

ITALY

MAGICAL
TOUR OF
SICILY

Explore
Sicily's
Greatest
Hits



EASTERN SICILY



**DAY 1. SATURDAY:
EASTERN SICILY**

Arrival in Catania and check-in at the hotel (check-in starts at 4:00 pm). Before dinner, we meet with our tour guide and listen to a presentation of the tour. Dinner and accommodation in the area of Catania, Giardini Naxos, or surroundings.



DAY 2. SUNDAY: EASTERN SICILY, SIRACUSA, NOTO

Breakfast at the hotel. We will visit the historical center (Ortigia) with the Temple of Minerva and the Fountain of Arethusa, the archaeological area with the Greek Theater, the Roman Amphitheater, the Latomie, and the Ear of Dionysus, and lunch during the excursion. In the afternoon, walk in Noto, an authentic jewel of Sicilian Baroque. Return to the hotel in Catania, Giardini Naxos, or surroundings, and have dinner.

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DAY 3. MONDAY: EASTERN SICILY, GIARRE, CATANIA, PALERMO OR SURROUNDINGS

Breakfast at the hotel. Then, depart to Giarre to visit the Botanical Park of Radicepura, which preserves over 5 hectares and more than 3,000 plants. Then, we depart to Catania and stroll through the historic center. We will enjoy a small snack in the streets of Catania. Depending on the season, it will be an “arancina” (fried rice ball typical of the area), ice cream, a slush, etc. Departure to the western area, accommodation in a hotel in the Palermo area, and dinner.

DAY 4. TUESDAY: PALERMO, MONREALE

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Monreale and visit the Cathedral and the Benedictine Cloister. Return to Palermo and have a walking tour of the historic center with the Cathedral of Palermo, the “Four Canti, Piazza Pretoria with the famous “Fountain of Shame,” and the flowery baroque of the Church of Santa Caterina, which crosses its cloister; you will reach the adjacent pastry shop known for the delicacies prepared with ancient recipes of the nuns. Lunch during the excursion. Free afternoon in the city center. At the end of the tour, return to the hotel and dinner.



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DAY 5. WEDNESDAY: PALERMO, ERICE, MARSALA, SELINUNTE, AGRIGENTO AREA

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Erice* and visit the town. There, we will taste typical almond sweets. (Note: If it is impossible to reach the town of Erice due to road closures, a visit to Trapani will be substituted.) Continuation to Marsala and visit a winery with a small tasting. Lunch will be provided during the excursion, and the eastern hill of Selinunte will be visited in the afternoon. We will continue to Agrigento, have accommodation at the hotel in the Agrigento area, and have dinner.

DAY 6. THURSDAY: AGRIGENTO, PIAZZA ARMERINA, EASTERN SICILY

Breakfast at the hotel and visit the Valley of the Temples of Agrigento. Then, depart to Piazza Armerina and lunch on the theme “Ancient Rome” during the excursion. Visit the Roman Villa called “Del Casale,” which is famous for its mosaics. Then, departure to the eastern part of the island and accommodation in Catania, Giardini Naxos, or surroundings. Dinner at the hotel.



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DAY 7. FRIDAY: EASTERN SICILY, EASTERN ETNA, TAORMINA

Breakfast at the hotel. Excursions to Etna will be made by coach up to 1,900 meters**, and there is the possibility of ascending (with direct payment supplement) by all-terrain bus and authorized guide to visit the main craters. Small tasting of local honey and lunch during the excursion (**In the event of adverse weather conditions, we will climb to an altitude of 700 meters and stop at Zafferana Etnea, where you can see the remains of the eruption of 1992). In the afternoon, we will visit Taormina and its Ancient Theater. Free time. Return to the hotel in Catania, Giardini Naxos, or surroundings and dinner.



DAY 8. SATURDAY: EASTERN SICILY & DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the hotel and check out concludes your trip.



HOTELS

Western Zone Hotels: Hotel Politeama (Palermo), Hotel Cristal Palace (Palermo), Hotel Garibaldi (Palermo), Hotel Federico II (Palermo), Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa (Palermo), Hotel Splendid La Torre (Palermo), Hotel Splendid la Torre (Palermo), Hotel Kore (Agrigento), Grand Hotel Mosè (Agrigento, Villaggio Mosè), Dioscuri Bay Palace (Agrigento, San Leone), Hotel Della Valle (Agrigento).

Eastern Zone Hotels: Grand Hotel Yachting Palace (Marina di Riposto), Sant Alphio Garden Hotel & SPA (Giardini Naxos), Grande Albergo Maugeri (Acireale), Catania International Airport (Catania), NH Catania Centro (Catania), Hotel Katane Palace (Catania), Grand Hotel Villa Itria (Viagrande).

