

Sicily Fly & Drive



8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS – Sicily

1 DAY: CATANIA

Arrival at the airport, pick up your car and drive to the Hotel. Free time at leisure to discover the city and its shopping main street Corso Italia /, via Monfalcone, via Etna, Corso Sicilia and via Umberto. Or take a guided visit to the historical centre of Catania and the market fish. Accommodation at hotel in Catania or Taormina area, dinner and overnight at Hotel.

2 DAY: ETNA AND TAORMINA

After breakfast, departure to discover the beauties of the highest volcano in Europe, with possibility to do excursions by walk, 4x4 and quad. Not to be missed is a stroll on the main street of Taormina for shopping. We do recommend an aperitif in one of the many lounge bars of the town. Return to the hotel and overnight.

3 DAY: TAORMINA – PALERMO

After breakfast, departure to Taormina the small medieval village called “the pearl of the Ionic Sea”. Through a walking in town you will visit the most important monuments and you will live the typical atmosphere of this town. The tour proceeds to Palermo. Along the way

we suggest to have a stop in Castelbuono a beautiful mountain village with its castle of Ventimiglia and the famous patisserie “Fiasconaro” where you could taste typical products as Cannolo Siciliano or cassata. Or in alternative you can visit Cefalu, typical fisherman village with a beautiful Cathedral. Arrive in Palermo, accommodation at hotel, dinner and overnight.

4 DAY: PALERMO

After breakfast, visit of Palermo, considered the cultural and economic centre among the Mediterranean Sea and Europe. The route begins with the visit to the market of “Ballarò”, by definition the market of the town of Palermo. Visit of the Cathedral, Palazzo dei Normanni and visit of the Palatina Chapel and its splendid byzantine mosaics. We suggest to visit Monreale at 7 km from Palermo to visit the magnificent Norman cathedral that attracts every year a million visitors. It is one hundred meters long, it has splendid apses decorated to blind arches, the Cathedral of Monreale reveals its sumptuousness in its interior, with its amazing walls covered by stupendous golden mosaics. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

5 DAY: PALERMO-ERICE – MARSALA OR SELINUNTE – AGRIGENTO

After breakfast departure to Erice, settled on the top of Monte San Giuliano, in splendid panoramic position above Trápani and in silence among the clouds. The old city centre is typically medieval, made of small squares, narrow streets where there are beautiful flourished gardens. You will find a suburb animated by shops of typical craft: ceramics elegantly decorated, carpets, and the traditional sweet with almonds and dried fruit. Here you'll meet the famous Maria Grammatico, that will show you as she yet prepare its pastries. We suggest to taste the different types of sweets: almond pastry, pistachio pastry, orange pastry. In the afternoon the tour proceeds to Segesta, Archaeological Park, dominated by the mass of the elegant doric temple, settled in splendid position, among sweet ocher and red hills OR to Marsala Area, the biggest centre for wine production in Sicily. Visit and taste a famous wine cellar, settled in a typical building called “bagli”. Arrival in Agrigento, accommodation at hotel, dinner and overnight.

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6 DAY: AGRIGENTO - RAGUSA - NOTO

After breakfast, visit the Valley of Temples, the most sublime testimony of the Greek civilization in Sicily. At the end of the visit departure to Ragusa and Modica, the first rich in Baroque and the second, famous for the delicious chocolate. Accommodation at Hotel Ragusa or Noto area. Overnight.

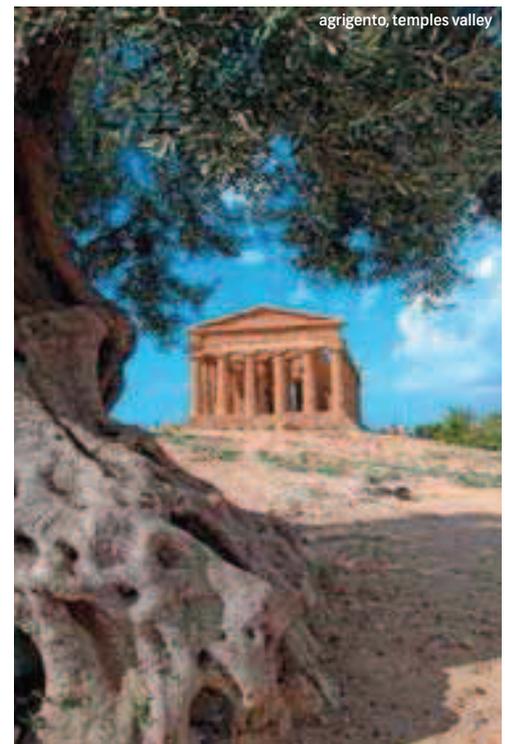
the Cathedral and the "Fontana Aretusa", where the papyrus still grows abundantly. Accommodation at hotel Catania area. Overnight.

8 DAY: CATANIA

After breakfast, drive to airport, drop off your car and Arrivederci !!

7 DAY: NOTO - SYRACUSE - CATANIA

After breakfast, departure Noto, one of the most beautiful cities in Sicily renowned for the harmony and unity of its Baroque style and today declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Proceed to Syracuse to visit the most beautiful Greek colony of Sicily. Visit of the archaeological park of the Neapolis, including the famous Latomie of the Paradise, the Greek Theatre (its cavea is one of the largest ever built by the ancient Greeks and still in use today for classical representations), the Roman Amphitheatre and the Ear of Dionisyus (an artificial limestone quarry named by the painter Caravaggio). Visit the island of Ortigia, the small baroque old city centre of Siracusa, built by the Aragonians: here you can admire



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volcano etna

HIGHLIGHTS DAY BY DAY

DAY	Accommodation
1° - 3°	NH Bellini, 4 stars in Catania or Hotel villa Esperia 4 stars in Taormina or similar
3° - 5°	Hotel Porta Felice or Hotel Plaza Opera, 4 stars in Palermo or similar
5° - 6°	Hotel Baia di Ulisse, 4 stars in Agrigento or similar
6° - 7°	Hotel Poggio del Sole, 4 stars in Ragusa or Grand Hotel Sofia, 4 stars in Noto or similar
7° - 8°	NH Bellini, 4 stars in Catania or Hotel villa Esperia 4 stars in Taormina or similar
1° - 8°	Accommodation in standard room in bed & breakfast
DAY	Services/Excursions/Experiences/Meals as follow
1° - 8°	Car rental (Cat E) – Pick up and drop-off at Catania airport, Unlimited mileage, CDW, THW & taxes

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selinunte, temple of hera