



## Itinerary

Splendid Sicilia featuring Palermo, Siracusa and Taormina

Aug 23, 2020 - Aug 31, 2020

### Day 1: Palermo, Italy - Tour Begins



You are on your way to Sicily. Allow yourself to take in the immersive culture, the layers of ancient history, and the incomparable beauty of this sparkling Mediterranean island. Welcome to Palermo (UNESCO), Sicily's vibrant and welcoming capital. Bursting with Arab-Norman architectural masterpieces, this island's history is waiting to be discovered. This evening, come to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner.

#### Hotel

Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa  
Palermo

#### Culinary

Dinner

#### Weather

High 28°  
Low 23°  
Rain 6"

### Day 2: Palermo



Make the most of Palermo this morning because it's your choice! Choose to set out on a panoramic coach tour of Palermo, including views of the Politeama Concert Hall, the Massimo Opera House, the ruins of Palermo's medieval seaside fortifications and Spanish-era City Walls and the imposing exterior of the Palace of the Normans. Your tour includes a visit to the dazzling Monreale Cathedral -OR- stroll the streets of Palermo with a local guide, feeling as if you've stepped back in time as you pass by medieval remnants, picturesque piazzas, and ornate fountains. Make your way inside St. Catherine of Alexandria, a Baroque church where you can sample local pastries baked with the nuns' secret recipe. After your tour, wander through an open-air market displaying traditional Sicilian "street food" before getting a taste of these classics at a local restaurant. Later, visit a medieval palace where a countess welcomes you on a tour of her family's home, joining you for an aperitif and hors d'oeuvres in one of the palace's stunning chambers.

#### Hotel

Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa  
Palermo

#### Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

#### Weather

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### Day 3: Palermo - Cefalù - Sicilian Countryside - Palermo



Journey to the countryside with a local guide and stroll the medieval streets of Cefalù (UNESCO), a seaside town that's home to one of Sicily's most magnificent cathedrals. Embrace Italian country life as you set off to experience a day on a family farm where Sicilian folk music greets you upon arrival. Get a glimpse of the delectable products they make on the farm and observe how they create a Sicilian favourite – ricotta cheese!\* Watch a chef prepare local specialities before getting a taste of the farm's own products with a hearty lunch made from family recipes. Return to Palermo for an evening at leisure.

#### Hotel

Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa

#### Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

#### Weather

High 28°

## Day 4: Palermo - Erice - Agrigento



Today's journey brings you to Agrigento, a coastal hub of preserved Greek temples. Along the way, meander through the town of Erice and roam the streets. Admire the town from an awe-inspiring lookout point at Venus Castle, built upon an ancient Roman temple. Continue on to Agrigento, where you'll have some free time to explore the resort's amenities.

### Hotel

Baia Di Ulisse  
Agrigento

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

High 29°  
Low 24°  
Rain 6"

## Day 5: Agrigento - Taormina



Epic history and stunning scenery lie ahead in the Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), a place filled with ancient Greek ruins. Join an expert on a guided tour as you explore this once-prominent Greek colony and the temples of Juno, Concordia, Hercules and Jupiter. Your journey continues past the Erei Mountains to Sicily's stunning Ionian Coast. The gorgeous coastal city of Taormina is your home for the next four nights.

### Hotel

Hotel Villa Diodoro  
Taormina

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

High 32°  
Low 20°

## Day 6: Taormina



Today, discover Taormina, "the jewel of Sicily." A local guide leads you on a tour of this picturesque city where you'll see the well-preserved Greek theatre, the Duomo and the public gardens. Spend the afternoon on your own in this city perched high above the sea. Perhaps dine at a sidewalk café or shop in the town's boutiques.

### Hotel

Hotel Villa Diodoro  
Taormina

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

High 32°  
Low 20°

## Day 7: Taormina



The entire day is yours to explore! With free time, you can choose to relax on the coast, dig in to Taormina's mouthwatering cuisine, or even take an optional tour to Europe's largest active volcano – Mt. Etna.

### Hotel

Hotel Villa Diodoro  
Taormina

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

High 32°  
Low 20°

## Day 8: Taormina - Siracusa - Taormina



Reflect on the grandeur of ancient Greece whilst uncovering its archaeological treasures in historic Siracusa (UNESCO). An expert shares stories of Siracusa's creation whilst leading you through the Archaeological Park of Neapolis, with its impressive collection of Greek and Roman antiquities. This evening, toast Sicilian culture as you're serenaded by local musicians during dinner.

### Hotel

Hotel Villa Diodoro  
Taormina

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

High 32°  
Low 20°

## Day 9: Taormina - Tour Ends



Your journey through Sicily comes to a close today. Return home with cherished memories of an unforgettable adventure.