

# 14 DAY OLD WORLD SICILY & MALTA

## DESTINATIONS

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**PALERMO**  
**TRAPANI**  
**MARSALA**  
**AGRIGENTO**  
**PIAZZA ARMERINA**  
**TAORMINA**  
**RAGUSA**  
**VALLETTA**  
**ST. JULIAN'S**



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# TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

Destination	Palermo, Italy
Meals included	Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa, or similar

You're on your way to Sicily – an island paradise nestled amongst the deep blue waves of the Mediterranean. Look past the Italy you think you know and see how this coastal farmland balances ancient traditions and modern comforts. Start your journey in Palermo (UNESCO), Sicily's welcoming capital city. Uncover the island's deeply rooted heritage, teeming with Arab-Norman architectural masterpieces and delicate Classical designs. Come to know your fellow travelers over a welcome dinner.

## DAY 2

Destination	Palermo, Italy
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa, or similar

Decide how you explore because it's your choice! Tour Palermo and head to Monreale Cathedral, ascending on foot to see the gold Byzantine mosaics -OR- descend into a WWII air raid shelter before exploring the historic city center with a guide. No matter how you spend your morning, you'll spend your afternoon tasting your way through Ballarò Market's olives, spices, and other local produce. End your day at a medieval palace, where a countess guides you through her family's home, joining you for an aperitif and hors d'oeuvres.

## DAY 3

Destination	Palermo 🚗 Impact Moment 🚗 Trapani
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ I Mulini Resort, or similar

Experience an impact moment with Addiopizzo, an anti-Mafia nonprofit that supports locals who refuse to pay the Mafia's protection fees. Visit Capaci and Cinisi, the site of two terrorist acts led by the Mafia, and pay tribute to fallen activists. Chat with locals for a personal perspective and learn how they overcame the Mafia's reign. As the day draws to a close, settle into Trapani for two nights and watch the sunset fade against the crashing waves and whirling windmills.

## DAY 4

Destination	Trapani 🚗 Isle of Mozia 🚗 Marsala
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ I Mulini Resort, or similar

Venture to the isle of Mozia, once a great trading port for the Phoenician, Greek and Roman civilizations. On the way, sail next to a submerged Roman road, once traversed on foot. Explore Mozia with a guide, visiting the ruins of its ancient port, and a museum featuring impressive Greek statuary. Then continue to Marsala, heading down into a cellar for a taste of its renowned wine. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to Erice to visit Maria Grammatico's famous bakery for a hands-on pastry-making class.

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### DAY 5

Destination	Trapani 🚗 Gibellina 🚗 Agrigento 🚗 Valley of the Temples 🚗 Agrigento
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	3 ★ Scala Dei Turchi, or similar

Begin in Gibellina, a humble countryside village. See how this town rebuilt itself after an earthquake, transforming ruins into a sprawling piece of contemporary art. Head to an award-winning olive grove and learn about the Slow Food movement, which supports local cultures and preserves traditions. Try their unique olive oil at lunch before departing for Agrigento, where ancient roots and medieval buildings blend into modernity. Wander through the Valley of the Temples (UNESCO) with a guide at dusk.

### DAY 6

Destination	Agrigento 🚗 Piazza Armerina 🚗 Taormina
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	5 ★ Nh Collection Taormina, or similar

Venture deep into Sicily's countryside to Piazza Armerina, home of the ancient Villa Romana del Casale (UNESCO), and explore the site with an expert insider for a locally guided tour of its impressive mosaics. In the afternoon, journey along the Ionian Coast to Taormina, a seaside hub of ancient Greek theaters and hilly walkways. Settle into your new home for the next three nights before enjoying Sicilian food at dinner, surrounded by local musicians.

### DAY 7

Destination	Taormina, Italy
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Nh Collection Taormina, or similar

Discover Taormina with a local guide, leading you to the city's Duomo, public gardens, and the well-preserved Greek theater. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in an unparalleled viewpoint of the adjacent ocean. Spend the afternoon on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a bite to eat at a sidewalk café, or peruse the local boutiques for handcrafted souvenirs.

### DAY 8

Destination	Taormina 🚗 Mount Etna 🚗 Taormina
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Nh Collection Taormina, or similar

See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. Stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks.

### DAY 9

Destination	Taormina 🚗 Ragusa
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Poggio Del Sole Hotel, or similar

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Make your way to Ragusa (UNESCO), an ancient city perched upon a hill. Meander through its Baroque neighborhood with an expert guide, passing by winding lanes, cobblestone streets, and wrought iron balconies. Make the most of a free afternoon to explore on your own. As the sun sets, retreat to your countryside resort just outside the city.

### DAY 10

Destination	Ragusa 🚶 Three Cities, Malta
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ The George Urban Boutique Hotel, or similar

Travel to the picture-perfect towns of Scicli and Modica, where you'll learn about Modica delicacies at an Aztec chocolate shop for some sweet samples and then enjoy a savory brunch at a ricotta farm. Grab your bags\* and hop on a ferry in Pozzallo. Say goodbye to Italy and venture to the island paradise of Malta, one of the smallest countries in the world.

### DAY 11

Destination	Three Cities 🗣 St. Julian's
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ The George Urban Boutique Hotel, or similar

Start your exploration in Three Cities, a conglomeration of three fortified cities of medieval heritage. Once the setting of battles by the Knights of Malta, this area preserves endless layers of the past. Connect with the heart of the neighborhood at a Band Club, where locals gather to learn and play instruments together. Enjoy some light snacks as the musical Maltese culture drifts softly around you.

### DAY 12

Destination	St. Julian's, Malta
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ The George Urban Boutique Hotel, or similar

The day is yours to experience the island of Malta however you please. Soak up the sunshine, relax on the beach, or even explore the colorful harbor on foot. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to a temple complex older than Stonehenge, followed by an intimate look at Mdina – the "Silent City."

### DAY 13

Destination	St. Julian's 🗣 Valletta 🗣 St. Julian's
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ The George Urban Boutique Hotel, or similar

Your adventure continues in Valletta, the capital of Malta. Discover this fortified city on a guided walking tour. You'll take in the picturesque Barrakka Gardens overlooking the harbor, featuring a charming blend of natural beauty and terraced arches. Then it's your choice! Visit the private home of a modern-day Knight of Malta -OR- tour the masterpieces of Valletta's Cathedral featuring Mattia Preti and Caravaggio. As the day draws to a close, enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers as you recount memories of the Mediterranean islands.

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### DAY 14

Destination	St. Julian's, Malta
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

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

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### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Travel with Collette Tours
- Explore Sicily and Malta – two island paradises in the Mediterranean
- Sample specialities in Palermo's colourful food market
- Meet a countess in her medieval palace
- Taste award-winning olive oil and learn the Slow Food movement at a local farm
- Explore Agrigento's Valley of the Temples (UNESCO) with a guide at twilight
- Spend three nights in Taormina, perched above the Ionian Sea
- See Mount Etna from a different perspective on an off-road excursion
- Engage with Malta's dynamic past on a leisurely 3-night stay
- Discover ancient traditions to modern society as you travel along Italian and Maltese towns
- 13 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 6 Dinners

### Fine Print

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

##### **COVID-19**

Due to COVID there may be disruptions to standard operating schedules of particular components of this itinerary. Should a component be effected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure.

##### **Fitness Requirements**

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

##### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard.

##### **Single Supplement**

Please follow the 'book now' prompts and select 1 passenger to view the

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### **Triple Share**

Not Available

### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation including, e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### **Group Size**

Group size varies from package to package. Depending on the services provided, the group size might range from private 2 person experiences up to coaches of 50 people depending on your selected holiday.

### **Tour Type - Independant**

On these packages you will travel from city to city on your own, exploring at your own pace. We have arranged transportation in most cases and day tours for you to see the destination. Enjoy the time and flexibility to linger longer or pick up the pace and see as much as possible. The choice is yours.

### **Children**

Children must share a room with parents at all times and are charged the same price as adults.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Flights
- Personal expenses
- Optional activities
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)

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## HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

### Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with only a AU\$250 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd installment of 10% per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

### Booking Process

- 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password
- Then select the red 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the red 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is on request and will be confirmed by Inspiring Vacations once all components of your package have been secured with our partners, please see below for further information

### Booking On Request

- Your Inspiring Vacations package is made up of multiple components and travel partners. Once your booking is made and passenger details form submitted, we will begin to confirm all of your arrangements. Please note, this process can take several business days to complete.
- Once all elements have been confirmed we will send you an email confirmation, if we are unable to confirm we will provide you with alternative dates or offer a full refund of your deposit or re-credit your account if a travel credit was used.
- Please DO NOT book any additional services, such as flights, until we have confirmed your Inspiring Vacations package in writing. Inspiring Vacations will not be liable for any fees or charges incurred to change or cancel components not booked by Inspiring Vacations should your selected package be unavailable.

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