



TOUR JOLLY Palermo/Palermo

Summer 2019 – Tour in FULL BOARD

The Classic Tour of Sicily



7 Nights / 8 Days Palermo/Palermo
Saturday/Saturday – Departures Guaranteed

1st day/Saturday: PALERMO

Independent arrival at Hotel MERCURE PALERMO EXCELSIOR, prestigious historical Hotel located in one of the city centre's main streets. Enjoy a welcome cocktail. Dinner and overnight in your hotel.

2nd day/Sunday: PALERMO – CEFALU' - CATANIA

After a buffet breakfast, visit of the Capital of Sicily, Palermo, one of the richest towns in the island for history and art: the Cathedral (during the Holy Mass, exterior visit only), the Palace of the Normans and its superb "Palatina" Chapel, the "Quattro Canti", the fountain of "Piazza Pretoria", the Church of Santa Caterina and its Cloister. Lunch in a local restaurant. Depart to Cefalù, charming coastal town, a former fishing village which is also home to a breathtaking Norman Cathedral, famous for its Mosaic of Christ Pantocrator – a stunning Byzantine mosaic that's considered as one of the most important pieces of religious artwork in Sicily. Take a stroll to the city centre and down main street to reach the Cathedral and the medieval wash-house built in the rock. Proceed to Catania. Accommodation, dinner and overnight at the Hotel MERCURE CATANIA EXCELSIOR.

3rd day /Monday: CATANIA – PIAZZA ARMERINA – CALTAGIRONE - CATANIA

After a buffet breakfast, depart to Piazza Armerina in the inland of Sicily, to visit the worldwide known Villa Romana del Casale: it is the richest, largest and most complex collection of late Roman mosaics in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lunch in a local restaurant. Proceed to Caltagirone known for its ceramics whose handcrafted production is secular. The outstanding quality and creativity of Caltagirone's ceramics is best admired in the most famous landmark of the town: the monumental Santa Maria del Monte staircase, whose 142 steps are all decorated with hand-painted ceramic tiles, using the typical colors, shapes and patterns of the most traditional pottery production and art. Time at leisure to enjoy the many shops. Back to your Hotel in Catania: dinner and overnight.

4th day/Tuesday: CATANIA – MOUNT ETNA honey tasting – TAORMINA - CATANIA

After a buffet breakfast, weather conditions permitting, excursion to Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe. Across fascinating landscape, we will reach a height of 1900 metres to visit the Sylvester Craters where you can enjoy a spectacular panorama over the Ionian Sea. On the way stop to the village of Zafferana Etnea, "the City of Honey" to visit a beautiful place where they produce honey and taste the precious nectar made by skilled hands. Continue to Taormina, charming city called "the pearl of the Ionian Sea", founded in 400 BC and beautifully located overlooking the sea and the peak of Mount Etna. Lunch in a local restaurant. Enjoy time at leisure to shop for handmade lace, coral jewels, ceramics, home-made sweets and preserves down "Corso Umberto" or simply walk through its tiny streets. Individual visit of the fascinating Greek-Roman theatre. Back to your Hotel in Catania: dinner and overnight.

5th day/Wednesday: CATANIA – SIRACUSA – NOTO – RAGUSA (Optional: visit of RAGUSA IBLA "BY NIGHT")

After a buffet breakfast, depart to Syracuse to visit the most beautiful Greek colony of Sicily. Visit of the archaeological park "Neapolis", including the famous Latomie of the Paradise, the Greek Theatre and the Dyonisios "Ear". Visit the island of Ortigia, the small baroque old city centre of Siracusa: here you can admire the Cathedral, which is built on the site of the Temple of Minerva, the legendary "Fontana Arethusa" and the Temple of Apollo. Lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, proceed to Noto, one of the most beautiful cities in Sicily renowned for the harmony and unity of its Baroque style and today declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The splendid cathedral is one of the most famous buildings in Noto. Proceed to Ragusa: accommodation and dinner at the Hotel MEDITERRANEO PALACE. Optional visit "by night" of the ancient city Ragusa "Ibla", cradle of Sicilian baroque, with its Cathedral, situated in the beautiful square of the Dome and the "giardino Ibleo" (supplement on the spot; the excursion will take place with a minimum of participants). Overnight.

6th day/Thursday: RAGUSA – MODICA chocolate tasting - AGRIGENTO

After a buffet breakfast, depart to Modica to visit the city divided into two parts: Modica "Bassa" and "Alta". Modica is also a UNESCO site and is famous for its Baroque churches and scenographic squares; tasting of the famous chocolate (Xocoatl) made with ancient methods brought to Sicily with Spanish domination. Lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, proceed to Agrigento to visit the magnificent Valley Of Temples of Agrigento, a UNESCO World Heritage Site: the Temple of Concord, which is in almost perfectly preserved conditions, Juno and Heracles that represent the most beautiful example of the Greek Civilization in Sicily. Accommodation, dinner and overnight at Hotel DIOSCURI BAY PALACE.

7th day/Friday: AGRIGENTO – SELINUNTE oil tasting in a farmhouse – MARSALA wine tasting and visit of a winery - PALERMO

After a buffet breakfast, depart to the Archaeological Park of Selinunte, the largest in the Mediterranean area with the impressive Temples and Acropolis. Stop in a local farmhouse famous for olive oil production where, before lunch, it will be possible to have an oil tasting of local production. Continue to Marsala, a city on the western coast famous for its production of sweet Sicilian wine. Visit of the historical centre and stop to a prestigious winery, where we can enjoy a wine tasting and learn about local production. Proceed to Palermo. Accommodation, dinner and overnight at Hotel MERCURE PALERMO EXCELSIOR.

8th day/Saturday: PALERMO

After a buffet breakfast, end of the Tour.

DEPARTURE DATES 2019 from PALERMO:

EVERY SATURDAY
FROM APRIL 6th
TILL OCTOBER 26th 2019 (LAST DEPARTURE)

SPOKEN LANGUAGES:

English, Spanish

GROSS RATES HIGH SEASON SUMMER 2019

Price p.p. in double room: € 1.020,00
Suppl. single room: € 230,00
3rd pax in triple room: € 985,00

ENTRANCE FEES ARE NOT INCLUDED



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HOTELS 4^{STARS} or similar

PALERMO	MERCURE EXCELSIOR**** Via Marchese Ugo, 3 90144 PALERMO Tel: 091 7909001
CATANIA	MERCURE EXCELSIOR**** Piazza Giovanni Verga, 39 95129 CATANIA (CT) Tel: 095 7476111
RAGUSA	MEDITERRANEO PALACE**** Via Roma, 189 97100 Ragusa Tel 0932 621944
AGRIGENTO	DIOSCURI BAY PALACE**** Lungomare Falcone e Borsellino 92100 Agrigento Tel 0922 406111

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR:

- ✓ Very charming hotels located in the historical centres of the main sicilian towns or in the most famous touristic resorts
- ✓ Visit of the main sicilian monuments including 5 UNESCO SITES (Siracusa, Noto, Valley of Temples, Villa Romana del Casale, Mt. Etna)
- ✓ Selected typical restaurants / farmhouses and especially chosen menus to have a taste of the Sicilian and Italian cuisine
- ✓ Mineral Water in all meals; 1/4 of wine & coffee only at lunch in local restaurants
- ✓ portorage at Hotel and whispers kit
- ✓ guided visits according to the program
- ✓ Tasting of local typical products in Selinunte + Honey on Mount Etna + Chocolate in Modica
- ✓ Visit of a winery and wine tasting in Marsala
- ✓ Visit of a farmhouses and oil tasting in Selinunte
- ✓ Qualified multilingual tour escort and Local Guides
- ✓ Deluxe motor coach offering the max comfort

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English, Spanish

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
- Tour in FULL BOARD: (in Hotels and local restaurants) 7 breakfast, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- Mineral water (1/2 per person) at all meals
- 1/4 of wine & coffee only at lunch in local restaurants
- Tasting of local typical products:
Olive oil, black bread of Castelvetro, olives in Selinunte
Honey tasting in Zafferana Etnea (Mt Etna)
Chocolate tasting in Modica
Wine tasting in Marsala
- Bus GT max comfort
or minivan with driver/guide for groups with less than 8 pax
- Tour escort at disposal for the whole tour
- Guided visits according to the program
- Whispers Kit
- Portorage at hotels
- Retevacanze staff assistance

RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Transfers in/out
- Entrance fees at monuments
- City Tax: to be paid directly at the Hotel
- Beverages (Coffee and Wine at meals in the Hotels)
- Everything which is not clearly specified under "rate includes"

ENTRANCE FEES SUPPLEMENT (OPTIONAL):

TOTAL € 61,00 per person (net)

SIRACUSA: Neapolis € 10,00 + Dome € 2,00
PIAZZA ARMERINA: Villa Romana del Casale € 10,00
CALTAGIRONE: Touristic train € 6,00
AGRIGENTO: Valley of Temples € 10,00
SELINUNTE Acropolis € 6,00
PALERMO: Palatine Chapel € 8,50 + Church of S.Caterina & Cloister
Fee € 3,50

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 2018. In case of price increases, we will have to update it.

SPECIAL TRANSFERS RATES (OPTIONAL)

PALERMO APT/ HTL PALERMO or VV :

Rates in connection with our "Colores de Sicilia" tour - valid only for these tours and on **SATURDAYS** - SHARED TRANSFERS

NET PRICE PER PERSONA (min. 2 pax):	€ 25,00
Supplement 1 pax:	€ 19,00
Supplement night time (22:00-08:00):	+ 20%

POSSIBILITY OF BOOKING

Hotels pre/post Tour

contact our dept. tours@retevacanze.it