the Medici Family

to become one of the most powerful families in Florence, while tasting some of the best products of the Florentine food culture such as a Gottino (glass of Chianti wine), a selection of traditional Salami, coccoli (deep-fried dough bites) and last a delicious home-made Gelato. The Medici story began when they migrated to Florence from a little town in Tuscany. Our professional guide will escort you on a tour across years of history safely preserved within the architecture, palaces, churches and art that were sponsored by the Medici Family. During the tour we will have the opportunity to observe Palazzo Medici, Palazzo Vecchio the most important civil building in the city; where will also discuss the open air sculptures found within the Loggia della Signoria. We will also observe the Pitti Palace which was home to the Medici family. Strolling along the banks of the Arno will bring us to Ponte Vecchio, a bridge famous for its beautiful gold jewelry; on the top of the bridge is the hidden Vasari Corridor, which allowed the Medici family to travel secretly and safely from their home at Pitti Palace to the government building, Palazzo Vecchio. Overnight at hotel in Florence. (B-D)

### **DAY 4 - FIRENZE. PISA, SAN GIMIGNANO, SIENA, CHIANTI TOUR/LUNCH AND WINE TASTING**

After breakfast you will board a bus to discover the beauty of Tuscany and visit its enchanting medieval towns on a guided excursion. You reach Pisa and visit its stunning Piazza dei Miracoli, to admire the Baptistery, the Cathedral and, of course, the famous Leaning Tower. Lunch in a wine bar or restaurant and enjoy a wine tasting of renowned local wines as well as a traditional Tuscan dish. After lunch, the wonders continue with a visit to San Gimignano, the splendid Medieval town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then following the panoramic roads of the Chianti region, you will get to Siena, the city of the Palio Horse Race. Overnight at your hotel in Florence. (B-L)

### **DAY 5 - FIRENZE. DAY AT LEISURE: OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**

This entire day at leisure or you may choose from optional tour such as: exploring the treasures of the City like the Accademia Gallery and its David, or the Uffizi and its masterpieces. Or you might take a day tour to Cinque Terre or experience the Tuscan Countryside on a Vespa tour or Horse-back riding. Overnight at your hotel in Florence (B)

### **DAY 6 – FIRENZE - VERONA**

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer by private vehicle to the station of Florence, accommodation on the Freccia Rossa, first class and departure for Verona.

Arrival in Verona, transfer by private vehicle to the hotel. In the afternoon meet your guide and walking tour of the historic center of Verona, stopping at the points of greatest historical-artistic importance: Juliet's House, Piazza dei Signori, the Herbs and Bra, Arche Scaligere and Arena, with visit inside, the Basilica of S. Anastasia, with the possibility of an internal visit, Castello and Ponte Scaligero. The time available will allow you to deepen your knowledge of the city, in its most characteristic corners, full of inns, small cellars and open-air works of art. Dinner and overnight hotel in Verona.

### **DAY 7 – ARRIVAL IN MILAN. BEST OF MILAN WALKING TOUR WITH APERITIVO**

Breakfast at the hotel, private transfer to Verona Station, accommodation in Freccia Rossa, first class and departure for Milan. Upon your arrival, meet & greet your Tour Director and transfer to the hotel in Milan where your luggage will await you. Take the time to fresh up and meet your Tour Assistant before dipping into the beauties of Milan.

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Starting from your hotel begin your walking tour of Quadrilatero della Moda, the elegant fashion district that features famous streets like Via Montenapoleone and Via della Spiga. Discover the best brands in the world, such as Gucci and Armani, in a tour of Milan's top fashion boutiques and streets. You will visit imposing Duomo, the real symbol of Milan, admiring its extraordinary Gothic architecture. From there, you will go to the Vittorio Emanuele II Gallery, the world-famous La Scala Theatre, where world's greatest musicians and opera singers perform. Next stop you'll reach the splendid Sforza Castle by tram, the old fashion cable car going along the most charming streets of the historic centre. You'll be stunned by the massive walls of the Castle, once a military facility. Finally, we will conclude our tour with a gourmet Italian Aperitivo. Sip on a delicious cocktail and savor an authentic appetizer, relishing this simple Milanese tradition. Overnight at your hotel. (B)

#### **DAY 8 - MILAN. COMO LAKE AND BELLAGIO**

After breakfast you'll have the chance to discover the beauty of the Italian lakes! This charming experience includes the transfer by train from Milan to Como and a walking tour of the chic lake town of Como with your tour leader. You'll discover majestic white marble Duomo, walk along the elegant Via Vittorio Emanuele, the ancient medieval walls and the Romanesque Sant' Abbondio Church.

If you also like shopping you love the beautiful and picturesque streets with traditional and local shops and products. Our walk continues along the lakeside promenade to reach Villa Olmo with its ornate garden and magnificent views of the lake and town. Then you'll enjoy a boat-cruise on the lake to reach the charming village of Bellagio, pearl of the Como Lake.

Your One Day pass (Free boat circulation ticket) included will let you explore the area as you desire and for instance lose yourself in the magnificent Villa Carlotta botanic gardens or through the alleys of graceful villages. After the tour your tour leader will escort you back to Milan and overnight at your hotel. (B)

#### **DAY 9 – MILANO - PALERMO**

Breakfast at the hotel, private transfer to the airport, take the flight to Palermo. Arrival in Palermo, private transfer to hotel in Palermo. Dinner a typical Sicilian restaurant & Overnight.

#### **DAY 10 – PALERMO & MONREALE**

After breakfast departure to explore the Sicilian culture and cuisine. The itinerary begins with a visit to the Mercato del Ballarò, where you can see and taste the famous street food: panelle, arancine, croquettes and bread. You can admire the small sellers and the multicolored stalls, the wealth of fruit and fish, all among curious characters who scream to catch your attention.

After that you can visit Palermo which stretches along beautiful Tyrrhenian bay. Founded by the Phoenicians between the seventh and eighth centuries BC, it was conquered by the Arabs in 83, giving rise to a long period of prosperity. You will be enchanted by the wide avenues of the city, the old town and its Baroque buildings. You will visit the main attractions of the city: the Norman area, the "Quattro Canti" of the city & the baroque square of the cathedral. In the afternoon transfer by minibus to Monreale to visit the beautiful Byzantine style mosaics depicting scenes from the Old and New Testaments. Return to the hotel in Palermo. Dinner in Typical Restaurant, Overnight at Hotel.

#### **DAY 11 –CANTINA FEUDO ARANCIO / AGRIGENTO Valley of the temples**

After breakfast departure for the visit to the Cantina del Feudo Arancio: tasting of four different wines during a typical Sicilian soft lunch. Overnight in Agrigento.

#### **DAY 12 – VALLE DEI TEMPLI & SANT'ANGELO MUXARO**

After breakfast we will visit the splendid Valley of the Temples, UNESCO World Heritage Site, surrounded by almond trees. After the visit we will travel to reach the hinterland of Agrigento, where on the top of a hill is the small village of Sant'Angelo Muxaro (old Kamikos). After the visits, your guide will take you to a typical bakery to taste the typical homemade biscuits. This walking route leads away from the classic tourist routes. Return to the hotel in Agrigento for a nap. In the evening, dinner in a traditional rural country house, where between Sicilian music and food of the ancient Sicilian traditions, in a familiar and festive atmosphere we will spend the evening. Overnight in Agrigento.

#### **DAY 13 - SICILIA OUTLET VILLAGE / ORTIGIA SIRACUSA**

After breakfast transfer to Sicily Outlet Village, the most prestigious Italian and international brands, over 140 shops, Gucci, Armani, D & G, and many other international brands. Day dedicated entirely to shopping. In the late afternoon continue to Syracuse. Hotel accommodation dinner & overnight Syracuse.

#### **DAY 14 – ORTIGIA / NOTO / ESCURSIONE IN BARCA AL TRAMONTO**

After breakfast visit of the Archaeological Park of Neapolis (Greek Theater, Roman Amphitheater, Latomie and Dionisio's ear). Continue to Ortigia where you will be enchanted by its historic center, dominated by the extraordinary baroque cathedral, but also the Fonte di Aretusa and the port.

Afternoon dedicated to Noto, the capital of Sicilian baroque where we can admire palaces, churches and convents including the Cathedral, Palazzo Nicolaci Villadorata and Palazzo Ducezio. In the evening after 7.00 pm, a two-hour

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boat excursion along the Siracusan coast, including a dinner based on oysters, fish frit and wine. Overnight at Syracuse hotel.

#### **DAY 15 – VISIT AT BIVIERE GARDEN / TAORMINA**

After Breakfast in hotel, departure for Lentini to visit the famous Giardino del Biviere, a unique Mediterranean garden. The tour is held by the owner Princess Maria Carla Borghese. According to legend here Hercules, son of Zeus, gave as a gift to Ceres, the Roman goddess of harvest, the skin of the Nemean Lion he had defeated. Once he arrived in Lestrighoni, the little town where the Ceres lived, he created from dry and desolate land a lake that was named after him: "LacusErculeus". This lake, today surrounded by rich vegetation and animal life, was dried out in the 1930's in order to defeat the malaria disease. Today, thanks to its local community's love for plants, it has been turned into a unique and picturesque Mediterranean garden. The old south-facing port shows an extraordinary collection of plants of the Cactaceae variety growing on the carefully restored jetties to form a gangway of greenery. Princess Borghese will be happy to enjoy with you a cocktail. Transfer to Taormina. In the afternoon meeting with the guide and visit of Taormina. The historic city was founded around 1300 BC. Later it was used by the Greeks and Romans. Here we visit the Greek-Roman amphitheater, the Cathedral of Taormina, the Piccolo Teatro Odeon, the Palazzo Corvaia and we can take a walk on Corso Umberto. The guided tour will last about 3 hours. The afternoon will be at leisure. Dinner In hotel Overnight in Taormina.

#### **DAY 16 – MT ETNA & GAMBINO WINERY – FAREWELL DINNER IN BOAT**

After breakfast transfer to Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe and one of the most visited destinations in Sicily. Famous and fascinating not only for the volcanic phenomena, but also for the breathtaking views and the different types of vegetation visible during the ascent. At the end of the tour we will visit Gambino Winery for the tasting of 4 wines accompanied by a soft lunch of typical Sicilian products. Free Afternoon. In the evening, farewell dinner, on a fantastic terrace, overlooking the bay of Taormina. Overnight in Taormina.

#### **DAY 17 – WELCOME ITALY.**

Breakfast in Hotel, transfer in Catania airport.

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