

# **DISCOVER MEDITERRANEAN: Sicily & Malta**

**6 nights / 7 days**

**Palermo (2 nights) Taormina (2 nights) Malta (2 nights)**

**Departure: GUARANTEED** (with a minimum of 2 clients)

**Small size group:** Maximum 20 clients

**Style of Accommodation:** 4 star standard

**IMPORTANT:** In order to guarantee all departures with a minimum of 2 clients, we operate this tour either with a Driver-Escort or Tour Director and driver. We do not use licensed Local Guides for this tour. Driver-Escort or Tour Director provide basic historical and site information preparing you to visit sites on your own. They may not accompany you on your visit of the sites.

If you require licensed Local Guides, it is your responsibility to purchase on the spot (if available). We **cannot** arrange licensed Local Guide services for you in advance.

## **Day 1 (Saturday) Palermo**

Welcome to the warm, beautiful and pleasant island of Sicily!

Upon arrival at Palermo airport please proceed through the Passport Control and collect your luggage inside the customs area. Driver will transfer you to hotel. Tonight, after a brief introduction made by your Tour Director, enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**

## **Day 2 (Sunday) Monreale & Palermo**

Breakfast at hotel. Our first stop will be *Monreale* to see where the Arab-Norman art and architecture reached the pinnacle of its glory with the Duomo, launched in 1174 by William II. It represents scenes from the Old and New Testaments all in golden mosaics. Then on to Palermo to visit the Palatine Chapel, which was the crowning architectural achievement of William II's grandfather, Roger II. We then continue by seeing: Piazza Pretoria and Via Maqueda with its "four corners" converging Palermo at a quartet of Baroque palaces left over from the heyday of Spanish rule dating back to 1560. This afternoon at leisure to explore the town on your own or **OPTIONAL EXCURSION** . **(BB)**

## **Day 3 (Monday) Palermo/Cefalù/Polizzi Generosa/Taormina**

Today depart for Cefalù, a charming coastal town home to a massive Norman Cathedral with outstanding mosaics. Here we will visit the city center and stroll down main street to reach the Cathedral. Afterwards, we drive across the vast countryside of the Madonie Park showcasing Sicily's great variety of landscapes. The territory of the Madonie mountains is a paradise of earth and sky, tucked away on the island. We soon arrive in Polizzi Generosa—a lovely town in the heart of the Madonie Natural Park in Palermo province. Step back in time viewing the ancient masserie transformed into a farmhouse, the flour mills evidencing the plentiful water supply of the area, and the furnaces used today, as in the past, to make ceramics. Light lunch at country trattoria to taste typical local dishes. This afternoon we will continue to Taormina, the world famous resort town of Sicily. **(BB L)**

**Day 4 (Tuesday) Taormina**

Today at leisure to relax or shop. **(BB)**

**Day 5 (Wednesday) Taormina/Catania/Malta**

Following breakfast transfer to Catania airport for your independent flight to Malta  
Welcome to the warm, beautiful and pleasant island of Malta!

Upon arrival at Malta-Luga airport please proceed through the Passport Control and collect your luggage inside the customs area. Driver will transfer you to hotel.

**Day 6 (Thursday) Northern Malta & Gozo Scenic Tour**

This tour will take you en route via the north of Malta passing St. Paul's Bay, this is where St. Paul was shipwrecked in 60AD. We proceed further north, passing the pretty hillside village of Mellieha which offers stunning views overlooking Ghadira Bay before arriving at Cirkewwa for our ferry crossing to the sister island of Gozo. Our short 25 minute ferry crossing passes the smaller island of Comino. The charm of Gozo is apparent the moment you arrive there. Greener, more rural and smaller than Malta. Our tour is a combination of scenic spots and local culture. We will pass through quaint sleepy villages that characterise Gozo's unique charm, visit stunning sites such as Calypso Cave which offers magnificent views over the red sands of Ramla Bay. Just before lunch we will also stop at the Fontana Cottage where you can sample local delicacies such as sun dried tomatoes, olive pate, local cheeselets, wines, liqueurs and anything made locally, you will also have some time for a spot of shopping for popular buys such as lace. Free time for lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch we continue our tour with visits to one of the most photographed sites in Gozo, the Azzur Window and Inland Sea. Here you can take an optional boat trip (the boat trip is not included in the overall price as it operates subject to weather conditions, EUR7.00 paid on the day) around the sea locked lake. Our final stop before we head back to the ferry for Malta includes a visit to the main town on Gozo, Victoria and The Citadel. The Citadel is a small fortified city that dominates the heights above Victoria. The history of The Citadel dates back to an early period when Gozo was under Roman and Arab occupation. The views from its fortified walls offer panoramas of the whole island. Our tour comes to an end and we make our way back to the ferry terminal for our return to the main island. **(BB)**

**Day 7 (Friday) Malta**

Time to say goodbye to Malta while we are transferred to the airport for our return flight or optional trip. **(BB)**

**Meal Legend:**

**BB** Buffet Breakfast **L** Lunch or Light Lunch **D** Dinner

## **FEATURED PROPERTIES USED**

**Palermo:** Hotel Politeama  
Hotel Mercure Palermo Centro  
Hotel Residenza d'Aragona

**Taormina:** Hotel Miramare

**Malta:** Corinthia Marina Hotel

*Hotel may be substituted with similar category*

## **Departs Palermo (Saturday)**

10-Jan  
24-Jan  
7-Feb  
21-Feb  
14-Mar  
28-Mar  
18-Apr  
25-Apr  
2-May  
9-May  
23-May  
30-May  
13-Jun  
20-Jun  
27-Jun  
4-Jul  
25-Jul  
29-Aug  
12-Sep  
19-Sep  
26-Sep  
3-Oct  
10-Oct  
24-Oct  
31-Oct  
7-Nov  
14-Nov  
12-Dec

**Highlights:**

Palermo	The Sicilian capital and capo market
Monreale	Dome and the golden mosaics
Cefalù	Norman cathedral
Polizzi Generosa	Lovely town in the heart of Madonie Natural Park
Taormina	Worldrenowned Mediterranean resort town
Malta	Northern Malta & Gozo Scenic Tour

## **PRICE ARE EUR PER PERSON, LAND ONLY, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

### **GROSS RATE:**

Euros 1.510,00 per person in double/twin occupancy

Euros 1.462,00 per person in triple occupancy

Euros 1.750,00 per person in single occupancy

### **SURCHARGE**

**-Pre-night Palermo:** Euros 70,00 per person night in double occupancy.

**-Pre-night Palermo:** Euros 65,00 per person night in triple occupancy.

**-Pre-night Palermo:** Euros 99,00 per person night in single occupancy.

**-Post-night Malta:** Euros 132,00 per person night in double occupancy.

**-Post-night Malta:** Euros 202,50 per person night in single occupancy.

**-Round Trip Airport transfers:** based on a minimum of 2 paying people, for services done from 8AM to 7PM (Night use surcharge for services done from 7:30PM to 7:30AM is Euros 20,00 per person each way)

### **WHAT IS INCLUDED:**

- ✓ One main round trip airport transfer for Sicily and Malta
- ✓ Palermo: Two nights accommodation
- ✓ Taormina: Two nights accommodation
- ✓ Malta: Two nights accommodation
- ✓ Daily continental breakfast buffet
- ✓ Welcome Dinner with set group menu
- ✓ Vehicle/coach with air conditioning, no toilet
- ✓ English speaking Tour Director/Driver as per program
- ✓ All sightseeing, tasting and excursions as specified in the itinerary
- ✓ One light lunch at country restaurant in Polizzi Generosa with tasting of several typical local dishes
- ✓ Hotel & city taxes

### **WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:**

- ✓ Intercontinental Flight
- ✓ Gratuities to Tour Director, Local Guide and Driver
- ✓ Portage at airport
- ✓ Luggage handling at hotel
- ✓ Tips
- ✓ Beverages and meals not mentioned in the program
- ✓ Travel Insurance
- ✓ Airport Transfers
- ✓ Admission fees payable directly on the spot (total rate is approximately Euros 8,00 per person)
- ✓ Optional Excursions

**CANCELLATION POLICY, per person**

Tradizione Turismo by Chat & Tour Srl reserves the right to cancel or reschedule any tour departure in accordance with operating requirements or circumstances beyond its control. If cancellation is made anytime prior to departure of the tour, Tradizione Turismo's only liability will be to refund the passenger the amount it has received for the tour booking.

In the event clients need to cancel the tour, our Cancellation Policy is as follows:

<b>Days Prior to Departure</b>	<b>Cancellation Fees</b>
60 or more days	Euros 100,00
59 - 45 days	25% of the Tour cost
44 - 15 days	50% of the Tour cost
14 - 8 days	80% of the Tour cost
7 - 0 days	100% of the Tour cost

**RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT**

A deposit of 20% per person is required at the time of reservation. At that moment a signed contract is required to hold your reservation. Final payment of the tour is due 60 days prior to departure.

**List of Hotels will be advised 20 days before departure.**

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS (Based on a minimum of 2 paying clients):**

**Segesta**

**Day 2 (Sunday) Palermo/Segesta/Palermo**

This afternoon depart for Segesta -- it looks as if it were built yesterday. Segesta's ancient Greek temple makes a valid claim to being the best preserved in the world, and its amphitheatre boasts a hilltop position on Mount Barbaro second to none. The magnificent Doric temple--whose roof was never added and the pillars never fluted-- is impressive as one of the highlights of a large archeological park. The archaeological site reflects the presence of several ancient civilizations, beginning with the elusive Elymians. Later back to Palermo.

**GROSS RATE:**       Euros 40,00 per person

**WHAT IS INCLUDED:**

- ✓ Vehicle/coach with air conditioning, no toilet
- ✓ English speaking Tour Director/Driver as per program
- ✓ All sightseeing, tasting and excursions as specified in the itinerary
- ✓ City taxes

**WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:**

- ✓ Gratuities
- ✓ Tips
- ✓ Admission fees
- ✓ Amphitheatre shuttle bus
- ✓ Licensed local guide