



SICILY SUN TOUR

9 DAY TOUR

NYC – CATANIA – TAORMINA AREA – ETNA – SYRACUSE –
PALERMO – AGRIGENTO – ERICE – MARSALA –
TAORMINA AREA – CATANIA – NYC

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*Enjoy a journey to the Mediterranean's gem, where ancient tales and
stunning landscapes create an unforgettable experience!*

Departure Date:
October 12, 2024

New York Single Supp.
\$ 2799 **\$ 399**

TOUR SUMMARY:

On this tour discover the magic of Sicily. Uncover the Roman ruins and feel the Greek past. Start your tour exploring the majestic beauty of Mount Etna, Europe's highest and most active volcano and soak in the allure of the historic Taormina area. Delve into the ancient wonders of Syracuse, where Greek and Roman archaeological treasures await. Continue the adventure to Palermo and immerse yourself in its vibrant history and culinary delights. Then as you make your way ahead, discover the awe-inspiring Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, then ascend to the medieval town of Erice with its Norman Castle. Unwind in Marsala, renowned for its wine production before returning to Taormina. Each destination reveals a unique blend of history, natural splendor and cinematic charm ensuring an unforgettable exploration of Sicily's captivating landscapes and cultural heritage.



TOUR LODGING INFO: 07 Nights Accommodation
+ 01 night onboard
Accommodation will be provided on double occupancy basis

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Taormina area	03 Nights	Hotel Caesar Palace/ Hotel Antares/ Hotel Sporting Baia or similar
Palermo	02 Night	Hotel Astoria Palace/ Hotel San Paolo Palace or similar
Taormina area	02 Nights	Hotel Caesar Palace/ Hotel Antares/ Hotel Sporting Baia or similar

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Explore the majestic heights of Etna, Europe's highest and most active volcano
- Immerse yourself in Syracuse's ancient wonders, where Greek and Roman history intertwine
- Experience Palermo's vibrant history and diverse culture, from historic landmarks to culinary delight
- Visit Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where history comes to life
- Discover historical sites, including the Norman Castle and explore the charming streets of Erice
- Savor the flavors of Marsala, renowned for its wine and visit the picturesque Riserva dello Stagnone

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- International roundtrip flights from NYC
- 07 Nights accommodation on double occupancy basis at listed superior hotels or similar.
- Daily buffet breakfast
- 07 Dinners in Taormina Area & Palermo
- Arrival and Departure airport transfers
- All transportation in deluxe Motor Coach
- Services of English-speaking tour guides/leader during the tour
- All Sightseeing as per the detailed itinerary
- Guided visits:
 - o Etna
 - o Syracuse
 - o Palermo
 - o Monreale
- Entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Tasting Sicilian products as per itinerary
- All Air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All local applicable taxes



TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 01, SAT: NYC - CATANIA

Make your way to your selected gateway airport for your international flight to Catania. Enjoy inflight meals and services.

DAY 02, SUN: CATANIA (ARRIVAL) - TAORMINA AREA (B/-/D)

Welcome to Italy! Upon arrival at Catania International Airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight in Taormina area

DAY 03, MON: MOUNT ETNA (B/-/D)

Today after breakfast, you will meet your tour escort and depart to Mount Etna, the highest peak of Sicily and the most active volcano in Europe. The territory surrounding the volcano constitutes the "Park of Etna," one of the largest protected areas in Italy. You will be astonished by the great variety of vegetation and landscapes that you will encounter along the way before reaching the "Silvestri Craters" (approximately 1,900 meters). You may taste some Sicilian specialties before returning to the hotel

Overnight in Taormina area



Optional: Taormina Excursion: (min. 12 pax) USD 50

Explore the charming town of Taormina on foot. You will encounter beautiful old buildings, including the 15th-century Palazzo Corvaja, and an ancient Greco-Roman theatre—the second-largest classical theatre in Sicily. Discover the medieval area of the town with its narrow streets and old shops.

DAY 04, TUE: SYRACUSE (B/-/D)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing for Syracuse, one of the most fascinating archaeological sites on the island, featuring its Archaeological Park (included), famous for The Roman Amphitheatre, the Greek Theatre, the Ear of Dionysus, the Cave of the Cordari and the Island of Ortigia, the most ancient nucleus of the city and known for its stunning cathedral. Return to the hotel for the evening

Overnight in Taormina area

DAY 05, WED: AGRIGENTO - PALERMO (B/-/D)

After a delightful breakfast at the hotel, embark on a journey to Agrigento. Join our expert tour escort for an exploration of the Temples' Valley (included) featuring the magnificent Temple of Juno, the exceptionally preserved Temple of Concord, the formidable Temple of Hercules and the iconic Temple of Castor and Pollux. Conclude the day with a delectable dinner

Overnight in Palermo

DAY 06, THU: ERICE - RISERVA DELLO STAGNONE - MARSALA (WINE TASTING) (B/-/D)

After breakfast, depart to Erice, the medieval town atop Monte San Giuliano. Admire the exterior of the Norman Castle and the Cathedral (include). Indulge in a stop at a confectionery for a taste of Erice's typical almond pastry. Continue to Marsala for a visit to the Riserva dello Stagnone, a magical place boasting a rare and beautiful natural landscape with white salt pans and windmills. Explore Marsala, renowned for its wine production, and enjoy a winery visit with wine tasting. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon. Conclude the day with a delightful dinner

Overnight in Palermo

DAY 07, FRI: PALERMO - MONREALE - TAORMINA AREA (B/-/D)

Today after breakfast, begin the morning with a visit to Palermo, starting at the Teatro Massimo (entrance not included). Continue the journey through the renowned 'u Capo' local market, indulging in Sicilian specialties like Arancina or the famous 'Autista' explosive lemonade. Arrive at the Cathedral, home to precious works of art, including the crucifix altar and a 17th-century ciborium adorned with lapis lazuli. Explore the Treasury rooms showcasing paraments, sacred silverware and furnishings. Stroll to 'I Quattro canti' and then proceed to Monreale, a charming town on the slopes of Monte Caputo, offering panoramic views of Palermo. Walk with your guide to Monreale Cathedral (included), renowned as one of the finest Norman constructions globally. Enjoy a tasting of 'arancina' during the tour. Drive to the Taormina area for the next adventure.

Overnight in Taormina area

DAY 08, SAT: TAORMINA AREA (B/-/D)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. On this day you are free to relax and explore the city or go for a swim on the beach. Perhaps you can book our optional tour

Overnight in Taormina area



**Optional: Taormina Coast to Coast by Boat: (min. 2 pax)
USD 60 Per Person**

On this captivating tour, you will uncover the natural splendor of the Giardini/Naxos – Taormina coastline. The rendezvous point is the port of Giardini Naxos. Embark on a journey aboard a comfortable characteristic boat, accommodating a maximum of 12 persons, to explore the Ionian Coast. Revel in a fantastic view of Mount Etna and its breathtaking surroundings. Along the way, explore caves, including a potential visit to the renowned 'Grotta Azzurra' (subject to weather conditions and currents), marvel at rock formations, and immerse yourself in the scenic beauty of the Nature Reserve of Isola Bella.

Pickup/end of the excursion is at Giardini Naxos Port – The excursion is subjected to reconfirm according to weather conditions

**Optional: Sicily Godfather tour: (min. 2 pax)
USD 65 Per Person**

Embark on a journey to Forza D'Agrò, a charming village perched on a hill overlooking Taormina. Immerse yourself in a cinematic experience as you tour the locations made famous by the film The Godfather. Stroll through narrow streets, capturing breathtaking views, and marvel at the Durazzesco arch and the Cathedral—a setting for one of the film's most romantic scenes, the wedding of Michael Corleone. From Panoramic Square, relish an extraordinary coastal view. After exploring this gem, proceed to Savoca, renowned for featuring iconic scenes from "The Godfather," directed by Francis Ford Coppola. The movie's buildings and monuments, including the famous Bar Vitelli, remain intact for an authentic experience

DAY 09, SUN: TAORMINA AREA – CATANIA – NYC (B/-/-)

Depending on your departure flight schedule, you will be transferred to Catania International Airport for your flight home.

END OF OUR SERVICES

TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of a personal nature, tips and gratuities
- Baggage fees may apply and vary by carrier
- Travel Insurance
- Visa fees if applicable
- City taxes
- Items not mentioned as included

