



## SPIRIT OF SICILY

PALERMO | CORLEONE | SEGESTA | MARSALA | TRAPANI  
AGRIGENTO | TAORMINA | MOUNT ETNA | SIRACUSA

8 DAYS  
from  
**\$1,899**

CAD\$, PP, DBL, OCC.

### TOUR OVERVIEW

▶ Total of 7 nights accommodation;  
4-Star hotels, Standard Rooms

4 nights in Palermo, *Hotel Ai Cavalieri\**  
3 nights in Taormina, *Hotel Villa Diodoro\**

- ▶ English-speaking tour director
- ▶ Touring by air-conditioned coach and transfers as per itinerary
- ▶ Buffet breakfast daily; other meals as indicated
- ▶ Hotel taxes, tourist/city taxes, entrance fees & service charges

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Half-day tour of the capital city of Palermo
- Cooking lesson and lecture in Corleone
- Picturesque fishing village of Cefalù
- Magnificent Doric Temples of Segesta and Agrigento
- Marsala wine tasting
- Walking tour of charming Taormina
- Siracusa, once the largest city in the ancient world

**International airfare not included.**  
Minimum 2 passengers travelling.

Pricing valid for Friday departures: Apr. 10 & 24, May 8 & 22, June 5 & 12, Sept. 4, 18 & 25, Oct. 9, 2020, subject to availability at time of booking. \*Similar hotels may be offered and will be confirmed at time of booking. Dinner location to be advised locally. Note the order of the itinerary may be changed.

Not valid during trade shows, bank holidays and other special events. Blackout periods may apply.

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**TOUR CODE: EU1620**

Sicily is perfectly placed in the heart of the Mediterranean and is the largest of the Italian islands. On this 8-day small-group escorted tour, discover Sicily's history and traditions starting in the capital city of Palermo, continuing on to Corleone and Ficuzza to taste delicious dishes. Marvel at ancient temples in Segesta, Agrigento, Taormina and Siracusa and taste sweet wines in Marsala.

### Day 1 – Friday

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**PALERMO** Arrival in **Palermo**, the capital city of the beautiful island of Sicily. Upon arrival, private transfer to your hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant or at your hotel. *Hotel Ai Cavalieri or similar* ★★★★★

### Day 2 – Saturday

B/L

**CORLEONE, FICUZZA** After breakfast at your hotel, travel to the area of **Corleone**, known as the place where the concept of the 'Mafia' phenomena was born, but now known for being the place where it is firmly challenged. Participate in a cooking class to prepare some of the most genuine and traditional Sicilian dishes, then enjoy this special lunch. In the afternoon, a local who lives in Corleone will discuss the current conditions in Sicily and explain the actions locals are taking to eliminate organized crime. Return to Palermo, dinner on your own. *Hotel Ai Cavalieri or similar*

### Day 3 – Sunday

B/D

**PALERMO, MONREALE (OPTIONAL CEFALU)** Enjoy a buffet breakfast. Begin your morning tour of **Palermo**, a city full of character, featuring Quattro Canti, a splendid example of Spanish Baroque architecture, the Palace of the Normans and its superb Palatine Chapel, the Cathedral, the famous Benedictine Abbey of Monreale and admire a 12<sup>th</sup>-century cathedral. Take the rest of the day to relax or take an optional tour with your tour director to the picturesque fishing village of **Cefalù**. In the evening, enjoy a festive dinner with delectable cuisine and sparkling wine in a local restaurant or at your hotel. *Hotel Ai Cavalieri or similar*

### Day 4 – Monday

B/L/D

**SEGESTA, MARSALA, TRAPANI** Buffet breakfast at your hotel. Begin your journey to **Segesta**, a large archaeological zone, with a magnificent Doric Temple that ranks as one of the best-preserved Greek architectural sites. Continue to the sea town of **Marsala**, re-discovered in the 18<sup>th</sup>-century by English merchant John Woodhouse and known for its sweet wines. Visit a wine cellar and sample Marsala during a special wine tasting session. Drive along the **Trapani** coastline and stop for a special Sicilian lunch in a restaurant and return to Palermo. Dinner at your hotel or a local restaurant. *Hotel Ai Cavalieri or similar*

### Day 5 – Tuesday

B/D

**PALERMO – AGRIGENTO – TAORMINA** Buffet breakfast at your hotel. Depart for **Agrigento**, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Learn the history and architecture of Concordia and of the other temples that are part of this archaeological treasure-trove. Arrive in **Taormina** in the evening. Check in and enjoy a relaxing dinner at your hotel or a local restaurant. *Hotel Villa Diodoro or similar* ★★★★★

### Day 6 – Wednesday

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**MOUNT ETNA (OPTIONAL SAVOCA, FORZA D'AGRO)** Enjoy buffet breakfast at your hotel. Take a morning walking tour of **Taormina** and its charming city center including the Greek-Roman amphitheater, with its spectacular view of **Giardini Naxos** and **Mount Etna**, the largest active volcano in Europe. Enjoy the excursion to Mount Etna and visit the Sylvester Craters to enjoy the best views, as you drive through the fertile slopes and villages that sit on ancient volcanic eruptions. Take an optional tour featuring the authentic villages chosen by Francis Ford Coppola for most of the scenes in the *Godfather* movies, a great way to explore the real untouched Sicilian countryside, local lifestyle and culture. Enjoy dinner on your own in one of the many colourful restaurants of Taormina. *Hotel Villa Diodoro or similar*

### Day 7 – Thursday

B/D

**SIRACUSA** Buffet breakfast at your hotel. Today, journey to **Siracusa**, once the largest city in the ancient world, to see the Archaeological Park, Greek Theater, Latomia del Paradiso and Cave of Dionisius' Ear. This evening, savour a special Sicilian dinner with wine in a local restaurant or at your hotel. *Hotel Villa Diodoro or similar*

### Day 8 – Friday

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**TAORMINA – HOME** After your buffet breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer to Catania airport for your departure home.