

The first regular tour in Sicily with multilingual audio guides



TOUR WITH REGULAR DEPARTURES*
from 26/03/2010 to 30/10/2010
FRIDAY from CATANIA
SATURDAY from PALERMO

"Discover the world in Sicily"

It's the best slogan to invite you to visit this fascinating island, scene of encounter between great civilizations which created art treasures, unique all over the world.

FRIDAY: ARRIVAL IN CATANIA

Once arrived at Catania airport you will be fascinated by Etna, the imposing volcano whose slopes extend as far as the sea. Self transfer to the hotel. In the evening dinner and overnight in hotel.

SATURDAY: CEFALÙ – PALERMO

After breakfast, meeting with our assistance at Hotel for short briefing about general information on the itinerary and departure to Cefalù, suggestive town which rises at the slopes of an imposing cliff. Full of typical small streets and nice sea panoramas, it is known for its Norman Dome, one of the most beautiful churches of Norman period. Free time for lunch. In the afternoon transfer to Palermo, where you will have a welcome cocktail with other people arrived there on Saturday. Dinner and overnight in hotel.



SATURDAY: ARRIVAL IN PALERMO

Clients arriving in Palermo will have a self transfer to the Hotel. Meeting with our assistance in the evening for a welcome cocktail and a briefing on general information about the itinerary. Dinner and overnight in hotel.



SUNDAY: PALERMO - MONREALE

Breakfast at the hotel; morning visit of the Capital of Sicily, one of the richest town in the island for history and art. We will visit the Cathedral, "Palazzo dei Normanni" with its "Palatina" Chapel, the "Quattro Canti", the Opera House, the Pretoria Square. We will continue to Monreale to admire the Cathedral with its splendid 12th century mosaics, and the cloister of the Benedictine monastery with Moorish architecture, both defined as the eighth world wonder. In the afternoon, nice walk at the seaside in

Mondello, a good occasion to taste a delicious ice cream. Full board in hotel.

MONDAY: ERICE AND MARSALA

In the morning we will reach Erice, charming medieval village of ancient Greek origins, situated on a little hill, where it is possible to enjoy a fantastic view of the Egadi Islands and the salines. Nice walk among the small streets and typical lunch at restaurant. In the afternoon we will reach Marsala, passing through the wonderful panoramas of salines. We will visit a typical cellar to taste the famous wine which it produces that is exported all-over the world. We will continue to Agrigento, across many vineyard areas. Dinner and overnight in hotel.



TUESDAY: AGRIGENTO – PIAZZA ARMERINA – RIVIERA DEI CICLOPI

Breakfast at the hotel; in the morning we will visit the wonderful "Valle dei Templi" where, among hundreds of almond trees, the rests of the ancient Akragas rise. It was defined by Pindar "the most beautiful city of mortals". You will see the "Temple of Juno Lacinia", the "Temple of Concordia" and the "Temple of Heracles".



We will continue to Piazza Armerina, in the heart of Sicily, where we will visit "Villa Romana del Casale", famous for its 3500 square meters of fantastic polychrome mosaics, representing scenes of hunting and entertainments, mythological and historical episodes. Lunch in a local restaurant. We will continue to the east coast of Sicily to visit Acicastello, a small fishing village with its Norman Castle, built of black lava stone, nestled atop a rocky spur on the sea; Acitrezza, the fishing village where Verga set his novel I Malavoglia, dominated on the seaward side by the Rocks of the Cyclops, a treacherous pointed mass of black lava rising up from the crystal-like waters. Accommodation in hotel, dinner and overnight.



WEDNESDAY: ETNA - TAORMINA

Breakfast at the hotel; morning dedicated to a fantastic excursion to Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe. Across fascinating landscapes, we will reach the "Crateri Silvestri", small volcanic cones now inactive, surrounded by ancient lava flows, at a height of 2000 metres. There we will enjoy a fantastic panorama of the Ionic Sea. Visit of a cellar to taste typical Sicilian products and wine. In the afternoon visit to Taormina, "the pearl of the Ionic Sea". You can choose to be fascinated by the famous Greek theatre or the ancient Cathedral, or you can relax with a nice walk among the typical small streets for shopping (coral jewels, precious laces, ceramics, sweets and much more). Dinner and overnight in hotel.



THURSDAY: SIRACUSA - CATANIA

Breakfast at the hotel. The morning will be dedicated to the visit of Siracusa, the most beautiful Greek colony of Sicily. We will visit the Archaeological Park with its marvellous theatre and "Orecchio di Dionisio" and then walk among the small streets in Ortigia. Lunch in a typical restaurant. In the afternoon we will visit Catania, the town known for its original baroque style and for its streets built with black lava stone from mount Etna. We will admire the "Palazzo Biscari", Piazza Duomo with its Cathedral and the famous "Liotru" statue, symbol of the city. Walking tour through Via Etna and the Baroque street "Via Crociferi" we will reach the roman Amphitheatre. Before coming back to hotel we will make a stop to taste the delicious "tavola calda" and the famous "arancini".



FRIDAY: DEPARTURE FROM CATANIA

Breakfast at the hotel. End of services for clients arrived in Catania on Friday, hoping to see them again to discover more beautiful aspects of the island. Transfer at clients' charge.

FRIDAY: CEFALÙ

For people arrived on Saturday in Palermo we will continue the tour with the visit of Cefalù. Free lunch. In the afternoon we will proceed to Palermo for dinner and overnight stay in

hotel, promising that this won't be the last one and that you will come again to visit more beauties of this wonderful land: Sicily.

Rate per person: € 739,00

*min. 15 pax. In case the minimum number of participants is not achieved, it will be noticed 30 days before departure date.

The rate includes:

Accommodation in 4 star hotels in standard double room – GT bus or minibus for the whole trip – Multilingual tour escort for the whole tour – welcome cocktail - board arrangement as in program with typical meals in characteristic restaurants or farms – guided visits with audio guides - VAT and taxes

The rate does not include:

Beverages, entrance fees, tips and personal extras – transfers from/to airport/railway station/port – Anything not mentioned in "The rate includes"

Estimated Hotels (or similars)

CATANIA and surroundings: NH BELLINI / I FARAGLIONI
PALERMO and surroundings: NH JOLLY PALERMO / HOLIDAY INN
AGRIGENTO and surroundings: GRAND HOTEL DEI TEMPLI / KORE

Supplements and reductions

- Single room suppl. € 195,00 p.p. per tour.
- Pre night and post night in Palermo/surroundings or in Catania/surroundings H/B € 55,00 p.p. in double rooms. S/S € 29,00 p.p.p.n.
- High Season suppl.: April 02/03 – April 23/24 – April 30 /May 01 – August 13/14: € 70,00 p.p.
- 3rd/4th bed reduction for adults and children € 35,00 p.p. per tour

Useful information

- Hotel names will be noticed within 7 days from departure date
- The price of entrance fees estimated in the program, to be paid on the spot, is about € 48,00
- We suggest to wear a jacket and comfortable enclosed shoes for the excursion on Etna in every period of the year.

TOUR BY CAR ON MINIVAN TO HAVE AN EXCLUSIVE SERVICE

The tour Terre di Sicilia can be arranged even with a shorter number of participants.
Rates as follows:

2 persons: € 1690 per person (with tour escort/driver and car)
3/5 persons: € 1290 per person (with tour escort/driver and minivan)
6/8 persons: € 1090 per person (with tour escort/driver and minibus)
9/14 persons: € 950 per person (with tour escort/driver and minibus)

Program could be changed according to the opening time of museums and archaeological areas

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