

CLASSIC TOUR OF SICILY 8 days/7 nights



DAY 1 – PALERMO

Arrival at Palermo airport and transfer to the hotel in Palermo. Accommodation, dinner and overnight.

DAY 2 - PALERMO/MONREALE



After breakfast, visit of **Palermo** 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.

Dinner and overnight stay in hotel in Palermo

DAY 3 – CEFALÙ/ BAGHERIA

After breakfast at the hotel ,departure to Cefalù, known for its Norman Dome, rich of Byzantine mosaics, the medieval wash house, and the Mandralisca museum.

In the afternoon we will continue to **Bagheria** to visit **Villa Palagonia** a superb and eccentric villa already visited by famous travellers in the 17th century. The interior and exterior decoration have made the villa known throughout the world as the "Villa of Monsters". These statues represent imaginary animals, anthropoid figures, statues of ladies and knights, musicians and other various caricatures.

Dinner and overnight stay in hotel.

DAY 4 – SEGESTE/ERICE /SELINUNTE



In the morning, after breakfast at the hotel, visit of the archaeological park of **Segesta** with its famous "solitary" Temple and visit of the fascinating **Erice**, a small medieval village with ancient Greek origins, situated on a little hill, where it is possible to enjoy a fantastic view on the Egadi Islands.

In the afternoon we will continue with the visit of the archaeological park of **Selinunte**, the largest in the Mediterranean area. In the late afternoon we will reach Agrigento; accommodation at hotel, dinner and overnight.



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DAY 5 -AGRIGENTO/PIAZZA ARMERINA

Breakfast at the hotel; in the morning we will visit the wonderful “**Valle dei Templi**”. Concordia Temple, Heracles Temple, Juno Temple and Castor and Pollux Temples represent the most beautiful example of the Greek Civilization in Sicily. We will continue to **Piazza Armerina**, in the heart of Sicily, where we will visit “Villa Romana del Casale”, famous for its fantastic mosaics. In the late afternoon we will reach the hotel in Acireale or Giardini Naxos. Dinner and overnight.



DAY 6 – 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.

DAY 7– SIRACUSA

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 visit to Ortigia, the small baroque island, old city centre of Siracusa. Return to the hotel dinner and overnight.



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DAY 8 – CATANIA

After breakfast in hotel transfer in Catania airport for the departure of the group.

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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