



## TAILOR MADE JOURNEY Highlights of Sicily

### INCLUDED WITH EVERY LUXURY TAILOR MADE JOURNEY

- One-of-a-Kind Itinerary Designed for You
- Luxury Accommodations
- Exclusive Insider-Access Opportunities and Inspiring Sightseeing
- English-Speaking Local Guides
- Airport Meet and Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily
- Entrance Fees and Taxes
- 24/7 Buongiorno Travel On-Call Support

#### DAY 1 ○ ARRIVE IN PALERMO. ITALY

Arrive in Palermo, the capital of Sicily, where you are greeted by your Guardian Angel and transferred privately to your hotel.  
Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa  
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Meals:

#### DAY 2 ○ PALERMO & MONREALE | SICILIAN CAR PAINTER'S BOTTEGA

Start with a private guided city tour, starting with Palermo's stunning cathedral and monasteries. Head to the Palatine Chapel, a perfect example of the 12th century Arab-Norman-Byzantine architectural style. Later, wander around Ballarò Market, soaking up the lively atmosphere. Next, discover the Palermo Duomo in the heart of the city, which was built on the site of a Muslim mosque and later on an early Christian basilica. Explore Quattro Canti, where you can see the medieval San Cataldo Church with Moorish architecture and La Martorana Church decorated with Byzantine mosaics. Continue to visit the bottega (studio) of a traditional Sicilian donkey cart painter, learn about this traditional piece of art.  
Hotel Piazza Borsa  
Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 3 ○ SEGESTA | EXPLORING NORTHWEST SICILIA

Today, visit Segesta, one of the best surviving Greek temples in Sicily; serious isolation gives the site an almost mystical air. Afterwards, enjoy a scenic trip to the hill town of Erice to see the stunning Trapani coast and the Egadi Islands. Stop at Grammatico Pasticceria, where, depending on the presence of its famous owner, Maria Grammatico, a pastry show is followed by a sampling of desserts made on site. Next, visit the windmills near Trapani and the salt pans at Stagnone. Enter the wine-producing area of Marsala for a winery tour and tasting before returning to Palermo.  
Hotel Piazza Borsa  
Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 4 ○ AGRIGENTO | TEMPLE OF OLIVE OIL TASTE AND SELINUNTE

Head first to Agrigento, then to Castelvetro, where you visit a local tenuta (farmland). Situated between olive groves and vineyards, the farm is famous for its delicious olive oil. Enjoy a guided visit followed by lunch on site before tasting a variety of oils. Next,

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visit Selinunte, one of the most stunning archaeological sites in the Mediterranean, led by an expert local guide. Explore the monumental Doric temples and see the surrounding landscape from the region's high acropolis and the turquoise sea below. Then continue to your luxury hotel.

Villa Athena

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### DAY 5 ○ **FAVARA | COOKING CLASS**

Journey to Favara, a Sicilian settlement dating back several thousand years, to taste the famous culinary delights. Stop at a local pasticceria to try a sweet "Elena pasta" and learn the Sicilian way of filling a cannoli shell. Then, take a cooking class with a range of appetizers such as caponata, arancini, or any other local dish of your choice. Also learn about local almond production and taste fresh almond milk. Then enjoy the flavors you helped prepare for lunch, along with a selection of local wines. Continue to the nearby Valley of the Temples, the jewel of southwest Sicily. The impressive ruins of five Doric temples make up this richly preserved fifth century BC site that shines with 1,000-year-old olive trees and diverse Mediterranean vegetation. Visit the 2,000-year-old Concord Temple, one of the best preserved Greek temples in the world.

Villa Athena

Meals:

#### DAY 6 ○ **SYRACUSE | MASTERFUL MOSAICS**

Set off for Syracuse today and stop at Piazza Armerina to see the stunning mosaics of the 15th-century Roman Villa del Casale. This beautiful Roman Villa consists of 4,000 square meters of mosaics that are still perfectly intact. Marvel at the colorful 60-meter portrayal of prey, where groups of men fight and sweat while catching wild animals. Head to Caltagirone, known for its ceramics. Sicilian ceramics date back to the middle ages when pottery was used specifically for pharmaceutical purposes, tableware, and to decorate royal or noble homes. Enjoy lunch at your leisure before continuing to Syracuse where you have checked in to your hotel.

Algila Ortigia Charme Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 7 ○ **SYRIA AND MODICA | LARGE ARCHEOLOGICAL AREA**

Explore Syracuse today on a guided tour that provides insight into the ancient history of the Mediterranean. Visit a vast archaeological site, temple and amphitheater treasury on the edge of the city. Discover outstanding Greek and Roman ruins, such as the cave "Ear of Dionysius", as well as classical churches such as Baroque buildings and the Duomo built on the former Athena temple. Finally, stop in the cozy town of Modica for a chocolate-making demonstration and tasting before continuing to your hotel in Taormina.

Belmond Grand Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 8 ○ **TAORMINA | COOKING CLASS IN FAMILY HOME**

Head to the village of Giardini Naxos for a traditional Sicilian cooking lesson at a local family's home. After a warm welcome from your host and instructor, head to the vegetable garden to select the freshest ingredients available for the meals you're about to prepare. Your enthusiastic host then guides you through the preparation of mouth-watering Sicilian recipes while you learn the culinary tricks of the trade. When you're done, enjoy the delicious lunch you helped prepare. Next, head to the quiet medieval village of Castelmola, where you can taste locally produced almond wine.

Then continue to Taormina for the walking tour. Located on a high cliff, Taormina seems to float above the azure waters of Naxos Bay. Explore stylish shops and a rich history by wandering its narrow streets filled with local colors and flavors, including the city's main street, Corso Umberto. Finish your day at the Greek Theater where you will enjoy the magnificent view of Mount Etna.

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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### DAY 9 ○ **TAORMINA | ASSEMBLE ETNA TRIP WITH JEEP**

Experience the iconic, volcanic Mount Etna today in your private Jeep. Pass through the pine trees to reach the lava cave called Grotta del Corruccio, which you will explore with the torch. Next, continue to the Sartorius craters that emerged during the 1865 lava flow and climb to the top of a crater rim to gaze at the surrounding volcanic landscape. Continue by Jeep in the direction of Dagala, a forest area recently surrounded by lava flows. Listen as your guide explains the flora and fauna filling this unique environment. Enjoy lunch at a local winery and sample some local wines before returning to Taormina.

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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### DAY 10 ○ **DEPART TAORMINA**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departure flight with your Guardian Angel to assist you with the check-in process.

Meals: Breakfast

