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8 days - Semi Private Tour (COD: SP8DWEST-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:

7 nights/8 days

Palermo (3 nights) Siracusa (2 nights) Taormina (2 nights)

LAND: Palermo airport - west side

LEAVE: Catania airport - east side

Trip Summary

Day 1 (Sunday & Wednesday)

WELCOME TO SICILY! Arrival Transfer in Palermo

Day 2 (Monday & Thursday)

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

Day 3 (Tuesday & Friday)

8:15 ERICE & MARSALA: Salt, Wine, Olive Oil (lunch included) | Semi Private up to 7 people

Day 4 (Wednesday & Saturday)

7:45 PALERMO TO SIRACUSA: Valley of the Temples and Roman Villa | Semi Private up to 7 people

Day 5 (Thursday & Sunday)

BEST OF SIRACUSA - Half-day Tour

Day 6 (Friday & Monday)

8:30 SIRACUSA TO TAORMINA: Ragusa Ibla and Noto with Aztec's Chocolate Tastings | Semi Private up to 7 people

Day 7 (Saturday & Tuesday)

Taormina at leisure

Day 8 (Sunday & Wednesday)

ARRIVEDERCI! Departing from Catania Airport

Day 1 (Sunday & Wednesday)



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 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips and gratuities • Meals, beverages and services not clearly specified • Luggage handling at hotel and airport • City taxes |

Day 2 (Monday & Thursday)



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

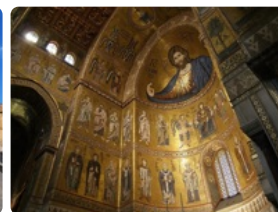
Breakfast at hotel.

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.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Hotel pick-up • Round Trip Taxi Service to Monreale • Licensed Tourist guide • Street Food tasting • Booking fees • Accommodation in Palermo • VAT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop off at hotel • Admission fees • Gratuities and tips • Meals and beverages not clearly specified • City taxes |



Day 3 (Tuesday & Friday)



8:15 - 8 hr

ERICE & MARSALA: Salt, Wine, Olive Oil (lunch included) | Semi Private up to 7 people

Breakfast at hotel.

Today h 8.15AM departure for **Erice** uptown. The Elymians settled in 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. At arrival, independent walk along the city centre with recommended stop at local pastry shop to taste some Sicilian local sweet.

Enjoy a **light lunch in a local [Sicilian Olive Oil](#)** producer Farmhouse including tasting of mixed local products.

This afternoon, we drive along the scenic **Salt Way Road** to admire the beautiful **Salt pans** where the sea-salt is still produced following the old Phoenician tradition preserved during the century. We then continue onto **Marsala**, the Arab “Marsa Allah” –Harbor of God–, is known in the whole world for one thing: [Wine!](#)

The **Marsala Wine** comes from the western lands of Sicily and its name derives from the homonymous town. The **Marsala is the oldest Italian DOC wine**, with an average alcohol content of about 18 degrees.

Later we return to Palermo (*estimated arrival time h 4.15PM ish depending on the traffic situation*)

INFORMATION:

- Tour is Operated:** Rain or Shine
- The order of the activities could be **Reversed**
- Group Size:** minimum 2 people, up to 7 people
- Tour Scheduled:** Tuesday and Friday, all year round
- Language:** English

INCLUSIONS

EXCLUSIONS

- Breakfast at hotel
- Hotel pick-up and drop off (**hotel located in town**)
- Vehicle with air conditioning
- English speaking driver
- Independent visits as per itinerary
- One lunch in an Olive Oil farmhouse
- One visit to a winery in Marsala with wine tastings
- Booking fees
- Fuel, parking fee and driver expenses
- Accommodation in Palermo
- VAT

- Licensed Tourist guide
- Admission fees
- Gratuities and Tips
- Meals and Beverages not specified
- City taxes



Day 4 (Wednesday & Saturday)



7:45 - 11 hr

PALERMO TO SIRACUSA: Valley of the Temples and Roman Villa | Semi Private up to 7 people

PRICE

€0.00 EUR

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 **Siracusa** (*estimated arrival time h 6.45PM ish depending on the traffic situation*)

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- Tour Scheduled:** Wednesday and Saturday, all year round
- Language:** English

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Palermo Hotel pick-up in town • Siracusa Hotel drop off in town (Ortygia area) • 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 Siracusa • VAT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 5 (Thursday & Sunday)****BEST OF SIRACUSA - Half-day Tour**

Breakfast at hotel.

Meet your Guide at your hotel or directly in city center and you will be driven (*private transportation: included*) to the **Archaeological Park** that highlights the **Greek Theatre**, the **Roman Amphitheatre** and the Paradise Quarry, we then take the taxi back to the center to start your guided walking tour strolling through the streets of **Ortygia Island**, the heart of the city center connected to the mainland by Umberto bridge. Siracusa that belongs to the **Unesco heritage**, was founded by colonists from Cornith in 735 B.C. and once the most important competitor to Athens. Admire the Dome in Baroque style, the Arethusa Fountain, the Maniace Castle (external view), the Temple of Apollo and the beautiful palaces around Ortygia.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Taxi service for round trip transfers to the Archaeological Park • Licensed Tourist guide Half Day (max 4 hours) • Booking fees • Accommodation in Siracusa • VAT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission fees • Meals and beverages not clearly specified • Gratuities and tips • City taxes |



Day 6 (Friday & Monday)



8:30 - 7 hr 30 min

SIRACUSA TO TAORMINA: Ragusa Ibla and Noto with Aztec's Chocolate Tastings | Semi Private up to 7 people

Breakfast at hotel.

Today h 8.30AM departure from **Siracusa** in direction of **Ragusa Ibla**. Our Team will offer you time at disposal to keep the feeling with this section of the town giving you direction to explore independently the old part of the city and an undisputed reality of Baroque art. Here you can admire numerous eighteenth-century churches and buildings and the Gardens. Soon after, you will discover another jewel of the **Sicilian Gastronomy: the local Chocolate** in Modica. This particular chocolate is made with a very old recipe, the one coming from the **Aztecs**. If you are wondering what the Aztecs have to do with Sicily, think about the Spanish conquistadors in South America and you will see that the same Spanish have dominated this island for a couple of centuries.

We then continue to **Noto**. In the Arab period the town was the capital of one of the three districts of Sicily (the Val di Noto) and once defeated by the Christians, Noto became a rich Norman city. Unfortunately, it was totally destroyed by the 1693 Sicilian earthquake and rebuilt in a new position nearer to the Ionian Sea. But the new Noto is a masterpiece of Sicilian Baroque! Most of the buildings, including churches and noble palaces, follow one another along the main street and are characterized by the honey tonality of tufa stone.

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--*)

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Day 7 (Saturday & Tuesday)



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 - Enjoy a lovely WD4X4 experience with lunch included ([read more>](#))

#3 - 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>](#))

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast at hotel • Accommodation in Taormina • VAT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips and gratuities • Meals and beverages • City taxes • Optional day tours |



Day 8 (Sunday & Wednesday)



ARRIVEDERCI! Departing from Catania Airport

Breakfast at hotel.

Time to say goodbye to Sicily.

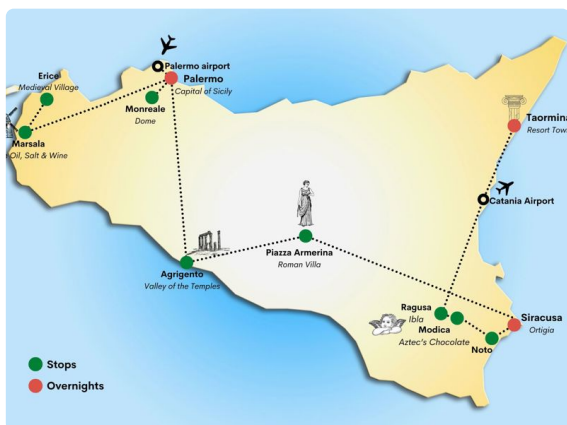
Our Italian-speaking driver will bring you from your hotel in Taormina to Catania airport.

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Information & Documents



Tour Map



Hotel Used for the Semi Private Tour of Sicily --8 days--

| City | First Class Hotels | Boutique Hotels |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Palermo (3 nights) | Hotel Plaza Opera | Grand Hotel Wagner |
| Siracusa (2 nights) | Grande Albergo Alfeo | Palazzo Salomone |
| Taormina (2 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.

Inquiry Us for more information

Our team will be pleased to share with you, on request, **Cost, Terms, Conditions** and **Payment** details.