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Treasured Sicily

HIGHLIGHTS

- 10 nights in Mondello
3 nights Syracuse
3 nights Taormina
- Lectures on History of the Island and its Peoples
- Temples and theaters of Selinunte, Segesta, and Syracuse
- Lunch in the countryside
- Monreale and Erice
- Baroque Walk in Palermo
- Ferry ride through the Strait of Messina to Reggio Calabria



The Mediterranean's largest island is an extraordinary showcase of the natural beauty of mountain and sea, where fishing villages bustle below ancient temples and olive groves mingle with volcanoes. Sicily's friendly, enigmatic people are a complex overlay of the diverse races that have flourished here, with influences as disparate as Greek, Spanish, Arab and Albanian.



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TREASURED SICILY



Please note schedule is subject to change. Finalized schedule will be available at the program site.

- Day 1 Departure from points in North America.
- Day 2 Arrive Palermo Airport. Coach to Mondello. Welcome Reception.
- Day 3 Morning orientation session introduces the lectures, excursions and field trips on the program schedule, followed by a walk in Mondello. Afternoon lecture on Sicilian History.
- Day 4 Full day excursion to the Greek temples of Selinunte. Informal Survival Italian evening session.
- Day 5 Guided visit to the Greek open-air theater and temple in Segesta that overlook the sea. Sample local dishes at a trattoria. In the afternoon enjoy a walk in Erice, a panoramic town of ancient origins that retains its charm today.
- Day 6 Coach to Palermo to visit the impressive 12th century cathedral, the Norman churches of St. John of the Hermits and La Martorana, and the Archaeological Museum.
- Day 7 Field trip to the Byzantine mosaics of the church and cloister of Monreale. Afternoon lecture on Palermo through the Centuries. An evening of live folk music at the hotel.
- Day 8 A discussion on Italy After WWII. After a special lunch, a brief excursion to Palermo to attend a marionette show in the Sicilian tradition.
- Day 9 Full day excursion to the temples of Agrigento where the finest extant Greek temple complex in the world is located. Lunch at a local restaurant.
- Day 10 A guided Baroque Art walk in Palermo with a stop at the colorful open-air markets. Afternoon lecture topics are Sicilian cuisine and three influential Sicilian writers.
- Day 11 Excursion to the seaside resort of Cefalù. Cash lunch. Return to Mondello for a late afternoon lecture on the Mafia: Myth and Reality.
- Day 12 Coach transfer to Syracuse with a stop in Piazza Armerina to view the ruins of a Roman villa with extensive and well preserved mosaics.
- Day 13 Guided visit to the Archaeological Museum and Greek Amphitheatre in Syracuse. Cash lunch. Guided walk on the island of Ortygia, a mix of ancient monuments, elegant piazzas, and craft shops.
- Day 14 Visit to Buscemi, a living example of the rural life of the past. Lunch on a local farm. Free afternoon.
- Day 15 Coach transfer to Giardini-Naxos with a stop in Noto, a fine example of the Sicilian Baroque style.
- Day 16 Guided visit of the Amphitheater in the hill-top town of Taormina to admire the unique view of Mt. Etna in the distance. Free afternoon to experience the manicured public gardens, stroll the traffic free charming streets and paths or wander past the elegant shops of the Corso Umberto.
- Day 17 Cross the Strait of Messina by ferry to see the Bronzi di Riace, two colossal Greek sculptures in an excellent state of preservation discovered a few decades ago on the sea floor. Afternoon visit to the Duomo of Messina.
- Day 18 Coach transfer to Catania Airport. Departures.

MEALS:

- 16 breakfasts at the hotel
- 7 lunches at the hotel restaurants; 1 independent lunch; 9 lunches at local restaurants
- 16 dinners at the hotel restaurants