

# 12 DAY SICILY & MALTA

## DESTINATIONS

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**PALERMO**

# TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

Destination	Palermo
Meals included	Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

You are on your way to Sicily. Allow yourself to take in the immersive culture, the layers of ancient history, and the incomparable beauty of this sparkling Mediterranean island. Welcome to Palermo (UNESCO), Sicily's vibrant and welcoming capital. Bursting with Arab-Norman architectural masterpieces, this island's history is waiting to be discovered. This evening, come to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner.

## DAY 2

Destination	Palermo
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Make the most of Palermo this morning because it's your choice! Choose to set out on a panoramic coach tour of Palermo, including views of the Politeama Concert Hall, the Massimo Opera House, the ruins of Palermo's medieval seaside fortifications and Spanish-era City Walls and the imposing exterior of the Palace of the Normans. Your tour includes a visit to the dazzling Monreale Cathedral -OR- stroll the streets of Palermo with a local guide, feeling as if you've stepped back in time as you pass by medieval remnants, picturesque piazzas, and ornate fountains. Make your way inside St. Catherine of Alexandria, a Baroque church where you can sample local pastries baked with the nuns' secret recipe. After your tour, wander through an open-air market displaying traditional Sicilian "street food" before getting a taste of these classics at a local restaurant. Later, visit a medieval palace where a countess welcomes you on a tour of her family's home, joining you for an aperitif and hors d'oeuvres in one of the palace's stunning chambers.

## DAY 3

Destination	Palermo 🚗 Cefalù 🚗 Sicilian Countryside 🚗 Palermo
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Journey to the countryside with a local guide and stroll the medieval streets of Cefalù (UNESCO), a seaside town that's home to one of Sicily's most magnificent cathedrals. Embrace Italian country life as you set off to experience a day on a family farm where Sicilian folk music greets you upon arrival. Get a glimpse of the delectable products they make on the farm and observe how they create a Sicilian favourite – ricotta cheese!\* Watch a chef prepare local specialities before getting a taste of the farm's own products with a hearty lunch made from family recipes. Return to Palermo for an evening at leisure

## DAY 4

Destination	Palermo 🚗 Erice 🚗 Agrigento
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today's journey brings you to Agrigento, a coastal hub of preserved Greek temples. Along the way, meander through the town of Erice and roam the streets. Admire the town from an awe-inspiring lookout point at Venus Castle, built upon an ancient Roman temple. Continue on to Agrigento, where you'll have some free time to explore the resort's amenities

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### DAY 5

Destination	Agrigento 🚗 Taormina
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Epic history and stunning scenery lie ahead in the Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), a place filled with ancient Greek ruins. Join an expert on a guided tour as you explore this once-prominent Greek colony and the temples of Juno, Concordia, Hercules and Jupiter. Your journey continues past the Erei Mountains to Sicily's stunning Ionian Coast. The gorgeous coastal city of Taormina is your home for the next four nights.

### DAY 6

Destination	Taormina
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today, discover Taormina, "the jewel of Sicily." A local guide leads you on a tour of this picturesque city where you'll see the well-preserved Greek theatre, the Duomo and the public gardens. Spend the afternoon on your own in this city perched high above the sea. Perhaps dine at a sidewalk café or shop in the town's boutiques.

### DAY 7

Destination	Taormina
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

The entire day is yours to explore! With free time, you can choose to relax on the coast, dig in to Taormina's mouthwatering cuisine, or even take an optional tour to Europe's largest active volcano – Mt. Etna.

### DAY 8

Destination	Taormina
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Reflect on the grandeur of ancient Greece whilst uncovering its archaeological treasures in historic Siracusa (UNESCO). An expert shares stories of Siracusa's creation whilst leading you through the Archaeological Park of Neapolis, with its impressive collection of Greek and Roman antiquities. This evening, toast Sicilian culture as you're serenaded by local musicians during dinner.

### DAY 9

Destination	Taormina 🚗 Tas-Sliema, Malta
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Say goodbye to Italy and venture to the island paradise of Malta. Cross the Mediterranean by high-speed ferry\*\* to one of the smallest countries in the world. Enter the town of Tas-Sliema, home to breathtaking coasts and deep blue waters. In this fishing village that was transformed into a resort town, you'll find quaint cafés and seaside promenades. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

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### DAY 10

Destination	Tas-Sliema
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Get an intimate look at Mdina – the “Silent City.” As there are no vehicles allowed in town, you will join a local guide for a walking tour featuring the medieval architecture and cobblestone streets. Head to a local winery where you’ll get a chance to taste the wines of the region. Your adventure continues in Valletta, the capital of Malta. Discover this fortified city on a panoramic coach tour. You’ll take in the picturesque Barrakka Gardens overlooking the harbour, featuring a charming blend of natural beauty and terraced arches. The evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure.

### DAY 11

Destination	Tas-Sliema
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

The day is completely yours to experience the island of Malta however you please. Perhaps you’ll join an optional excursion to a temple complex older than Stonehenge, stopping at a vibrant fishing village and natural blue grotto along the way. Enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers as you recount your favourite memories of the Mediterranean islands.

### DAY 12

Destination	Tas-Sliema
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Say goodbye to Malta and the Mediterranean as your tour comes to a close today.

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### Inclusions

#### WHATS INCLUDED

Explore Sicily and Malta, Island paradises nestled amongst the deep blue waves of the Mediterranean  
Spend four nights in Taormina, perched above the Ionian Sea  
Discover the medieval streets of Mdina and enjoy a day at leisure in Malta  
On a journey along the Ionian coast, discover the everlasting influences left by ancient Greeks and Romans, Arabs and Normans.  
18 Meals - 11 Breakfasts - 2 Lunches - 5 Dinners  
Superior twin share accommodation  
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

### Fine Print

#### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

##### Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a \$250 deposit per person.  
Pay a 2nd instalment of \$585 per person within 28 days.  
You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.  
Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)  
Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected  
Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests  
Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab  
Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)  
Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking  
Your position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur.

#### OPTIONAL TOURS

Tour the Megalithic Temples of Malta \$143 pp

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EXCLUSIONS	Airtfares Personal Expenses Travel Insurance Optional activities Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional
HOTEL LIST	Palermo - Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa Agrigento - Baia Di Ulisse Taormina - Hotel Villa Diodoro Tas-Sliema - Hotel Waterfront
IMPORTANT INFORMATION	<p>Accommodation The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.</p> <p>Single Supplement A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$1200 subject to availability.</p> <p>Triple Share Not available.</p> <p>Children Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.</p> <p>Tour Documentation Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.</p>

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