

FLY & DRIVE SICILY, ISLAND OF WONDERS AND CULTURE



26.07.2020 Day 1 – Arrival

Arrival at Palermo Airport. Take over your reserved car at the car rental office. Start the journey in direction Palermo Area.

27/07/2020 Day 2 – Palermo The whole day is dedicated to the visit of Palermo and Monreale. The major sites of Palermo are of the Norman-Byzantine period: Cathedral and Benedictine cloister of Monreale, the Norman Palace with the Palatine Chapel, Cathedral of Palermo with the grave of Emperor Frederick II. To complete your impressions, walk through one of the colourful street markets that remind us that North Africa is “behind the corner”. Another peculiar place to visit are the catacombs of the Capuchin monastery that conserve more than 5.000 mummified bodies of Sicilian priests, monks and noble people of the 16th-19th century.

28/07/2020 Day 3 – Cooking lesson in Alia – Agrigento Area Leave Agrigento driving direction Aragona, Lercarafriddi (on the road Agrigento-Palermo). Take the direction ALIA a medieval town situated in on a hill. Nearby there is the Agriturismo Villa Dafne where at 10am you will meet the owner and you will start the ‘cooking lesson’ with typical Sicilian products. The cooking class is conducted by the chef and pastry chef of Villa Dafne and its contributors. An unforgettable experience to learn all the secrets of traditional Sicilian cuisine. At the beginning of the lesson will be a presentation of the menu, explaining the procedures, handing the apron Villa Dafne and the folder with the recipes. This is followed by practical phase, each guest will prepare a dish and at the end you’ll end up together at the table accompanied by a good glass of wine. Continuation to Agrigento to your next hotel

29/07/2020 Day 4 – Agrigento & Piazza Armerina – Syracuse area Agrigento is famous for its “Valley of the temples” (UNESCO World Heritage), where you can visit the remains of several temples of the Greek period and among them the best conserved one, the Concordia temple. Continuation through the hills of central Sicily. An interesting town with a medieval centre is Piazza Armerina, where we suggest to visit the excavations of a Roman Villa of the late Imperial period with a really marvellous mosaic pavement. Return to Agrigento Area. For overnight. Far more evocative is to see the temples in the evening when they are illuminated and the modern surroundings vanish. Continuation till Syracuse for your next hotel



30/07/2020 Day 5 – Syracuse– Syracuse Area. Syracuse with its white limestone, surrounded by the warm Mediterranean Sea offers a lot to see: the historical centre with the famous cathedral, built in the Greek Athena-temple, the Papyrus plants in the Arethusa fountain, the narrow alleys of the former Arab quarter and the archaeological park. Overnight stay.

31/07/2020 Day 6 – Catania – Taormina Today you drive along the coast to the north of the island. A little stop in Catania center to visit the fish market near the cathedral square. Continuation to Taormina set on a hillside with spectacular sea views, has a cosmopolitan atmosphere. The pedestrianised Corso Umberto is littered with trendy shops, cafés and souvenir shops. The impressive views from the Plaza makes this enchanting town feel like the Amalfi of the South. You will have time to visit the Greek Theatre, stroll along the Corso Umberto or relax people watching from one of the many cafés or ice cream parlours. Continuation to the next hotel.

01/08/2020 Day 7 – Mount Etna Today you will discover Europe's highest active volcano: Mt. Etna. The most direct way is to climb up the east slopes through vineyards and citrus groves, chestnut woods and bizarre lava landscapes until you reach the station "rifugio Sapienza" at 1.900 m.a.s.l. Here you can see the lava streams that during the eruption 2001 destroyed the cable car and part of the bus station. If weather conditions permit, it is possible to take an optional ride with the recently rebuilt cable car and 4-wheel-driven minibuses until a height of ca. 2.800 mts right underneath the smoking summit craters. On the way down, have a stop in Zafferana Etnea. The little town is the centre of Sicilian honey production: chestnut honey is excellent with pecorino cheese, eucalyptus honey helps in case of cold, the choice is large – just try! Return to your hotel, overnight.

02/08/2020 Day 8 – Departure Relax in the morning, and according to your flight schedule drive to the airport, ARRIVEDERCI IN SICILIA!!

NET PACKAGE PRICE FOR A DOUBLE ROOM PER 7 NIGHTS ON RB BASIS FOR 2 PAX:
Euro 1.530,00*

THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 x overnight with breakfast in the preferred hotel Category

Based on 4* stars Hotel as follows:

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| - 02 x overnight Palermo Area | HOTEL GUGLIELMO II 4* www.hotelguglielmo.com | OR SIMILAR |
| - 01 x overnight Agrigento Area | HOTEL DELLA VALLE 4* hoteldellavalle.ag.it/it/ | OR SIMILAR |
| - 02 x overnight Siracusa Area | HOTEL DEI COLONIALI 4* www.hoteldeicoloniali.com | OR SIMILAR |
| - 02 x overnight Catania/Taormina | HOTEL VILLA SONIA 4* www.hotelvillasonia.com | OR SIMILAR |
- Cooking lesson + lunch at Agriturismo Villa Dafne - possible with min. 2 participants
 - Our phone assistance.
 - Local English speaking local guide in Palermo on day 2
 - Local English speaking local guide at the Valley of Temples on day 4

THE PRICE DOESN'T INCLUDE:

- Meals.
- Car
- City tax
- Entrance fees
- Everything not mentioned under 'The price includes'

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO SPACES ARE BLOCKED FOR THE ALL TOUR.

IT IS JUST A QUOTATION.

DATES INDICATED ARE JUST A PROPOSAL.

**** Please take note that rates could increase of 2/4 % on the total due to the fact that not all hotels have updated rates for 2020.***