



## Etna Wine & Jeep Tour from Taormina

Full day Wine Tour with Off-Road experience to Mount Etna and Alcantara Gorges. Stop at two Wineries to enjoy local cuisine and excellent wine



Location

**Taormina**



Days

**1**



Duration

**7 Hours**



Category

**Nature & Outdoor**



Season

**All Year**



Tour Type

**Private**

### TOUR OVERVIEW

Etna Wine Tour by 4x4 Land Rover (or similar)

Private tour: max. 6 people per jeep

Approx. 7 hours: from h 9am to 4pm

Today meet the off-road's driver and transfer to Etna Volcano.

During our first stop we will discover a unique canyon comprised of basaltic lava (the "Alcantara Gorges") and shaped by the waters of the Alcantara river.

The Alcantara's vertical cliffs reach 30 meters in height and its structures have been forged by high intensity geological and geothermal events. In prehistoric times, a river flowed here over clay sediments until a massive volcanic eruption channeled magma into the river bed forming the current canyons.

After this stop, we will visit the historic center of Castiglione di Sicilia, a medieval village perched on a hill overlooking the Alcantara valley. The tour includes a walk to the Belvedere of the Castello di Lauria (of Norman-Swabian origin dating back to the twelfth century and built on the highest cliff of the medieval village).

Traveling through one of the wine roads of Sicily and crossing large expanses of vineyards (Etna D.O.C.), we will arrive at a local winery. This is the ideal place to enjoy relaxing moments surrounded by nature while sampling a snack and excellent wines.

We will then make a brief stop at the 2002 lava flow reachable by jeep through a winding dirt road surrounded by chestnut and oak forests.

The 2002 eruption lasted from October 27th to January 29th 2003 and it is considered one of the most explosive eruptions of the past one hundred years.

Continuing our excursion we will reach the Ragabo pine forest where hidden among pines and brooms, we will discover the cave of Corruccio (1350 meters above sea level) a cave formed by flowing lava.

Later, driving up along the Mareneve road we will reach Piano Provenzana (1800 meters above sea level), a ski resort, theater of the great eruption of 2002. After enjoying an excellent espresso, we will take a short walk to visit the ruins of the hotel Le Betulle destroyed by a molten lava flow.

Before coming back to Taormina, traveling through one of the wine roads of Sicily and crossing large expanses of vineyards (Etna D.O.C.), we will stop at another local winery, to enjoy again relaxing moments surrounded by nature while sampling local cuisine and excellent wines. In fact the wines are complemented by uniquely local delicacies.

This tour is operated with English speaking Driver.

#### PICK-UP DETAILS:

Pick-up will be set at your hotel, if located in Taormina area.

#### IMPORTANT TO KNOW

The service will be operated by a 6 seats jeep, but to guarantee to all customers a window seat, we suggest You to book the jeep for maximum 5 people.






#### DRESS CODE:

-from March to May & from October to November: pack winter coat and dress sturdy shoes or hiking boots;

-from June to September: pack a waterproof shell and dress in layers. Dress comfortable shoes or sneakers; do not forget you sun screen, sun glasses and sun hat.

#### TOUR CODE: JEEPWINE

## WHAT IS INCLUDED?

-  Basic English speaking jeep driver
-  Equipment (helmets)
-  Private Jeep Ride Excursion
-  Tasting of Sicilian wines accompanied by local products
-  VAT

## NOT INCLUDED

-  Gratuities and tips