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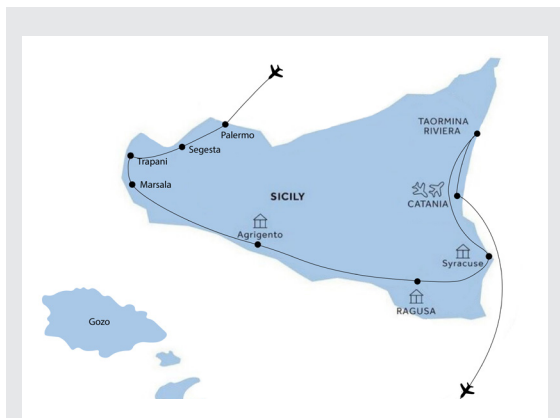
11 Days

# Legends of Sicily












Colors, tastes and legends of the real Sicily

**Trip Code: TO14SM**

-  9 Nights
-  Escorted tour
-  16 Meals
-  Daily sightseeing
-  Air Included
-  Coach, Boat, Air
-  4 Star Hotels
-  Small Group (26 max)



## WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

-  Visit the Palatine Chapel in the Norman Palace with its interior of glittering Byzantine mosaics
-  Walk through Palermo and visit the lively market
-  Meander through its magnificent Doric temple and hilltop theater in Segesta
-  Visit the historical salt pans and enjoy a boat ride to the island of Motya
-  Visit the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento
-  View the world's most colorful collection of Roman mosaics in the UNESCO Roman Villa del Casale
-  Discover the baroque jewels of Noto and Ragusa, part of World Heritage sites
-  Explore the Neapolis, listen to the acoustics in the mysterious Ear of Dionysius
-  Stop in the trendy resort town of Taormina and visit the ancient Greek Amphitheatre
-  Special visit to the local Olive farm and sample fresh olive oil at a local Sicilian meal
-  Enjoy the view of Mount Etna and join Etna Slope wine tour & tasting

- ① Canada - Palermo
- ② Arrive Palermo
- ③ Palermo
- ④ Palermo - Segesta - Trapani
- ⑤ Trapani - Motya - Trapani/Marsala
- ⑥ Trapani - Agrigento
- ⑦ Agrigento - Piazza Armerina - Ragusa
- ⑧ Ragusa - Ibla (Modica Optional)
- ⑨ Ragusa - Siracusa - Taormina
- ⑩ Taormina
- ⑪ Taormina - Catania - Canada





## Day 1: Canada - Palermo

Depart for Palermo from Canada.

## Day 2: Arrive Palermo

You'll start your Sicilian journey in Palermo, the energetic capital of Sicily, and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy some free time to relax before enjoying your welcome dinner with fellow travellers.

Overnight in Palermo.

**Meals:** Welcome Dinner

## Day 3: Palermo

This morning visit the Palatine Chapel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, located inside the complex of Palazzo dei Normanni. Then take a walking tour to visit Piazza dei Quattro Canti, Piazza Pretoria, Teatro Massimo and a Puppet Museum. After exploring the traditional, bustling Capo Street Market-Porta Carini, you may discover Palermo on your own and join the optional Monreale Tour(US\$45). Head to the hill-topping town of Monreale – renowned for its Arab-flavored cathedral that blends Byzantine, Arab, Jewish, Gothic, and Norman traditions, heritage, and art. We'll tour the cathedral's interior of glittering, golden mosaics as well as the story-telling columns of the cloister. This

evening is at leisure and enjoy vivid Piazza Olivella nightlife.

Overnight in Palermo.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 4: Palermo - Segesta - Trapani

After breakfast, visit Palazzo d'Aumale museum to take a close look at the colorful Sicilian cart – One of the most recognizable symbols of Sicilian folklore. Then drive through western Sicily and view the ancient Greek site of Segesta to meander through its magnificent Doric temple and hilltop theater, which was constructed in the 5th century B.C. and is one of the greatest examples of this Doric style of architecture. Afterward, we'll enjoy a tasty typical lunch with Sun-dried tomatoes, Castelvetrano olives, and Marsala wine. Continue to the enchanting medieval mountaintop town of Erice, a wonderfully preserved medieval town with breathtaking views and a great historical presence. Visit Borgo Storico Erice and walk along the cobbled streets lined with superb examples of Gothic, Baroque and Renaissance architecture. Continue to seaside Trapani.

Overnight in Trapani or Marsala area.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Special Lunch, Dinner

## Day 5: Trapani - Motya - Trapani/Marsala

Today we'll take a short drive down to the Trapani salt pans – a coastal wetland and nature reserve where sea salt has been harvested for nearly 3,000 years. Admire the traditional salt pans and windmills of West coast under a beautiful Sicilian sun. Then board your boat to cruise on the Stagnone Lagoon to the island of Motya, an ancient trading outpost for Phoenician merchants. Explore the ruins of the early Phoenician colony of Motya with the beautiful Museum Whitaker, house to the famous marble statue of the Charioteer. This afternoon continue to Mazara del Vallo to walk the Kasbah maze of streets and view the statue of the Dancing Satyr, a rare example of Greek bronze sculpture, which was accidentally discovered by a fishing boat in 1998.

Overnight in Trapani or Marsala area.

**Meals:** Breakfast



## Day 6: Trapani - Agrigento

This morning, we will drive to Montevago for an authentic olive tour visiting the farm, olive orchard and mill. Following the tour, relax on the terrace and enjoy a harvest farmer's lunch with wine. Then we'll take a magical history tour of Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, the largest, best-preserved collection of ancient Greek buildings outside of Greece. Tour this magnificent archaeological park, built between 430 and 510 B.C. Then transfer to the hotel and have dinner together.

Overnight in Agrigento.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Special Lunch, Dinner

## Day 7: Agrigento - Piazza Armerina - Ragusa

Travel to Piazza Armerina to view the intricate examples of Roman mosaics at the famous Roman Villa del Casale, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here we'll spend much of our morning surrounded by the world's richest and most colorful collection of Roman mosaics, ranging from Homeric escapades and mythological scenes to portrayals of daily life. Then you will visit Caltagirone a little town full of swirling patterns, vibrant colours, painstakingly detailed designs. The highlight is undoubtedly the 142 steps of the famous ceramic Staircase Santa Maria del Monte. Then we head to Ragusa.

Overnight: Ragusa 4 Star or similar

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 8: Ragusa - Ibla (Modica Optional)

This morning, indulge in the Baroque atmosphere of Ragusa-Ibla, with its

breathtaking sights of houses, churches, and palaces that seem layered on top of one another. This afternoon is free on your own or join the optional Modica and Chocolate tasting tour with lunch (US\$69). Modica is famous for its UNESCO-listed landmarks and chocolate-making heritage. Drive to Modica and visit St. Giorgio Cathedral, Centro Storico, Garibaldi Theater, Palazzo de Ieva, and Castello dei Conti. Here, you'll dive into this Baroque beauty and learn the secrets of Modican chocolate. You'll return to Ragusa for an evening at leisure, the aroma of roasted cocoa beans lingering long after your visit to the local chocolatier.

Overnight: Ragusa 4 Star or similar

**Meals:** Breakfast

## Day 9: Ragusa - Siracusa - Taormina

This morning, drive to Noto, where you will have a short stop and take wonderful photos of the most spectacular urban settlements. Then board your coach to Syracuse, once a major Mediterranean power and the birthplace of Archimedes. Visit the "Old City", a UNESCO World Heritage Site, located on the island of Ortigia. Take a visit to the archaeological area of the Neapolis and get a glimpse of Siracusa as it was in ancient times with its Greek theater, the remains of Roman Amphitheater, and the "Ear of Dionysius," an awe-inspiring artificial limestone cave renowned for its outstanding acoustics. We'll take a closer look at Ortigia and marvel at the masterpiece of the Castello Maniace, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Archimedes and Arethusa Spring. Take a short drive up the coast to Taormina, where we'll take in breathtaking views of Mount Etna while learning more about the volcano. Enjoy your free time in the hotel.

You may take the optional Etna Slope wine tour and tasting with dinner (US\$55). We will visit Etna Slopes and stop at a family-run winery, a picturesque farmhouse with delicious food. Enjoy wine tastings and typical Sicilian dinner.

Overnight: Taormina 4 Star or similar

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 10: Taormina

This morning we'll tour Taormina's remarkably situated ancient Greek theater, which is still used today for open-air performances. Then you're free to luxuriate in this cliffhanging, Old World resort town. Wander through its elegant gardens, posh cafés, and shops; ride a cable car down to the beach; or explore the nearby mountain top village. You may also join optional Sicilian Pizza cooking class (US\$79) to make your own pizza using local, fresh ingredients. Enjoy your farewell dinner this evening.

Overnight: Catania 4 Star or similar

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 11: Taormina - Catania-Canada

Transfer to the Airport Catania and fly back to Canada.

**Meals:** Breakfast

## Malta 4 Days Extension from \$799

- Walk through the ancient capital of Malta.
- Discover the rich history of Valletta, Visit the Upper Barrakka Gardens and St John's Co-Cathedral, designed in a baroque fashion.
- Explore the "Three Cities" Vittoriosa, Cospicua, and Senglea areas of Malta
- Option to discover the treasures of Malta's sister island, Gozo



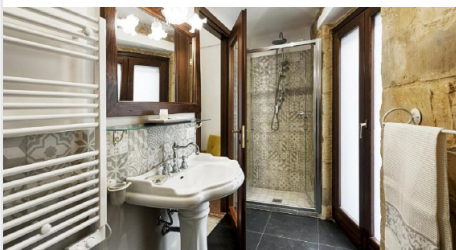


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📍 Taormina 🕒 2 nights



**Itria Palace Hotel** (Boutique)  
or equivalent ★★★★★  
📍 Ragusa 🕒 2night



### Optional Tours

- Palermo Monreale tour US\$45
- Modica tour with lunch and chocolate tasting US\$69
- Sicilian Pizza cooking class & meal US\$79
- Etna Slope Wine tour and tasting with dinner US\$55

2022			
Depart	Return	Package	Land Only
21-May	31-May	\$3,669	\$2,769
9-Sep	19-Sep	\$3,899	\$2,899
30-Sep	10-Oct	\$3,699	\$2,799
7-Oct	17-Oct	\$3,699	\$2,799
21-Oct	31-Oct	\$3,679	\$2,779
4-Nov	14-Nov	\$3,399	\$2,599

2023			
Depart	Return	Package	Land Only
21-Apr	01-May	\$3,669	\$2,769
19-May	29-May	\$3,699	\$2,799
18-Aug	28-Aug	\$4,089	\$2,989
8-Sep	18-Sep	\$3,989	\$2,989
29-Sep	09-Oct	\$3,889	\$2,899
6-Oct	16-Oct	\$3,799	\$2,899
20-Oct	30-Oct	\$3,679	\$2,779
3-Nov	13-Nov	\$3,399	\$2,599

### Package Includes

- Small groups of maximum 26 travelers guaranteed
- Flights Toronto-Palermo, Catania-Toronto  
Other departure cities available with add-on airfare.
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 9 nights First Class accommodations
- All transfers
- 16meals: 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in air-conditioned vehicles
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Comprehensive, guided sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary
- Special visits: Olive Farm Visit, Carretto Siciliano Museum Visit

### Package Does Not Include

- Visa fees
- Insurance of any kind
- Prepaid Tour guide & Cruise Gratuities: USD\$165
- Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls

### Price Notes

- Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation. Single room supplement fee: \$850
- Add on airfare from other cities: Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec city from \$300, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria \$300, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St.John from \$400
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice. Please check with your travel agent or our website for the updated information.