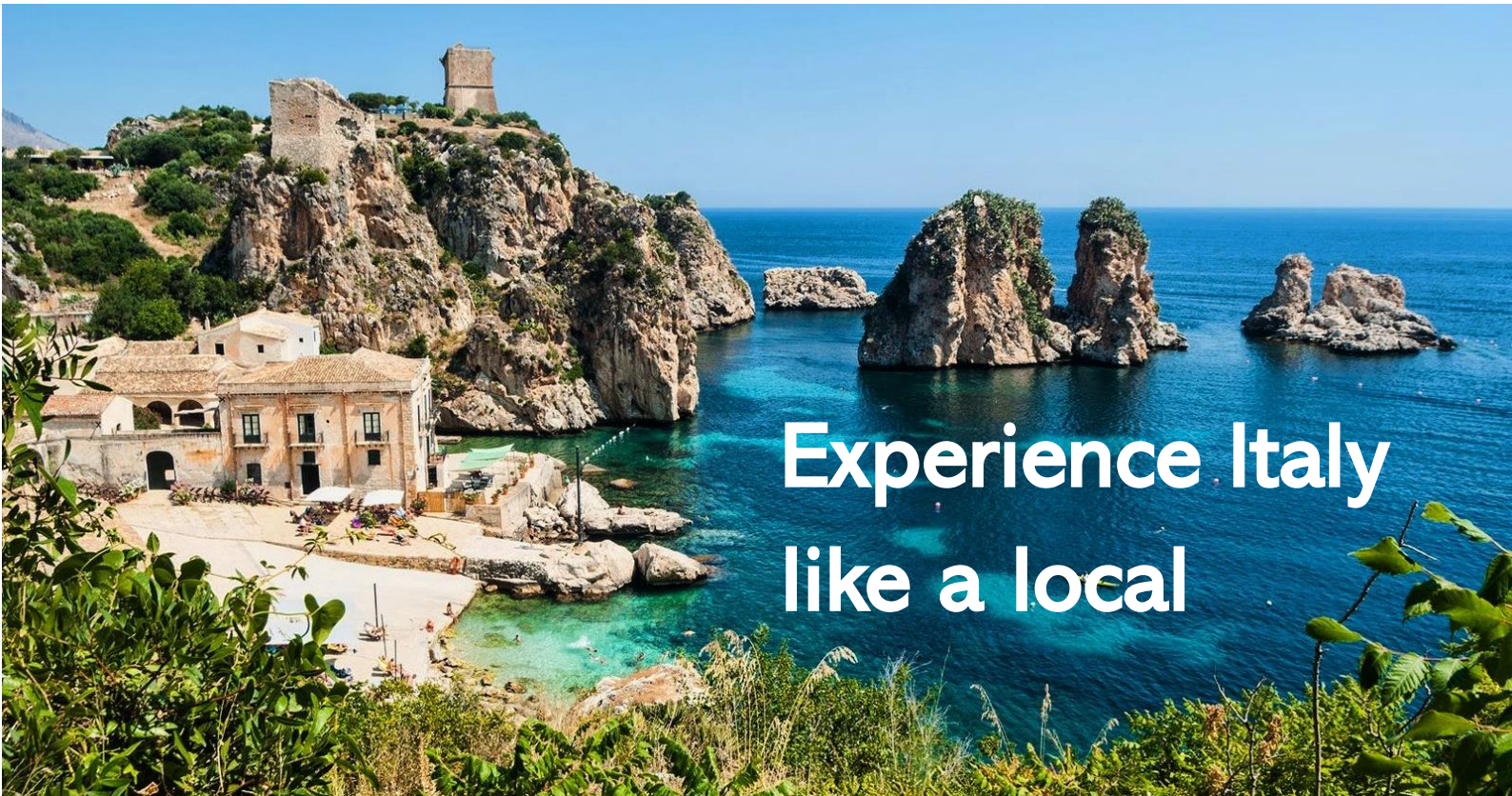




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1st Day SATURDAY: CATANIA

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 – MODICA *visit of a chocolate factory - RAGUSA (Optional: visit of RAGUSA IBLA "by night")*

Drive to Syracuse to visit the marvelous archaeological area then continue to the island of Ortigia, where you will see the magnificent Cathedral and the Fountain of Arethusa. Travel to Modica, a baroque town part of UNESCO Heritage Sites in Italy: visit a real chocolate factory, where it will be possible to create, with your hands, own bar of Chocolate to bring with you. Accommodation and dinner at POGGIO DEL SOLE RESORT. *Optional: visit "by night" of the ancient city Ragusa "Ibla", cradle of Sicilian baroque (supplement on the spot; the excursion will take place with a minimum of participants).* Overnight. (BD)

3rd Day MONDAY: RAGUSA – PIAZZA ARMERINA *lunch in a local restaurant - AGRIGENTO*

Drive to Piazza Armerina to marvel at the Villa Romana del Casale's rich mosaics, depicting mythological themes and hunting scenes. 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 *street food experience - MONREALE*

Travel to Palermo, the Capital of Sicily and visit Monreale: The Cathedral and the Benedictine Cloister. You will have the chance to taste Palermo's street food, one of the most renowned all over the world, while wandering around its historical centre. In the afternoon, visit the historical centre of Palermo: The Cathedral and Palazzo Mirto a noble residence located in the ancient Arabic quarter of Kalsa. Accommodation, dinner and overnight at GRAND HOTEL PIAZZA BORSA. (BD)

5th Day WEDNESDAY: PALERMO – ERICE – MARSALA *visit of a winery, wine tasting & light lunch SALT ROUTE (Trapani area) - PALERMO*

Depart to Segesta to the medieval village of Erice placed on the top of a hill overlooking the city of Trapani and the Egadi Islands. Continue to Marsala, a city on the western coast famous for its production of sweet Sicilian wine. Stop at a prestigious winery for a guided tour of the historic Wine Cellars + tasting of wines with local food



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pairings. Down to Trapani area for a panoramic tour of the salt windmills and basins, which are still in use. Return to Palermo. Dinner on your own. Overnight in your Hotel. (B)

6th Day THURSDAY: PALERMO - CEFALU' - NEBRODI PARK *lunch in a local restaurant - 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 excursion*) - 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 your hotel. Dinner and overnight. (BD)

8th Day SATURDAY: TAORMINA

After breakfast, end of tour.

DEPARTURE DATES:

April 11, 18 – 2020

May 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 – 2020

June 06, 13, 20 – 2020

July 04, 11, 18 – 2020

August 22, 29 – 2020

September 05, 12, 19, 26 - 2020

October 03, 10, 17 - 2020



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HOTELS 4 STARS or similar

CATANIA IL PRINCIPE HOTEL ****

Via Alessi, 20/26

95124 Catania - Tel: 095 2500345

RAGUSA POGGIO DEL SOLE RESORT****

S.P. Ragusa/Marina di Ragusa Km 5,7

97100 Ragusa - Tel: 0932 666452

AGRIGENTO DIOSCURI BAY PALACE****

Lungomare Falcone e Borsellino

92100 Agrigento -Tel 0922 406111

PALERMO GRAND HOTEL PIAZZA BORSA****

Via dei Cartari, 18

90133 Palermo- Tel: 091 320075

TAORMINA VILLA DIODORO****

Via Bagnoli Croci, 75

98039 Taormina - Tel: 0942 23312



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR:

- VERY CHARMING HOTELS LOCATED IN THE HISTORICAL CENTRES OF THE MAIN SICILIAN TOWNS
- VISIT OF THE MAIN SICILIAN MONUMENTS
- INCLUDING UNESCO SITES
- (The late Baroque towns of the Val di Noto: Ragusa and Modica, Siracusa, Valley of Temples, Villa Romana del Casale, Mt. Etna, the Arab-Norman Palermo itinerary and the Cathedral of Monreale and Cefalù)
- ESPECIALLY SELECTED MENUS IN LOCAL RESTAURANTS
- MINERAL WATER INCLUDED IN ALL MEALS
- STREET FOOD IN PALERMO
- VISIT OF A WINERY, WINE TASTING & LIGHT LUNCH IN MARSALA
- VISIT OF A CHOCOLATE FACTORY & CHOCOLATE CLASS IN MODICA

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

RATE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation in 4 stars Hotels
- Welcome cocktail
- 6 Dinners (D), 2 Lunches (L), 7 Breakfast (B)
- Visit of a chocolate factory in Modica
- Street Food in Palermo
- Visit of a winery, wine tasting & light lunch in Marsala
- Transportation in deluxe motor coach 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

RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Transfers in/out
- Entrance fees at monuments
- City Tax: to be paid directly at the Hotel
- Beverages
- Everything which is not clearly specified under 'rate includes'

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ENTRANCE FEES SUPPLEMENT (OPTIONAL) - TOTAL € 65,00 per person (net)

PIAZZA ARMERINA: Villa Romana del Casale € 10,00

SIRACUSA: Neapolis € 10,00 + Dome € 2,00

AGRIGENTO: Valley of Temples € 10,00

PALERMO: Palatine Chapel € 8,50 + Church of S.Caterina & Cloister € 5,00

MONREALE: Dome € 10,00 + Benedictine cloister € 3,50

CANCELLATION FEES:

- 100% penalty from 2 days and NO SHOW
- 50% from 3 to 7 days before the beginning of the Tour.
- 30% from 8 to 14 days before the beginning of the Tour
- 10% from 15 to 30 days before the beginning of the Tour

For organizational reasons, the itinerary may be reversed or modified without notice. In some departures, the visit of Erice could be replaced by the visit of Selinunte; the visit of Ragusa & Modica could be replaced by the visits of Acireale and Catania