



## Sicilian Highlights Tour 2019

Up to March 21st, 2020 every Saturday: 7 days Tour from Palermo to Taormina. Semi Escorted Tour - Small Size - Max 20 people - English Only



Location

**Agrigento**



Days

**7**



Duration

**7 Days**



Category

**Multi Days**



Season

**All Year**



Tour Type

**Small group**

## TOUR OVERVIEW

### SICILIAN HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

BEGINS ON SATURDAYS FROM PALERMO  
ENDS IN TAORMINA

SEMI ESCORTED HOSTED TOUR | Sicilian Highlights: West to East

Begins on Saturday from Palermo

6 nights / 7 days | Palermo (4 nights) Taormina (2 nights)

Provided with: minimum of 2 clients

Limited to maximum: 20 people

Style of Accommodation: First Class

### HIGHLIGHTS:

Palermo: The Sicilian capital and open air market

Monreale: Dome and the golden mosaics  
Agrigento: Valley of the Temples  
Segesta: Doric Temple  
Erice: Castle built on the remnants of Venus Temple  
Piazza Armerina: Ancient mosaics in the Roman Villa  
Cefalù: a charming coastal town  
Taormina: World renowned Mediterranean resort town

#### Booking process system:

Send us all Your details by filling in the automatic form. Your booking will be in pending until we will confirm the availability (within 2 days, weekend excluded). If not available, we will refund the deposit paid on Your credit card. As per our policy, the payment is needed to guarantee the booking.

The balance is due within two months before tour begins.

#### IMPORTANT TO KNOW:

This tour is operated only with a Driver-Guide up to 5 people.

The Driver Guide 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 you inside the monuments because this is not allowed by Italian Rules.

From 6 people, the tour is operated with a Tour Director. Licensed Tourist Guides are provided on the spot as below specified:

-Monreale: to see the Dome;

-Agrigento: to see the Archaeological Park

#### HOSTED TOUR

This tour includes Hotel Accommodation, transportation, sightseeing and some meals. This tour will be conducted by a driver escort or a tour escort (depending the number of people confirmed on the activity planned for the day) and can include licensed local guide (as per tour details and conditions).

The person that will conduct the tour could be different day by day.

An hosted Tour is ideal for people who want some freedom but still have the comfort of a Tour leader who will take care of group and will orchestrate all services.

#### FEATURED PROPERTIES USED FOR THIS TOUR

Palermo: Hotel Plaza Opera, Hotel Principe di Villafranca, OR similar Hotel.

Taormina area: Hilton Giardini Naxos (seaside area), Hotel Villa Diodoro, OR similar Hotel.

Hotel may be substituted with similar categories.

We do not guarantee all people on the tour will be lodging in the same Hotel.

#### ROOMS DEFINITIONS:

Single Room: room with a single bed for 1 person only

Double for Single use: double/twin room for 1 person only

Twin Room: room with a pair of single beds for 2 persons

Double Room: room with a large/double bed ideally for a couple

Triple Room: double with extra small single bed ideally for a couple with kid

#### IMPORTANT:

We do accommodate solo-travelers in Single Room

Double for single use surcharge is available ON REQUEST

#### PRE-POST NIGHTS: ON REQUEST

Rates per person, per night, breakfast included

Using the same properties used for the tour

#### AIRPORT TRANSFERS: ON REQUEST

Arrival Transfer: from Palermo airport to Palermo hotel

-Rates based on 2 people travelling together and sharing the same vehicle.

Departure Transfer: from Taormina hotel to Catania airport

-Rates based on 2 people travelling together and sharing the same vehicle.

TOUR CODE: HIGHPMO19

## TOUR ITINERARY



Day 1

### Saturday - Palermo

Our Staff Disposal: no

Welcome to the warm, beautiful and pleasant island of Sicily! Upon arrival at Palermo airport (PMO) please proceed through the Passport Control and collect your luggage inside the customs area.

Then independent transfer to your hotel.

The balance of the day is at leisure.



Day 2

### Sunday - Palermo - Piazza Armerina - Agrigento - Palermo

Our Staff Disposal: full day from h 8:15AM

Following breakfast, departure to Piazza Armerina to visit the amazing Roman Villa of Casale (Admission Fee: not included) in Piazza Armerina. The mosaics discovered here are celebrated among scholars of antiquity. This afternoon, after a short stop for a snack including a mixed starter, water and coffee, we drive through the interior of Sicily to reach the Archaeological Park of Agrigento. Here you will visit the finest of all ancient Greek sites—the complete Doric Temples (Admission fee: not included). Later we return to Palermo. (BB L)



Day 3

### Monday - Palermo Markets - Monreale

Our Staff Disposal: full day from h 10:30AM

Information:

- meeting point in piazza Verdi, right in front of the stairs of Massimo Opera Theater (around 10 minutes walking distance from Palermo Hotel)
- walking tour of Palermo for around 3-4 hours to explore the town
- Transfer from Palermo to Monreale (and return transfer) by taxi: included

Breakfast at hotel.

Start your walking tour admiring the Massimo Theatre (external view), then explore a suggestive and lively open-air market, a place with strong Arab influences, resembling a souk, with picturesque stands of fresh fish, cheeses, fruits and vegetables. During the tour you will have the opportunity to observe local people in their daily activities and to savor foods that a real Sicilian people love to eat! Tasting of typical street food is included. The walking tour through the ancient center of Palermo is around 3-4 hours and

you will visit several monuments including Piazza Pretoria and the Cathedral.

At the end of this tour you will reach Monreale by taxi for a stop to visit the Dome (Admission fee: not included), a wonderful example of the Arab-Norman art and architecture. Launched in 1174 by William II, the Dome represents scenes from the Old and New Testaments all in golden mosaics. Later, return to Palermo by taxi. (BB S)



Day 4

## Tuesday - Palermo-Erice-Segesta-Olive Oil Winery- Palermo

Our Staff Disposal: full day from h 8:30AM

Information: walking tour of Erice for around 2 hours up-and-down to explore the town

Early departure to tour western Sicily where we reach Erice uptown. The Elymians settled the medieval town of Erice, which was an important religious site associated with the goddess Venus. Wander through its ancient streets and visit some of the famous homemade pastry shops—world-famous for marzipan candies and other delicacies like almond and pistachio pastries. Later we proceed to have a light-lunch in a local winery-farmhouse including tasting of mixed local product such as cheese, salumi, olives, local bread combined with their production of olive oil and wine. This afternoon we continue onto Segesta, one of the major cities of the ancient indigenous Elymian people, to visit the unfinished Doric temple (Admission fee: not included), late 5th century BC, built on a hilltop just outside of the ancient city and has a commanding view of the surrounding area. Later we return to Palermo. (BB L)



Day 5

## Wednesday - Palermo - Cefalù - Taormina

Our Staff Disposal: full day from h 9:30AM

Breakfast at hotel.

Today departure to Cefalù, a charming coastal town built on a promontory dominated by a sheer cliff. Still keeping its ancient print, Cefalù has grown around the Cathedral, one of the most interesting medieval monuments of the island, that boasts outstanding mosaics and a wonderful cloister. Stroll through the medieval narrow street and admire the picturesque houses on the sea and the long beach of finest sand. This afternoon we then continue to Taormina, the world famous resort town of Sicily. (BB)



Day 6

## Thursday - Taormina at leisure

Our Staff Disposal: no

Breakfast at hotel.

Today is at leisure: Taormina is a hill-village with a glossy sheen of glamour. A drink at the tables of Caffè Wunderbar (or similar) in Piazza IX Aprile may set you back a few euros, but you'll be basking where Tennessee Williams and Elizabeth Taylor basked before you. As well as the famed Greek-Roman Theatre (Admission fee: not included), there are several minor sites to be discovered around Taormina. The attractive principal thoroughfare, Corso Umberto is pedestrian and ideal for strolling and window-shopping. Picturesque lanes above and below the Corso are interesting to explore, while if you want to stretch your legs further there are attractive walks up into the hills, or down to the sea. Given its compact size, Taormina has a huge range of bars, cafes and restaurants where you can while away pleasant hours while admiring the views. (BB)

Enjoy your stay at leisure in Taormina or inquiry us for an Optional Excursion!

## Friday - Taormina-Catania

Our Staff Disposal: no

Breakfast at hotel.

Time to say goodbye to Sicily. Then independent transfer to Catania airport (CTA). (BB)

Meal Legend: BB Buffet Breakfast S Snack L Lunch or Light Lunch D Dinner

Full Day: around 7 hours and always in accordance with the itinerary and route

Half Day: around 3 to 4 hours

### TOUR MAP



## WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- ✓ All sightseeing & visits as per itinerary
- ✓ Daily breakfast buffet
- ✓ English speaking Tour Director/Driver (as per program)
- ✓ Hotel accommodation
- ✓ Licensed tourist guide as per program if more than 6 people on the tour
- ✓ Lunch at local trattoria
- ✓ One light lunch in a local winery-farmhouse with tasting of local dishes, wine and olive oil tastings
- ✓ Tastings of street food
- ✓ VAT
- ✓ Vehicle/coach with air conditioning - no toilet

## NOT INCLUDED

- ✗ Admission fees
- ✗ Airport transfers
- ✗ Beverage and meal not specified
- ✗ City taxes
- ✗ Fee for luggage handling fee at hotel
- ✗ Gratuities and tips
- ✗ Intercontinental/Local Flights
- ✗ Licensed Tourist Guide if not specified
- ✗ Optional Excursions
- ✗ Portorage at airport
- ✗ Travel Insurance