

CHARMING TOUR OF SICILY – FROM CATANIA

8 days / 7 nights

DAY 1 Arrival – Catania airport – Siracusa aerea

Arriving in Catania airport, take your car and drive to your hotel in Siracusa area. Overnight.

DAY 2 Siracusa - Agrigento

Discover the archaeological park of Siracusa, Neapolis one of the most important of the Magna Graecia, where you will visit : the Greek Theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre and the Ear of Dionysius. Take your car and drive towards the oldest part of the city called "Ortigia Island", with its Temple of Apollo and traces of the great Temple of Athena, nowadays part of the Cathedral. Don't miss the Arethusa Fountain. Proceed towards Agrigento via Caltanissetta. On the way, we suggest you to make short visit of "Castello di Lombardia" in to Enna area. Overnight in Agrigento area.

DAY 3 Agrigento –Selinunte – Segesta - Palermo

Visit Agrigento, famous for its magnificent archaeological world-known heritages : the Valley of Temples. You will have the possibility to admire the Doric Temple of Juno, the elegant, Temple of the Concordia, known as one of the greatest and the most important expressions of the Greek culture.

We suggest you to visit "La scala dei Turchi" with its beautiful white stones. Take your car and drive towards to **Selinunte** founded in the second half of the 7th century B.C by greek settlers. Visit the archaeological area. Departure towards **Segesta**, an important Elymian site. Visit the archaeological area with an outstanding Doric temple located on the monte Barbaro, overlooks the gulf of Castellamare. Drive towards your hotel in Palermo area and overnight.

DAY 4 Palermo - Monreale

The best way to visit **Palermo** , is to walk through the old city rich in magnificent Byzantine, Arab-Norman and Baroque buildings. Visit San Giovanni degli Eremiti ,the Norman's Palace , the Palatine Chapel and the Cathedral of Palermo. Don't miss to taste the "arancine" (fried rice balls), "sfincione" (tipical pizza with onion) and "panelle", (fried chick pea fritters). Drive to **Monreale** to admire the cathedral with golden mosaic and the Benedictines cloister, considered the finest example of the Norman architecture in Sicily. Return to the hotel. Overnight.

DAY 5 Palermo – Cefalù – Tindari – Messina - Taormina

Drive direction Messina and stop in Cefalù, dominated by a small promontory called “ La Rocca”. Visit the historical center and its Arabic-Norman Cathedral . Continue towards Santo Stefano di Camastra famous for its Majolica industry. Proceed towards Tindari, well-known for the Sanctuary of the “Madonna Nera “. Continue towards Messina, stop and visit the Cathedral with its bell tower considered one of the largest astronomical clocks in the world. Crossing the town by the motorway and enjoy a beautiful Calabria’s view. On the way to your hotel visit Savoca where you can find authentic atmosphere of a sicilian village. Arrival in Taormina. Overnight.

DAY 6 Etna - Taormina

Drive to the **Mount Etna**, the highest active volcano in **Europe**. Visit of the extinct craters Silvestri at 1.900 Mt. Possibility to go up to 2.900 Mt. with cablecar and a jeep in order to live the most unforgettable experience, and admire a stunning panorama. In the afternoon, proceed to **Taormina**, with a breath-taking view of the majestic Mt. Etna. Taormina, a small middle age village, called the "pearl of Sicily", is famous for its narrow stone street and for its majestic Greek Theatre. Return to the hotel. Overnight.

DAY 7 Alcantara/Randazzo/Castiglione di Sicilia

Departure and visit the Alcantara Gorges formed by the waters running off the slopes of Mount Etna and the southern regions of the Nebrodi Montains. Proceed towards Randazzo admiring the internal typical villages of Sicily and hers landscape. Arriving in Randazzo visit, the Cathedral. Continue towards Castiglione di Sicilia typical Sicilian middle age village on the top of the hill. We suggest you **to** visit "Il Castagno dei 100 Cavalli, one of the most important and oldest trees in Italy. Return to Taormina Overnight.

DAY 8 Departure – Catania airport

Departure to the airport of Catania. Please, take your car back to the car hire office. Go to the terminal and have a nice flight back home!