



Visit the Splendors & Cultures of Sicily

with Skyland World Travel

May 14-22, 2018

8 days/7 nights - \$3,699 air & land

Single Supplement \$960

SICILY



TOUR FEATURES

- Private, roundtrip motor coach transfers from Hackettstown to JFK Airport
- Roundtrip flights from JFK Airport
- 7 nights' accommodations at indicated 4 Star hotels or similar
- Continental or buffet breakfast daily
- 1 lunch included with wine, mineral water and coffee
- 4 dinners included with wine, mineral water and coffee
- Cooking Class in Taormina in the evening
- Wine tasting, Olive Oil tasting and Chocolate Tasting - Yummy
- Tour of Cefalu
- Visit of Mt. Etna
- English speaking Tour Escort for the duration of your trip
- Professional English speaking assistance upon arrival at the airport
- Sightseeing, guides, and entrance fees per itinerary
- Private deluxe motor coach at disposal for included services throughout
- Baggage handling
- Cancellation and trip interruption Insurance
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Hotel City taxes

PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

Date	City	Hotel
May 15 - 17	Palermo	Hotel Principe di Villafranca
May 17 - 18	Agrigento	Hotel Della Valle
May 18 - 19	Ragusa	Poggio del Sole Hotel
May 19 - 22	Taormina	Hilton Naxos

Day 1 | Depart USA Evening departure. Meals and refreshments served on board.

Day 2 | Palermo After morning arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. Your Sicily tour starts at a 6:30 PM orientation meeting with your tour director in the lobby followed by a special welcome dinner at a local restaurant that will introduce you to the Sicilian flavors and local cuisine. (D)

Day 3 | Palermo A morning tour of Palermo, a city full of character, features Quattro Canti - a splendid example of Spanish Baroque architecture, the Palace of the Normans, the cathedral, and the famous Benedictine Abbey of Monreale. Here you will admire a 12th century cathedral, housing very fine mosaics representing a complete cycle of the Old and New Testaments. Later enjoy, with your tour director, a visit to the picturesque fishing village of Cefalù. (B)

Day 4 | Palermo | Marsala | Sciacca | Agrigento Journey south to the western corner of Sicily dominating the Mediterranean. Our first stop will be near the sea town of Marsala, rediscovered in the 18th century by English merchant John Woodhouse and known for its sweet wines. We drive along Trapani's coastline to admire the ancient Salt flats off the island of Mithia. Today enjoy a lunch and olive oil tasting session at a local Organic farmhouse. In the afternoon we continue to explore the western coast of Sicily through Mazara del Vallo, Sciacca, and Ribera until we arrive to the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento for check in at your hotel. (B,L)

Day 5 | Agrigento | Ragusa This morning explore with your onsite guide the ancient Greek city Akragas, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a guided tour of the valley, dating back to the 5th century B.C. The poet Pindar described the site as "the most beautiful city built by mortal men". The Doric style temples, all constructed within a century, face east, a standard criteria for both Greek and Roman temples so the statue of the God housed in each temple faced the rising sun. The best temple is that of Concordia (similar in design to the Parthenon in Athens) which is in an almost perfectly preserved condition. After visiting the Valley of the Temples, we drive through Gela and explore the Province of Ragusa "The famous Baroque valley of Sicily". Arrive in the late afternoon in time for an enjoyable and relaxing dinner at your hotel. (B,D)

Day 6 | Modica | Noto | Ortigia (Syracuse) | Taormina This morning we start our tour with Modica, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that was destroyed with a devastating earthquake in 1693. Many of the residents in this area moved to new safer locations and rebuilt the cities introducing the Sicilian Baroque style. Modica also preserves an ancient tradition and technique of Chocolate making learned from the Aztecs. We will visit a traditional chocolate boutique that also includes a tasting session. Our journey continues to Noto, another baroque jewel. Before lunch enjoy a guided tour along Corso Vittorio Emanuele and admire the Royal Gate, the Basilica di San Salvatore and the Duomo of San Nicolo'. Time at leisure. In the afternoon stop in Ortigia the historical Greek and mythological island of Syracuse. We continue our drive along the eastern coast of Sicily for check in at your hotel in Taormina. Tonight dinner is included at your hotel. (B,D)



Day 7 | Taormina | Mt. Etna | Taormina Today explore the slopes of Mt. Etna (largest and most active volcano of Europe) that also includes an interesting honey-tasting session in Zafferana. Continue climbing to 6,000 feet, where you can enjoy the best views, as you drive through the fertile slopes and villages that sit on ancient volcanic eruptions. This afternoon enjoy a walking tour of Taormina's charming city center that also includes the Greek/Roman amphitheater, with its spectacular view of Giardini Naxos and Mount Etna. Get ready for some fun this evening as you prepare your own dinner at your evening cooking class. (B,D)

Day 8 | Taormina ("Godfather" tour) Today enjoy a once in a lifetime experience! The "Godfather" tour, featuring the authentic villages chosen by Francis Ford Coppola for most of the scenes in the Godfather movies. This is a good way to also explore the real untouched Sicilian countryside, local lifestyle and culture. Afternoon at leisure to explore on your own, or just relax at your hotel. In the evening, enjoy dinner with delectable cuisine and sparkling wine in a fashionable restaurant. (B,D)

Day 9 | Catania to USA (or extend your stay) Morning transfer to Catania Airport for your return flight home. Meals and refreshments served on board. Same day arrival into USA. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

Non-refundable deposit of \$250 is due at sign up

Final Payment due 65 days prior to departure

Conditions: Price is per person based on double room occupancy, on a minimum of 20 full paying passengers; includes airfare and all taxes and fees. Price may be subject to change depending on currency exchange fluctuation.



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