

CLASSIC TOUR OF SICILY

8 days / 7 nights

DAY 1 Arrival – Catania airport – Taormina aerea

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

DAY 2 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 3 Randazzo/Troina/Nicosia/Cefalù/ Palermo area

Today you will have a fantastic experience in the unknown part of Sicily, crossing the typical Sicilian villages like Piedimonte Etneo, Linguaglossa, Passopisciaro and Rovitello on your way to Randazzo, a famous area renowned for the production of Etna's grapes called Nerello Mascalese. The first stop is Randazzo, where you can admire the Cathedral in Lava stone. Continue towards **Cesarò** and arrive in Troina. Drive towards Cerami and arrive in Nicosia, a typical example of medieval village. Our itinerary continue towards Mistretta. Arrive in **Cefalù** dominated by a small promontory "La Rocca". Discover the Arabic-Normand cathedral from the 12th century and its beautiful historical center. Take your car and drive toward Palermo. Overnight in the hotel.

DAY 4 Palermo and 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" (typical 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 Segesta- Erice –Selinunte -Sciacca-Agrigento area

Departure to **Segesta**, and visit the archaeological area with an outstanding Doric temple, overlooking the Gulf of Castellamare. The journey continues in Erice, a medieval town on the top of Monte San Giuliano. Visit the Norman castle where you can admire a beautiful view of Trapani. Continue towards Selinunte and discover the archaeological area and drive to Agrigento. Overnight in the hotel.

DAY 6 Agrigento-Piazza Armerina-Siracusa

Visit Agrigento, a greek city famous for its magnificent archaeological, world-known heritages. Discover the Valley of Temples, such as: the Doric Temple of Juno , Temple of the Concordia and the Temple of Hercules . Departure to Piazza Armerina to visit, Villa Romana del Casale (Unesco World Heritage) famous in the world for its splendid mosaic floors, that show the Romans' life. . Return to the hotel and overnight.

DAY 7 Siracusa

Discover the Archeological Park of Siracusa called Neapolis. During the visit you will see 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 Aretusa Fountain with its legendary secret. Overnight in the hotel.

DAY 8 Departure – Catania airport

After breakfast, (it depends on your departure flight time), you might have time for your last visit of the city. 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!