



BEST OF SICILY & MALTA

SUMMER 2019

A blend of escorted and independent touring



11 Nights / 12 Days exclusively English
Departures guaranteed

1st Day SATURDAY: CATANIA

Arrive in Catania and make your own way to the hotel IL PRINCIPE. Enjoy a welcome drink and dinner this evening. (D)

2nd Day SUNDAY: CATANIA – SIRACUSA - RAGUSA *Sicilian typical products tasting*

Drive to Syracuse to visit the marvellous archaeological area then continue to the island of Ortigia, where you will see the magnificent Cathedral and the Fountain of Arethusa. Travel to Ragusa to admire its stunning baroque buildings before enjoying a pre-dinner tasting of typical products of the island on the way. Accommodation, dinner and overnight at Hotel POGGIO DEL SOLE. (BD)

3rd Day MONDAY: RAGUSA – CALTAGIRONE - PIAZZA ARMERINA - AGRIGENTO

Drive to Caltagirone, a town famous for its beautiful ceramics and pottery. Continue to Piazza Armerina to marvel at the Villa Romana del Casale's rich mosaics. Eat lunch in a local restaurant before driving to Agrigento. Visit the Valley of the Temples including the Temple of Juno, Concord and Heracles. Accommodation and dinner at hotel DIOSCURI BAY PALACE. Overnight. (BLD)

4th Day TUESDAY: AGRIGENTO - PALERMO - MONREALE

Travel to Palermo, the Capital of Sicily and visit Monreale: the Cathedral and the Benedictine Cloister. Lunch on your own. In the afternoon, visit Palermo: the Palatine Chapel, the Royal Palace and the Cathedral. Accommodation, dinner and overnight at GRAND HOTEL PIAZZA BORSA. (BD)

5th Day WEDNESDAY: PALERMO – SEGESTA – ERICE – SALT ROUTE (Trapani area) - PALERMO

Depart to Segesta to visit the Temple and the Theatre. Continue the medieval village of Erice placed on the top of a hill overlooking the city of Trapani and the Egadi Islands before returning to Palermo via the unique salt windmills at Trapani. Dinner and overnight in your Hotel. (BD)

6th Day THURSDAY: PALERMO - CEFALU' - NEBRODI PARK - TAORMINA

Drive to Cefalu to admire its well-preserved Arab-Norman Cathedral. Enjoy a walk to the city centre and down main street to visit the medieval wash-house built in the rock. Drive through the Nebrodi Park and enjoy lunch in the Miraglia Forest. Continue to Cesarò and Randazzo to visit the north part of Mount Etna. Continue to Taormina, "the Pearl of the Ionian Sea". Accommodation, dinner and overnight at Hotel VILLA DIODORO, located near historic centre of Taormina. (BLD)

7th Day FRIDAY: TAORMINA - MT ETNA (OPTIONAL) - TAORMINA

Weather permitting, you can join an optional morning excursion to Mount Etna, Europe's highest active volcano. You will reach a height of 1800 metres and enjoy a fantastic panorama over the Ionian Sea (*supplement on the spot; the excursion will take place with a minimum of participants*). Lunch on your own. Afternoon in Taormina: enjoy time at leisure for shopping or walking through the tiny streets. Possibility to visit the Roman - Greek theatre on your own. Return to the your hotel. Dinner and overnight.

8th Day SATURDAY: TAORMINA – CATANIA – MALTA

Breakfast in Hotel. At the appointed time, transfer from Taormina to Catania airport. Flight to Valletta, Capital of Malta, delightful Mediterranean island. Transfer to Hotel DOLMEN RESORT located in St Paul's Bay or similar 4 stars. Arrival in Hotel and accommodation. Dinner and overnight. (BD)

9th Day SUNDAY: MALTA "MARSAXLOKK MARKET & THE BLUE GROTT" *Extended Half Day Excursion*

The idyllic fishing village of Marsaxlokk with its colourful luzzus and unique character make the unrivalled setting for the local market. Continue the tour with a visit to the Blue Grotto (*weather permitting – boat price not included*) and the nearby caves. Explore one of Malta's unspoilt village: the main square, the hub of the village with its parish church and band club. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Dinner in your Hotel. (BD)

10th Day MONDAY: MALTA "VALLETTA + MALTA EXPERIENCE" *Half Day Excursion*

Enjoy a morning tour of Valletta – Malta's heritage-rich capital. Highlights include the Upper Barracca Gardens and St John's Cathedral, home to a splendid Caravaggio painting as well as an intriguing Museum. Going down Republic Street you will walk past the Grandmaster's Palace before watching the Malta Experience, an audiovisual show where Malta history throughout the centuries is brought back to life. Spend the rest of the day exploring at your leisure. Dinner in your Hotel. (BD)

11th Day TUESDAY: MALTA "MDINA" *Full Day Excursion*

Today's excursion takes us to the central part of Malta, dominated by the medieval fortified city of Mdina, Malta's former capital city. The narrow streets, dating back to medieval times, lead to the imposing bastions. Leaving Mdina through Greeks' Gate, we stop at the early Christian catacombs in Rabat before proceeding to the cliffs at Dingli. After lunch we will visit the San Anton botanical gardens situated near the Presidential Palace, which you will be able to admire from outside. We shall also spend time at the crafts centre at Ta' Qali. At the end of the tour, allow us to astound you with Mosta's majestic dome, one of Europe's largest. (BLD)

12th Day WEDNESDAY: MALTA

The tour ends after breakfast with a transfer to the port or the airport of Valletta. (B)

OPERATING DATES:

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June...01...08...15...22	July...06...13...20
August...24...31	September...07...14...21...28
October...05...12...19	

GROSS RATES PER PERSON

Price in double room	€ 1.930,00
Suppl. single room:	€ 485,00
3 rd pax in triple room:	€ 1.895,00

SUPL. DEPARTURES 22.06 to 21.09: € 95,00
per person – Net Rate (not commissionable)

HOTELS 4 STARS or similar

CATANIA	IL PRINCIPE HOTEL**** Via Alessi, 20/26 95124 Catania Tel: 095 2500345 Fax: 095 325799
RAGUSA	POGGIO DEL SOLE RESORT**** S.P. Ragusa/Marina di Ragusa Km 5,7 97100 Ragusa Tel: 0932 666452/668521
AGRIGENTO	DIOSCURI BAY PALACE**** Lungomare Falcone e Borsellino 92100 Agrigento Tel 0922 406111 Fax 0922 411297
PALERMO	GRAND HOTEL PIAZZA BORSA**** Via dei Cartari, 18 90133 Palermo Tel: 091 320075 Fax: 091 6116700
TAORMINA	VILLA DIODORO**** Via Bagnoli Croci, 75 98039 Taormina Tel: 0942 23312
MALTA	DOLMEN RESORT**** Qwara, St Paul's Bay SPB 2402 - Malta Tel: (+356) 2355 2355

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR:

Experience a coach tour of Sicily's highlights before discovering the rich heritage of Malta, one of Europe most enchanting islands. A unique blend of escorted and independent travel

- 11 nights' accommodation in 4-star hotels
- 11 breakfast (B), 3 lunches (L), 11 dinners (D)
- Welcome drink in Catania and aperitif in Ragusa
- Coach transportation
- English-speaking tour escort
- Local guides where necessary
- Flight from Catania to Valletta
- Return airport transfers in Malta
- Regular sightseeing with multilingual local guides in Malta (days 9-11) – English Guaranteed
- Porterage at hotels in Sicily

Exclusions Pre- tour transfers; entrance fees; optional excursions; drinks; tips

CANCELLATION FEES:

- 100 % penalty for **NO SHOW**
- 70 % **from 1 to 3 days** before the beginning of the Tour.
- 50 % **from 4 to 7 days** before the beginning of the Tour
- 25 % **from 8 to 14 days** before the beginning of the Tour

For organizational reasons, the itinerary may be reversed or modified without notice. In any case RETEVACANZE ensure the visits and excursions mentioned on the journey

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RATE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation in 4 stars Hotels
- Welcome cocktail
- 11 Dinners (D), 3 Lunches (L), 11 Breakfast (B)
- Sicilian typical products tasting (wine, chocolate, biscuits, etc) in Ragusa
- Transportation De Luxe motorcoach or minivan with driver/guide for groups with less than 8 pax
- English speaking tour escort
- Local guides where necessary
- Whispers Kit
- Porterage at hotels in Sicily
- Transfer Taormina Hotel/Catania Airport
- Flight Catania/Valletta in Economy class. The ticket includes, in addition to the passenger, 1 piece of luggage max 20 kgs per person and a hand luggage max 10 kgs
- Regular sightseeing with multilingual local guides in Malta (days 9-11) – English language guaranteed
- Transfer Airport Malta/Htl Malta/Airport or Port Malta

RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Transfers in
- Entrance fees at monuments
- City Tax: some City Councils may introduce a tourist tax that it has to be paid directly at the Hotel
- Beverages
- Extra luggage (to be paid at the airport by the passenger)
- Everything which is not clearly specified under "rate includes"

ENTRANCE FEES SUPPLEMENT (OPTIONAL):

TOTAL € 66,00 per person (net)

SIRACUSA: Neapolis € 10,00 + Dome € 2,00
CALTAGIRONE: Tourist Train € 6,00
PIAZZA ARMERINA: Villa Romana del Casale € 10,00
AGRIGENTO: Valley of Temples € 10,00
PALERMO: Palatine Chapel € 8,50
MONREALE: Cloister € 6,00 + Dome € 4,00
SEGESTA: Doric Temple € 6,00 + € 3,50 fee

Attention: European Citizens younger than 18 years old are free of charge (Entrance to Palatine Chapel in Palermo € 5,00 per person) *The above price is valid on July 2016. In case of price increases, we will have to update it.

After the confirmation of the reservation, in case of cancellation, penalty of € 100,00 – always – (cancellation flight Catania/Malta) + cancellation fees of the tour