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The Best of Sicily – 10 Days – Price On Request

TOUR BY PRIVATE MOTORCOACH 10 Days/8 Nights with Buffet Breakfast & Dinner with wine daily, first class hotels in Palermo (4 nights) & Giardini Naxos (4 nights), Guided Sightseeing of Palermo & Monreale, Erice & Marsala, Agrigento & Sciacca, Cefalu & Piazza Armerina, Mount Etna & Taormina, Siracusa with Boat Trip and lunch, and “The Godfather Tour”. Monument Entrance Fees & All Taxes included.

1 Free Air and Land with every 18 paying travelers

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- **Roundtrip Airfare from JFK into Palermo and back from Catania**
- Meeting and assistance upon arrival in Sicily
- Round-Trip airport transfers.
- **10 Days/8 Nights: 4 Nights Palermo and 4 Nights Giardini Naxos, at 4* Hotels**
- **Transportation between Palermo & Giardini Naxos**
- Buffet Breakfasts and Dinner with wine daily
- **7 Sightseeing Tours:** The city of Palermo, Erice & Marsala, Sciacca & Agrigento, Cefalu & Piazza Armerina, Mount Etna & Taormina, Siracusa with Boat Trip and lunch, and “The Godfather Tour” (Savoca & Forza D’Agro’)
- English-speaking Guides
- All Monument Entrance Fees
- Round-trip Airport Transfers and All Taxes

Hotels used or similar

Palermo: Hotel Cristal; Hotel Federico II; Hotel Palazzo Sitano

Giardini Naxos : Hotel Arathena Rocks; Hotel Nike; Hotel Sant’Alphio Garden

ITINERARY

DAY 1: USA- PALERMO (Sicily)

Overnight transatlantic flight to Sicily. Dinner, movies and breakfast on board.

DAY 2: Arrive Palermo

Welcome to Sicily! Arrival in Palermo airport. Meeting and English-speaking assistance and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Welcome dinner with wine at your hotel. Overnight in Palermo. (D)



Palermo

DAY 3: SIGHTSEEING OF PALERMO

Buffet breakfast. Enjoy a morning tour of Palermo, a city full of character, featuring Quattro Canti – a splendid example of Spanish Baroque architecture, the Palace of the Normans and its superb Palatine Chapel, the Cathedral, and the famous Benedictine Abbey of Monreale. Here you will admire a 12th century cathedral, housing very fine mosaics representing a complete cycle of the Old and New Testaments. Afternoon at leisure. In the evening, enjoy a Dinner with wine at your hotel. Overnight in Palermo.

DAY 4: EXCURSION TO ERICE & MARSALA (178 miles)

Buffet breakfast and depart with destination Erice. Visit Erice, a typical medieval village, through its cobblestone streets and artisan shops, the Cathedral "della Madrine", the typical square, numerous churches, the Castle, the Balio Gardens. During your visit you will discover shops of ceramics and more. You cannot miss the chance to taste the typical sweets of the monastic tradition in an old pastry Erice. Some free time at leisure. Continue to the sea town of Marsala, re-discovered in the 18th century by English merchant John Woodhouse and known for its sweet wines. Here, you will visit a local SALT MINE and learn how this local product is extracted and refined. Dinner with wine at your hotel. Overnight in Palermo.

DAY 5: EXCURSION TO SCIACCA & AGRIGENTO (179 miles)



Valle dei Templi, Agrigento, Sicily



Sciacca

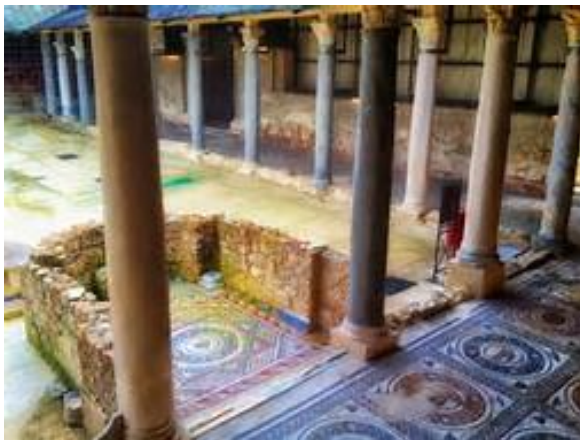
Buffet breakfast and depart for Sciacca for a panoramic tour of the historical centre. Walk between imposing princely palaces and religious buildings: the New Castle or Castle of the Luna counts, the baroque Duomo, dedicated to Saint Mary Magdalene, on the project of the Sciacca architect Michele Blasco, Palazzo Scaglione with its museum, Palazzo Arona- Perollo, the Jesuite College (now the town hall), the San Domenico Church, founded in 1532 by father Tommaso Fazello, Piazza del Popolo or Scandaliato with its view of the port and the Mediterranean Sea, the Santa Margherita Church, built in 1342 at the behest of the infanta Eleonora of Aragona, Palazzo Perollo, the San Salvatore Gate, the Carmine Church, rebuilt in the 1700, the Steripinto Palace, in Catalan plateresque style and the Palermo Gate, surmounted by an eagle with open wings. Continue to Agrigento, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a guided tour of the valley, dating back to the 5th century B.C. The poet Pindar described the site “as the most beautiful city built by mortal men”, The Doric style temples, all constructed within a century, face east, a standard criteria for both Greek and Roman temples so the statue of the god housed in each temple faced the rising sun. The best temple is that of Concordia (similar in design to the Partenon in Athens) which is in an almost perfectly preserved condition. Your local guide will highlight the history and architecture of Concordia and of the other temples that are part of this archaeological treasure-trove. After visiting the Valley of the Temples, Return to Palermo, where you arrive in the evening in time for an enjoyable and relaxing Dinner with wine at your hotel. Overnight in Palermo.

DAY 6: PALERMO – CEFALU - PIAZZA ARMERINA - GIARDINI NAXOS (219 mil)



Cefalu

Buffet Breakfast and **transportation to Giardini Naxos** with a stop to visit CEFALU. We will begin in the city center at Porta Terra. You will have time to visit the Duomo, the Osterio Magno, Porta Terra square, the Medieval lavatory or Mandralisca Museum and the beautiful historical center. Cefalu's town center is small and you can easily walk around to visit this beautiful medieval town. After the visit proceed to the Piazza Armerina, maze of steep streets positively overflowing with the colorful atmosphere of Sicilian life. At nearby Casale, visit the ROMAN VILLA, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and famous for its mosaics including the whimsical "Bikini Girls." At the end of the visit continue to Giardini Naxos. Dinner with wine at your hotel.
Overnight in Giardini Naxos.



Villa Romana del Casale



Piazza Armerina

DAY 7: EXCURSION TO MOUNT ETNA & TAORMINA (77 miles)

Buffet breakfast. Enjoy the excursion to Mount Etna, till 1800 meters and visit the Sylvester Craters where you can enjoy the best views, as you drive through the fertile slopes and villages that sit on ancient volcanic eruptions. Proceed to Taormina for a walking tour of Taormina's charming city center includes the GREEK/ROMAN AMPHITHEATER , dating back to the 3rd century BC, with its spectacular view of Giardini Naxos and Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe.

Dinner with wine at your hotel. Overnight in Giardini Naxos.



Taormina

DAY 8: EXCURSION TO SIRACUSA with boat trip (139 miles)

Buffet breakfast at your hotel and depart to Syracuse. This morning we will have a walking tour of Ortygia (old Syracuse), wandering the narrow streets of the old city where we see the Temple of Apollo, Fountain of Aretusa, the main piazza, and the Duomo, a former Temple of Athena. Free time to explore and to have the possibility to Visit the market and taste some typical specialties. Then we will have a regular boat trip excursion (1 hour) around Ortigia. We sail on board of M/n Linea d'Ombra to discover the charming natural scenery of the Porto Grande, together with places, myths and legends inside this port that from the ancient times was the active center of "the greatest Greek city and the most beautiful of them, as Cicero described Syracuse. Lunch buffet

on board. In the afternoon we will visit the Archaeological Park, including the Greek theatre, Monumental Altar of Hieron II, and the Latomia del Paradiso (quarry with the Ear of Dionysius). Then back to your hotel in Giardini Naxos.
Dinner with wine at your hotel. Overnight in Giardini Naxos.



Siracusa



Giardini Naxos

DAY 9: “THE GODFATHER TOUR” SAVOCA & FORZA D’AGRO (52 miles)

Buffet breakfast at hotel. The tour will begin with a visit to Savoca, one of the most picturesque medieval villages of Sicily, inserted in the circuit of the most beautiful villages in Italy since 2008. Also named Terra Ferace of Gagliardi Ingegneri and Country of Seven Faces, this delightful city of art has been chosen as a set for several important films including *The Godfather*, directed by Francis Ford Coppola. You will start from one of the most important places in Savoca, the Vitelli Bar, then go on a stroll through the alleys of the village, immersed in a suggestive landscaping setting. Admire the ruins of an ancient synagogue, a precious mullion in a pure 15-century style and you will reach the historic center of the country, which, according to some historians, is rooted in Roman times. Visit the church of San Nicolò, built in the 13th century and restructured in the 18th century, where some well-known scenes of the renowned cinematic work were also filmed. The tour will continue with a visit of the crypt of the Convento dei Cappuccini, where some embalmed saints dating back to the 18th and 19th centuries are preserved and exposed. Continue by moving to Forza D’Agrò, immersed in the D’Agrò Valley. During the journey, you will be able to enjoy a breathtaking view and admire the obvious traces of an intense and previous farm activity which took place in the valley thanks to the terraces. You will also be able to enjoy a beautiful panorama that opens towards the Ionian Coast. Here, you will make a small stop to visit the Cathedral of Mary S. Annunziata and Assunta dating back to the 15th century immersing yourself even more in a pure medieval context that exudes the Sicilian tradition at every corner.
Dinner with wine at your hotel. Overnight in Giardini Naxos.



Savoca



Forza D'agro'

DAY 10: GIARDINI NAXOS -CATANIA- USA

After your buffet breakfast this morning, transfer to Catania airport to board your return flight home, arriving later today.

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SuntoursUSA@gmail.com and give us desired dates and city of departure. We'll get
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