



## Full Day Regular Tour to Piazza Armerina and Agrigento from Palermo

Operated on Wednesday/Thursday and Sunday from Palermo. English only. Small Group Tour. A collective tour to visit the Roman Villa of Casale of Piazza Armerina and the Valley of the Temples of Agrigento.



Location

**Agrigento**



Days

**1**



Duration

**11 Hours**



Category

**Regular Day Tour All Year**



Season



Tour Type

**Small group**

### TOUR OVERVIEW

The tour will start from the meeting point located in Palermo city center. The driver will pick you up and will start driving in direction of Piazza Armerina (approximately 2 hours and half from Palermo).

Upon arrival, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the visit of the amazing Roman Villa of Casale, that belongs to the Unesco Heritage. Built on the 4th century AD, the Villa was later forgotten and only in the 20th century excavations revealed the whole building. It is the supreme example of a luxury Roman villa (about 3500 square meters of floor mosaics) and was probably the residence of a member of the upper class of the Roman Empire. The mosaics discovered here are celebrated among scholars of antiquity. The visit inside the Roman Villa will be done independently. Every room has information boards. Admission fee not included (at the moment the price is Eur 10 per person for Adult).

After the visit of the Roman Villa (approximately 1 hour/ 1 hour and half, depending the number of visitors inside the Villa) we will reach a local restaurant for a snack including a mixed starter, water and coffee (other courses available paying a surcharge).

After lunch we will drive approximately 2 hours before reaching the Valley of the Temples of Agrigento (Admission fee not included. At

the moment the price is Eur 10 per person for Adult). This archaeological site belongs to the Unesco World Heritage since 1997. The visit of the Valley of the Temples covers the Temple of Hera, the Temple of Concordia, the Temple of Hercules and the Temple of Zeus. Agrigento, according to legend, was founded by Daedalus and his son Icarus after they had fled from Crete "by air". Historically, however, its origins date back to 582 B.C. when it was founded by Rhodian-Cretan colonist from the neighbouring Gela who named their city Akragas after the nearby river of that name. It rapidly increased in size, importance and military strength under Phalarides, the first tyrant, and later under Theron, who extended his sway over northern Sicily as far as Himera. Agrigento was a city of artists and illustrious personages, amongst whom the philosopher Empedocles. Pindar defines it as "the most beautiful of mortal cities" and, in fact, in the 5th century B.C., those famous temples, whose beauty we still admire today, were built.

A licensed guide will be provided at the Valley of the Temples if the group will be minimum 6 people. For groups from 1 to 5, the walking tour of the Valley of the Temples will be done independently.

Later we will drive back to Palermo.

#### SEMI ESCORTED HOSTED TOURS

Provided with: minimum of 2 clients

Limited to maximum: 20 people

Language: English only

Departure from Palermo:

- on Thursday and Sunday up to March 31st, 2020

- on Wednesday and Sunday from April 1st, 2020

This tour is land only.

#### APPOINTMENT WITH OUR STAFF:

Palermo, Piazza Ruggero Settimo 15 (between the Hotel Politeama and PRADA store)

Please be ready at the meeting point at 8:15am

Estimated departure time: 8:30am

#### OPERATED WITH:

This tour is operated only with English speaking Driver up to 5 people. The visit to the Valley of the Temples and the Roman Villa of Casale will be independent.

The Driver is not a Licensed Tourist Guide -- Licensed Tourist Guide: are the only professionals, with a Regional license, permitted to conduct visits and tours in all sites and museums within a city -- and he cannot escort people inside the monuments because this is not allowed by Italian Rules. However, he has the competences to promote the most important highlights providing basic historical & cultural information.

Between 6 and 7/8 persons in your tour you'll have an English speaking Driver and a licensed Tourist Guide on the spot to visit the Valley of the Temples. The visit to the Roman Villa of Casale will be independent.

From 8/9 people, this tour is operated with a Tour Director. Licensed Tourist Guide is provided on the spot to visit the Valley of the Temples. The visit to the Roman Villa of Casale will be independent.

After the visit of both sites, the return transfer to Palermo may be operated with Italian speaking Driver.

#### MINIMUM NUMBER APPLIED

This tour is guaranteed with minimum 2 people. There is a possibility of cancellation after confirmation if there are not enough passengers to meet requirements. In the event of this occurring, you will be offered an alternative or full refund.

If you are a single traveller, within 48 hours before the tour starts you can choose to pay a double amount to guarantee the tour. This extra amount will be refunded in case other people will join the same tour.

**ADMISSION FEES:**

The price of this tour does not include the Admission Fees.

At the moment the price is Eur 20 per person for Adult (Euro 10,00 at the Roman Villa and Euro 10,00 at the Valley of the Temples.

There will be discount for children and youth under 18 years old.

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## WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- ✔ Collective excursion
- ✔ English speaking Tour Director/Driver (as per program)
- ✔ Licensed tourist guide as per program if more than 6 people on the tour
- ✔ Meal as per Description
- ✔ VAT
- ✔ Vehicle/coach with air conditioning - no toilet
- ✔ Visit as per itinerary

## NOT INCLUDED

- ✘ Admission fees
- ✘ Gratuities and tips
- ✘ Licensed tourist guide as per program if less than 6 people on the tour