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Jun 17, 2023 - Jun 25, 2023

Period: From 17th to 25th June 2023

Total days: 9 days/ 8 nights

Guests: 2 adults

Destinations: Palermo - Agrigento - Ragusa - Syracuse

ILT Travel consultant: Giulio Abbate

Trip Summary

June 17 - Day 1 Palermo

12:00 Depart from Zürich Airport (ZRH) - Zürich Airport (ZRH)
 13:55 Arrive at Aeroporto Di Palermo Falcone E Borsellino (PMO) - Aeroporto Di Palermo Falcone E Borsellino (PMO)
 Private transfer - Mercedes Class E
 Palermo - Option 1 - Quintocanto Hotel & Spa Palermo - Quintocanto Hotel & Spa Palermo
 Palermo - Option 2 - Grand Hotel Villa Igiea Palermo (extra cost + 3440 euro) - Grand Hotel Villa Igiea Palermo

June 18 - Day 2 Palermo

Half day - Private Mercedes Class E
 Monreale - Private guided tour - Ballaro', Monreale
 Palermo by yourselves - Palermo
 Palermo - Optional tours (not included)

June 19 - Day 3 Palermo - Segesta

Full day - Mercedes Class E
 Sicily - The archaeological site of Segesta - Private guided tour - Tempio di Segesta
 Erice - Private guided tour - Erice

June 20 - Day 4 Palermo - Agrigento

Private transfer - Mercedes class E
 Pick up car rental
 Selinunte - Private guided tour - Selinunte Archaeological Park
 Sciacca by yourselves - Sciacca
 Agrigento - Hotel Villa Athena - Hotel Villa Athena

June 21 - Day 5 Agrigento

Agrigento - Valley of the Temples Private guided tour - Agrigento
 Agrigento and province - Optional tour (not included)

June 22 - Day 6 Agrigento - Ragusa

Piazza Armerina - Private guided tour - Piazza Armerina
 Ragusa - Hotel Relais Antica Badia - Relais Antica Badia

June 23 - Day 7 Ragusa - Syracuse

Noto - Private guided tour
 Noto area - Avola Wine experience
 Marzamemi by yourselves - Marzamemi
 Syracuse - Option 1 - Hotel Algilà Ortigia - Charme Hotel Algilà Ortigia
 Syracuse - Option 2. Hotel Ortea Palace Luxury Hotel (extra cost + 455 euro) - Ortea Palace Luxury Hotel

June 24 - Day 8 Syracuse

Syracuse - Private Guided tour - Siracusa

June 25 - Day 9 Departure from Catania airport

Drop-off car rental at Catania airport

- 19:25 Depart from Aeroporto Di Catania Fontanarossa "Vincenzo Bellini" (CTA) - Aeroporto Di Catania Fontanarossa "Vincenzo Bellini" (CTA)
- 21:55 Arrive at Athens International Airport - Eleftherios Venizelos (ATH) Διεθνής Αερολιμένας Αθηνών - Ελευθέριος Βενιζέλος - Athens International Airport - Eleftherios Venizelos (ATH) Διεθνής Αερολιμένας Αθηνών - Ελευθέριος Βενιζέλος

June 17 - Day 1 Palermo



12:00 - Central European Summer Time
Depart from Zürich Airport (ZRH)

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER
 SWISS LX 1742



Zürich Airport (ZRH)
 Flughafenstr., Zürich, ZÜRICH, SCHWEIZ, 8058
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13:55 - Central European Summer Time
Arrive at Aeroporto Di Palermo Falcone E Borsellino (PMO)

AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER
 SWISS LX 1742



Aeroporto Di Palermo Falcone E Borsellino (PMO)
 Località Punta Raisi, Palermo, PALERMO, IT, 90145
 800 541 880



Private transfer - Mercedes Class E

This morning your personal driver will pick you up at the airport to reach your hotel in Palermo. The will wait for you outside the airport with a welcome board with your names written on it.



Palermo - Option 1 - Quintocanto Hotel & Spa Palermo

4 star hotel

N. 1 Deluxe Room

Breakfast included - City tax not included



Quintocanto Hotel & Spa Palermo
 Corso Vittorio Emanuele, 310

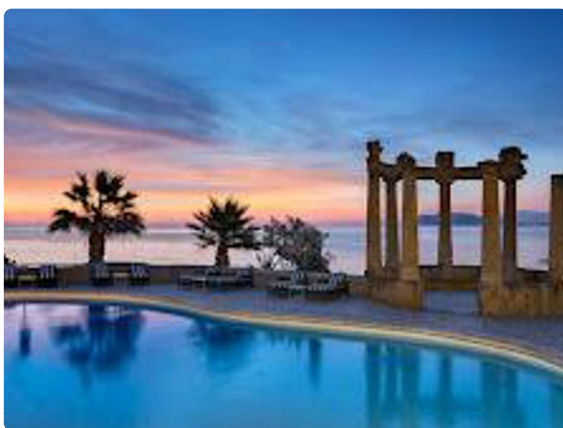


Palermo - Option 2 - Grand Hotel Villa Igia Palermo (extra cost + 3440 euro)

5 stars hotel

N. 1 Superior room

Breakfast included - City tax not included



Grand Hotel Villa Ignea Palermo

Salita Belmonte 43, Palermo, Sicilia, Italia, 90142
+39 091 631 2111

June 18 - Day 2 Palermo



Half day - Private Mercedes Class E

Pick up at the hotel lobby.



Monreale - Private guided tour

Your driver will take you to the small village of Monreale. Start a guided tour of **Monreale**, famous for its beautiful position overlooking the city of Palermo. Inside its Cathedral, admire the amazing mosaics representing stories from the Old and New Testament, made by Byzantine artists. After the visit relax tasting the best Granita Siciliana (Sicilian Frozen Dessert) in the bar in front of the Cathedral.



Ballaro'

Palermo, Sicilia, Italia



Monreale

Monreale, Sicily, IT, 90046



Palermo by yourselves

In the afternoon you will enjoy Palermo, one of the World's most splendid cities with its unique and charming African, Arabic and Italian blends of architecture. Start the visit from the old part of the city with the Norman Palace and Palatine Chapel, **Piazza Bellini and Piazza della Vittoria and the Arab-Norman Cathedral, Martorana church, Massimo Theatre and fountain in Pretoria Square.**



Palermo

Palermo, Sicily, IT

Palermo - Optional tours (not included)

- **Anchovy Museum.** The anchovy and marine arts museum of Aspra is a reality, unique in the Mediterranean panorama, it is an act of passion and love created by the brothers Girolamo and Michelangelo Balistreri who carefully collected elements of the marine art of the family business and many factories operating throughout Sicily. A unique, exclusive and exciting journey through memorabilia, documents and tools that photograph and document centuries of anchovy salting in Sicily
- In the afternoon, discover more about **Teatro Massimo**. In Palermo you will do the backstage and a guided tour in Teatro Massimo to get to know the Opera House. In the evening you will attend an Opera at Teatro Massimo in Palermo (according to the theatre performance schedule).
- In the afternoon you will learn and taste more about **Sicilian Pastry**. Visit a Pastry laboratory where they are going to show you how to prepare a *Cannolo Siciliano* and have a taste of these delicious foods.
- you will visit **Isola delle Femmine** and you will relax along the wonderful seaside in a lovely small island



June 19 - Day 3 Palermo - Segesta



Full day - Mercedes Class E



Sicily - The archaeological site of Segesta - Private guided tour

You will stop in **Segesta** where you will see the beauties of the fifth century BC Doric Temples. The archaeological site of Segesta is one of the most valuable historic sites in Sicily. A center from ancient origins, the historical rival of Selinunte is located in the western part of the island, surrounded by a green and quiet countryside about 40 km from Trapani. The temple of Segesta, solemnly placed on a hill at the foot of Mount Barbaro, is certainly among the most exciting examples of Greek architecture. Completely isolated from the urban world, its white columns stand out among the green of the landscape. There is a beautifully preserved temple, harmonious in structure, and the most complete that has lasted to our days, as well as the theater, located in the scenic location on Mount Barbaro, approximately 400 meters high. Its construction dates back to the late fifth century BC, during the alliance with Athens. There are a total of 36 columns, not partly scalanated to avoid possible optical illusions (a technique also used in the Parthenon in Athens). The origins of Segesta are ancient enough to merge with the myth of Troy; Legend has it that the foundation of Segesta was the work of Aeneas.

What we do know, is that the center was of primary importance to the population of the Elimi, whose ancestry comes from the east and later merged with the local population.

Strongly influenced by Greek culture, it soon came into conflict with Selinus, marking in fact its own destiny: after the first clashes came in the sixth century BC, Segesta became the scale tipper for the fate of western Sicily.



Tempio di Segesta

Contrada Barbaro, Segesta, Calatafimi, Sicilia, IT



Erice - Private guided tour

Erice is a corner of paradise at the top of a mountain where a magical panorama offers itself to the visitors. Both in winter and in summer, Erice gives away some special views of its land but through two versions, based on the weather of the season.

Erice is located in the west coast of Sicily, half an hour by car from Trapani, perched 751 m high on the mountain overlooking the sea. The history tells about many peoples who settled in Erice thanks to its altitude where it is easier to defense ownself but still close to the sea to exploit the maritime navigation. So that's the reason why Erice is full of ramparts and ancient walls useful to protect the town and nowadays they became important to feature the landscape. Tourists who visit Erice are enchanted by its atmosphere because, as already said at the top, this town is able to offer two different magical view: immersed in the fog during winter, illuminated by the sun during summer. The fog makes Erice something of never happen, like a ghost town detached from the rest of the world, while in summer, thanks to the sunlight, you will be able to appriceted better its beauties but without the medieval atmosphere of the winter. Anyway, Erice is always something of special, a unique town in Sicily you have to find out during your holiday in Sicily!





Erice

Erice, Sicilia, IT, 91016

June 20 - Day 4 Palermo - Agrigento



Private transfer - Mercedes class E

Transfer from the hotel to pick up the car rental.



Pick up car rental



Selinunte - Private guided tour

On the way to Agrigento you will reach **Selinunte**, where your guide escort you in one of the biggest and famous archeological sites of the Mediterraneo. The park is composed of 7 main area: Acropolis, Collina di Manuzza, Collina Orientale, Collina della Gaggera, Quartiere artigianale, Battistero Bizantino, Cave di Cusa.



Selinunte Archaeological Park

Via Selinunte, Castelvetro, Sicilia, IT, 91022



Sciacca by yourselves

You will enjoy a stop in **Sciacca**. It is a historic fishing port on the southern coast of Sicily, 1 hour from Agrigento away. It is famed for its ceramics, thermal baths and its religious festivals, as well as for its large fishing fleet. Enjoy a walking tour of the city and visit a ceramic laboratory. Don't miss a delicious sea food lunch.



Sciacca

Sciacca, Sicily, IT, 92019



Agrigento - Hotel Villa Athena

5 star hotel

N. 1 Superior room

Breakfast included - City included



Hotel Villa Athena

Via Passeggiata Archeologica 33, Agrigento, Sicilia, Italia, 92100

June 21 - Day 5 Agrigento



Agrigento - Valley of the Temples Private guided tour

This morning you will meet your guide to enjoy a **walking tour** to visit the **Valley of the Temples** which is certainly one of the most outstanding sites of the ancient world and one of the highlights of the tour. A string of imposing temples stands on a ridge facing the sea designed both to be visible to sailors and to signify that the gods protected the sacred city from danger. You will explore the Temple of Juno built around 450 BCE, the Temple of Concord c.440 archaic Doric style in 520 BCE, and the Temple of Zeus. The tour takes from 2 to 3 hours walking on a track.



Agrigento

Agrigento, SICILIA, IT, 92100

+39 0922 595923



Agrigento and province - Optional tour (not included)

- **Walking tour of Agrigento City Center.** Today you enjoy a half day private guided tour of the most beautiful quarter of Agrigento city center, the pretty Via Atenea: convent, narrow streets, baroque churches, the beautiful opera house, squares and boulevard. You will explore Via Atenea, which is the place where locals go for shopping or enjoy an ice cream, an espresso or the aperitive.
- **Gourmet tour.** Today you will enjoy an authentic food experience in Agrigento in the best places of the city. It is a mix of a gastronomic and cultural experiences tasting local delicacies in the best pastry shops, wine bars of the city and discovering the beauty of the most beautiful neighborhood of Agrigento. Don't miss the Sicilian cannoli, the pastry shop where you can taste the freshly made cannoli. At the end you will enjoy a glass of local wine and Sicilian finger food.
- **Valley of the Temples and Kolymbeta Garden.** This morning you will meet your personal guide to enjoy a **walking tour** to visit the **Temple's Valley** which is certainly one of the most outstanding sites of the ancient world and one of the highlights of the tour. A string of imposing temples stand on a ridge facing the sea designed both to be visible to

sailors and to signify that the gods protected the sacred city from danger. You will explore the you to Agrigento. Temple of Juno built around 450 BCE, the Temple of Concord c.440 archaic Doric style in 520 BCE, and the Temple of Zeus. The tour takes from 2 to 3 hours walking on a track. After the tour of the Valley of the Temples we will visit the beautiful Garden of Kolymbetra, an old water reservoir dating back the Greek time today a beautiful sicilian style garden rich in citrus, pomegranate, olives, pistachio, vegetables and many varieties of Mediterranean trees and plants.



June 22 - Day 6 Agrigento - Ragusa



Piazza Armerina - Private guided tour

On the way to Ragusa you will stop in **Piazza Armerina**.

Piazza Armerina is a splendid art city woven into the heart of Sicily. It boasts a slew of monuments that tell of its glorious past. Meanwhile, the apple of the citizens' eyes is the **Villa Romana del Casale**; originally the property of a powerful Roman family, it dates back to the 4th Century A.D.

This majestic Imperial villa, standing tall in the Province of Enna (perhaps the most "Roman" of places on the Island), is a magnificent rural abode, fascinating, above all, for its captivating mosaics, considered the most beautiful and best-preserved of their kind. The fruits of meticulous labor, these precise yet moving images make for a significant adornment to what remains of this extravagant residence – made a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997.



Piazza Armerina

Piazza Armerina, Sicilia, IT

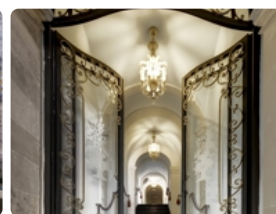


Ragusa - Hotel Relais Antica Badia

5 Stars hotel

N. 1 Deluxe room

Breakfast included - City tax not included



Relais Antica Badia

Corso Italia, 115
+98 932 247 995

June 23 - Day 7 Ragusa - Syracuse



Noto - Private guided tour

Noto, one of the several Baroque Hill towns which are listed as UNESCO World Heritage sites and locate at the foot of the Iblean Mountains. You will visit Palazzo Nicolaci Villadorata (noble residence) and Basilica di San Salvatore & Duomo



Noto area - Avola Wine experience

You will reach a winery in Noto area where an expert will explain all secrets about the local famous wine: the **Nero d'Avola**.

Nero d'Avola grape variety, as the prince of Sicilian viticulture with its own different nuances, reveals its personality noble and ductile at the same time. A wine tasting based on different Nero d'Avola wines is followed by a tasty food-wine pairing experience of Sicilian delicacies.

You will enjoy visit of the vineyards and the winery and guided tasting.



Marzamemi by yourselves

You will discover the fishing village of Marzamemi one of Sicily's prettiest seaside villages. The main attractions of this town are the tasty fish recipes served by picturesque restaurants, the amazing sight of the sea, the narrow alleys and buildings that remind us a medieval county, and "The **Tonnara**". This is the name of the grid that the local fishermen use to catch several samples of red tuna that is immediately sold to restaurants. The Tonnara is also an ancient palace that in the past served to shelter the great ships used to fish tuna.



Marzamemi

Marzamemi, Sicilia, IT, 96018

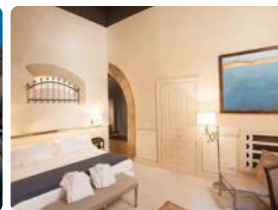


Syracuse - Option 1 - Hotel Algilà Ortigia

4 star hotel

N. 1 Junior Suite room

Breakfast included - City tax not included





Charme Hotel Algila Ortigia

Via Vittorio Veneto, 93
+39 0931 465186



Syracuse - Option 2. Hotel Ortea Palace Luxury Hotel (extra cost + 455 euro)

5 star hotel

N. 1 Suite sea view

Breakfast included - City tax not included.



Ortea Palace Luxury Hotel

1 Riva Nazario Sauro, Siracusa, Sicilia, IT, 96100

June 24 - Day 8 Syracuse



Syracuse - Private Guided tour

This morning you will meet your personal guide at the hotel to enjoy a half day guided walking tour of **Syracuse**.

Syracuse is one of the great ancient capitals of Western civilization. More than any other city, Syracuse (Siracusa) encapsulates **Sicily's timeless beauty**. Ancient Greek ruins rise out of lush citrus orchards, cafe tables spill onto dazzling baroque piazzas, and honey-hued medieval side streets lead down to the sparkling blue sea. It's difficult to imagine now, but in its heyday this was the largest city in the ancient world, bigger even than Athens and Corinth. Its 'once upon a time' begins in 734 BC, when Corinthian colonists landed on the island of Ortygia (Ortigia) and founded the settlement, setting up the mainland city four years later. Almost three millennia later, the ruins of that then-new city constitute the Parco Archeologico della Neapolis, one of Sicily's greatest archaeological sites. Across the water from the mainland, Ortygia remains Syracuse's most beautiful corner, a deeply atmospheric quarter with an ever-growing legion of fans enamoured with its beautiful streetscapes and attractive dining, drinking and shopping options. The birthplace of Archimedes, Syracuse attracted one of the several Baroque Hill towns which are listed as **UNESCO World Heritage** sites and located at the foot of the Iblean Mountains.





Siracusa

June 25 - Day 9 Departure from Catania airport



Drop-off car rental at Catania airport



19:25 - Central European Summer Time

Depart from Aeroporto Di Catania Fontanarossa "Vincenzo Bellini" (CTA)

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER
Aegean Airlines	A3 673



Aeroporto Di Catania Fontanarossa "Vincenzo Bellini" (CTA)

Via Fontanarossa, Catania, SICILIA, ITALIA, 95121
+39 095 723 9111



21:55 - Eastern European Summer Time

Arrive at Athens International Airport - Eleftherios Venizelos (ATH) Διεθνής Αερολιμένας Αθηνών - Ελευθέριος Βενιζέλος

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Aegean Airlines	A3 673



Athens International Airport - Eleftherios Venizelos (ATH) Διεθνής Αερολιμένας Αθηνών - Ελευθέριος Βενιζέλος

Αττική Οδός, Σπάτα, ΑΤΤΙΚΗ, ΕΛΛΑΔΑ, 190 19
+30 21 0353 0000

Information & Documents



Services included in the itinerary:

- Hotels as in the itinerary with breakfast included. N.1 Double room. City tax not included.
- Private Mercedes Class E, NCC Professional English speaking driver, free internet wifi on board.
- Car rental from day 4 to day 9

Day 1) Transfer from the airport to the hotel

Day 2) Half day for

Day 3) Full day

Day 4) Transfer from the hotel to pick up the car rental

Day 5) No service

Day 6) No service

Day 7) No service

Day 8) No service

Day 9) No service

- **Professional guides, English speaking**

Day 1) No service

Day 2) Half day

Day 3) Full day

Day 4) Half day

Day 5) Half day

Day 6) Half day

Day 7) Half day

Day 8) Half day

Day 9) No service



Other services included in the itinerary:

- Entry tickets for the museums and other attractions and services as in the itinerary. No queue, VIP access when available, all tax.
- All tax, VAT (city tax not included)
- 24 hours phone assistance in English
- Avola wine experience



Note:

Rates and Availability are subject to change without notice.

No space is held without a Credit Card for Payment/Deposit.

Price is based on 2 people group.



Payment Terms 2023

Payment details:

10% in advance, at the booking. The difference is paid one month before the departure.

For the payment you can make a **bank money transfer** to:

Bank:

Unicredit - Filiale di Sora-

Via Napoli

03039 Sora FR

Italy

IBAN: IT 09 Q 02008 74601 000103919480

BIC/SWIFT: UNCRITM1527

Account num: 000103919480

Account name: GIVI SRL

Via Chiesa nuova 1

03039 Sora FR

Italy

You can also pay by credit card.

Visa and Mastercard +1,5% fee

American Express + 3% fee



Cancellation Policy 2023

10% of the total amount in advance, at the booking. The difference is paid 30 days before your arrival.

Italy Luxury Travel requires 10% non-refundable deposit to secure the booking.

Travelers may cancel or postpone the trip — for any reason — up to 30 days prior to their trip start date and we offer full credit towards future travel with Italy Luxury Travel. Travelers can postpone their travel dates to any date, within 18 months of original travel date, without penalty

Any cancellation made between 30 days to 15 days prior to trip will qualify for a 50% refund.

No refund will be issued for cancellations within 15 days of departure.

All tickets and hotels are not refundable

Flights ticket follow the companies policies