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14 Days

Legends of Sicily and Malta

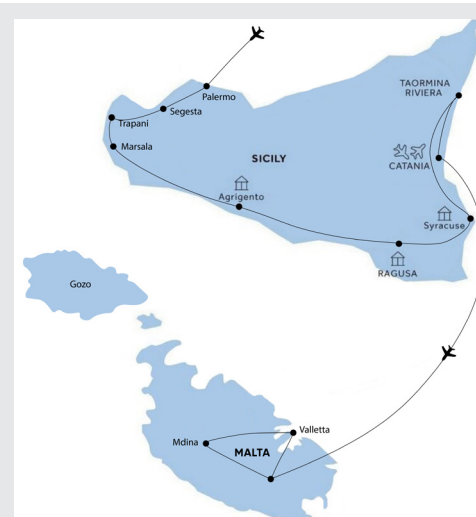
Jewels of Mediterranean

Trip Code: TO11LS

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| 🌙 12 Nights | ▶ Escorted tour |
| 🍽️ 20 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 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
- ✓ Walk through the ancient capital of Malta.
- ✓ Discover the rich history of Valletta, Visit the Upper Barrakka Gardens and St John's Co-Cathedral
- ✓ Explore the "Three Cities" Vittoriosa, Cospicua, and Senglea areas of Malta



- 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 - Malta
- ⑫ Gozo Island Optional Tour
- ⑬ Valletta
- ⑭ Malta - 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 - Malta

This morning, take the early flight to Malta. After arrival, begin with a visit to the St. John's Co-Cathedral and learn about the city's fascinating connection to the order of the Knights of St. John, then you're in for a real treat as you stop by a traditional cafe and sample some tasty Maltese pour-over coffee. After that, swing by the Upper Barrakka Gardens, a beautiful public space with a history stretching back to the 16th century. Continue to Mdina, the ancient capital of Malta. This walled city dates back to medieval times and has witnessed Malta's major historical events, having a strategic position on one of the land's highest plateaus. During your walk in the silent city, view the Mdina Cathedral and the imposing bastions that allow you to admire panoramic views of most of the island. Tonight, enjoy your Maltese cuisine during dinner at your hotel.

Overnight: Sliema 4 Star or similar

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 12: Gozo Island Optional Tour

Today is free for you to laze on the rooftop terrace and enjoy the marvellous seascapes from the seafront hotel. Perhaps take a relaxing stroll along the promenade filled with many restaurants and bars. If you're feeling more active, why not take an Optional Gozo Island Day Tour with lunch (US\$120 min6pax).

Gozo Island Optional Tour Discover the treasures of Malta's sister island, Gozo. Gozo is greener, more rural, and offers beautiful scenic views. Leaving Malta behind, you board a ferry for the short crossing to the tranquil island of Gozo. Stroll through the medieval streets of the capital—Victoria—also known as Rabat, where you find the huge defensive stone walls of the fortifications that rise above the town. Venture into the smaller village of Xaghra, and visit the Ggantija temples—some of the oldest standing religious structures in the world. The temples are estimated to be 5,800 years old and were dedicated to the Great Earth Mother, a goddess of fertility. Visit Calypso Cave which is allegedly the cave that Homer wrote about in his famous



writing, the Odyssey. Afterwards, enjoy a Mediterranean tasting of local delicacies for lunch and return to Sliema.

Overnight: Sliema 4 Star or similar

Meals: Breakfast

Day 13: Valletta

Today we will discover Valletta, the beautiful walled capital of Malta. The town was built by the Knights of St John in the 16th century, and maintains the same historical feel with its majestic gardens and Baroque art & architecture. Head across the Grand Harbor to explore the historical area known as the Three Cities: Vittoriosa, Cospicua & Senglea. First, walk the streets of the fortified city of Senglea as your leader shares facts about its history, then travel to Vittoriosa. Take a step back in time as you explore the city brimming with ancient churches, palaces and noble homes, then finally head to Cospicua where you'll walk its winding streets and discover remnants of Malta's turbulent past. Return to Valletta and enjoy the rest of the afternoon for your own explorations.

Overnight: Sliema 4 Star or similar

Meals: Breakfast

Day 14: Malta -Canada

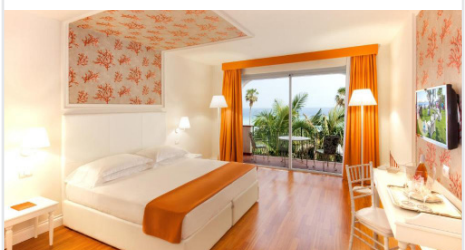
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Meals: Breakfast

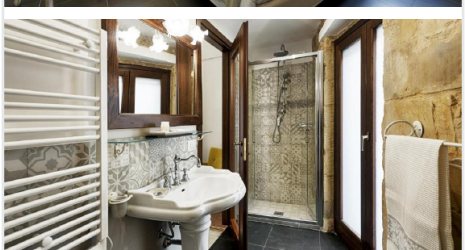
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Depart	Return	Package	Land Only
21-May	3-Jun	\$4,469	\$3,569
9-Sep	22-Sep	\$4,799	\$3,799
30-Sep	13-Oct	\$4,599	\$3,699
7-Oct	20-Oct	\$4,499	\$3,599
21-Oct	3-Nov	\$4,479	\$3,579
4-Nov	17-Nov	\$4,199	\$3,399

2023			
Depart	Return	Package	Land Only
21-Apr	4-May	\$4,469	\$3,569
19-May	1-Jun	\$4,499	\$3,599
18-Aug	31-Aug	\$4,989	\$3,889
8-Sep	21-Sep	\$4,799	\$3,799
29-Sep	12-Oct	\$4,599	\$3,699
6-Oct	19-Oct	\$4,499	\$3,599
20-Oct	2-Nov	\$4,479	\$3,579
3-Nov	16-Nov	\$4,199	\$3,399

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Beach front Hotel for 2nights
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Hotel Caparena (Beach Front)
or equivalent
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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
- Gozo Island Day Tour with lunch US\$120 (min 6pax)

Package Includes

- Small groups of maximum 26 travelers guaranteed
- Flights Toronto-Palermo, Malta-Toronto
Other departure cities available with add-on airfare.
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 12 nights First Class accommodations
- All transfers
- 20 meals: 12 breakfasts, 3 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\$195
- 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: \$1,050
- 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.