Sicilian Secrets TOUR OF SICILY

THE GRAND TOURS OF SICILY

Sicilian Secrets Tour 2027:

The iconic Sicily journey

8 DAYS • 7 NIGHTS GUARANTEED DEPARTURES EVERY SATURDAY CATANIA • CATANIA

WHY CHOOSE IT:

- **Etna and Taormina**: Europe's highest active volcano and the pearl of eastern Sicily
- **Florio Wine Cellars**: exclusive visit and tasting in the historic Marsala wine cellars
- **Sabadì Chocolate Shop**: chocolate tasting in the renowned chocolate shop of Modica
- Selected **4-star hotels in central locations**
- Transfers by **deluxe bus**
- **Expert local guides** and **whisper-system headsets**

8 DAYS **11** CITIES **6** UNESCO HERITAGE HISTORY ART & CULTURE TASTING

TRAVEL ITINERARY

Day 1 - Saturday: CATANIA (hotel in Catania)

Individual arrival to your hotel in **Catania** (optional private transfer on request). Dinner on your own and overnight in hotel.

Day 2 - Sunday: SYRACUSE – NOTO (hotel in Ragusa)

The day begins with breakfast in hotel and then departure for **Syracuse**, one of the most fascinating cities in Sicily, rich in history and culture. The first stop will be the **Archaeological Park of Neapolis**. Here, you will explore the magnificent **Greek Theatre**, one of the largest and best preserved in the world, a true jewel of antiquity. The tour will continue with a visit of the **Roman Amphitheater**, which is a testimony of the grandeur and power of ancient Rome. You will then walk among the evocative **Latomie of Paradise**, ancient stone quarries rich in charm and history, and conclude with the imposing **Ear of Dionysius**. You will move to the picturesque island of **Ortigia**, the historic heart of Syracuse. The visit will start from **Piazza Duomo**, admiring the splendid **Cathedral**, a masterpiece of Sicilian Baroque, built on the remains of a Greek temple. You will then walk through the baroque streets until you reach the port, where it is possible to admire the beauty of the **Arethusa's Fountain**. Lunch at leisure. In the afternoon, transfer to **Noto**, one of the pearls of the Sicilian baroque. Here, there will be the opportunity to admire magnificent architectural masterpieces of the eighteenth century, walking through the elegant streets of the old town. Free time to discover the beauties of this city. Transfer to Ragusa for dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 3 – Monday: MODICA – PIAZZA ARMERINA (hotel in Agrigento)

Breakfast in hotel, followed by departure for **Modica**, a splendid Baroque town included in the UNESCO-listed Val di Noto. The city enchants visitors with its elegant churches, historic palaces, picturesque narrow streets winding their way up the hillside, striking panoramic views, and a captivating atmosphere steeped in history and local traditions. Here, we will stop at the renowned **Sabadì** chocolate shop, where you will have the opportunity to taste the famous artisan chocolate, awarded internationally and certified I.G.P., as well as Slow Food. Lunch break at a traditional local restaurant. In the afternoon, the tour continues to Piazza Armerina to visit the famous **Villa Romana del Casale**, an archaeological treasure renowned for its artistic heritage. You will admire the extraordinary mosaics that adorn this ancient residence, a unique testimony of Roman life and art. Transfer to Agrigento, dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 4 – Tuesday: AGRIGENTO - MARSALA- SALT ROAD (hotel in Palermo)

The trip continues to the picturesque **Valley of the Temples**, a jewel recognized by UNESCO. Here you will explore the magnificent remains of ancient **Akragas** and admire the **Temple of Juno**, the **Temple of Concord** and the **Temple of Hercules**,

authentic masterpieces of Greek architecture. The day goes on to the charming **Marsala**, famous for the landing of Garibaldi. Walking through the city, you will be enchanted by the noble palaces and baroque monuments that enrich the historic centre. You will continue with an exclusive visit of the **Florio Cellars**. The tour wine starts in front of the majestic giant vats of the 19th, still used for the refinement of Marsala wine. You will explore the three suggestive wine cellars and then enjoy a light lunch accompanied by wines produced by the company. Then, visit the picturesque **Salt Road,** admiring the **islands of Stagnone** and the **salt pans**, among the oldest in the world. These are still an important salt-extraction industry today. Transfer to Palermo, accommodation in hotel, dinner on your own and overnight.

Day 5 - Wednesday: MONREALE - PALERMO (hotel in Palermo)

After breakfast in hotel, depart for **Monreale** and visit of the magnificent **Arab-Norman Cathedral**, famous for its splendid Byzantine mosaics and the majestic **Cloister**, a perfect example of medieval art and architecture. The tour continues to **Palermo**, a city that stands on a bay dominated by Mount Pellegrino. Palermo is a fascinating mosaic of architectural styles, the result of overlapping different historical periods. You will visit the **Cathedral**, a masterpiece that combines Gothic, Baroque and Norman elements. Then, you will immerse yourselves in the beauty of the **Martorana Church** and the magnificence of the **Cappella Palatina**, adorned with splendid golden mosaics. Lunch break with local products. In the afternoon, walk through the historic centre of Palermo to admire the **Teatro Massimo**, one of the largest opera houses in Europe, and the **fountain in Pretoria Square**, a Renaissance masterpiece that adorns the heart of Palermo with its extraordinary beauty. Dinner on your own and overnight in hotel.

Day 6 - Thursday: CEFALÙ- CATANIA (hotel in Catania)

The day starts with a visit of the charming seaside village of **Cefalù**, famous for its **Norman Cathedral**, an architectural jewel that dominates the landscape with its majestic towers. Free time to walk through the cobbled streets of the old town or visit the renowned **Mandralisca Museum**, which houses a collection of art and archaeology. Lunch stop in a local restaurant to taste the delights of Sicilian cuisine. Departure for **Catania**. The visit will start in the historic centre with its unique and unmistakable late-baroque style with the use of the lava stone of Etna. You will cross **Duomo Square**, the beating heart of the city, admiring the **Cathedral of Sant'Agata** and the famous **Elephant of lava stone**, a symbol of Catania. You will continue towards **University Square**, and walk along **Via dei Crociferi**, the heart of the Baroque in Catania, where stands the **Monastery of San Benedetto**, a Baroque building rich in history and grandeur. Dinner on your own and overnight in hotel.

Day 7 – Friday: ETNA – TAORMINA (hotel in Catania)

Breakfast in hotel and short visit of the historic and lively fish market in Catania called "**pescheria**". Departure for an excursion on **Mount Etna**, the highest active volcano in Europe (3,350 m.). Its majesty and lunar landscape offer breathtaking views and an unforgettable experience. Once we reach the **Rifugio Sapienza**, you will visit the "Crateri Silvestri", two ancient craters inactive since 1888. During the visit, you will have the opportunity to taste artisanal honey and other local products. The trip continues to **Taormina**, famous for its natural beauty and historical charm. Lunch in a restaurant in the old town, tasting local specialities. Visit the magnificent **Greco-Roman Theatre**, from which you can enjoy a spectacular view of the sea and Mount Etna. Free time to walk through the picturesque streets of Taormina, go shopping in the local craft shops or just relax and enjoy the unique atmosphere of this charming town. Back in Catania for dinner on your own and overnight in hotel.

Day 8 - Saturday: CATANIA

Breakfast in hotel and end of services. Sicily, goodbye!

For organizational reasons or due to force majeure the itinerary may be modified

USEFUL INFORMATION

Duration of the Tour: **8 days and 7 nights**

Regular departures every Saturday

Start: **Catania**

End: **Catania**

PERIOD	RATE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE ROOM	DOUBLE ROOM FOR SINGLE USE SUPPLEMENT	3RD BED REDUCTION
March - June - July - August - November	**€ 1.450,00**	**€ 360,00**	€ 60,00
April - May – September - October	**€ 1.585,00**		

REGULAR DEPARTURES DATES

MARCH		13	20	27	
APRIL	3	10	17	24	
MAY	1	8	15	22	29
JUNE	5	12	19	26	
JULY	3	10	17	24	31
AUGUST		7	14	21	28
SEPTEMBER	4	11	18	25	
OCTOBER	2	9	16	23	30
NOVEMBER	6	13			

Sicilian Secrets Tour: official trailer

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PRIVILEGE PACKAGES

Choose the level of comfort that best suits your needs and travel worry-free.

Silver and Gold packages include services and expenses you would normally encounter during your trip: by purchasing them in advance, you can enjoy Sicily with greater peace of mind and convenience.

SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM
➢ City taxes ➢ All entrance fees as per program	➢ City taxes ➢ All entrance fees as per program ➢ Private transfer in/out	➢ City taxes ➢ All entrance fees as per program ➢ Private transfer in/out ➢ Superior/Deluxe Room
€ 155,00 p.p.	1 pax: € 245,00 2 pax: € 195,00 p.p.	1 pax: € 560,00 2 pax: € 340,00 p.p.

THE RATE INCLUDES:

- Multilingual Tour leader and professional travel guide* (English, Italian or Spanish) for the whole tour from the 2nd day to the evening of the 7th day), local guides or audio-guides where necessary
- Deluxe bus from day 2 to day 7
- Whisper kit Crystal Sound for the whole trip: the latest generation, fast and light. It transmits the guide's voice up to 150 meters away
- Accommodation in charming 4 stars hotels mostly located in the city centre, international breakfast included:
  Catania city centre: **Il Principe Hotel 4*** or similar
  Ragusa city centre: **Mediterraneo Palace Hotel 4*** or similar
  Agrigento: **Baia di Ulisse Wellness & SPA 4*/ Hotel Kaos 4*** or similar
  Palermo city centre: **Mercure Palermo Centro 4* / Cristal Hotel Palermo 4*** or similar
- 7 international breakfast, 5 lunches in famous restaurants and 2 dinners in hotels to have a taste of Sicilian traditional cuisine
- Visit of the main suggestive Unesco World Heritage Sites: Siracusa, Noto, Modica, Piazza Armerina, Agrigento, Monreale, Palermo, Cefalù, Catania centro storico, Etna
- Tasting of Sicilian typical products:
  Modica (day 3): visit of the well-known chocolate manufacturers **Sabadì** with tasting;
  Marsala (day 4): visit of the famous **Florio wine cellar**, light lunch and wine tasting;
  Catania (day 6): tasting of Sicilian "**granita & brioche**";
  Etna (day 7): visit of a **beekeeping honey company** and honey tasting

**Monolingual departures during high season*

THE RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Transfers in/out
- Meals not included by the program
- Beverages with meals
- Entrance fees at monuments/museums/sites
- City taxes (where compulsory)
- Anything not specified under "The rate includes"

SUPPLEMENTS:

- Pre-night/Post-night in hotel in Catania (BB treatment): € 90,00 p.p. in Classic double room per night; € 155,00 in Classic double room for single use per night
- Private transfers Catania airport/hotel in Catania: € 50,00 per car 1/2 pax
- Assistance – Medical Expense Reimbursement – Luggage insurance – Travel Cancellation Expenses Insurance: on request

*EXTRA FEES ENTRANCES:

Syracuse Archeological Park - Syracuse Cathedral - Piazza Armerina Villa Romana - Agrigento Valley of the Temples - Monreale Cathedral - Monreale Cloister - Palermo Cappella Palatina - Palermo Martorana Church - Taormina Greek theatre

**Choose one of the Privilege Packages that best suits you to include fees entrances*

Arrival or Departure Day: on request, it is possible to arrange optional HD private excursions to Acireale or Caltagirone