

# The Food & Wine Grand Tour of Sicily



*10 days/ 9 nights*

*Small group Tour (min. 2 max 12)*

*First class or Deluxe Accommodation*

## **Day 1 (Sunday) - Palermo Airport > Town**

Welcome to the warm, beautiful and pleasant island of Sicily! Upon arrival at Palermo Airport please proceed through Passport Control and collect your luggage inside the customs area. Then, **independent transfer** to your hotel.

## **Day 2 (Monday) - Monreale and Palermo Street Food Half Day Tour**

*English Speaking Guide Included for half day from h 9.00am*

*Taxi Fee to/from Monreale: included (round service)*



After Breakfast at hotel will meet our Guide and departure for **Monreale by taxi** in order to visit the Dome (*Admission fee included*), a wonderful example of the Arab-Norman art and architecture. Founded in 1174 by William II, the Dome represents scenes from the Old and New Testaments all in golden mosaics.

We then back to Palermo by taxi to continue the itinerary with the **Street Food Walking Tour!**

During the itinerary we will see several monuments like: **Piazza Pretoria**, the **Four Corners** and an external view of the **Cathedral**.

We will 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 we 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 tour will end in front of the **Massimo Theatre-Palermo Opera House** (external view), then

The balance of the day is at leisure.

## Day 3 (Tuesday) - Marsala Winery, Lunch and Erice

Private Vehicle and English Speaking Driver/Tour Leader Disposal: full day from h 8.30am



Breakfast at hotel.

Today meet our staff at hotel and travel to Marsala region along the **Salt Way Road**. While travelling we will be fascinated by this unusual landscape: panels of mirror-like water, held by thin strips of earth and white windmills. In Summer now as then in some areas between Trapani and Marsala it is possible to admire piles of salt just harvested.

We then visit a local Marsala Winery (if will be possible i twill be

the **Florio Winery**)

**Cantine Florio** is one of the oldest **wine** companies in **Marsala** and the history of **wine** in this city is interwoven with the history of this company. It was founded in 1833 by Vincenzo **Florio**, who after having bought land in the countryside, decided to establish his cellars for **wine** production in the area. We strictly recommend to read the **Lions of Sicily, a novel by Stefania Auci** based on the true history of the uncrowned kings of Sicily: the story of a family, restless and ambitious, shrewd and determined to be richer and more powerful than anybody else

*(in case of difficulties it will be substituted with a different Marsala Wine producer)*

**Lunch in a very local and suggestive trattoria to taste local delicious dishes.**



This afternoon departure for **Erice**, a wonderfully preserved Mediaeval town offering the most breathtaking views and a palpable sense of history. 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.

Then we drive back to Palermo.

## Day 4 (Wednesday) - The Countryside Village Experience

Private Vehicle and English Speaking Tour Leader Disposal: full day from h 9.00am



Breakfast at hotel.

Today will be dedicated to the **Countryside Village Experience**. We will be deep in the life of a small little village of the inland of Sicily to have an amazing experience based on the interaction with local life having the opportunity to visit a small cheese factory, a Farmhouse, old greek cave-tombs (if weather permit).

Lunch will be done in a local farmhouse where will have lunch all together in a perfect Family atmosphere

In the afternoon we then continue our tour to **Agrigento**.

## Day 5 (Thursday) - Agrigento, Winery, Olive Oil and Lunch

*Private Vehicle and English Speaking Driver/Tour Leader Disposal: full day from h 9.00am  
Local Guide to visit the Valley of the Temples: not included*



After Breakfast departure to have an independent visit (with audioguide) of the Valley of the Temples (*Admission fee and audioguide: included*).

Then we drive across an amazing scenic route to get a great **Winery and Olive Oil Farm** where we stop for a visit, wine, olive oil tastings and a delicious lunch.

This afternoon we then continue onto **Syracusa**.

## Day 6 (Friday) - Syracuse Half Day Walking Tour

*English Speaking Guide Included for: Half day from h 09.00am  
Taxi Fee to/from Archaeological Park: included (round service)*



After Breakfast Today we start the visit of Syracuse with a transfer by Taxi to meet your guide and enjoy the guided visit the **Archaeological Park** (*Admission fee: included*), whose main highlights of which are the Greek Theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre and the Paradise Quarry. The resulting park is one of the most extraordinary heritage left us by classical antiquity and, given its degree of interest and importance, it has few equals

elsewhere in Italy.

Then back to the city center to stroll through the streets of **Ortygia Island**, the heart of the city center, to visit the **Dome** (*Admission fee included*). This delightful pedestrian square is home to the wonderful **Cathedral built on the site of an ancient Temple of Athena**, as can clearly be seen from the original Doric columns that were incorporated into the building's main structure. Later to the colorful daily **Street Market**, which sells a fantastic array of fruit, vegetables, fish and meat.

This afternoon is at leisure or **Optional Experience**:

## Day 7 (Saturday) - Relax in Syracuse

Today is at leisure or let us recommend a few **Optional Day Tours**:

### **TRUFFLE HUNTING & TIME MACHINE** with lunch at restaurant



This Tour is a great opportunity to enjoy the countryside, to have fun with the Truffle dog and discover an unknown part of Sicily

The day will include the truffle hunting, the Time Machine Experience (we like to call this way the discovery of the lifestyle of Sicilian in 1800/early 1900) followed by a lunch in a local restaurant based on the truffle hunted!!!

**Rate per person (minimum 2) Eur 350**

### **CHEESE, WINE & TUNA FISHING VILLAGE** with lunch at local winery



This tour is operated from Syracuse and is a great solution to discover a cheese maker and taste the fresh cheese, visit an old tuna fishing Village in the southern part of Sicily and have lunch/wine tasting in a local winery.

**Rate per person (minimum 2) Eur 275**

### **ORTIGIA SAILING EXPERIENCE** with snacks on board



This Experience is available in the morning (from 10:30am) and in the afternoon (from 4.00pm) and will include a sailing in the gulf of Syracuse with possibility to swim, and enjoy food tasting on board

**Rate on request**

**OTHER TOURS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**



## Day 8 (Sunday) - Modica Chocolate, Ragusa Ibla and Lunch

*Private Vehicle and English Speaking Driver/Tour Leader Disposal: full day from h 9.00am*



Today departure for **Modica**. Like the other towns in the Val di Noto, it was badly damaged by the 1693 earthquake and largely rebuilt in Sicilian Baroque style. Palazzi and houses rise from the bottom of the gorge seemingly stacked one on top of the other. Magnificent churches, with their inspiring domes, bell towers and intricate facades, punctuate the red-tiled roofs and one is struck by the uniform beauty of the whole. Modica is also famous because it is the custodian

of a 400-year tradition of Sicilian chocolate-making. **Today Modica is still specialized in making grainy chocolate**, often flavored with chilli-pepper, cinnamon or vanilla, **based on Aztec methods and recipes**. Chocolate shops abound, and for the real chocoholic, it is sometimes possible to watch the “chocolatiers” at work. **A Chocolate Tastings of Modica chocolate is a must.**

Later onto **Ragusa Ibla** to visit one of the most fascinating towns in Sicily.

**Today lunch in a local trattoria to taste the local dishes.**



This afternoon we then visit **Ragusa Ibla**: Ragusa has caused many a visitor’s jaw to drop as they first set eyes on the lower part of the town. Essentially Baroque, the Ragusa you will see today dates almost entirely from 1693. Indeed, it was in this year that Ragusa was razed to the ground by a terrible earthquake that hit most of the eastern side of Sicily. Public opinion on where to rebuild the town was divided, and so a compromise was made. The wealthier, more aristocratic citizens built a new town in a different site, now Ragusa “Superiore”,

while the other half of the population decided to rebuild on the original site, now Ragusa Ibla. While the upper part has its fair share of architectural delights, it is the smaller Ragusa Ibla down below that really draws visitors.

Later we then continue onto **Taormina**, the world famous resort town of Sicily.

**Upon arrival in Taormina say Arrivederci to the Driver/Tour Leader!**

## Day 9 (Monday) - Etna Volcano by WD4X4 Land Rover with lunch in a Winery

*Private Jeep WD4X4 Land Rover with English Speaking Driver Disposal: full day from h 9.00am*

*Dress Code: Dress in layers and use sneakers*

*Etna Visit: no ascent to the top and no hike*



Today meet the off-road’s driver and transfer to **Etna Volcano**. During the tour will be possible to enjoy:

a lava flow cave, Ragabo pine forest, the year 2002 eruption lava front, a short hike and the Alcantara river Valley, Piano Provenzana and will be discovered the local vegetation.

Lunch is included in a local authentic winery on the slopes of the Volcano where a selection of their production will be tested together with highlights of local food. Later we return to Taormina

## **Day 10 (Tuesday) - Taormina > Catania Airport**

Today time to say goodbye to Sicily.

Today **independent transfer** to Catania Airport.

Arriverci!

### **INCLUSIONS:**

- Hotel accommodation as per customer choice
- Private air conditioned transportation as per program
- English speaking Tour Director/Driver (as per program)
- Licensed Local Guide as per program
- Daily breakfast buffet
- All sightseeing, tasting and excursions as specified in the itinerary
- Meal as per Description
- Admission fees as per itinerary

### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- Intercontinental/Local Flights
- Airport transfers
- Beverage and meal not specified
- City taxes (to be paid at check-out where required)
- Fee for luggage handling at hotel
- Gratuities and tips
- Travel Insurance

## SUGGESTED SELLING PRICES

<b>2021 DEPARTURE DATES</b>				<b>First Class</b>		<b>Deluxe</b>	
<i>All price are in Euro per person</i>				Double	Single	Double	DUS
September	5	19		2.650	3.200	3.150	4.300
October	3	17	31	2.650	3.200	3.150	1.090
November	14			2.590	3.080	3.090	4.180

<b>2022 DEPARTURE DATES</b>				<b>First Class</b>		<b>Deluxe</b>	
<i>All price are in Euro per person</i>				Double	Single	Double	DUS
March	20			2.590	3.080	3.090	4.180
April	3	17		2.650	3.200	3.150	4.300
May	1	15	29	2.750	3.340	3.250	4.440
June	12	19		2.650	3.200	3.150	4.300
September	4	18		2.750	3.340	3.250	4.440
October	2	16	30	2.750	3.340	3.250	4.440
November	6	20		2.590	3.080	3.090	4.180

### FEATURED PROPERTIES USED FOR THIS TOUR:

City	First Class	Deluxe
Palermo	Garibaldi	Piazza Borsa
Agrigento	Colleverde	Baglio della luna
Siracusa	Alfeo	Roma
Taormina	Villa Diodoro	NH Collection
<i>Hotel may be substituted with similar categories</i>		

### 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

### PRE-POST NIGHTS: AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



**Food & Wine Grand Tour of Sicily – Small size Group Tour**

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## REGULAR CANCELLATION POLICY FOR MULTI DAY TOURS:

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From time of reservation until 60 days before your arrival our Not Refundable Planning & Administrative Fees as follow:

- \* Euro 100 per person (considering a tour amount of euro 1499)
- \* Euro 300 per person (considering a tour amount between euro 1500 and euro 3499)
- \* Euro 500 per person (considering a tour amount of more than euro 3500)

from 59 to 45 days before your arrival 25% of total amount of the reservation will not be refunded  
from 44 to 30 days before your arrival 50% of total amount of the reservation will not be refunded  
from 29 to 15 days before your arrival 75% of total amount of the reservation will not be refunded  
No refund will be provided for No Show or cancellation made from 14 to 0 days before your arrival

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## FOR THIS BOOKING IS POSSIBLE TO USE THE SPECIAL CORONAVIRUS BOOKING POLICY

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Durin the period of Covid-19 Pandemic By paying the required deposit upfront, you can secure your Booking and be guaranteed eventual cancellation fees will be applied due to cases connected with the Covid-19 pandemic, will be fully converted into a not refundable credit.

This policy does not entitle the passenger to a full refund.

This policy does not apply to Airfare. Admission fees or Insurance. Any airline change or cancellation fees are solely the responsibility of the traveler and are subject to airline policies. No refunds will be provided in respect of any visas, travel insurance, or vaccines, which are solely the responsibility of the traveler, as well as for Admission fee to the Historical and archaeological sites.

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