



Sicily

Discovery

May 16-26, 2018

Highlights:

- ▲ **ROME**
- ▲ **CASALE:** Visit the Roman Villa (A UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- ▲ **AGRIGENTO:** Valley of the Temples (A UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- ▲ **DORIC TEMPLE OF CONCORD AND TEMPLE OF JUNO LACINIA**
- ▲ **ACROPOLIS**
- ▲ **MOUNT ETNA**
- ▲ **MARSALA**
- ▲ **ERICE**



Travel Dates
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\$1,499

double occupancy + air
single supplement \$530



Price and taxes may vary until time of ticketing.
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 Itinerary subject to change due to availability and weather conditions.
 Single supplement: \$530 per person. Travel Protection: \$149 Single \$199



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Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description.

DAY 1 – Overnight flight from the US

DAY 2 – Arrive in Rome, Italy

Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore Italy's ancient capital. Tonight, meet your local host/Tour Director and fellow travelers.

DAY 3 – Rome – Sorrento

Travel south along the Highway of the Sun to spend the afternoon at leisure to enjoy the charming bayside resort of Sorrento with its cafés, shops, beaches and colorful alleys. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

DAY 4 – Sorrento – Villa San Giovanni – Ferry Crossing – Taormina Area

Today, travel through the rustic mountainous scenery of Italy's southernmost region, Calabria, before boarding the FERRY for a 45-minute crossing to Sicily. Continue to the Taormina area. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

DAY 5 – Taormina Area. Excursion to Mount Etna

Magnificently situated on a 700-foot plateau overlooking the Ionian Sea, the heart of Taormina is Piazza Nove Aprile, a paved square with unrivaled views of the sea and Mount Etna. Take a stroll along the Corso Umberto, and maybe taste a refreshing granita or a sumptuous cannolo? Later, enjoy a visit to the heights of MOUNT ETNA and the option of a jeep or cable-car ride for a better view of Europe's largest active volcano (subject to weather conditions). *(Breakfast)*

DAY 6 – Taormina Area – Piazza Armerina – Agrigento

Drive to Piazza Armerina, a maze of steep streets positively overflowing with the colorful atmosphere of Sicilian life. At nearby Casale, visit the ROMAN VILLA, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and famous for its mosaics, including the whimsical "Bikini Girls." On to Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, one of Italy's archaeological jewels. Visit the DORIC TEMPLE OF CONCORD, one of the finest examples of Greek civilization existing today, and the hilltop TEMPLE OF JUNO LACINIA. *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

DAY 7 – Agrigento – Selinunte – Marsala – Palermo

Leave for Selinunte, one of the most striking and interesting sites in Sicily. At the apex of its power before 409 BC, the city exceeded 30,000 people, excluding slaves. Here, you will see the remains of the ACROPOLIS with its temples and fortifications. On the western coast of Sicily, stop in Marsala, known for its celebrated Marsala wine. Here, you will visit a local SALT MINE and learn how this local product is extracted and refined. Then, head to Palermo, capital of Sicily. *(Breakfast)*

DAY 8 – Palermo. Excursion to Trapani & Erice

Two Sicilian treats are on the agenda today. First, visit enchanting Trapani with a Local Guide, set on a harbor that was once at the heart of a powerful trading network stretching from Carthage to Venice. The city center stretches along the port and was built in primarily baroque style. Next is the medieval hilltop town of Erice, reached by cable car. Situated about 2,500 feet above sea level, it immediately impresses with its defensive walls and castle affording breathtaking views over the Trapani Gulf and Egadi Island and on clear days, all the way to the African coast. Return to Palermo. *(Breakfast)*

DAY 9 – Palermo (Embarkation) – Overnight Ferry Crossing to Naples

A full day to enjoy this busy and colorful city full of interesting squares and marketplaces, churches, and palazzos in every style—from Moorish to baroque. Join the included sightseeing tour to learn more, and visit the magnificent CAPPELLA PALATINA. This evening, embark for an overnight FERRY crossing from Palermo to Naples. *(Breakfast)*

DAY 10 – Naples (Disembarkation) – Rome

Disembark at the bustling port of Naples, and return to the "Eternal City," with plenty of time to enjoy an optional excursion, do last-minute shopping, or maybe sip a drink at Piazza Navona and watch the world go by.

DAY 11 – Rome

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. Breakfast

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