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Sicilian Showcase Tour | 6 day | Palermo (3) Taormina (2)

### Day 1 (Sun) Palermo

Welcome to the warm, beautiful and pleasant island of Sicily! Arrival at Palermo airport (PMO) and independent transfer to your hotel.

### Day 2 (Mon) Palermo & Monreale Breakfast at hotel.

Today transfer to Piazza Pretoria. Then by walk we reach the famous "four corners" converge in a quartet of baroque palaces from the climax of the Spanish rule dating from 1560. Then our short stroll will continue on to Casa Professa Church (Admission fee: not included), After, crossing the old city centre, we arrive at the lively Ballarò Market, a place overflowing with beautiful fresh fish, and local vegetables and cheeses. This afternoon a short drive take us to Monreale, to see where the Arab-Norman art and architecture reached the pinnacle of its glory with the Duomo (Admission fee: not included). It represents scenes from the Old and New Testaments all in golden mosaics. Later we return to Palermo. (BB)

### Day 3 (Tue) Erice & Segesta

Early departure to tour western Sicily where we reach Erice uptown. Wander through its ancient streets and visit some of the famous homemade pastry shops—world-famous for marzipan candies and other delicacies like almond and pistachio pastries. Later we proceed to have a lightlunch in a local winery-farmhouse including tasting of mixed local product. This afternoon we continue onto Segesta, one of the major cities of the ancient indigenous Elymian people, to visit the unfinished **Doric temple** (Admission fee: not included). We then return to Palermo. (BB L)

### Day 4 (Wed) Piazza Armerina

Breakfast at hotel.

Today departure for Piazza Armerina. Upon arrival we visit the amazing Roman Villa of Casale (Admission Fee: not included). This afternoon we then continue to Taormina, the world famous resort town of Sicily. (BB)





PEAK SEASON: Eur 999 per person Rate are, LAND only, double/twin occupancy.

### **2015 DEPARTURE DATES FROM PALERMO**

April 5 12 19 26 May 3 10 17 24 31 June 7 14 21 28 July 5 12 19 26 2 23 30



### Day 5 (Thu) Taormina

Breakfast at hotel.

March

Today is at leisure: **Taormina** is a hill-village with a glossy sheen of glamour. A drink at the tables of Caffè Wunderbar (or similar) in Piazza IX Aprile may set you back a few euros, but you'll be basking where Tennessee Williams and Elizabeth Taylor basked before you. As well as the famed Greek-Roman Theatre (Admission fee: not included), there are several minor sites to be discovered around Taormina, Picturesque lanes above and below the Corso are interesting to explore, while if you want to stretch your legs further there are attractive walks up into the hills, or down to the sea. (BB)

### Day 6 (Fri) Taormina/Catania

Breakfast at hotel. Time to say goodbye to Sicily. Then independent transfer to Catania airport. (BB)

### Meal Legend:

(BB) Breakfast (L) Light Lunch

### **FEATURED PROPERTIES USED:**

Palermo: Hotel Plaza Opera, Hotel Hilton Excelsion Taormina: Hotel Villa Diodoro, Hilton Giardini Naxos Hotel may be substituted with similar categories

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### **OPERATED WITH:**

### This tour is operated only with a Driver-Escort up to 5 people.

The Driver Escort is not a Licensed Tourist Guide --Licensed Tourist Guide: are the only professionals, with a Regional license, permitted to conduct visits and tours in all sites and museums within a city -- and he cannot escort people inside the monuments because this is not allowed by Italian Rules. However, he has the competences to promote the most important highlights providing basic historical & cultural infor-

From 6 people, this tour is operated with a Driver Escort or Tour Director & Licensed Local Guide.

### Licensed Local Guide provided on the spot as:

- -Monreale: to see the Dome;
- -Piazza Armerina: to see the Roman Villa of Casale.

### ADMISSION FEE:

the price of this tour does not include the Admission Fees (around eur 10,00 per person per entrance). If you are over 65 or under 18 years old and you have EU or Commonwealth Passport, the admission fees are free of charge for you showing your document (or copy of your document) on the spot.

### CITY TAXES:

the offer does not include the City Taxes-- required to finance tourism, maintenance of cultural heritage sites and environment, as well as public serviceswho have to be paid directly at hotel, during the check out.

### WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- -Palermo: three night accommodation
- -Taormina: two night accommodation
- -Daily breakfast buffet
- -One light lunch in a local winery-farmhouse
- -Vehicle/coach with air conditioning, no toilet
- -English speaking staff as per program
- -Local Guide from minimum 6 people on the tour
- -All sightseeing & excursions as per itinerary
- -Hotel & VAT

### WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

- -Intercontinental Flight
- -Gratuities and Tips
- -Porterage at airport
- -Fee for luggage handling fee at hotel
- -Beverages & meals not mentioned in the program
- -Travel Insurance
- -Admission fees
- -Optional Excursions
- -Licensed tourist guide if less than 4 people
- -City Taxes
- -Airport transfers





### **Days Prior to Departure**

60 or more days 59 - 45 days 44 - 15 days 14 - 8 days

7 - 0 days

### **Cancellation Fees**

Euros 100,00 25% of the Tour cost 50% of the Tour cost 80% of the Tour cost 100% of the Tour cost









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