

CLASSICAL TOUR OF SICILY and MALTA 10 days/9 nights



DAY 1 – PALERMO/MONREALE



Arrive in Palermo: 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. In the afternoon 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.

Accommodation, dinner and overnight (htl Genoardo Park hotel 4* or Mercure Palermo Centro 4* or similar)

Dinner and overnight stay in hotel in Palermo

DAY 2 – AGRIGENTO

After breakfast at the hotel departure to Agrigento . We will visit the wonderful “Valle dei Templi”. Concordia Temple, Hercules Temple, Giunone Temple and Castore and Polluce Temples represent the most beautiful example of the Greek Civilization in Sicily and the archaeological museum In the afternoon walk in the historic quarter of Agrigento.



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Dinner and overnight stay in hotel in Agrigento (htl Colleverde 4* or similar)

DAY 3 – AGRIGENTO/POZZALLO/LA VALLETTA

Buffet bkfst Transfer to Pozzallo - Ferry Pozzallo / La Valetta– 1st class seats
Dinner + accommodation in hotel (htl Victoria 4* Sliema or similar)

DAY 4 – HD VALLETTA



After breakfast in hotel in the morning we visit Malta’s capital city, Valetta. First off we visit The Upper Barraka a public garden in Valletta , that commands a breathtaking panorama of the Grand Harbour. This is followed by a walk through the bustling streets of Valletta. The tour then proceeds with a visit to the St.John’s co.cathedral.

In the afternoon free time .

Dinner + accommodation in hotel (htl Victoria 4* Sliema or similar)

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DAY 5 - MDINA

After breakfast we drive to Mdina, the Roman capital of the island, which predated Valetta by several centuries.

We begin from Mosta Dome Church, then the tour will proceed to the ancient citadel of Mdina, also known as “Silent City”, you will also be able to visit the St. Paul’s cathedral, St. Paul’s Catacombs and finally we head to the botanic San Anton Gardens. In the afternoon free time.

Dinner + accommodation in hotel (htl Victoria 4* Sliema or similar)



DAY 6 - FD GOZO



After breakfast we travel by coach and then cross by ferry to the peaceful island of Gozo separated by a five-mile wide channel from Malta. It is very different from Malta itself, greener, more rural and very relaxing. We visit the charming capital of Victoria, including the citadel and the 17th century cathedral of the Virgin Mary.

After we leave the capital, and drive to the most important place of pilgrimage on the island, Ta’ Pinu Church, named after Pinu Gauci, a wealthy man of great devotion, who lived in the 17th century and

restored the church, which is dedicated to the Assumption of Our Lady. We also visit the Ggantija temples, and finally the marvel that is the church in the village of Xewkija, which has a dome third in size only to St. Peter’s in Rome and St. Paul’s in London. Return to Malta by ferry in the late afternoon.

DAY 7 – LA VALLETTA/POZZALLO / Ragusa or Siracusa

Return ferry La Valetta/Pozallo– 1st class seats

Dinner + accommodation in Siracusa or Ragusa (htl Mediterraneo Palace 4* Rg or Panorama 4* Siracusa)

DAY 8 – SIRACUSA / CATANIA



Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning excursion to Siracusa, the most beautiful Greek colony of Sicily. We will visit the famous “Fontana Aretusa”, and the archaeological area with its marvellous theatre and “Orecchio di Dionisio”. In the afternoon after the visit of Ortigia, the small baroque island, old city centre of Siracusa.

In the afternoon visit of Catania, the town known for its original baroque style and for its streets built with black lava stone from mount Etna. Walking tour through Via Etna, the Baroque street “Via Crociferi”, the

Piazza Duomo with the Cathedral and the “Liotru” statue, symbol of the city, the roman Amphitheatre, the University. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Dinner and overnight stay in hotel in Catania/Acireale (htl Jolly NH Bellini 4* or similar)

DAY 9 – ETNA /TAORMINA



Breakfast at the hotel; morning dedicated to a fantastic excursion to Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe. Across fascinating landscape, we will reach a height of 2000 metres, where we will enjoy a fantastic panorama of the Ionic Sea. In the afternoon free time in Taormina, the small medieval village called “the pearl of the Ionic Sea”, famous for its typical small streets and his fascinating Greek theatre.

Dinner and overnight stay in hotel in Messina (htl Royal Palace 4* or similar)

DAY 10 – MESSINA DEPARTURE

After breakfast in hotel departure and end of our service.

The suggested itinerary could be adapted for technical reasons or according to opening/closing times of Museums and visited sites. Please note that because of restoring works or further reasons not depending on us, you could not be able to visit a few museums or sites.

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