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## Custom Tour of Sicilia

Day 1 Depart USA

International flights from USA to Palermo, Sicily.

Day 2 Arrive Palermo, Estate

Regaleali Estate



Buongiorno/Benvenuti! Welcome to La Bella Italia! Upon arrival at Palermo International Airport, meet your private driver in the arrivals hall, outside of baggage claim, holding a sign with your name. Continue with your driver to a beautiful resort estate just outside of Palermo. Check in and settle. You will enjoy the remainder of the day relaxing on this stunning estate and 15<sup>th</sup> century Villa. In the evening, we will arrange a lovely dinner for you to enjoy. Overnight at the Estate. PT/D/H

Day 3 Estate, Monreale

Monreale



Breakfast at hotel. At 9:00 a.m., meet your private driver in the hotel lobby. Together you will first drive to Monreale for a visit of the impressive Cattedrale. The Cathedral was built from 1174-1185 by William the II, the Norman ruler of Sicily, to demonstrate the magnificence of his kingdom. The Moorish-Arabic history of Sicily will come alive here as you will view the original mosaics built by North African artisans a thousand

years ago. As well, you will visit the Sicilian-Arabic gardens nearby. Then, your driver will return you to the Estate for the afternoon at leisure. In the early evening, we will arrange a wine tasting and dinner to for you to enjoy specialties produced on your Estate. Overnight at the Estate. B/PD/D/WT/H

#### Day 4 Estate, Cefalu', Taormina

## Sicily



Breakfast at hotel and check out. Your private driver will meet you this morning for transfer to Cefalu'. Enjoy a visit to the quaint fishing village of Cefalu'! The invasions of various cultures from the past are evident in the Arabesque, Norman and Catalan architectural styles here. You will have time to visit the main Norman Cathedral, a one of a kind in all of Sicily, or stroll the alleys of the village for a glimpse at the lazy summer Sicilian lifestyle. If you prefer, you may spend time relaxing at the beach. The pastry here is as amazing as the views of the sea. In the afternoon, continue on with your driver to Taormina. Check in to your hotel and settle for the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Taormina. B/PD/H

#### Day 5 Taormina

## Taormina



Breakfast at hotel. Meet your private bilingual certified guide in the hotel lobby at 9:00 am for a memorable two to three hour walking tour of Taormina! Your guided tour will include the Teatro Greco built in 300 BC by the Ancient Greeks and then expanded and further detailed by the Romans upon their arrival centuries later. Always a lively and attractive spot in town, the Teatro offers its modern day visitors a simultaneously spectacular view of sea, coastline and smoking volcano. From here you will stroll through the Corso Umberto, the main street which snakes through the elegant city center. After the tour, enjoy an independent lunch. You may enjoy stopping for some delicious arancini. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Overnight in Taormina. B/G/ET/H

## Day 6 Taormina, Etna

### Mt. Etna



Breakfast at hotel. Today, meet your private driver at 9:00 am in your hotel lobby for a journey up to Mt. Etna. Kindly note that this day could easily be cancelled due to the spontaneous activity of this feisty volcano. Etna erupts often and visitation is based on safety and accessibility conditions day to day. You will first arrive at the Silvestri Craters. On your descent, we have arranged a late lunch at an authentic Sicilian restaurant for you that would include a wine and honey tasting. Return to Taormina for time at your own pace. Overnight in Taormina. B/PD/WT/L/H

## Day 7 Taormina, Ortigia/Siracusa

### Siracusa



Breakfast at hotel. This morning, you will meet your private driver at 8:30 am in the hotel lobby for a transfer south along the coast to Ortigia and Siracusa. Upon arrival around 10:00 am, you will meet your private bilingual guide for a two hour walking tour of the ancient city/island of Ortigia and the Greek ruins of Siracusa. Siracusa is home to some of the oldest and most significant archeological ruins in the world. Dating back to the time of ancient Greece, Siracusa was founded in 733 BC by Greek settlers from Corinth and Tenea. Located in the Southeastern corner of Sicily and near the Ionian Sea, Siracusa is listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. The focus this afternoon is on the Ancient Greek Amphitheatre and the area containing the famous Ear of Dionysius. In addition to the ancient ruins you will learn about the Cathedral of Ortigia, Santa Lucia the patron saint of the city and many other historical highlights. Enjoy the some time at leisure in Ortigia. Return to Taormina with your driver in the late afternoon. We will arrange a fantastic dinner with you at 7:30 pm at our favorite restaurant in the area. Overnight in Taormina.

B/PD/G/ET/D/H

## Day 8 Taormina, Catania, USA

Breakfast at hotel and check out. Your private driver will meet you this morning in the hotel lobby for transfer to the Catania Airport, where you will board return flights to the US. Arrivederci, Bella Italia! B/PT

## CODES

B= Breakfast    L = Lunch    D= Dinner    H= Hotel    G= Guide    ET= Entrance Ticket  
PD= Private Driver    PT= Private Transfer    TRTK= Train Ticket    BR= Boat Ride    WT= Wine Tasting

### Your custom Itinerary to Italy Includes the Following:

6 nights in 4 star hotels  
6 breakfasts  
2 private bilingual certified guides  
2 entrance tickets per person  
2 private transfers  
4 private drivers  
1 lunch  
3 dinners  
2 wine tastings  
24/7 concierge service from Diana & staff

Once the "flow" of the itinerary is set, we are happy to calculate a price quote for you. Due to the sensitive and confidential nature of our exclusive contracts with suppliers, we are unable to provide a price breakdown. Kindly note that your final quote for the land portion of this journey does not include tipping, meals where not indicated and a city tax required by the Italian government to be paid upon check out of each hotel. The tax is to be paid in cash and is approximately 1.50-5.00 euro per person per day.