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SICILY

Exclusive pathways across Sicily's timeless ancient ruins and sun-drenched Mediterranean coasts, where legendary history and vibrant island traditions weave together into bespoke Italian experiences.

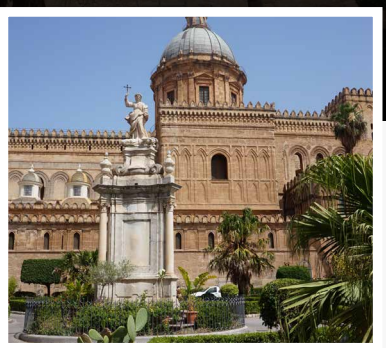
ARNO EXPERIENCES



A DAY IN PALERMO







Discover Palermo through its extraordinary mix of history, architecture, street food and craftsmanship. Explore the city's Arab-Norman treasures with a private guide, taste authentic Sicilian specialties and step inside traditional artisan workshops to experience Palermo's living heritage.

Duration:

Full day

What is included:

- Private transportation from/to your Palermo hotel and as needed throughout the tour
- Professional licensed English-speaking guide for the day
- Guided Tour of the historic center
- Entrance fees to Palazzo dei Normanni
- Entrance fees to the Cathedral
- Guided tour of the artisans workshops
- Tasting of typical local products
- Lunch is not included. Palermo offers an enormous range of typical restaurants, cafés and trattorias; we recommend you select your preference on site directly; your guide is at disposal for suggestions and, if needed, assist with booking.

FULL EXPERIENCE

Palaces, cupolas and sensational local fare... Palermo is a metropolis like no other! Discover the city's many marvels led by a dedicated private guide, take a genuine insider's view of the local heritage and relish its authentic flavor.
Palermo has always been a crossroads of civilizations: inhabited by Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans and Bourbons, the city boasts a rich and dramatic history and superb art. Admire the city's main landmarks, such as the celebrated Teatro Massimo, renowned for the final scene of The Godfather Part III, Teatro Politeama and Piazza Marina.
Dive into the history of Palermo with a visit to Palazzo dei Normanni, headquarters of Sicily's regional parliament. Dating back to the 9th century, the palace boasts superb frescoes and the magnificent, world-renowned Cappella Palatina. Let your guide lead you into Palermo's glorious Cathedral, the Duomo, an iconic example of Sicily's Arab-Norman architecture. Built starting in 1184, it features a fascinating variety of decorative styles and houses the royal Norman tombs and the gem-studded treasures of the cathedral treasury, including Costanza d'Aragona's striking gold filigree crown.
During the day, join the locals for a taste of Palermo's legendary street food, including deep-fried arancine and chickpea panelle, and enjoy an insider's view of the city's vibrant artisan spirit. Discover Palermo's innate charm and one of its most authentic features by visiting characteristic craft shops, havens of traditional local heritage. Watch skilled artisans at work and learn about the centuries-old techniques behind some of Sicily's most distinctive crafts, from brightly painted wooden carts to fascinating pupi, the famous Sicilian marionettes.

A DAY IN PALERMO AND MONREALE







Discover the extraordinary heritage of Palermo and Monreale on a private journey through Sicily's Arab-Norman legacy. Explore Palermo's historic landmarks, taste its iconic street food and continue to the spectacular Cathedral of Monreale, celebrated for its dazzling mosaics and breathtaking hilltop setting.

Duration:

Full day

What is included:

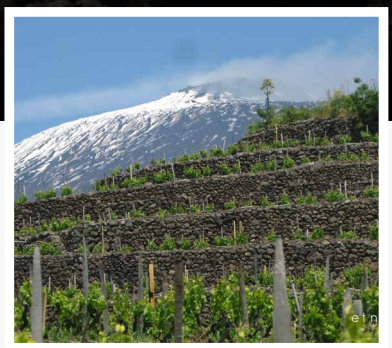
- Mercedes Sedan and driver full day
- Private guide full day
- Guided Tour of the historic center of Palermo
- Entrance fees to Palazzo dei Normanni
- Entrance fees to the Cathedral of Palermo and Monreale
- Tasting of typical local products

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During the day, join the locals for a taste of Palermo's legendary street food, including deep-fried arancine and chickpea panelle.
Then step off the beaten path and discover one of Sicily's most resplendent gems: Monreale, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to some of the finest examples of Sicilian Arab-Norman architecture, set against spectacular mountain landscapes. The hillside town of Monreale is home to one of Sicily's greatest cultural treasures, the magnificent Monreale Cathedral. Follow your guide through this breathtaking church, a sublime blend of Norman, Arab, Byzantine and classical elements, and prepare to be dazzled by its extraordinary mosaics. After visiting the Cathedral, admire the exquisite cloister, where fine Romanesque arches rest on slender decorated columns, and stroll through the town to enjoy lovely views of the surrounding mountains.



A VOLCANIC DAY!







Escape the crowds and explore the wild beauty of Mount Etna on a private Jeep adventure through Sicily's volcanic landscapes. Discover lava fields, forests and vineyards with a local naturalistic guide, then enjoy a rustic lunch and Etna wines at a charming winery.

Duration:

Full day

What is included:

- Private transportation from/to your hotel in Taormina and throughout the tour
- Professional licensed English-speaking naturalistic guide
- Guided Jeep Tour of Mount Etna
- Visit and typical rustic lunch at a winery on the slopes of Mount Etna

FULL EXPERIENCE

Away from the crowds and into the sunshine... take an exciting scenic drive up the slopes of Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe and Italy's highest mountain south of the Alps! Our enticing Mount Etna Safari allows you to admire sensational landscapes and savor the authentic Sicilian Dolce Vita during a memorable day spent exploring Mount Etna, one of the world's most spectacular natural wonders, with the privilege of private transportation, a dedicated naturalistic guide and an exciting mountain-side adventure aboard a sturdy state-of-the-art Jeep. Along the way your dedicated guide, a local naturalistic expert, will tell you all about the imposing volcano, today a national park (Parco dell'Etna) and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Travel up the famously fiery mountain with a rumble on your Jeep, zigzag through places inaccessible to most vehicles, explore the most stunning and interesting parts of the slopes and discover a captivating wonderland of sounds, scents and colors.

Comprising 590 sq. km and about 20 towns, the park's varied landscape ranges from the stark snow-crowned mountaintop and lunar lava deserts to thick woods, bountiful orchards and luxuriant vineyards, which yield the area's amazing fresh produce and premium wines.

Get to know the extraordinary characteristics of this unique natural environment and enjoy an unforgettable firsthand experience stopping at a charming Etna winery for a typical rustic lunch. Meet the winery staff, roam the grounds and discover the one-of-a-kind wines and superb vegetables that grow here, thanks to the rich, dark volcanic soil and altitude.

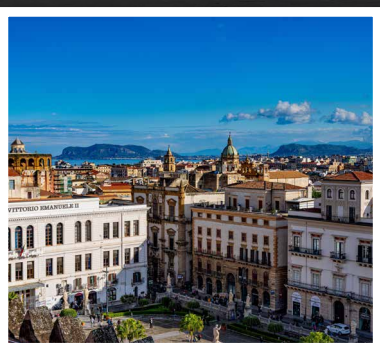
Crown your day indulging your taste buds with the exceptional flavors of home-cooked local dishes.



HALF DAY TOUR OF PALERMO







Discover Palermo, a city shaped by centuries of cultures, from Phoenician and Arab influences to Norman and Baroque grandeur. Explore its iconic landmarks with a private guide, uncover hidden corners and admire the extraordinary blend of architecture, art and history that makes Sicily's capital truly unique.

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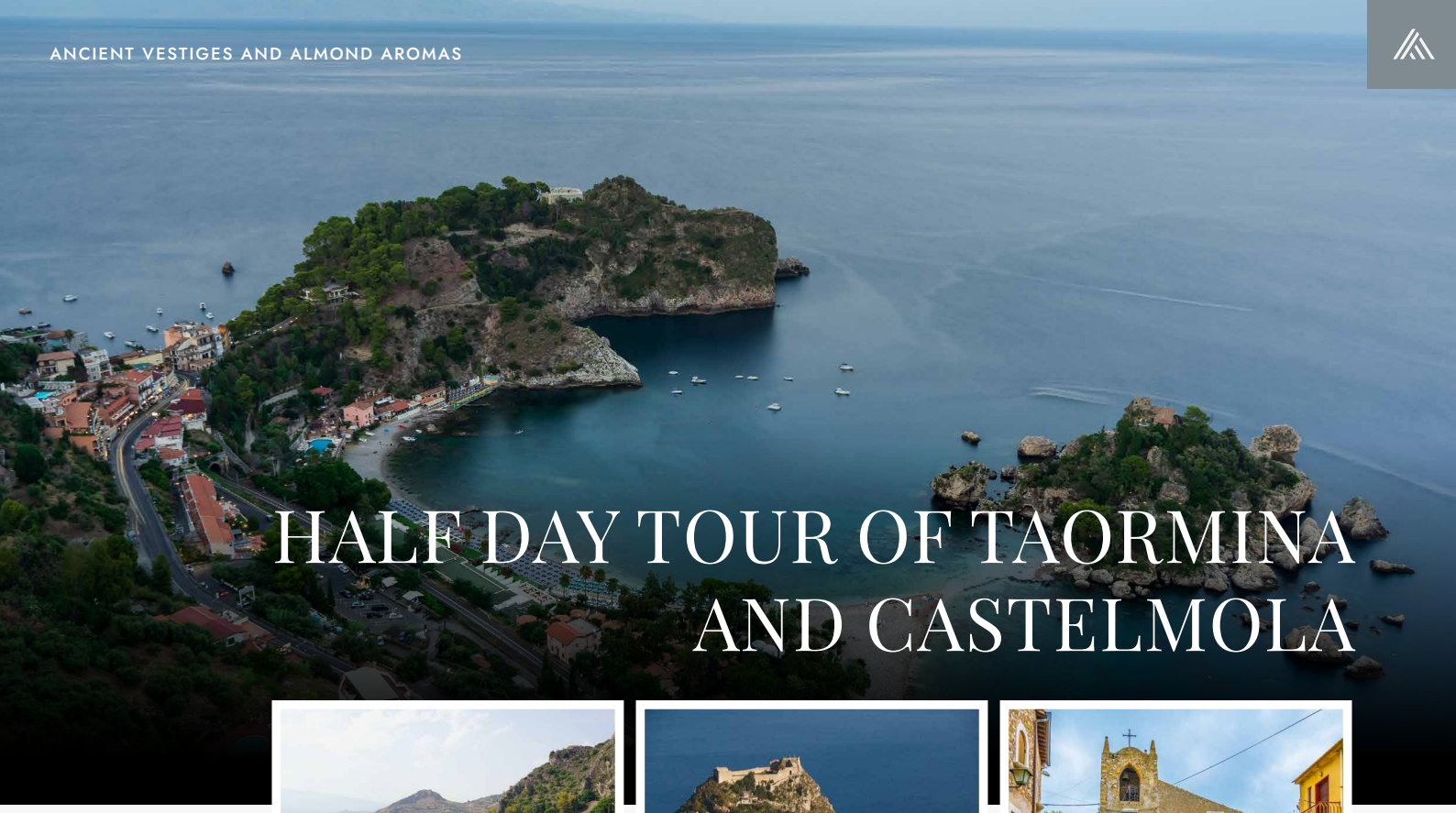
4 hours

What is included:

- Private transportation from/to your Palermo hotel and as needed throughout the tour
- Professional licensed English-speaking guide
- Guided Tour of the historic center
- Entrance Tickets to Palazzo dei Normanni
- Entrance Tickets to the Cathedral

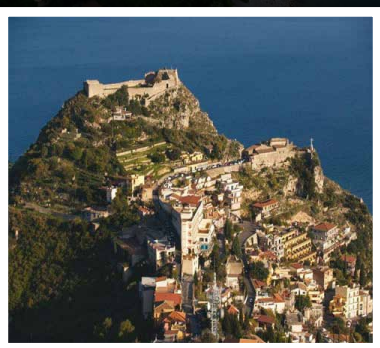
FULL EXPERIENCE

Moorish domes, frescoed cupolas, Byzantine mosaics and genuine local flair... discover the majesty and flamboyance of Palermo, a metropolis like no other.
Spend an unforgettable day exploring this surprising city led by the knowledge and personal attention of your dedicated private guide.
Roam the historic center's bustling streets, discover hidden viewpoints and learn all about the city. Rising in a strategic position, Palermo has always been a crossroads of civilizations: inhabited and dominated by Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans and Bourbons. Renowned for its noble family feasts, colorful traditional markets and 20th-century Art Nouveau, the city boasts a rich and dramatic history, superb artistic masterpieces and a diverse centuries-old heritage.
Admire the city's main landmarks, such as Teatro Massimo, one of the most well-known and photographed attractions in Palermo and famously featured in the final scene of The Godfather Part III, Teatro Politeama and splendid Piazza Marina.
Dive into Palermo's history and legends with a visit to Palazzo dei Normanni, headquarters of Sicily's regional parliament. Dating back to the 9th century, the stately palace boasts spectacular frescoes in its royal apartments and the magnificent, world-renowned Cappella Palatina.
Let your guide lead you through Palermo's glorious Cathedral, the Duomo, an iconic example of Sicily's Arab-Norman architecture. Built starting in 1184 and modified, expanded and enriched throughout the centuries, it features a fascinating variety of decorative styles, from elaborate crenellations and maiolica cupolas to geometric patterns and arches.
Inside, discover the royal Norman tombs and the cathedral treasury's precious treasures, including Costanza d'Aragona's striking gold filigree crown and the reliquary of Santa Rosalia.



HALF DAY TOUR OF TAORMINA AND CASTELMOLA







Discover two of Sicily's most enchanting hilltop gems on a private journey through Taormina and Castelmola. Explore Taormina's ancient Greek Theatre and charming streets, then continue to Castelmola for spectacular views of Mount Etna and the sea, crowned by a taste of traditional almond wine.

Duration:

4 hours

What is included:

- Professional licensed English-speaking guide for 4 hours
- Entrance Tickets to the Greek Theatre
- Private transportation as needed throughout the tour
- Typical almond wine tasting

FULL EXPERIENCE

Admire the sights and enjoy a genuine taste of the Sicilian Dolce Vita! Discover enchanting, history-filled Taormina and Castelmola. Meet your dedicated private guide and start your day visiting resplendent Taormina, a veritable Sicilian jewel. Perched in an outstanding position on the mountainside, Taormina boasts a stunning ancient theatre and breathtaking views of the gleaming sea. Follow your guide through the colorful village streets and learn all about its centuries-old history. Founded in the 4th century BC, thriving and rich under Greek and Roman rule, Taormina fell into obscurity when conquered by the Normans. It grew prosperous again in the 18th century, when it became one of the destinations of well-to-do Grand Tour travelers, among them D. H. Lawrence and Goethe.

Visit the impressive ancient Greek Theatre, the second largest Greek theatre in Sicily. Built by the Greeks in the 3rd century B.C. using local blocks of stone, it was later extended and restored by the Romans. Learn all about the theatre from your guide and discover its fascinating details, including the remains of the columns that once decorated the stage, the two ample spaces anciently used as changing rooms and the musicians' area in the lower part of the stage.

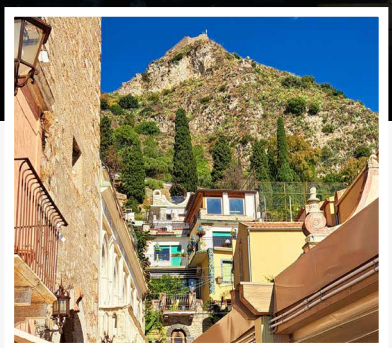
After exploring Taormina, enjoy a panoramic drive to tiny, quaint Castelmola, a bewitching medieval village perched on the hillside. Built on the ruins of an ancient Norman castle, this iconic village offers commanding 360° views of the surrounding landscape.

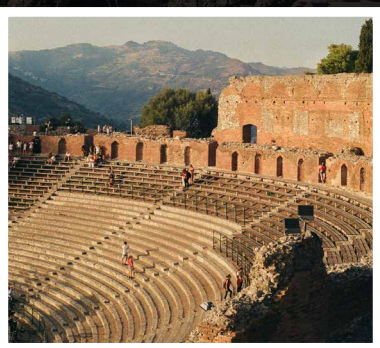
Admire Mount Etna and the glistening sea from this dazzling "natural terrace", see the lovely cathedral, stroll across the exquisite town square and wander through the narrow streets. Finally, enjoy a memorable taste of Sicily with a glass of traditional local almond wine.

Memorable vistas, ancient vestiges and heavenly flavors... this is dream-like Sicily!



HALF DAY TOUR OF TAORMINA







Discover Taormina, a timeless Sicilian gem where ancient history, breathtaking views and charming streets come together.

Duration:

2 hours

What is included:

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 2 hours
- Entrance Tickets to the Greek Theatre

FULL EXPERIENCE

Travel back in time, roam down picturesque streets and capture sensational views! Discover enchanting Taormina, a charming town and one of Sicily's most popular summer destinations. Perched in an outstanding position on the mountainside it boasts a stunning ancient theatre and simply breathtaking views of the gleaming sea. Follow your dedicated private guide through the colorful village streets, discover hidden viewpoints and learn all about its centuries-old history. Founded in the 4th century BC, thriving and rich under Greek and Roman rule Taormina fell into obscurity when conquered by the Normans. It grew prosperous again only in the 18th century, when it became one of the most alluring destinations of the well-to-do Grand Tour travelers, among which DH Lawrence and Goethe. Journey across antiquity visiting the ancient Greek Theatre, one of the most impressive of all Sicilian landmarks and the second largest Greek theatre in Sicily. Built by the Greeks in the 3rd century B.C. using local blocks of stone, and then extended and restored by the Romans, it is divided in three parts, the stage, the orchestra and the audience seating. Learn all about the theatre from your guide and see the details: the parts of the columns that once decorated the stage, the two ample spaces anciently used as changing rooms and the musicians' area in the lower part of the stage. Memorable visions of antiquity and bewitching atmospheres, exquisite cobble-paved alleys and glimpses of eternity... Taormina is pure enchantment!

HALF DAY TOUR OF THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES







Step into the ancient world and discover the extraordinary Valley of the Temples, where Greek history, mythology and monumental architecture meet.

Duration:

Half day

What is included:

- Private transportation from/to the Verdura Resort
- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for the tour
- Entrance fees to the archaeological site

FULL EXPERIENCE

Just imagine a splendid archaeological park comprising an ancient city of mythological origin, fascinating Akragas, and eight spectacular temples built between about 510 BC and 430 BC. Experience the thrill of an authentic journey back in time during an enticing half day in the Valley of the Temples, Sicily's most enchanting and complete archaeological site, with the privilege and comforts of private transportation and dedicated private guide assistance. Travel across the Sicilian countryside and dive into antiquity! Roam alongside centuries-old ruins following your guide's lead, discover the area's eventful history through its impressive remnants. Admire the architectural grandeur of the Temple of Hera's and Temple of Heracles' amazing colonnades, wander in and around the 6th century Temple of Heracles' ruins, see the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Temple of Castor and Pollux, the Temple of Hephaestos, the Temple of Demeter, and the Temple of Asclepius (the God of Medicine) and prepare to be surprised by the stunning Temple of Concordia: so perfect that it was used as a model for the UNESCO logo it has survived virtually intact and unspoiled ever since it was constructed, in 430 BC!



MARSALA AND MOZIA







Discover Marsala and the ancient island of Mozia, where salt, wine, history and Phoenician heritage meet along Sicily's enchanting western coast.

Duration:

Full day

What is included:

- Private transportation from/to your Palermo hotel and as needed throughout the tour
- Professional licensed English-speaking guide for the day
- Guided Tour of Marsala and Mozia
- Premium local wine tasting in Marsala
- Entrance fees to the Marsala Salt Museum
- Lunch is not included. The area offers a wide range of attractive typical restaurants, cafés and trattorias; we recommend you select your preference on site directly; your guide is at disposal for suggestions and, if needed, assist with booking.

FULL EXPERIENCE

Gleaming marble, sweet wines and an ancient island in a lagoon. Discover Marsala and Mozia, among the most alluring of Sicily's many attractions. Enjoy a journey along the ancient Salt Route and through the centuries with the privilege and comforts of private transportation and dedicated private guide assistance throughout the day. Start your day in Marsala, a beautiful historic town internationally famous for its delectable namesake sweet wines and site of one of Italy's most important historic feats, the landing of Garibaldi with his 1000 men in 1860. Explore the delightful town center's marble-paved streets flanked by superb baroque buildings and enjoy the cheerful atmosphere. Crown your visit with an enlightening insider's view of the town's two roaring trades, sea salt and wine production, visiting the Salt Museum and tasting the luscious local flagship wine, premium Marsala. Continue your journey along the ancient Salt Route and savor the view: the gleaming white hills shimmering in the sun are not snow-capped, they are hills of salt! Travel to the Stagnone Nature Reserve, a shallow windmill-framed lagoon which houses a curious mini-archipelago with a striking "centerpiece": the tiny island of San Pantaleo, site of ancient Mozia, a magical Phoenician archeological site. Follow your guide and marvel at the stunning historical legacy. Once a flourishing commercial town Mozia was completely destroyed in the 4th century BC the site, and forgotten for centuries, until Joseph Whitaker, a Sicilian-English ornithologist and exporter of Marsala wine, started digging enthusiastically, allowing the rediscovery of Mozia's past, and the creation of the Whitaker museum, an extensive collection of archaeological remnants.



MONREALE AND CEFALÙ







Discover Monreale and Cefalù, two Sicilian gems where Arab-Norman heritage, breathtaking mosaics and enchanting coastal landscapes come together.

Duration:

Full day

What is included:

- Private transportation from/to your Palermo hotel and as needed throughout the tour
- Professional licensed English-speaking guide for the day
- Guided Tour of Monreale and Cefalù
- Entrance fees to Monreale Cathedral
- Entrance fees to Cefalù Cathedral
- Lunch is not included. Both towns offer an enormous range of typical restaurants, cafés and trattorias; we recommend you select your preference on site directly; your guide is at disposal for suggestions and, if needed, assist with booking.

FULL EXPERIENCE

Step off the beaten path and discover two of Sicily's most resplendent gems, Monreale and Cefalù, with the comfort of private transportation and privilege of dedicated private guide assistance throughout the day. Both UNESCO Heritage Sites the two cities boast some of the most remarkable examples of Sicilian Arab-Norman architecture, and offer spectacular landscapes. Enjoy the privilege of traveling by private transportation throughout the whole day, savor the ride and take in the views. Start your day in the hillside town of Monreale, home to one of Sicily's greatest cultural treasures, the Monreale Cathedral. Follow your guide through this breathtaking church, a sublime blend of Norman, Arab, Byzantine and classical elements, and prepare to be surprised by the mosaics. Created in only 10 years these stunning shimmering masterpieces depict a variety of biblical tales, from the creation of man to the Assumption, in 42 different episodes, including Noah's ark perched atop the waves and the story of Adam and Eve. After visiting the Cathedral admire the exquisite Arab-style cloister, where fine Romanesque arches rest on slender decorated columns, and stroll through the town for lovely views of the mountainous surroundings. Then set off to discover lovely Cefalù, a rare blend of diverse attractions: one of Sicily's finest sandy beaches right by one of the island's greatest Arab-Norman masterpieces! Follow your guide across the town's delightful medieval squares and cobbled streets (so fascinating and iconic that director Giuseppe Tornatore filmed parts of his "Cinema Paradiso" here!) and visit the stupendous Cathedral, world-renowned for its astonishing mosaics, learning about its eventful history. Crown your day with a stroll down to the evocative little port lined by fishing boats, or along the airy lungomare (seafront promenade).



PALERMO CITY AND FOOD TOUR







Discover Palermo through its Baroque architecture, vibrant markets, street food and centuries-old artisan traditions.

Duration:

4 hours

What is included:

- Private transportation from/to your Palermo hotel and as needed throughout the tour
- Professional licensed English-speaking guide for 4 hours
- Guided Tour of the historic center
- Guided tour of the artisans workshops
- Tasting of typical local products.

FULL EXPERIENCE

Elaborate Baroque churches and palaces, date palms and dizzying open-air markets... explore Palermo, a bustling and surprising city, led by a dedicated private guide. Enjoy a genuine insider's view of the local crafts heritage and savor tempting local specialties! Inhabited by Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans, and Bourbons Palermo has always been a crossroad of civilizations and boasts a dramatic history, superb art and a rich centuries-old heritage. Admire the city's main landmarks, such as the Teatro Massimo, one of the most well-known and photographed attractions in the city (and renowned for the final scene of The Godfather n.3!), Teatro Politeama, and splendid Piazza Marina. Learn all about the local history and legends, admire the stately Palazzo dei Normanni, headquarters of Siciliy's regional parliament, and glorious Cathedral, an iconic example of Arab-Norman architecture. Follow your guide through the picturesque streets of the historic center, join the locals for a delicious bite of local street food delights, such as deep-fried arancina and chickpea panelle, and get an enlightening insider's view of the city's manifold artisan spirit. Roam the voice-filled alleys to unveil one of the city's most attractive and authentic features: the characteristic craft shops, havens of the traditional local heritage. Enjoy the exclusive privilege of seeing skilled artisans at work, see the loving care with which they carve, paint and assemble, and learn about the centuries-old techniques used to make the most renowned local crafts, veritable icons of Sicilian folk iconography: the ornate brightly painted carretti, carved wooden wagons, and fascinating pupi, the famous Sicilian marionettes masterfully made using wood, and splendidly clad with clothes and metal armors!

RAGUSA AND MODICA







Discover Ragusa and Modica, two enchanting Baroque towns where timeless architecture, winding streets and the irresistible taste of artisan chocolate come together.

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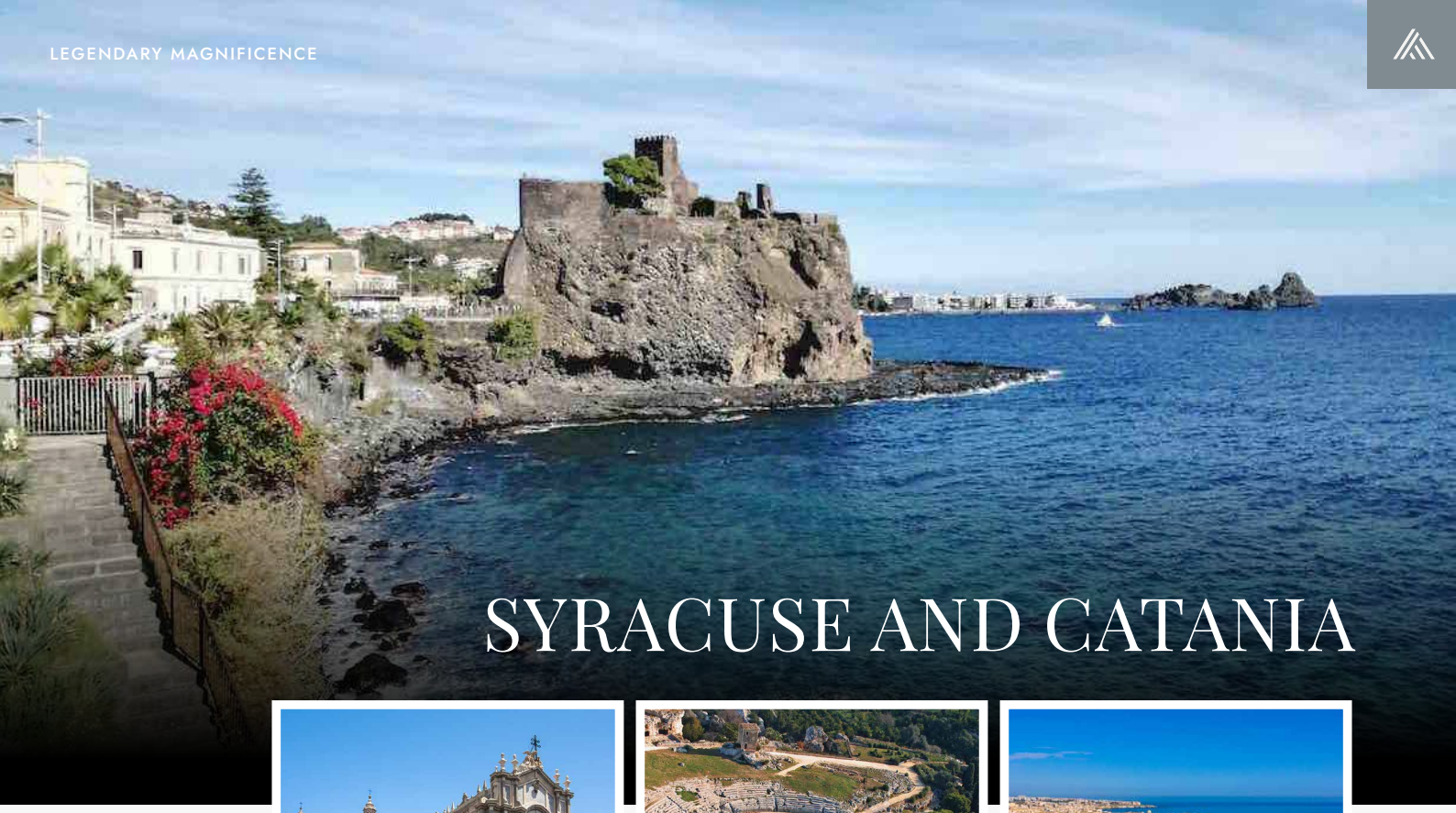
Full day

What is included:

- Private transportation from/to your hotel in Taormina and throughout the day as needed
- Professional licensed English-speaking guide for the day
- Guided tour of Ragusa and Modica
- Visit to a chocolate factory in Modica, and tasting
- Lunch is not included. Both cities offer an attractive selection of delightful restaurants, cafés and trattorias; we recommend you select your preference on site directly; your guide is at disposal for suggestions and, if needed, assist with booking.

FULL EXPERIENCE

Narrow alleyways and mysterious staircase-like streets, unexpected palm-lined piazzas, dazzling golden-hued churches and the flavor of heavenly artisan-crafted chocolate… spend a memorable day discovering Ragusa and Modica, two of Sicily's most atmospheric cities! Dive into baroque magnificence and enjoy an authentic taste of Sicilian Dolce Vita with the privilege of private transportation and dedicated private guide assistance throughout the day. Savor the ride traveling to charming Ragusa, a town of two souls which rises nestled between the area's characteristic rocky peaks. Follow your guide through the town and learn that when the ancient Ragusa Ibla was destroyed by the devastating 1693 earthquake the inhabitants built modern Ragusa, a "sensible" town, higher up on the mountainside, and also managed to restore ancient Ibla, recreating centuries-old magnificence. Roam Ibla's sloping labyrinth of knotted alleys with your guide, marvel at the balcony-studded baroque palaces. Discover the squares, embellished by grand staircases which lead up to beckoning churches, and admire the shady public gardens. Then travel on to discover Modica, a fascinating town filled with fine late-baroque architecture and famous throughout the world for its extraordinary chocolate. Discover the main landmarks, including the Duomo di San Pietro and striking San Giorgio with its twin staircases flanked by gardens swarming with roses, wisteria and palms. Crown your day with a visit to an ancient chocolate factory, to discover and taste world-famous Modica chocolate, still produced according to the traditional techniques used by the Aztechs! Rich, dark and crumbly it is "spiced up" with a large range of delicious flavors, from vanilla to chili pepper and sea salt. Enjoy a full insider's view of the processing phases and savor the premium house products during a memorable tasting.



SYRACUSE AND CATANIA







Discover Syracuse and Catania, two extraordinary Sicilian cities where ancient history, Baroque architecture and the enduring presence of Mount Etna meet.

Duration:

Full day

What is included:

- Private transportation from/to your hotel in Taormina and throughout the day as needed
- Professional licensed English-speaking guide for the day
- Entrance fees to the Archeological Area of Syracuse
- Lunch is not included. Both cities offer an attractive selection of delightful restaurants, cafés and trattorias; we recommend you select your preference on site directly; your guide is at disposal for suggestions and, if needed, assist with booking.

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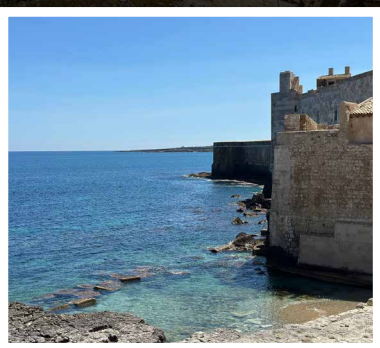
Honey-colored avenues, stunning views and dazzling baroque. Airy, filled with light and life Syracuse and Catania are extraordinary windows on the ancient history of Europe. Enjoy an unforgettable day discovering these two awe-inspiring cities with the comfort of private transportation and privilege of dedicated private guide assistance throughout the day. Savor the ride and the views traveling to Syracuse, an icon of timeless Sicilian beauty. Follow your guide learning about the city's history and bewitching legends. Built on an ancient Greek settlement in 734 BC, Syracuse was the largest city in the ancient world. Visit the city's extensive archeological site, a rare treasure chest of temples and amphitheaters, and discover the exquisite island of Ortygia: located across the water from the mainland it is an enchanting eclectic maze of ancient medieval alleys. After exploring Syracuse travel on to magnetic Catania, an evocative and energetic city. Follow your guide's lead through the sweeping UNESCO-listed city center, shadowed by Mount Etna's stately presence and studded by black and white palaces and a display of striking churches. Peek into the alluring cafés and restaurants, admire the main landmarks such as the stately opera house named after the great local composer Bellini and fascinating Fountain of the Elephant. As the legend goes the elephant belonged to Eliodorus, a magician which transformed people into animals... today the obelisk is said to have magical powers that "relax" the Etna's fiery temperament! Admire the city's Cathedral, the famed Cattedrale di Sant'Agata named for the city's patron saint. Built between 1734 and 1761 it boasts a striking dome with columns.



SYRACUSE AND NOTO







Discover Syracuse and Noto, two Sicilian treasures where ancient history, sun-kissed limestone and extraordinary Baroque architecture create an unforgettable journey.

Duration:

Full day

What is included:

- Private transportation from/to your hotel in Taormina and throughout the day as needed
- Professional licensed English-speaking guide for the day
- Entrance fees to the Archeological Area of Syracuse
- Entrance fees to the Noto Cathedral
- Lunch is not included. Both cities offer an attractive selection of delightful restaurants, cafés and trattorias; we recommend you select your preference on site directly; your guide is at your disposal for suggestions and, if needed, assist with booking

FULL EXPERIENCE

Honey-colored avenues, citrus orchards, dazzling palaces and churches. Syracuse and Noto are the quintessence of baroque magnificence. Enjoy an unforgettable day discovering the two cities with the privilege of private transportation and dedicated private guide assistance throughout the day. Savor the ride and the views traveling to Syracuse, an icon of timeless Sicilian beauty. Follow your guide learning about the city's history and bewitching legends. Built on an ancient Greek settlement in 734 BC (BCE), Syracuse was the largest city in the ancient world. Take a voyage into the past visiting the city's extensive archeological site, a rare treasure chest of temples and amphitheaters. Discover the exquisite island of Ortygia, located across the water from the mainland, an enchanting eclectic maze of ancient medieval alleys. After exploring Syracuse travel inland to Noto, and discover the town's hypnotically gorgeous historic center, an archetype of baroque architecture. Completely destroyed by a devastating earthquake in 1693 it was rebuilt by three architects, Labisi, Sinatra and Gagliardi, who decided to create a town built according to baroque ideals: a perfectly proportioned urban center divided into three parts by three roads running east to west, so as to be always exposed to the sunlight. Follow your guide and see how the main building material used, local limestone, soaks sunrays in turning them into a soft honey-golden light. Stroll down the town's lovely main road, Corso Vittorio Emanuele, lined by superb baroque palaces, public gardens and main landmarks such as the Santissimo Salvatore Monastery, Palazzo Ducrezio and the Church of San Francesco. Stop at the splendid Cathedral for a visit. Standing on top of a monumental staircase it boasts a lovely façade with baroque motifs and houses the silver urn of San Corrado, the city's patron saint.



TRAPANI, ERICE AND SEGESTA







Discover Trapani, Erice and Segesta, three legendary Sicilian destinations where ancient mythology, medieval charm and extraordinary archaeological treasures meet.

Duration:

Full day

What is included:

- Private transportation from/to your Palermo hotel and as needed throughout the tour
- Professional licensed English-speaking guide for the day
- Guided Tour of Trapani, Erice and Segesta
- Entrance fees to the Segesta archeological site
- Lunch is not included. The area offers a wide range of attractive typical restaurants, cafés and trattorias; we recommend you select your preference on site directly, your guide is at your disposal for suggestions and, if needed, assist with booking.

FULL EXPERIENCE

Spend an unforgettable day exploring Trapani, Erice and Segesta, legendary spots rich in historical reminiscences, with the comfort of private transportation and privilege of dedicated private guide assistance throughout the day. Savor the ride and the views traveling to Trapani, a charming town nestled around the harbor where Peter of Aragon landed in 1282. Visit the ancient town, learning about its important heritage – coral, tuna fishing and sea salt production - and fascinating mythological origin: as the legend goes the town was born when a giant scythe fell off Demeter's chariot, and formed a tongue of land on which the ancient "Drepanon" was founded. Continue your voyage into mythology traveling up the legendary mountain of Eryx, (750 mt. above sea level!) to Erice, a spellbinding medieval walled village where time seems to have come to a stop. Follow your guide's lead to discover this tiny fascinating tiny and admire magnificent sweeping views of the Trapani port, sea and valleys below. Roaming the town learn all about its founders, the Elymians, and the important role it had as a sanctuary: once the village was a centre for the cult of Venus, and the goddess' son, Aeneas, mentions the sanctuary as a holy landmark in the Aeneid. Crown your day with a memorable visit to mesmerizing Segesta, one of the world's most magical ancient sites. Rising on the edge of a canyon among stark mountains the site dates back to the 5th century BC and, nowadays, comprises the ruins of a stunning roofless Doric Temple built by the Elymians and an awe-inspiring semicircular theatre. Set in an outstanding position, perched high atop a hill at 400 mt. above sea level, the temple, and views from it, are simply sensational.



VILLA ROMANA DEL CASALE AND PIAZZA ARMERINA







Step into ancient Sicily at Villa Romana del Casale, then wander through the charming streets of Piazza Armerina for an authentic taste of the island's history and local life.

Duration:

5 hours

What is included:

- Private transportation from/to the Verdura Resort and as needed throughout the tour
- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for visit of Villa Romana del Casale (2 hours)
- Entrance fees to the Villa Romana del Casale archaeological site
- Lunch is not included. Piazza Armerina offers several attractive typical restaurants, cafés and trattorias; we recommend you select your preference on site directly, your driver is at disposal for suggestions and, if needed, assist with booking.

FULL EXPERIENCE

An unforgettable morning and authentic firsthand Sicilian experience! Our Villa Romana del Casale and Piazza Armerina experience allows you to visit Villa Romana del Casale, central Sicily's most exciting attraction, with a dedicated private guide, and explore the picturesque town of Piazza Armerina on your own, at leisure. Travel across the rolling bountiful Sicilian farmland enjoying the comfort of private transportation and meet your guide at the famed UNESCO World Heritage Site Villa Romana del Casale. Dating back to the 4th century BC, when it was built as a hunting lodge by a noble Roman, the Villa comprises a variety of rooms, including thermal baths, a living area, bedrooms, and a courtyard, and houses some of the most extensive and extraordinary Roman mosaics in existence. Follow your guide through the site and prepare to be surprised: covering a vast surface with vividly brilliant colors the mosaics depict a vast range of the most diverse subjects, from the adventures recounted in Homer's tales and mythological scenes to images of daily life, like the famed, striking, portrayal of girls exercising in their "gym outfits"! After the visit enjoy a brief scenic drive to charming Piazza Armerina, an evocative market town boasting a 14th century Aragonese Castle and an imposing Cathedral. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the village's atmospheric maze-like streets and alleys, browse the shops and, if you wish, crown your day with a scrumptious typical lunch in one of the welcoming local trattorias.



BOAT TOUR OF TAORMINA







Discover the coast of Taormina and Isola Bella from the sea on a private boat tour, enjoying breathtaking views, crystal-clear waters and a relaxing experience aboard.

Duration:

4 hours

What is included:

- Hotel Pick up
- Private professional English-speaking skipper
- Snack on Board

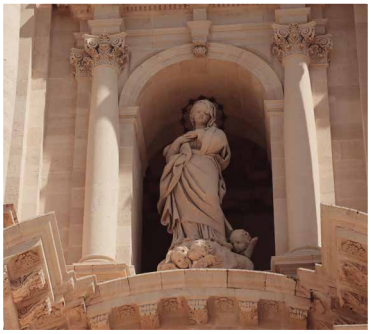
FULL EXPERIENCE

An unforgettable morning and authentic firsthand Sicilian experience! See the coast of Taormina and Isola Bella from the sea, a unique vantage point, on this private boat tour. Depart from the bay of Giardini Naxos to admire the views of Taormina and Mount Etna as you cruise along the rugged coastline of Capotaormina and the sea caves of Isola Bella. Stop to swim and snorkel in the crystal clear waters and relax on board with snacks and soft drinks. A panoramic boat tour to explore the coast of Taormina and Isola Bella See rock formations, sea caves and natural corals Dive into the water from the boat, towels and snorkel masks will be provided A private tour for more space on the boat and a flexible itinerary.



SYRACUSE







Discover Syracuse and Ortygia, where ancient Greek history, archaeological wonders and atmospheric medieval streets meet in the heart of Sicily.

Duration:

3 hours

What is included:

- Private guide in Syracuse for 3 hrs
- Entrance fees to the Archeological Area of Syracuse

FULL EXPERIENCE

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