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Sicily and Its Isles

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HIGHLIGHTS... Palermo, Monreale, Choice on Tour, Impact Moment, Trapani, Isle of Mozia, Marsala Winery Tour, Olive Oil Farm, Agrigento, Valley of the Temples, Ragusa, Isle of Salina, Caper Farm, Taormina, Mount Etna Off-Road Excursion

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hotel Porta Felice , Palermo
Days 4, 5	I Mulini Resort , Trapani
Day 6	Baia di Ulisse , Agrigento
Days 7, 8	Poggio del Sole Hotel , Ragusa
Days 9, 10	Hotel La Salina Borgo Di Mare , Salina
Days 11 – 13	NH Collection Taormina, Taormina

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Sunday, October 1, 2023 Overnight Flight You're on your way to Sicily – an island paradise nestled amongst the deep blue waves of the Mediterranean. Look past the Italy you think you know and see how this coastal farmland balances ancient traditions and modern comforts.

Day 2: Monday, October 2, 2023 Palermo, Italy - Tour Begins Start your journey in Palermo (UNESCO), Sicily's welcoming capital city. Uncover the island's deeply rooted heritage, teeming with Arab-Norman architectural masterpieces and delicate Classical designs. Come to know your fellow travelers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 Palermo Begin your adventure tasting your way through Palermo's lively markets on a walking tour unveiling the city's historical center and introducing you to traditional Sicilian street food, which layers Oriental and Norman influences with local produce such as wild fennel, olives and spices. This afternoon, head to Monreale Cathedral, ascending on foot to see its majestic Byzantine mosaics. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore the cathedral's cloisters, taking in their serene atmosphere of the monastic complex **-OR-** ascend the southern tower to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo. (B, L)

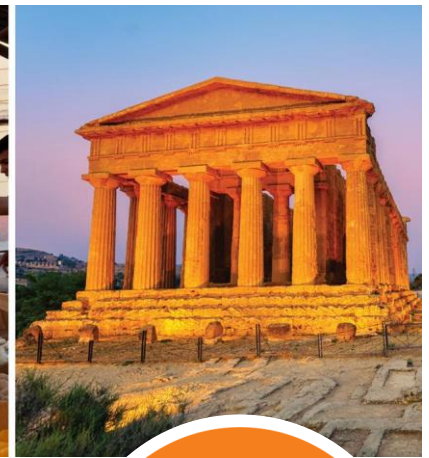
Day 4: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 Palermo - Impact Moment - Trapani Experience an **impact moment** with Addiopizzo, an anti-Mafia nonprofit that supports locals who refuse to pay the Mafia's protection fees. Visit Capaci and Cinisi, the site of two terrorist acts led by the Mafia, and pay tribute to fallen activists. Chat with locals for a personal perspective and learn how they overcame the Mafia's reign. As the day draws to a close, settle into Trapani for two nights and watch the sunset fade against the crashing waves and whirling windmills. (B, D)

Day 5: Thursday, October 5, 2023 Trapani - Isle of Mozia - Marsala - Optional Excursion Venture to the isle of Mozia, once a great trading port for the Phoenician, Greek and Roman civilizations. On the way, sail next to a submerged Roman road, once traversed on foot. Explore Mozia with a guide, visiting the ruins of its ancient port, and a museum featuring impressive Greek statuary. Then continue to Marsala, heading down into a cellar for a sampling of its renowned wines paired with a tasting of locally produced foods. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to Erice to visit Maria Grammatico's famous bakery for a pastry-making class. (B, L)

Day 6: Friday, October 6, 2023 Trapani - Agrigento - Valley of the Temples - Agrigento Take in the rugged landscape of the Belice Valley scarred by the 1968 earthquake, which transformed the humble village of Gibellina into a sprawling piece of contemporary land-art. Head to an award-winning olive grove and learn about the Slow Food movement, which supports local cultures and preserves traditions. Try their unique olive oil at lunch before departing for Agrigento, where ancient roots and medieval buildings blend into modernity. Wander through the Valley of the Temples (UNESCO) with a guide. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Saturday, October 7, 2023 Agrigento - Ragusa Make your way to Ragusa (UNESCO), an ancient city perched upon a hill. Meander through its Baroque neighborhood with an expert guide, passing by winding lanes, cobblestone streets, and wrought iron balconies. Make the most of a free afternoon to explore on your own. As the sun sets, retreat to your countryside resort just outside the city. (B, D)

Day 8: Sunday, October 8, 2023 Ragusa - Optional Excursion The entire day is yours. With free time, you might choose to relax in the countryside and enjoy the resort's amenities. Or, perhaps you will join an optional tour to the picture-perfect towns of Scicli and Modica, where you'll enjoy a savory brunch at a ricotta farm before continuing to an Aztec chocolate shop for some sweet samples. (B, D)



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Day 9: Monday, October 9, 2023 Ragusa - Milazzo - Ferry to Aeolian Islands - Isle of Salina - Lingua Grab your bags* and hop on a ferry in Milazzo. Sail by Vulcano and Lipari on your way to Salina,** a far-flung isle surrounded by vibrant blue waters and dark volcanic rock. Somewhat off the beaten path, Salina is one of the less-traveled Aeolian Islands, preserved as a vacation getaway for Italians. Settle into the hamlet of Lingua for a 2-night stay. (B)

Day 10: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 Salina - Caper Farm - Optional Excursion Dramatic landscapes of rocky cliffs and vibrant vineyards pass by on your way to nearby Pollara, famous for its traditional caper cultivation. Wander through the fields, tasting the salted flower buds accompanied by a glass of Malvasia, a locally produced dessert wine. The afternoon is yours to do as you please. Perhaps you'll take an optional cruise to Stromboli, where you'll swim off your private boat and dine at sunset; relax and watch for the signature glow of the island's active volcano. (B)

Day 11: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 Salina - Ferry to Milazzo - Taormina After a relaxing morning, ferry back to mainland *Sicilia*. Journey along the Ionian Coast to Taormina, a seaside hub of ancient Greek theaters and hilly walkways. Settle into your new home for the

next three nights and enjoy a free evening to explore on your own. (B)

Day 12: Thursday, October 12, 2023 Taormina Discover Taormina with a local guide, leading you to the city's *Duomo*, public gardens, and the well-preserved Greek theater. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in an unparalleled viewpoint of the adjacent ocean. Spend the afternoon on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a bite to eat at a sidewalk café, or peruse the local boutiques for handcrafted souvenirs. (B)

Day 13: Friday, October 13, 2023 Taormina - Mount Etna - Taormina See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. Stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks. This evening, toast to your Sicilian sojourn at dinner, surrounded by local musicians. (B, D)

Day 14: Saturday, October 14, 2023 Taormina - Tour Ends Your journey through Sicily comes to a close today. Return home with memories of Italy's favorite island. (B)

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IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

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Effective for travel after November 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

******In the case of adverse sea conditions, the ferry to the isle of Salina may be delayed or cancelled resulting in partial reduction of your time on the isle (or cancellation of the visit). In case of this event, there will be a replacement accommodation arranged and a comparable program on the mainland.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

*Guests are responsible for handling their own luggage when getting on and off the ferry. Guests have the option of storing their larger suitcases on the bus for 3 days until they return to Sicily mainland, bringing a small carry-on with them on the island.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Our air guests will depart from Catania airport. All of our return transfers will depart from Taormina to Catania airport.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of February 23, 2023 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 02, 2023. Deposits are refundable up until March 02, 2023.

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Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Erice

Bitter Almonds: Erice Village & Sicilian Pastry Baking Lesson and Tasting **\$75 USD**

In the workshop of a renowned pastry chef and author, learn to make delicious Sicilian specialties. After you meander through the historic streets of Erice, you'll head to Maria Grammatico's Bakery, whose life story is dictated in the novel Bitter Almonds. There, you'll learn to prepare two almond pastry recipes and learn about history behind the iconic Sicilian cannoli. Almonds are grown throughout southeast Sicily, the foundation of many age-old traditional recipes. Once you finally taste the fruits of your labor, you'll understand why Sicilian pastries are so loved around the world. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 8 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Sicily

Sicily's Baroque Valley: Scicli & Modica with lunch **\$115 USD**

Journey to Sicily's Baroque Valley, known for its ornate historic architecture. Discover UNESCO World Heritage sites in Scicli and Modica. The town of Scicli dates back to the 3rd century BC, home to a number of centuries-old churches. Visit a local farm for brunch to learn about two local specialties: ricotta cheese and sausage. The hilly city of Modica, dating back to the 2nd century BC, is renowned for its baroque architecture and breathtakingly detailed facades. Taste Modica's historically rooted artisanal chocolate, based on flavorful Aztec recipes of millennia ago. This tour will immerse you in the alluring culture and history of the Baroque Valley. *Duration: Approximately 8 hours.* Please note a minimum of 8 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Salina

Stromboli Sunset Cruise with pasta dinner on board **\$180 USD**

Take in the sights on a leisurely sunset sail around the legendary Stromboli Volcano, called "the Lighthouse of the Mediterranean." Your private boat will anchor for an opportunity to swim in beautiful waters (weather permitting). Watch the skyline for puffs of smoke, emitting from the island's active volcano. In the intimate dining space, indulge in a rustic dinner of local Aeolian specialties and regional wines. As the sun sets, be on the lookout for glowing hues of red and orange and perhaps some small lava flows in the drama of the dusk sky. This incomparable dinner cruise will leave you with lasting memories of Southern Italy. The Option must be booked at least 30 days prior to departure. *Duration: Approximately 8 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

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() Baia di Ulisse – Standard (included)

() Baia di Ulisse – Standard Sea View

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View (included)

() NH Collection Taormina – Deluxe Sea View

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	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
✓	Bitter Almonds: Erice Village & Sicilian Pastry Baking Lesson and Tasting	75.00
	Sicily's Baroque Valley: Scicli & Modica with lunch	115.00
	Stromboli Sunset Cruise with pasta dinner on board <i>The Option must be booked at least 30 days prior to departure.</i>	180.00

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