



## Sunny Sicily

**DAY ONE:** Welcome to Palermo, the capital city of Sicily. Your guide will assist with your transfer to a hotel located in the heart of the city. Take time to unpack and relax before your afternoon walking tour of this ancient Italian city. The tour today includes the sights of the Norman Palace, Palatine Chapel and the Massimo Theatre. This afternoon includes your first wine tasting.

**DAY TWO:** Your guided excursion this morning includes the attractions of Cefalú. Cefalú has beautiful sandy beaches. The Cefalú Duomo is the most visited local attraction. The Duomo dates to 1131 and the roof structure dominates the town's rooftops. After the Duomo visit you may choose to climb the Rocca and see the splendid ruins of the Tempio di Diana, the ancient megalithic stone structure that dates back to the 5<sup>th</sup>-century BC. The village of Cefalú has interesting alleys to explore while considering the perfect restaurant for lunch. In route to Palermo, a vineyard estate wine tasting has been scheduled for your enjoyment.

**DAY THREE:** The focus today is the beloved cuisine of Sicily. A walking tour includes perusing the medieval street markets, where you will taste cannolis, caponata, olives, honey, pistachios, almonds, capers, artichokes, panella (chickpea cakes), Sicilian pizza, a cheese factory, Sicilian coffee shop and original gelato tasting to cap off the morning. Then roll up your sleeves for your private cooking class and bring an appetite because you will savor every bite of your new Sicilian culinary creations paired with the perfect Sicilian wine.

**DAY FOUR:** Enjoy a picturesque morning drive to Erice. Upon arrival in Erice... stretch your legs with a casual stroll through the medieval cobbled streets of the village while your guide explains the rich historical folklore of the region. Marzipan and almond cookies are favorites in Erice and your tour today includes a visit to a world-famous pastry shop. Your day continues to the villages of Marsala and Trapani. Marsala and Trapani are perfect venues for a fresh seafood lunch with tasteful delicious Sicilian wine. Before returning to Palermo, take time to bury your toes in the warm sand at Mondello, the city's best beach area.

**DAY FIVE:** After breakfast, look forward to a full day of wine tasting and winery touring near Palermo. Many of the local wineries are owned by Italians on large, incredibly beautiful vineyard estates. These scheduled tastings will include sampling olive oil, vineyard lunch and close the day with a magnificent on site winery dinner.

**DAY SIX:** Your day begins in Monreale, where you will see one of the most beautiful temples in the Italy. You will also see the Cloister before a drive to Menfi for a delightful winery tour and tasting. Next you will drive to Agrigento and look forward to an enjoyable day at a waterfront hotel.

**DAY SEVEN:** Begin your day with a tour through the Valley of the Temples and continue inland on a scenic drive to Sant'Angelo Muxaro. Sant'Angelo Muxaro is a beautiful village perched on a hill above the Platani River. Your day includes a Sicilian bread and pizza class. Lunch will follow the completion of your pizza class. The afternoon features a wine estate wine tasting in route to Taormina. Taormina will provide an evening of lovely serene ocean views from your boutique hotel nestled on a hilltop Taormina street.

**DAY EIGHT AND NINE:** For the next two days you have time to relax, read, and explore beautiful Taormina. Consider time at the hotel pool and spa, walk the beautiful beaches or see the famous and historical sites. The time is yours to do as you wish. Your guide is available to answer questions as they apply to the local village.

**DAY TEN:** Today's excursion includes travel to Catania, via Mount Etna. See present day lava flows and interesting craters before visiting two Mount Etna wine estates. Later in the afternoon you will arrive in Catania, where you can walk the lovely streets lined with open-air markets. This will be the perfect opportunity to pick up any last souvenirs and gifts before your journey home in the morning.

**DAY ELEVEN:** Say Good-Bye to your new Sicilian friends as you prepare for a flight home!

#### **LAND QUOTE**

#### **RATE PER PERSON:**

Vacation Price Starting at: **\$4,400.00** USD per person double occupancy.

#### **EXACT VACATION QUOTE:**

Will be calculated based on dates of travel, hotel category and transportation type.