



Saturday · October 10th, 2026 - Sunday · October 18th, 2026

Sicily Unveiled: A Journey Beyond the Ordinary

2 Nights Palermo, 2 Nights Agrigento Area, 2 Nights Siracusa, 2 Nights Taormina
 Itinerary for 12 people

Saturday · October 10th	Welcome to Sicily! Where it all begins Villa Igtea, a Rocco Forte Hotel - Palermo, Sicily Island (2 Nights)
Sunday · October 11th	Palermo Chronicles: Ape Calessino Sojourn Amid Cultural Marvels 10:00 AM (5hr) Dining in Royalty Style: Sicilian Sunday Lunch at Palazzo Arone dei Baroni di Valentino 1:00 PM (1hr 30min) Exclusive Access, A Unique Monreale Cathedral Tour 6:15 PM (1hr 30min) Dinner at leisure
Monday · October 12th	Transfer to Agrigento Area - On the way The Marsala Bay: Mozia Island, Salt experience and private lunch at the Salt Pans 9:00 AM (7hr 30min) Insights: Mozia, the Phoenician City/Island Insights: Salt Crafting Mastery, Exploring Ettore Infersa's Salt Pans Heritage Rocco Forte Verdura Resort - Sciacca, Sicily Island, Italy (2 Nights)
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Wednesday · October 14th	Transfer to Siracusa - On the way Timeless Wonders: Valley of the Temples Tour and Exclusive Lunch at Essence of Sicily's Secret Garden 9:00 AM (7hr) Insights: Agrigento's Valley of The Temples, A World Heritage Wonder

Insights: Essence of Sicily's Secret Garden, A Hidden Gem in the Valley of the Temples
Guided Walk in Ortigia, the Island Within an Island 5:00 PM (2hr)
An Evening at Palazzo Arezzo: Dining Amidst History and Elegance 7:00 PM (3hr)
Grand Hotel des Etrangers - Siracusa, Sicily, Italy (2 Nights)

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Authentic Sicilian Life in Noto Countryside: Family Lunch Experience at Masseria Feudo S. Alfano 10:00 AM (5hr)
Noto Uncovered, A Journey Through Baroque Majesty 3:30 PM (2hr 30min)

Friday · October 16th

Transfer to Taormina - On the way Catania Tour: Discover "The City of the Elephant" 9:30 AM (4hr)
Taormina Walking Tour: Discovering Sicily's Jewel 4:30 PM (2hr)
Sicilian Secrets: Cooking Class and Dinner at Villa Lawrence in Taormina 6:30 PM (3hr)
San Domenico Palace, Four Seasons, 'The White Lotus' Hotel - Taormina (2 Nights)

Saturday · October 17th

Etna Jeep Tour and Etna DOC Winery Experience 9:30 AM (7hr)
Insights: Santa Maria La Nave Etna Vineyard Exclusive Experience
An Evening of Sicilian Elegance at Grand Hotel Timeo, Farewell Dinner at Otto Geleng 7:30 PM (2hr 30min)

Sunday · October 18th

Arrivederci Sicilia!

Saturday · October 10th



Let the adventure commence!

Welcome to Sicily, the largest region in Italy, where a tapestry of dominations, languages, traditions, and ancient cultures intertwine, forming an extraordinary and deeply rooted cultural mosaic.

Your private driver awaits you at the arrivals area exit. Sit back, relax, and settle into the car it's off to your accommodation!

Sicily
Population: 5 million
Area: 25,711 km²
Capital: Palermo

Official language: Italian
Dialect: Sicilian
Flight details: TBD

Notes

Including:

- Transfer from Palermo airport to your accommodation with private driver

Airport:

- Palermo-Punta Raisi Falcone and Borsellino International Airport is the third largest airport in southern Italy by number of passengers



Villa Igia, a Rocco Forte Hotel - Palermo, Sicily Island
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Oct 10 · 2:00 PM

Check In

Oct 12 · 12:00 PM

Check Out

2 Nights

Duration

Perched on a promontory overlooking the Gulf of Palermo, Villa Igia is a historic Art Nouveau palazzo that has been meticulously restored by Rocco Forte Hotels into a five-star sanctuary blending aristocratic charm with contemporary luxury. Originally envisioned as a health retreat by the Florio family, the villa was transformed into a grand hotel in 1900 under the guidance of architect Ernesto Basile. Its interiors, adorned with frescoes by Ettore De Maria Bergler and furnishings by Vittorio Ducrot, reflect the opulence of the Belle Époque era.

The hotel offers 100 elegantly appointed rooms and suites, many featuring Carrara marble bathrooms and terraces with panoramic sea views. Guests can indulge in Sicilian cuisine at the Florio Restaurant, enjoy cocktails at the Igia Terrazza Bar, or relax at the Irene Forte Spa, which offers treatments using natural ingredients.

Villa Igia's tiered gardens, outdoor pool, and proximity to Palermo's historic center make it an ideal retreat for travelers seeking both tranquility and cultural exploration.

Sunday · October 11th



Palermo Chronicles: Ape Calessino Sojourn Amid Cultural Marvels

10:00 AM

Start Time

3:00 PM

End Time

5hr

Duration

Looking for today's spectacle? Look no further than **Palermo**—an urban mosaic boasting one of Sicily's greatest social and cultural extravaganzas. Beyond its historical and artistic treasures, Palermo unveils a vibrant theater of variety, bustling with people, aromas, and vibrant market scenes. Here, in the embrace of Sicilian tradition, the city resonates with a proud and distinctive identity, drawing in people from across the globe.

Your day begins with a private guide, leading you through the enchanting locales of downtown Palermo. Traverse baroque streets, bustling markets, and witness the breathtaking **Arab-Norman** architecture, including the **Duomo** and the city's **Quattro Canti**. These very sites hosted pivotal chapters of Italian history, yet today, they remain vibrant hubs where artists, budding talents, musicians, and entertainers infuse the city with a pulsating cultural energy. It's an experience not to miss, offering a kaleidoscope of Sicilian tradition and modernity, all under the captivating Palermo sky.

Delight in a captivating journey aboard the iconic **Ape Calessino**, Sicily's renowned *tuk-tuk*. This charming vehicle, steeped in Italian allure, promises a romantic escapade amidst picturesque landscapes, leaving an indelible mark on your memory. Immerse yourself in the captivating allure of this unique ride, meandering through scenic vistas that etch timeless memories in your heart

But wait, there's more! To savor Palermo fully, indulge in a **Street Food tasting**, a quintessential part of its renowned culinary scene. Sample the flavors of Palermo's street cuisine, adding a delicious dimension to your exploration of this diverse and dynamic cityscape.

Notes

Inclusions:

- Private transfer
- Private English-speaking guide
- 1h Ape Calessino experience
- Sunday Lunch in a local noble residence



Dining in Royalty Style: Sicilian Sunday Lunch at Palazzo Arone dei Baroni di Valentino

1:00 PM

Start Time

2:30 PM

End Time

1hr 30min

Duration

Have your fairy-tale dinner In the timeless setting of **Palazzo Arone dei Baroni di Valentino** in the heart of the historical centre of Palermo, inside its prestigious dining hall!

The dining hall, which was created for the wedding of **Francesco Arone di Valentino and Lady Marianna Lanza Filangeri**, is a real treasure trove! Embellished with two magnificent mirrors in gold leaf bearing the coats of arms of the two houses, it offers diners an elegant and exclusive setting in which to appreciate Sicilian cuisine prepared by selected chefs.

Frescoes from the mid eighteenth century attributed to the Flemish Borremans, elegant Majolica tiles decorating the floor give the room a unique atmosphere.

It looks out over Via Vittorio Emanuele, the most important street in the historical centre of the city, where the townspeople enjoy their evening stroll. During the celebrations for the Patron Saint, its balconies offer a spectacle not to be missed. In fact, during the *Festino*, the procession of the triumphal float of Santa Rosalia is made up of a seemingly endless crowd of citizens and devotees, following the saint in celebration along the Cassaro.

Notes

Including:

- Private Lunch at Palazzo Arone dei Baroni di Valentino



Exclusive Access, A Unique Monreale Cathedral Tour

6:15 PM

Start Time

7:45 PM

End Time

1hr 30min

Duration

Meeting Point

Hotel Lobby

A visit to **Monreale Cathedral** is an absolute highlight in Sicily, offering an extraordinary and **exclusive experience** that's truly **one-of-a-kind**. Imagine having the Cathedral **all to yourself** after hours, with an **enchanting organ melody** echoing through the halls as you explore one of Italy's most treasured **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**.

This architectural marvel, dating back to 1172, boasts breathtaking Byzantine mosaics that adorn its interior, creating an unparalleled artistic ambiance. The Cathedral stands as a pinnacle of Italy's cultural and religious heritage, drawing admiration from across the globe.

During your exclusive tour, immerse yourself in the intricate details of this historical treasure, capturing moments that will be etched into memory. Don't miss the chance to explore the adjacent cloister—a Romanesque masterpiece steeped in history, built within the 12th-century Benedictine monastery.

Prepare your camera or smartphone; this once-in-a-lifetime experience promises to be an unforgettable journey into the heart of artistic and cultural excellence, a rare privilege exclusively for our guests!

Notes

Inclusions:

- Private transfer
- Private English-speaking guide
- Exclusive afterhours visit of Monreale Cathedral

Dinner at leisure



Transfer to Agrigento Area - On the way The Marsala Bay: Mozia Island, Salt experience and private lunch at the Salt Pans

9:00 AM

Start Time

4:30 PM

End Time

7hr 30min

Duration

Meeting Point

Hotel Lobby

"Not all salt is the same; the taste varies and so does its use. Our tasting experience will introduce you to all our different types of salt, hand-harvested from salt pans, and we are sure you will be taken aback by the different flavors and their unique characteristics. Under the expert guidance of our expert staff, our "Salt Sommelier / Selmelier", you will discover many different types of salt with our "love matches" between salt and food. It includes bread, olive oil, tomatoes, salads, potatoes, cheeses, olives, seasonal fruit, dessert, water, lemonade and wine"

A visit that encompasses the island of Mozia, the Salt Pans and lunch promises a comprehensive exploration of Western-Sicily's diverse treasures. The allure of the salt pans has expanded, more and more, thanks to the unusual beauty of these real reserves, as well as an out-of-time and out-of-ordinary experiential plan! Moving to the island of Mozia, delve into the Phoenician ruins, uncovering the vestiges of an ancient civilization. The exploration offers a vivid glimpse into Mozia's historical significance and cultural heritage.

Concluding this immersive journey, a delightful lunch at the salt pans presents an opportunity to indulge in authentic Sicilian cuisine paired with exquisite local wines.

Notes

Including:

- Private transfer
- Private English-speaking guide
- Salt Pans and Mozia experience
- Salt tasting and lunch at the Salt Pans



Insights: Mozia, the Phoenician City/Island

Set amidst the shimmering beauty of the Mediterranean, the captivating isle of **Mozia** stands as a testament to ancient **Phoenician heritage**. Once a bustling Phoenician colony, Mozia served as a pivotal harbor in the Mediterranean, accessible through its shallow waters, allowing passage even on foot or horseback in ancient times. This hidden gem is a haven for history enthusiasts and nature lovers alike. Brimming with the legacy of an ancient civilization, Mozia reveals its captivating allure from the very first glance!

The **Giuseppe Whitaker Museum** of Mozia, housed in Whitaker's former island residence, serves as a treasure trove of history. Within its walls lie artifacts from the esteemed Whitaker Collection and discoveries unearthed during excavations conducted by various prestigious expeditions, including the Soprintendenza della Sicilia Occidentale (later the Soprintendenza di Trapani), University of Rome La Sapienza, University of Leeds, University of Palermo, C.N.R., and University of Bologna.



Insights: Salt Crafting Mastery, Exploring Ettore Infersa's Salt Pans Heritage

Step into the ancient world of salt harvesting at the **Ettore Infersa Salt Pans**, a tradition that dates back to the Phoenicians and still thrives today!

You'll be introduced to this fascinating craft with a short, engaging video on sea salt production. Explore the iconic **Dutch-style windmill** and climb to its terrace for stunning views of the **saltworks**, surrounded by shimmering basins and picturesque canals. Strolling along the paths, you'll encounter the unique flora and fauna that call this enchanting landscape home.

Back inside, a true highlight awaits: a **salt tasting and light lunch**. Discover how hand-harvested salts vary in flavor and purpose, guided by a passionate **Salt Sommelier**. Sample a delightful spread of local treats—crusty bread, velvety olive oil, ripe tomatoes, creamy cheeses, and even dessert—perfectly paired with salt varieties that will surprise and delight your palate.

It's an immersive journey into the world of 'white gold,' where history, nature, and flavor come together in a truly unforgettable experience!

Notes



Rocco Forte Verdura Resort - Sciacca, Sicily Island, Italy

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Oct 12 · 2:00 PM

Check In

Oct 14 · 11:00 AM

Check Out

2 Nights

Duration

Set along the unspoiled southern coast of Sicily, **Verdura Resort** is an oasis of understated elegance and Mediterranean luxury. Surrounded by olive groves, citrus trees, and the sparkling blue of the Mediterranean Sea, the resort spans over 230 hectares of pristine nature, offering guests privacy, space, and a strong sense of place.

Designed by Olga Polizzi, the architecture and interiors reflect Sicilian tradition with a contemporary touch: earthy tones, local ceramics, and clean lines meet sunlight-filled spaces and panoramic sea views. The rooms and suites—many with private terraces—blend into the landscape, creating a seamless harmony between indoor comfort and the natural beauty outside.

Verdura is also home to **one of Europe's finest golf courses**, a 60-meter infinity pool, and an award-winning **Irene Forte Spa** inspired by Sicilian wellness rituals. Guests can enjoy a variety of dining options, from refined fine dining to relaxed beachside lunches, all celebrating seasonal ingredients and the island's culinary heritage.

With its blend of world-class facilities, authentic local charm, and impeccable service, Verdura Resort is not just a place to stay: it's a place to breathe, unwind, and reconnect with the essence of Sicily!

Tuesday · October 13th



Morning at Leisure at Verdura Resort

Discover the perfect balance of relaxation, sport, and natural beauty at Verdura Resort, where each guest can create their own ideal day.

Choose from a wide variety of experiences:

- **Indulge in the SPA:** Rejuvenate with massages, facials, hydrotherapy, and wellness rituals inspired by local traditions, all in a serene setting overlooking gardens and the sea.
- **Play Golf on Championship Courses:** Enjoy 18- and 9-hole courses set amid the Mediterranean landscape, with professional lessons and practice facilities for all skill levels.
- **Stay Active with Sports:** Tennis, swimming in infinity and Olympic pools, cycling along scenic paths, yoga and fitness classes, or guided nature walks offer something for every interest.
- **Water Sports and Beach Activities:** Take advantage of the private beach for sailing, paddleboarding, or simply relaxing by the crystal-clear waters.
- **Relax and Enjoy the Views:** Wander through the resort's lush gardens, sip a cocktail while watching the sunset, or simply unwind in a tranquil corner of the estate.

At Verdura Resort, each day is a personal journey—whether you seek adventure, wellness, or pure relaxation, the options are endless, and the stunning Sicilian surroundings provide the perfect backdrop.



Sciacca Walking Tour and Planeta Ulmo experience: Chronicles of Taste and Sights

4:00 PM

Start Time

10:00 PM

End Time

6hr

Duration

Meeting Point

Hotel Lobby

Immerse yourself in an itinerary that starts in Sciacca and combines one of the most interesting cities in Sicily - among views, extraordinary colors and a centuries-old tradition - with one of the most authentic journeys into the Sicilian taste: **Planeta Ulmo**, on the splendid estate surrounded by the most uncontaminated nature. Welcome to Southwest Sicily, the most authentic and unspoiled place on the island!

Notes

Including:

- Private transfer
- Private English-speaking guide
- Winery visit, tasting and dinner at Ulmo Winery



Insights: Planeta Ulmo Winery Experience
Contrada Ulmo, 92017 Sambuca di Sicilia AG

Off you go to an exclusive place in Menfi: **Planeta Ulmo** winery, one of the most renowned in the island! Founded in 1995 on the banks of Lake Arancio, Planeta Ulmo is surrounded by vineyards and a native olive tree grove. You will visit the facilities the aging cellar and a tasting of four different wines paired and a local lunch is fixed also. Vineyards, olive groves and nature in its surprising beauty embrace the ancient historical barn in the Ulmo estate. A few meters away from the Lake Arancio, the winery was the starting point of a revolution in the world of wine within a territory chosen due to its potential and versatility. The Ulmo winery is dedicated to production; not far away the barn is place for hospitality, epicenter of an extraordinary territory where it is possible to explore the *Chardonnay*, *Grecanico* and *Nero d'Avola* vineyards or take explorative walks along the paths in the forest.

Notes



Transfer to Siracusa - On the way Timeless Wonders: Valley of the Temples Tour and Exclusive Lunch at Essence of Sicily's Secret Garden

9:00 AM

Start Time

4:00 PM

End Time

7hr

Duration

Today is a big day: your private guide will orient you to one of the top highlights of your Sicilian sojourn!

Embark on an extraordinary journey through the heart of Sicily with a tour that combines two unforgettable experiences: the awe-inspiring Valley of the Temples in Agrigento (the city Italian Capital of Culture 2025) and an exclusive meal at Essence of Sicily's **Secret Garden!**

Wander among the majestic ancient ruins of Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that whispers the timeless stories of Greek civilization. Then, step into the *Secret Garden*—a hidden paradise tucked within the valley, accessible only to Essence of Sicily guests. Surrounded by citrus groves, with breathtaking temple views, you'll savor an exquisite meal crafted from organic, family-inspired recipes in a serene and magical setting.

This exclusive experience is a feast for the senses and a must-do for anyone seeking the very best of Sicily!

Notes

Including:

- Private transfer
- Private English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Exclusive Lunch at Essence of Sicily's "Secret Garden"



Insights: Agrigento's Valley of The Temples, A World Heritage Wonder

The Valley of the Temples in Agrigento is a masterpiece of ancient architecture and a shining symbol of Sicily's cultural and historical heritage. This extraordinary archaeological park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is one of the most well-preserved and extensive remnants of Greek civilization in the world!

Here, amidst golden hills and the deep blue Sicilian sky, stand majestic temples that have endured for over 2,500 years. These iconic structures, such as the Temple of Concordia—celebrated as one of the finest examples of Doric architecture—are a testament to the grandeur and ingenuity of the ancient world. The valley offers a breathtaking landscape where history and nature harmoniously coexist, creating an atmosphere that is as inspiring as it is timeless.

For Sicilians, the Valley of the Temples is more than an archaeological site; it is a symbol of their identity and resilience, a bridge to their past, and a source of immense pride. Walking through this sacred land is like stepping back in time, experiencing firsthand the legacy of a civilization that shaped Western culture.

The Valley of the Temples is truly one-of-a-kind. It's not just a must-see destination — it's an incredible journey into the heart of Sicily and its amazing history. Get ready to be amazed!



Insights: Essence of Sicily's Secret Garden, A Hidden Gem in the Valley of the Temples

Welcome to one of the most exclusive and sought-after experiences in Sicily: Essence of Sicily's Secret Garden, an enchanting haven nestled in the breathtaking Valley of the Temples. This hidden treasure, a private citrus grove with spectacular views of the ancient Greek temples, is a world away from the ordinary and an exclusive privilege of Essence of Sicily!

The so called *Diodoros Garden*, dating back to 1740, was originally cultivated by visionary Cistercian monks who adorned it with lush indigenous trees that still thrive today. Shrouded in **mystery** and impossible to find on Google or any online channel, this secret sanctuary is accessible only to guests of Essence of Sicily, making it a **truly unique experience!**

Here, nature, comfort and authentic Sicilian cuisine come together in perfect harmony. Enjoy a feast for the senses as you savor **organic, handcrafted dishes** inspired by timeless "**family recipes**". The tantalizing aromas and flavors are a celebration of Sicily's culinary heritage, served in a setting that exudes **peace, rural tranquility** and effortless **elegance**. Less than a mile from the iconic *Via Sacra*, the Secret Garden offers an idyllic retreat from the world. Surrounded by the whisper of history, the rustling of citrus leaves, and the gentle hum of nature, it's a place to take a deep breath, relax completely, and soak in the magic of Sicily.

This is more than a meal, more than a view - it is a journey into the soul of the island, an experience so rare and precious that it will leave an indelible mark on your memory!

Notes



Guided Walk in Ortigia, the Island Within an Island

5:00 PM

Start Time

7:00 PM

End Time

2hr

Duration

Welcome to **Ortigia**, the ancient heart of **Siracusa**, where history, culture, and mythology intertwine in an enchanting symphony of beauty and wonder! This radiant island, steeped in time and legend, invites you to journey through its cobbled streets and uncover its countless treasures.

Begin your adventure at the **Fountain of Arethusa**, a mystical freshwater spring that flows into the sea, embodying the timeless myth of Arethusa and Alphaeus—a tale of love, transformation, and eternal union. As you stand by its waters, you can almost hear whispers of ancient stories carried on the sea breeze.

Ortigia's unique charm lies in its mesmerizing blend of past and present. Lose yourself in its **winding alleys**, where every corner reveals something extraordinary: ancient Greek temples standing side by side with Baroque churches, medieval fortresses guarding its shores, and a vibrant life pulsing through bustling **markets**. These markets overflow with the colors and flavors of Sicily—juicy citrus fruits, aromatic herbs, freshly caught seafood, and handmade delicacies that tantalize your senses. The **Cathedral of Siracusa** is a crown jewel, a breathtaking structure that embodies Ortigia's layered history. Built atop the ancient **Temple of Athena**, its facade radiates Baroque splendor while its interior preserves the essence of Greek antiquity—a powerful testament to centuries of cultural fusion.

As you wander, the island's **panoramic views** will leave you spellbound. The dazzling light dances on the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean, and the golden hues of the island's buildings at sunset evoke a timeless magic!



An Evening at Palazzo Arezzo: Dining Amidst History and Elegance

7:00 PM

Start Time

10:00 PM

End Time

3hr

Duration

Step into the timeless charm of **Palazzo Arezzo**, a historic palace in the heart of Ortigia, Siracusa, where history, art, and gastronomy converge in a singular experience. The grand interiors, adorned with frescoed ceilings, elegant stone staircases, and period furnishings, create an atmosphere of refined intimacy, inviting guests to journey back through centuries of Sicilian heritage.

The culinary experience is a celebration of Sicilian flavors reimagined with contemporary flair. Each dish is crafted from the finest local ingredients — fresh seafood from the Ionian coast, aromatic herbs from nearby gardens, and seasonal produce sourced from traditional markets. The menu blends creativity and tradition, offering an extraordinary tasting experience that engages all the senses.

As you dine, the soft glow of candlelight reflects off historic walls, while the subtle strains of music enhance the enchanting ambiance. Paired with an expertly curated selection of Sicilian wines and spirits, each course tells a story of the island's rich culture, history, and culinary excellence.

A dinner at **Palazzo Arezzo** is more than a meal — it is an immersive experience, where every bite, every detail, and every moment resonates with the elegance, sophistication, and soul of Siracusa.

Notes

Including:

- Private 3 courses dinner with beverage included



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Oct 14

Check In

Oct 16

Check Out

2 Nights

Duration

Grand Hotel Des Etrangers is located in the centre of Ortigia Island and boasts beautiful sea views. It features a restaurant specialising in national cuisine.

Rooms and suites at Grand Hotel Des Etrangers are air conditioned and come with an international TV channels, wooden floors and a private bathroom. Most rooms have a balcony, while some also have sea views.

The hotel restaurant serves the finest Italian dishes. The breakfast room offers panoramic views over Siracusa's coast line, while the Roof Garden has a wonderful terrace for outdoor dining.

The Hotel reveals the perfect balance between tradition and modernity. Each space is different, but everywhere there is a sense of peace and luxury.

Thursday · October 15th



Authentic Sicilian Life in Noto Countryside: Family Lunch Experience at Masseria Feudo S. Alfano

10:00 AM

Start Time

3:00 PM

End Time

5hr

Duration

Welcome to the countryside of **Noto**, where the breathtaking Baroque gives way to the more authentic rural, where the pace is slower and life more minimal. Today you will live an experience that has everything authentic about it: from the places, rural and uneven, to the food, historical and genuine, the fruit of people who from contact with nature and its products have created extraordinary delicacies: the family of **Paolo** is a portrait of the **truest Sicilian history**.

Mr. Antonio and his wife will welcome you to live a unique, exclusive and unconventional experience. You will stroll through their *masseria*, among nature, stories and animals, visit their 19th century parsonage, which has been preserved intact and will give you an unforgettable leap in time.

Finally, you will enjoy a **delicious lunch**, genuine and of exceptional quality, tasting local delicacies such as **ricotta cheese** and **scacce**.

Get ready to experience the real Sicily. The one that goes beyond history, monuments and boundless beauty: it is **the Sicily of the Sicilians**.

Notes

Including:

- Private Transfer
- Family Lunch experience with ricotta and focacce making



Noto Uncovered, A Journey Through Baroque Majesty

3:30 PM

Start Time

6:00 PM

End Time

2hr 30min

Duration

"Noto is one of Europe's most beautifully built cities: this remote little place emerges in memory on a par with Würzburg or Nymphenburg as one of the finest achievements of the age that produced Mozart and Tiepolo."
(Douglas Sladen)

Welcome to **Noto**, the *crown jewel of Sicilian Baroque*! A city like no other, where art and architecture come together to tell a story of rebirth, resilience, and boundless creativity. Declared a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, Noto is a living masterpiece—its elegance and grandeur unmatched across the Mediterranean.

Led by your local guide, strolling through Noto's streets is like stepping into a dream of soft golden light and pastel hues. After a devastating earthquake in 1693, this city rose again in stunning fashion, becoming a triumph of **Baroque artistry**. Majestic staircases lead to ornate churches, their facades so intricate they seem almost carved from lace. Wide avenues unfold into elegant piazzas framed by noble palaces, their sandstone walls glowing pink and gold in the Sicilian sun.

Noto isn't just beautiful - it's magnetic. Its timeless charm has drawn filmmakers and artists from across the globe, serving as the perfect backdrop for masterpieces of Italian cinema.

Highlights of the city include the striking *Palazzo Ducezio*, the stately *Palazzo Vescovile*, and the breathtaking *Cathedral of San Nicolò*, a symbol of the city's indomitable spirit. Every corner reveals another treasure, from the intricate facade of the *Church of San Domenico* to the artistic flair of the *Palazzo Landolina*.

To truly capture the essence of Noto, indulge in one of Sicily's sweetest traditions. End your exploration at one of the city's typical bars with a refreshing **granita** and a warm brioche—a perfect harmony of flavors that mirrors the harmony of the city itself.

Noto is a city to experience, a story to feel, and a memory to cherish forever!

Notes

Including:

- Private transfer
- Up to 2hrs Private English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Granita Tasting

Friday · October 16th



Transfer to Taormina - On the way Catania Tour: Discover "The City of the Elephant"

9:30 AM

Start Time

1:30 PM

End Time

4hr

Duration

Welcome to the second most populated city in Sicily, after Palermo, characterized by an extraordinary artistic and cultural life, on the slopes of the highest volcano in Europe, called "Mamma Etna" by the Catanese.

Catania boasts a millenary history characterized by the succession of various cultures whose vestiges enrich its artistic, architectural and cultural heritage. The baroque style of its historic center has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The charm of Catania is its variety: high architectural, artistic and human complexities blend with one of the most conservative areas of Sicily, where the tradition and authenticity of the island are perpetuated in a lively daily life, among the streets of the city.

A visit to Catania would not be complete without stopping at its vibrant **local market**, where the colors, scents, and flavors of Sicily come alive. Here, fresh produce, seafood, cheeses, and spices are displayed in a lively atmosphere that reflects the heart of everyday Sicilian life. Exploring the market offers a sensory journey and a unique glimpse into local traditions.

The Roman Theater, Via Etna and Piazza del Duomo, with the symbol of the city — "u liotru" (the elephant: hence, "the City of the Elephant") — frame one of the most interesting environments you will find in Sicily.

Notes

Including:

- Private transfer
- Private English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Stop for Sicilian breakfast in Catania



Taormina Walking Tour: Discovering Sicily's Jewel

4:30 PM

Start Time

6:30 PM

End Time

2hr

Duration

If you've heard of Sicily, you've likely heard of **Taormina**—a dazzling gem perched high above the sparkling Mediterranean, celebrated as the “**Pearl of the Mediterranean**.” This enchanting town has long captivated hearts with its stunning natural beauty, historic treasures, and vibrant charm, making it one of the most beloved international destinations in the region.

Taormina's allure stretches back centuries, drawing aristocrats during the **Grand Tour** of the 18th century, and today, its timeless appeal continues to mesmerize modern travelers. The town's crown jewel is the **Ancient Greek Theater**, a breathtaking site that perfectly combines history and natural splendor. As Sicily's second-largest Greek theater, it's a masterpiece of ancient architecture and a living venue that hosts world-class concerts and cultural events, set against a backdrop that's nothing short of spectacular.

From this vantage point, the views are pure magic. To one side, you'll see the serene, crescent-shaped **bay of Giardini Naxos** and the towering majesty of **Mount Etna**, Europe's highest active volcano. Turn the other way, and the coastline stretches toward Messina, with the shimmering **Calabrian shores** just across the water—a sight that will leave you speechless.

But Taormina is much more than its views. Lose yourself in its **picturesque streets**, lined with elegant shops, charming cafes, and blooming balconies. Wander past ancient palaces and hidden courtyards, all steeped in history and Sicilian flair. To truly immerse yourself, explore with a **local guide**, whose insider knowledge and passion for this incredible place will transform your visit into a deeply authentic and unforgettable experience.

Notes

Including:

- Private English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees



Sicilian Secrets: Cooking Class and Dinner at Villa Lawrence in Taormina

6:30 PM

Start Time

9:30 PM

End Time

3hr

Duration

Immerse yourself in the vibrant flavors of Sicily with **Villa Lawrence's** exclusive **private cooking class!**

Under the expert guidance of our **professional chef**, you'll embark on a delightful hands-on culinary journey, mastering traditional Sicilian recipes crafted from the freshest seasonal ingredients.

Midway through, enjoy a relaxing aperitif and tasting session to tantalize your taste buds.

After your kitchen adventure, savor the exquisite four-course meal you've prepared on our private terrace, offering breathtaking sea views.

Enhance your dining experience with a curated selection of **Sicilian wines**, **homemade liqueurs**, and a comforting cup of **coffee or tea**.

To continue your culinary exploration at home, you'll receive detailed **recipes** to recreate these Sicilian masterpieces!

Notes

Including:

- Villa Lawrence: Cooking Class & Dining experience
- Drinks (champagne, wines, liqueurs, soft drinks, coffee)
- Printed recipes to take home



San Domenico Palace, Four Seasons, 'The White Lotus' Hotel - Taormina

39 0942-613111

Piazza San Domenico 5, Taormina, Sicily Island, Italy 98039

Oct 16 · 2:00 PM

Check In

Oct 18 · 11:00 AM

Check Out

2 Nights

Duration

Perched on a rocky promontory high above the Ionian Sea, the iconic **San Domenico Palace** welcomes you to a 14th-century convent reimagined. Swim in our clifftop infinity pool, stroll in magnificent Italian gardens, soak in the history, savour Michelin-starred dining and escape into a Four Seasons world of timeless beauty.

One of the world's most legendary hotels, San Domenico Palace invites you to embark on an epic journey into history. With origins dating back to 1374, this classic Dominican convent was expanded in 1896 to become a hotel, featuring a new building designed in liberty style. For more than a century, San Domenico Palace has welcomed the world's most illustrious guests from Oscar Wilde and King Edward VIII to Elizabeth Taylor, Audrey Hepburn and Sophia Loren.

Now, as Four Seasons, this iconic hotel begins a new era, delivering the highest standards of personalized service. Its grandeur and timeless elegance have attracted attention beyond hospitality circles, notably serving as a captivating backdrop for the award-winning American series "**The White Lotus**."

Saturday · October 17th



Etna Jeep Tour and Etna DOC Winery Experience

9:30 AM

4:30 PM

7hr

Start Time

End Time

Duration

Meeting Point

Hotel Lobby

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure! A rugged Jeep will whisk you from your hotel, accompanied by a seasoned naturalist guide who is eager to unveil the raw majesty of Mount Etna the highest active volcano on the Eurasian plate and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2013!

You'll be blown away by awe-inspiring vistas, postcard-perfect panoramas, a kaleidoscope of colours, and an untouched symphony of sounds far from the bustling crowds! With over 400 craters and trails resembling scenes from a fairy tale, this adventure promises an immersive experience where mind and body harmonise, plunging you into one of nature's most enthralling landscapes.

The incredible beauty of Etna awaits! This is a land like no other in Sicily, where you'll feel like you're stepping into another dimension.

The Etna Jeep tour offers a world of possibilities! Your naturalist guide will give you a briefing at the beginning of the activity, so you can choose the way that best suits you. You can decide on the pace, the amount of hiking, off-road, the most appropriate scenery and the routes to be developed. The tour is private and tailor-made for you!

And the tour's crescendo? A visit to one of the finest Etna DOC Wineries a perfect cap to an extraordinary day!

Notes

Including:

- Etna Jeep experience with English Speaking Driver
- Private English Speaking guide
- Etna DOC Winery experience: wine tasting, visit and lunch



Insights: Santa Maria La Nave Etna Vineyard Exclusive Experience

Santa Maria La Nave has been included by Forbes in the list of 100 Italian Excellences 2024.

Tucked away in the heart of Mount Etna's wineries, Santa Maria La Nave is a sparkling oasis of rejuvenation. It's not just about the wines here it's an experience that's pure luxury! Prepare for the most incredible views, the most romantic atmosphere and the most dedicated perfectionists you'll ever meet!

At the heart of this experience are two things that really matter: wine and uncompromising quality.

This organic vineyard is a treasure trove of Etna's **biodiversity**, creating an exquisite tapestry of excellence in every sip. Behold the incredible attention to detail they lavish on visitors, their boundless enthusiasm a living testament to one of the region's most captivating realities.

Taste their incredible wines, like the *Millesulmare* and *Calmarossa*, which are simply unparalleled in terms of purity and quality. Take a stroll through the vineyards, surrounded by nature's magnificent beauty, and then prepare to be amazed by the incredible view at Santa Maria La Nave!

Raise a glass of the finest wine, savour the aromas of Etna's specialities, and immerse yourself in pure exclusivity!

What else?

Notes



An Evening of Sicilian Elegance at Grand Hotel Timeo, Farewell Dinner at Otto Geleng

7:30 PM

Start Time

10:00 PM

End Time

2hr 30min

Duration

Picture a magical evening on a terrace high above Taormina: bougainvillea in full bloom drapes around eight intimate tables, each set with silver Christofle cutlery and handmade Sicilian embroidered linens. From here, the panorama opens onto the Bay of Naxos below and the majestic silhouette of Mount Etna in the distance — a view that feels like a living painting.

The restaurant, named after the German painter Otto Geleng, evokes the elegance of a noble Sicilian villa. Its culinary voice belongs to chef Roberto Toro, who weaves together the flavors of his native Sicily in a modern and refined way.

You can choose among different tasting menus — for example, “Il mare intorno all’isola,” “Le tre valli siciliane,” or a vegetable-driven menu — or pick à la carte from carefully curated dishes. One signature highlight is the Spaghetti with roasted pepper, prawn, sesame, and lime, a dish that captures both simplicity and inventiveness.

Throughout the meal, a discreet and polished service enhances the sense of exclusivity: with just eight tables, the evening feels private, calm, and deeply personal.

To accompany the food, a wine list of over 400 labels awaits — from Sicilian terroir to French gems and rare local producers.

As the sun dips and the lights soften, the air is filled with the gentle warmth of a clear Sicilian night. Each dish becomes a story, each bite a memory — and the entire dinner feels like a moment suspended in time, between the sea, the mountain, and the timeless soul of Taormina.

Notes



Your private English-speaking driver will be ready to pick you up for a personalized transfer to the airport.

It's time to say goodbye, but it's more like a 'see you later' than a final farewell! We can't wait to welcome you back for another amazing adventure!

Thank you so much for everything!

Until we meet again, Sicily!

Notes

Including:

- Transfer to Catania airport with private English-speaking driver

Airport:

- Catania-Fontanarossa "Vincenzo Bellini" airport is Italy's First airport by domestic traffic.