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 Start Location

 Plane

 Cruise

 Over night

 Visited Location

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 Train

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Day 1 | Welcome to Palermo



You'll start your Sicilian journey in Palermo, whose rich trading history has left its unforgettable mark on the city's Italian, Arab and Norman-styled piazzas, street markets and churches. Enjoy some free time to relax before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception to kick-start your Sicilian adventure.

Meals: Welcome Reception

Hotel: Garibaldi

Day 2 | Explore the Capital of Sicily



Discover hidden Palermo as you join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, and learn about the civil anti-mafia movement. Head to Monreale on the slopes of Monte Caputo where a Local Specialist will guide you through one of the greatest examples of Norman architecture, the 12th-century Cattedrale di Monreale. This evening, why not join an Optional Experience to the beautiful fishing village of Sferracavallo, at the foot of Mount Capo Gallo? Here you'll feast on Palermitano specialties, perfectly paired with delicious Sicilian wine.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Garibaldi

Optional Experiences:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

A Visit To Cefalù - Take a drive along the blue coastal highway to the quaint medieval village of Cefalù. You'll have the chance to stroll from the long golden beaches into the winding Arab streets with your Local Specialist.

Adult: 36.00 EUR

Colours and Traditions of Palermo - A panoramic drive through verdant forest with spectacular views over the city of Palermo brings us to the summit of Mt. Pellegrino. Here we visit the grotto of Santa Rosalia, Palermo's patron saint. Later, with a Local Specialist, we explore and sample Palermitano street food at one of the most famous and colourful markets with its stalls of olives and spices. A wonderful opportunity to enjoy picturesque Sicilian everyday life.

Adult: 30.00 EUR

Sferracavallo with Dinner - Join us for a drive to the coast of Sicily, where we'll arrive at the quaint fishing village of Sferracavallo. You'll have the chance to sample a delicious feast of local Palermo specialties, accompanied by wine and soft drinks.

Adult: 60.00 EUR

Day 3 | Journey to Ancient Marsala



Leaving Palermo behind, we stop in the fishing village of Mondello, historically a favourite seaside retreat for the who's who of Palermo. Breathe in the cool sea air and savour the easy-going atmosphere before you head to Erice, the hilltop 'Town of a Hundred Churches'. You'll have some free time for lunch before continuing to Marsala, home to the nutty-flavoured wine which shares its name. Dive Into Culture along the way, stopping at the salt pans to visit the Infersa Mill to learn about the ancient 'culture of salt' and industry which has shaped this region. You'll be thrilled with an evening at leisure in picture-perfect Marsala with its marble streets and expansive piazze filled with colourful restaurants.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Seawater

Optional Experiences:

Flavours of Marsala - No visit to Marsala would be complete without a tasting of the famous wine named after the town. For seven generations, the Pellegrino family have grown grapes and made wine in this corner of Sicily, so we will visit their historic cellars to learn about the winemaking, and taste a selection of their renowned wines, accompanied by a selection of local specialty dishes. A true sensory delight!

Adult: 64.00 EUR

Day 4 | Onwards to Agrigento and Ragusa



Today's first stop is Agrigento where you'll join a Local Specialist for a visit to the UNESCO-listed Valley of the Temples. You'll explore one of the world's most treasured centres of Greek art and architecture, including the seven sandstone Doric temples overlooking the city. There's time for lunch before we head to Ragusa, a city with two very different souls – the lower and older Ragusa Ibla and higher Ragusa Superiore are separated dramatically by a deep ravine, the Valle dei Ponti.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Poggio del Sole

Day 5 | Explore Beautiful Baroque Modica



This morning we pay a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Modica. Your Travel Director will show you the sights on an orientation of this Baroque beauty before we Dive Into Culture and learn the secrets of Modican chocolate. Later we return to Ragusa to learn about the rebuilding of the city following a 17th-century earthquake which destroyed most of it. Your Local Specialist will reveal how this devastating seismic event led to the development of an entirely new city on a nearby ridge, while some of its brave residents remained to rebuild what was lost. You'll hear how it was only in the early 20th century that the two were eventually fused together. This evening is yours to enjoy at leisure, or perhaps consider joining an Optional Experience to a unique local farm restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Poggio del Sole

Optional Experiences:

Aromas of Sicily - This evening, a scenic drive takes us to a unique family farm, where an out-of-this-world sensory experience awaits. The Russino family's passion for the Sicilian aromatic herbs and plants they nurture is contagious. Their warm hospitality, tasty home-cooking and a stunning sunset will make this experience a highlight of your trip.
Adult: 62.00 EUR

Day 6 | Off to Historic Syracuse



Once a major Mediterranean power and the birthplace of Archimedes, the historic city of Syracuse takes centre stage this morning as you join your Local Specialist for in-depth insights into its colourful past. You'll see some of its treasures at the Archaeological Museum, then visit the island of Ortygia, the ancient heart of the city connected to the mainland by a stone bridge. Your afternoon is open to spend as you wish. This evening you'll join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Regional Dinner

Hotel: Mercure

Day 7 | Venture Past Mount Etna to Taormina



Continue up the coast to Catania, the city that lies in Mount Etna's shadow. You'll have some free time to explore on your own and perhaps sample arancini, a favourite Catania snack. Later join a Local Specialist to delve into the history and culture of the ancient town of Taormina. A particular highlight of this afternoon will be a visit to the beautifully preserved ruins of the Teatro di Taormina. Imagine masked actors performing against the backdrop of glorious sea views more than 2,500 years ago. You'll have an evening on your own to spend as you wish or consider joining our Optional Experience evening enjoying Sicilian specialties.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Caesar Palace Giardini Naxos

Optional Experiences:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Dinner in Castelmola - Climb by minibus to the heights of Castelmola, above Taormina, to enjoy a tasty Sicilian Dinner with local wine in a characteristic restaurant with some of the best views of this magical part of the island. Then enjoy a tasty Sicilian Dinner with wine.

Adult: 82.00 EUR

Sicilian Dinner and Entertainment - Join us for a fantastic Sicilian evening where we'll enjoy a dinner of Southern Italian specialities with musical entertainment.

Adult: 75.00 EUR

Day 8 | Taormina Free Day



Taormina is yours for the taking today. You could choose to visit the 10th-century Palazzo Corvaja with its Islamic-style tower or explore the elegant boutiques along Corso Umberto. Work up an appetite and stop for some of the city's signature cannoli or cool down with a famous Sicilian granita, a half-frozen dessert served with a piping-hot brioche. Movie buffs will delight in an Optional Experience to Mount Etna and Savoca, the hilltop village of 'The Godfather'. Later this evening, learn the art of Sicilian cuisine on a charming Be My Guest experience.

Meals: Breakfast, Be My Guest

Hotel: Caesar Palace Giardini Naxos

Optional Experiences:

Mt Etna, Savoca And The Godfather - Discover rustic village life with your Local Specialist as we visit Savoca, the Sicilian setting for 'The Godfather'. Enjoy the stunning views before a visit to Vitelli's bar, featured in the film and

famous for 'granita di limone'. Later, you'll journey up Mt Etna, one of the most intriguing volcanoes in the world.
Adult: 56.00 EUR

Day 9 | Farewell Sicily



Your journey through Sicily has come to an end. All that's left is to say a fond farewell to new friends and take your airport transfer for your return journey home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers.

Meals: Breakfast