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6 days - Semi Private Tour (COD: SP6DWEST-EAST)

Choose to travel even more comfortably with our Semi Private departures, capped at just 7 travellers.

Spend less time waiting around, enjoy more fantastic moments with your travel companions, and receive more personal attention to discover your destination.

Browse through our small group tours-semi private tours and discover the perfect vacation.

Recap: 5 nights/6 days

Palermo (2 nights) Taormina (3 nights)

LAND: Palermo airport - west side **LEAVE:** Catania airport - east side

Trip Summary

Day 1 (Monday & Thursday) WELCOME TO SICILY! Arrival Transfer in Palermo Day 2 (Tuesday & Friday) MONREALE AND PALERMO: Highlights and Street Food - Half-day Tour Day 3 (Wednesday & Saturday) PALERMO TO TAORMINA: Valley of the Temples and Roman Villa | Semi Private up to 7 people Day 4 (Thursday & Sunday) COLLECTIVE ETNA JEEP TOUR with Rustic Lunch Included Day 5 (Friday & Monday) Taormina at leisure Day 6 (Saturday & Tuesday)

ARRIVEDERCI! Departing from Catania Airport

Day 1 (Monday & Thursday)



WELCOME TO SICILY! Arrival Transfer in Palermo

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

Upon arrival at **Palermo Falcone-Borsellino Airport**, please proceed through Passport Control and collect your luggage inside the customs area. Our italian-speaking driver will be waiting for you at the arrival department.

Then transfer to your hotel.

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
 Pick-up Palermo airport Drop-off Palermo hotel Private vehicle with AC Italian speaking chauffeur Luggage allowed: 1 suitcase of 23 kg and a hand-bag per person Accommodation in Palermo VAT 	 Tips and gratuities Meals, beverages and services not clearly specified Luggage handling at hotel and airport City taxes

Day 2 (Tuesday & Friday)



MONREALE AND PALERMO: Highlights and Street Food - Half-day Tour

Breakfast at hotel.

Today you are greeted at Palermo hotel and driven by taxi to **Monreale** to see with your expert Guide where the Arab-Norman art and architecture reached the pinnacle of its glory with the Dome. Launched in 1174 by William II, it represents the scenes from the Old and New Testaments all in golden mosaics.

Later the taxi will drive you back to **Palermo** to continue your walking tour of the city center. Explore a large open air street market (Capo or Ballarò) that captures the flavor of Palermo's Saracen Arab past. Enjoy a local street food tasting inside the market. Then continue by seeing "four corners" that converge Palermo at a quartet of baroque palaces left over from the heyday of Spanish rule dating from 1560, Piazza Pretoria and Via Maqueda.

The tour ends at Piazza Verdi (Massimo Opera Theatre square). Independent transfer to your hotel.

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
 Breakfast at hotel Hotel pick-up Round Trip Taxi Service to Monreale Licensed Tourist guide Street Food tasting Booking fees Accommodation in Palermo VAT 	 Drop off at hotel Admission fees Gratuities and tips Meals and beverages not clearly specified City taxes



Day 3 (Wednesday & Saturday)



7:45 - 11 hr

PALERMO TO TAORMINA: Valley of the Temples and Roman Villa | Semi Private up to 7 people Breakfast at hotel.

Today h 7.45AM we drive through the interior of Sicily to reach **Agrigento** to see the **Valley of the Temples**: two hours audio-guide independent walking tour on the **Valley of the Temples** an important **Unesco World Heritage site** 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 neighboring Gela who named their city Akragas after the nearby river. It rapidly increased in size, importance and military strength under Phalarides, the first tyrant, and later under Theron, who extended his way over northern Sicily as far as Himera.

This afternoon we then continue onto **Piazza Armerina** to enjoy an independent visit of the amazing **Mosaics Floor at the 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.

Later we continue to **Taormina** (estimated arrival time h 4PM ish depending on the traffic situation. Different drop-off could be coordinated based on the ZTL --Limited Traffic Zone--)

INFORMATION:

-Tour is Operated: Rain or Shine

-Group Size: minimum 2 people, up to 7 people

-Tour Scheduled: Wednesday and Saturday, all year round

-Language: English

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS

- · Breakfast at hotel
- Palermo Hotel pick-up in town
- Taormina Hotel drop off in uptown or downtown
- · Vehicle with air conditioning
- · English speaking driver
- · Independent visits as per itinerary
- Audio-Guide and Admission fee package to visit the Valley of the Temples
- Luggage allowed: 1 suitcase up to 23 Kg + 1 handbag
- · Visits as per itinerary
- · Booking fees
- Fuel, parking fee and driver expenses
- · Accommodation in Taormina
- VAT

- · Licensed Tourist Guide
- Admission fee to visit the Roman Villa (payable on the spot)
- Gratuities and Tips
- · Meals and Beverages not specified
- City taxes



Day 4 (Thursday & Sunday)



8:30 - 7 hr

COLLECTIVE ETNA JEEP TOUR with Rustic Lunch Included

Breakfast at hotel.

h 8.30AM Meet the Jeep WD4X4 driver at your hotel and departure for the amazing **Mt. Etna**, one of the highest volcano in Europe and most active in the world.

Giant Etna, is an **UNESCO World Heritage** site since 2013, the smoking volcano craters and the old and new lava flows are always an impressive experience for visitors.

Today we focus on the visit of the north side which has a vast pine-forest, many cycling trails, a series of fantastic hikes and is not crowded as much as the south side.

Departure for the Etna district where we will have the opportunity to see different landscapes and lovely villages which are located on the way to join **Piano Provenzana** –located at 1800 meters above sea level—. Here it's possible give a look at the ex-Betulle hotel which has been partial covered by the lava due to the eruption dated 2002.

The area is amazing: green from the pine forest, dark from the lava stones and the lovely colours from the nature. Good smells indulge us to enjoy the area in combo with the amazing landscape.

The day will icnlude the opportunity to see the lava front of 2002 eruption, the effect of a lava Cave and a moderate **hiking** and see some of the side craters characterized by seven small, aligned eruptive cones (or "buttonholes").

Enjoy lunch in a rustic restaurant: a delicious menu which includes a rich selection of starters (salami, cheese, vegetables of the season), a taste of pasta and dessert. Lunch will also include local wine and mineral water.

Later this afternoon we then return to your hotel in Taormina area.

INFORMATION:

-Tour is Operated: Rain or Shine

-Group Size: minimum 2 people, up to 6 people

-Tour Scheduled: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday all year round

-Language: English

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
 Breakfast at hotel Pick-up / Drop-off at hotel English speaking driver/Guide Stop as per itinerary Lunch in a rustic restaurant (wine included) Booking fees Accommodation in Taormina VAT 	 Gratuities and tips Meals and beverages not specified Ascent tickets to the summit Ascent to the summit City taxes



Day 5 (Friday & Monday)



Taormina at leisure

Breakfast at hotel.

Today is at Leisure to explore the town on your own.

Taormina has long since been Sicily's most favourite resort town, perched on a coastal bluff that looks out to the Tyrrhenian Sea between Messina and Catania in the north east of the island. Its ancient narrow streets are full of little specialist shops, cafes and restaurants, which are an invitation to step into the spell cast by this intriguing town. The town's history is vibrant and complicated and dates back to the Ancient Greek period. Taormina was settled in 395 BC by residents from the nearby city of Giardini-Naxos, Sicily's oldest Greek established city dating back to 735 BC. Giardini Naxos was where the Greeks established their colony during their domination of Sicily.

WHAT WE DO RECOMMEND WHILE IN TAORMINA

- #1 A Cooking Class with lunch which is arranged in the morning (read more>)
- #2 A Boat Tour Experience (read more>)

If the above do not appeal you, feel free to surf on:

- a) private day tours from Taormina (read more>)
- b) group day tours from Taormina (read more>)

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
Breakfast at hotelAccommodation in TaorminaVAT	 Tips and gratuities Meals and beverages not clearly specified Optional day tours City taxes











Day 6 (Saturday & Tuesday)



ARRIVEDERCI! Departing from Catania Airport

Breakfast at hotel.

Time to say goodbye to Sicily.

Our italian-speaking driver will pick you up at your hotel in Taormina and transfer you to Catania airport.

Information & Documents



Tour Map





Hotel Used for the Semi Private Tour of Sicily -- 6 days--

City	First Class Hotels	Boutique Hotels
Palermo (2 nights)	Hotel Plaza Opera	Grand Hotel Wagner
Taormina (3 nights)	Hotel Villa Diodoro	Hotel Villa Fiorita

For Your Acknowledge

Hotel may be substituted with similar categories.

No space has been held and all is subject to availability at time of booking.

Room Style: run of the house

The room style is subject to availability at time of booking.



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