

9 DAYS SICILIAN SECRETS: SICILY + AEOLIAN ISLANDS



MAP & ITINERARY



PRICE INCLUDES

- 2 nights in a 4* hotel in Palermo



- 1 night in a 4* hotel in Agrigento
- 1 night in a 4* hotel in Catania
- 3 nights in a 4* hotel in Lipari
- 1 night in a 4* hotel in Taormina



- 8 American buffet breakfast
- 7 dinners in the hotel or at a local restaurant (drinks not included) – a packed lunch instead of a dinner is scheduled for the day of the excursion to Panarea and Stromboli
- 1 lunch & wine tasting at a winery in the Marsala area
- 2 tastings of local products: Palermo (2nd day): a gastronomic surprise with a tasting of local street food; Ragusa (4th day): a tasting of typical local products.

- multilingual tour with a tour leader until the 4th day
- local guides or audio guides when necessary
- visit of Monreale, Palermo, Agrigento, Piazza Armerina and Ragusa



- Unescorted extension to the Aeolian Islands
- 1 group excursion by boat, without guide, from Lipari to Salina or Vulcano
- 1 group excursion by boat, without guide, from Panarea to Stromboli
- entrance taxes for the Aeolian Islands

- tickets of the part in Sicily NOT included – To be paid on site or pre-paid pre-paid purchasing the privilege package
- excursions may be modified according to weather conditions and the availability of local service providers

- individual arrival and departure transfers are NOT included
- transport by air conditioned bus from the 2nd day until the 4th day



- Unescorted extension to the Aeolian Islands
- private transfer from port of Milazzo to Taormina hotel
- private transfer from Catania hotel to Milazzo port
- transfer from the Port of Lipari to Lipari hotel
- hydrofoil round trip Milazzo / Lipari / Milazzo



- we are not responsible for any lack of service related to the weather / sea conditions for links between the islands
- the excursions to the other Aeolian islands may change according to sea conditions

Calendar

FROM APRIL UNTIL OCTOBER 2020 – TUESDAY

APRIL		14	21	28	AUGUST	4	11	18	25	
MAY	5	12	19	26	SEPTEMBER	1	8	15	22	29
JUNE	2	9	16	23	30	OCTOBER	6	13	20	
JULY	7	14	21	28						

Hotels

HOTEL INFORMATION

CITY	HOTELS	
PALERMO	MERCURE PALERMO CENTRO / IBIS STYLES PALERMO CRISTAL	4* OR SIMILAR
AGRIGENTO	BAIA DI ULISSE WELLNESS & SPA.....	4* OR SIMILAR
CATANIA	IL PRINCIPE HOTEL / ROMANO HOUSE HOTEL	4* OR SIMILAR
LIPARI	HOTEL BOUGAINVILLE / HOTEL MEA	4* OR SIMILAR
TAORMINA	HOTEL VILLA DIODORO.....	4* OR SIMILAR

Rates

PRICES PER PERSON

MONTHS OF AUGUST

DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE
€ 1738	€ 2305	€ 1590

MONTHS OF JULY

DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE
€ 1630	€ 2145	€ 1495

MONTHS OF JUNE / SEPTEMBER

DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE
€ 1550	€ 2015	€ 1435

MONTHS OF APRIL / MAY / OCTOBER

DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE
€ 1520	€ 1930	€ 1415

PRETOUR PALERMO – PRICES PER PERSON, PER NIGHT IN BB

DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE
€ 110	€ 205	ON REQUEST

POSTTOUR TAORMINA – ON REQUEST

ARRIVAL TRANSFER

Transfer Palermo airport / Palermo hotel: 1 / 3 pax – € 70,00 one way

PRIVILEGE PACKAGE – NOT FOR AEOLIAN ISLANDS

€ 550 supplement per person in double or twin room

€ 750 supplement per person in single room/double room for single use

Includes: Superior / Deluxe Room – Private in/out transfers – Tourist tax – All tickets for museums scheduled as per itinerary (Monreale Cathedral – Monreale Cloister – Palermo Palatine Chapel – Palermo Church of the Martorana – Agrigento Valley of Temples – Piazza Armerina Villa Romana).



CITY TAX NOT INCLUDED. TO BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL



PALERMO

Palermo and its treasures



MONREALE

The majestic Arab-Norman Cathedral



VIA DEL SALE

The amazing salt marshes of the Marsala Stagnone Lagoon



AGRIGENTO

Agrigento and the Valley of the Temples

PALERMO (2 nights) – MONREALE – MARSALA – SALINE – AGRIGENTO (1 night) – PIAZZA ARMERINA – RAGUSA IBLA – CATANIA (1 night) – LIPARI (3 nights) – PANAREA –

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9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

DAY 1 TUESDAY

PALERMO

Meeting with the tour leader at the hotel in Palermo in the late afternoon (possibility of private transfer as an optional service). Dinner and overnight stay.

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 WEDNESDAY

MONREALE – PALERMO

Breakfast in the hotel and departure to visit Monreale, with its impressive Arab-Norman Cathedral and stunning Cloister. Return to Palermo. This city preserves monuments of the Arab-Norman period, including the beautiful Cathedral, the fascinating Byzantine Church of the Martorana and the Palatine Chapel, a higher example from the historical-artistic point of view of the coexistence between cultures and religions. Along the visit stop for a food surprise in a local bakery. Dinner and overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



DAY 3 THURSDAY

PALERMO – MARSALA – SALINE – AGRIGENTO

Breakfast in the hotel and departure for Marsala, that preserves a multitude of signs of the Phoenician, Arab and Norman dominations. Proceed along the famous Via del Sale to admire the islands of Stagnone and the salt marshes. The lagoon and the islands of Stagnone constitute a large nature reserve of enormous environmental value. Even today the salt marshes represent one of the oldest salt mining industries in the world. Lunch in a renowned wine cellar with a tasting of local wines and products. Departure for Agrigento and visit of the famous Valley of the Temples, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Giunone, Concordia and Ercole temples can be admired. In the evening, check-in at the hotel, dinner and an overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 FRIDAY

AGRIGENTO – PIAZZA ARMERINA – RAGUSA IBLA – CATANIA

Breakfast in the hotel. Departure for Piazza Armerina, and visit to the stunning Villa Romana del Casale, a late-Imperial building and UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the afternoon proceed to Ragusa Ibla, with its beautiful churches and the Ibleo garden. At the end of the tour, stop to taste some typical local products. Transfer to the hotel in Catania, dinner and overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5 SATURDAY

CATANIA – LIPARI

Breakfast in the hotel and day at leisure to enjoy Catania city centre. The tour continues without a tour leader. Private transfer to Milazzo in the late morning. Transfer by hydrofoil to the island of Lipari. Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6 SUNDAY

LIPARI – PANAREA – STROMBOLI – LIPARI

Breakfast in the hotel and departure for the port of Lipari for a full-day excursion to Panarea and Stromboli. Before leaving Lipari, there will be a short stop at the pumice caves. Proceed to Panarea, to visit the Cave of Lovers and the prehistoric village of Capo Milazzese. Time at leisure for lunch. The boat then continues to Stromboli, passing through the little islands surrounding it, and discovering from the sea the village of Ginostra. On Stromboli time at leisure. Return to Lipari and overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, packed lunch



RAGUSA

Ragusa with its baroque churches and Ibleo garden



LIPARI

The largest island of the Archipelago



PANAREA

Calajunco's natural bay



SALINA

A stop at Santa Marina Salina

STROMBOLI – SALINA – TAORMINA (1 night)

DAY 7 – MONDAY

LIPARI – SALINA – LIPARI

Breakfast in the hotel. The day will be dedicated to discover the most beautiful coves of Lipari and the verdant Salina. After leaving Lipari Castle, Monte Rosa and Canneto, the first stop will be at Santa Marina di Salina where the most important municipality on the island can be toured. Continue to the eastern side of the island to admire the crops of Malvasia grapes, the village of Capo Faro and the town of Malfa. Stop for a swim in the beautiful bay of Pollara, made famous by Massimo Troisi's film "Il Postino: The Postman". On the way back the most beautiful caves of Lipari can be admired and time at disposal for a final swim at the Vinci beach, in front of the Faraglioni. Return to Lipari in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



STROMBOLICCHIO

DAY 8 – TUESDAY

LIPARI – TAORMINA

Breakfast in the hotel and transfer to the port to leave for Milazzo by hydrofoil. Private transfer to Taormina, famous for its natural landscape, marine beauties, historical monuments and an unforgettable view of the sea and Etna. Time at leisure to stroll along the charming medieval streets of the centre and go shopping, buying some of the best home-made products of the entire island. Dinner and overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9 – WEDNESDAY

TAORMINA

Breakfast in the hotel and check-out (possibility of private transfer as an optional service).

Meals: Breakfast

End of services.

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