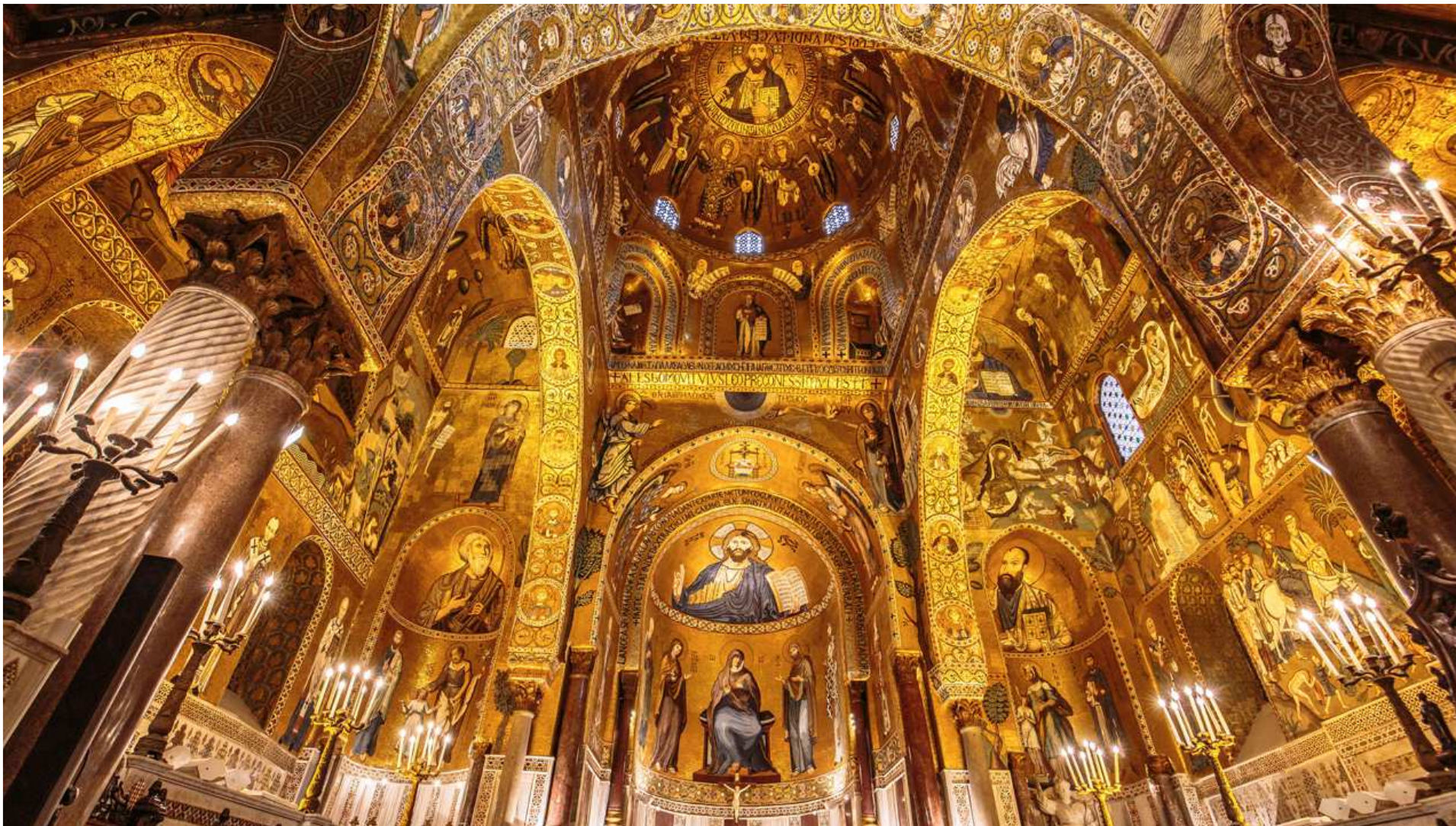


## Self-Drive Tour Sicily – ISOLA CLASSICA



## Day 1 - Arrival



Arrival at Catania Airport. Take over your reserved car at the car rental office together with an information package containing maps and brochures. Start the journey in direction Syracuse .

## Day 2 – Syracuse & Modica – Agrigento 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. Continuation to Modica, famous for its chocolate. **A suggestion: visit the Dolceria Bonajouto and have a taste of chocolate!** Continuation to Agrigento Area. Overnight stay.

## Day 3 – Agrigento & Piazza Armerina – Agrigento 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.

## Day 4 – Cooking lesson in Alia – Palermo 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 **10 a.m.** 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 the area of Palermo for the next 2 overnights.



## Day 5 – 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.

## Day 6 – Cefalù – Messina



Today you drive along the Tyrrhenian Sea back to eastern Sicily. You shouldn't miss the little town of Cefalù with its fishermen's harbour and impressive Norman cathedral. Further along the road you cross one of the major places of Sicily for production of ceramics and pottery: Santo Stefano di Camastra. And finally Messina, once the gateway to Sicily situated in a marvellous position on the street of Messina where according to legend Ulysses fought the monsters Scylla and Charybdis. Overnight for 2 nights in the area of Taormina or Catania.

## 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-wheeldriven 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.

## Day 8 - Departure



Relax in the morning, and according to your flight schedule drive to the airport, deliver your car at the car rental desk and ARRIVEDERCI IN SICILIA!!

## details

### **PACKAGE PRICE per person, per 7 nights**

#### **Season/price applied as per arrival day**

	SINGLE ROOM	DOUBLE ROOM	TRIPLE ROOM
From 01.05.21 to 31.10.2021	ON REQUEST	Euro 825.00	ON REQUEST

#### **Allotment: ON REQUEST**

**RELEASE:** 21 days before arrival day.

Please it is very important for us that you make SELL AND REPORT formula, every time you book a Fly & Drive, we need to receive immediately the reservation.

**CANCELLATION FEE:** For cancellation from 24-30 days before arrival penalty 25% of total amount; 15-24 days before arrival penalty 50% of total amount; 08-14 days before arrival penalty 75%; 7 days and less penalty 100% of total amount.

Prepayment: 10% at the time of confirmation; balance 30 days before arrival.

#### **THE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 7 x overnight with breakfast in 4\* Hotel in the room type reserved (single, double or triple rooms);
- Cooking lesson + lunch at Agriturismo Villa Dafne - possible with min. 2 participants;
- Taxes valid at the moment.
- Our phone assistance.

#### **THE PRICE DOESN'T INCLUDE:**

- Meals in hotel;
- Car;
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