

**Embracing Sicily  
8 days – 7 nights  
Palermo, Corleone, Ficuzza, Monreale, Marsala, Trapani, Agrigento, Taormina, Mount Etna,  
Syracuse  
Discovery, Gastronomy, Culture, History**

**Day 1 – Fri: Palermo**

Arrival in Palermo airport. Transfer to your hotel. Meeting with the participants. Dinner and overnight at your hotel. [D]

**Day 2 – Sat: Palermo (Corleone, Ficuzza)**

Buffet breakfast at your hotel and enjoy this special day dedicated to one of the most famous social phenomena in Sicily. We will depart in the morning to the inland of Sicily and specifically to the area of Corleone, known for being the place where Mafia phenomena was born but also know nowadays for being the place where Mafia is firmly fought. We will firstly participate in an interesting and accurate cooking lesson: we will be able to prepare some of the most genuine and traditional Sicilian dishes (only for who desires to participate to the cooking lesson). After the cooking lesson, enjoy this special lunch. After lunch, we will experience an interesting lecture on Mafia. One of the inhabitants of Corleone, born in the UK, will present a fascinating discussion on the topic of the Sicilian Mafia but also explaining the origins and the way how Corleone inhabitants have taken to eliminate organized crime. Back to Palermo. Accommodation. [B/L]

**Day 3 – Sun: Palermo (Monreale)**

Buffet breakfast at enjoy a morning tour of Palermo, a city full of character, features Quattro Canti – a splendid example of Spanish Baroque architecture, the Palace of the Normans and its superb Palatine Chapel, the Cathedral, and the famous Benedictine Abbey of Monreale. Here you will admire a 12th century cathedral, housing very fine mosaics representing a complete cycle of the Old and New Testaments. Balance of the day is at leisure to relax or take an optional tour. Overnight [B/D]

**Signature Option: Excursion to Cefalù**

*Take advantage of this free afternoon to accompany your tour director to the picturesque fishing village of Cefalù. In the evening, enjoy a festive dinner with delectable cuisine and sparkling in a fashionable restaurant.*

**Day 4 – Mon: Palermo (Marsala, Salt Mills, Trapani)**

Buffet breakfast at your hotel and journey to the sea town of Marsala, re-discovered in the 18th century by English merchant John Woodhouse and known for its sweet wines. Visit a wine cellar and sample some Marsala during a special wine tasting session. Drive along Trapani's coastline and stop for a special Sicilian lunch in a restaurant and return to Palermo. Driving along the coast from Marsala towards Trapani you'll come to a place, where shimmering heaps of white crystals, red roofed windmills and contained ponds grow in the horizon. It starts out as a mirage and gradually becomes more and more tangible, until you find yourself surrounded by the oldest chemical industry in the world. Back to Palermo. Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight at hotel. [B/L]

**Day 5 – Tue: Palermo, Agrigento, Taormina**

Buffet breakfast at your hotel and depart for Agrigento, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a guided tour of the valley, dating back to the 5th century B.C. The poet Pindar described the site "as the most beautiful city built by mortal men", The Doric style temples, all constructed within a century, face east, a standard criterion for both Greek and Roman temples so the statue of the god housed in each temple faced the rising sun. The best temple is that of Concordia (similar in design to the Parthenon in Athens) which is an almost perfectly preserved condition. Your local guide will highlight the history and architecture of Concordia and of the other temples that are part of this archaeological treasure-trove. After visiting the Valley of

the Temples, resume travel to Taormina, where you arrive in the evening in time for an enjoyable and relaxing dinner at your hotel. [B/D]

### Day 6 – Wed: Taormina (Mount Etna)

Buffet breakfast at hotel and morning walking tour of Taormina’s charming city center includes the Greek/Roman amphitheater, with its spectacular view of Giardini Naxos and Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. Enjoy the excursion to Mount Etna, till 1800 meters and visit the Sylvester Craters where you can enjoy the best views, as you drive through the fertile slopes and villages that sit on ancient volcanic eruptions. On the way back to Taormina, you may enjoy an optional once-in-a-lifetime experience. [B/D]



### Signature option: Godfather Tour to Savoca & Forza d’Agró

*On your way back, you may take an optional “Godfather” tour featuring the authentic villages chosen by Francis Coppola for most of the scenes in the Godfather movies. This is a good way to explore the real untouched Sicilian countryside, local lifestyle and culture. Tonight, you may experience dinner on your own in one of the many colorful restaurants of Taormina.*

### Day 7 – Thu: Taormina (Syracuse)

Buffet breakfast at your hotel and experience an included excursion to Syracuse. A guided tour of this venerable city highlights the Archaeological Park, Greek Theater, Latomia del Paradiso and Cave of Dionisius’ Ear. This evening taste a special Sicilian dinner with wine in a restaurant characteristic of this region. [B/D]

### Day 8 – Fri: Taormina, Catania, USA

Buffet breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to Catania airport for your return flight home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner

### Your Tour includes:

- Airfare USA-Palermo//Catania-USA
  - Arrival & departure shared transfers
  - 7 nights’ accommodation in First class hotels:
    - Palermo 4 nights
    - Taormina 3 nights
  - Meals:
    - Buffet breakfast daily
    - 2 lunches\*
    - 5 dinners\*
  - Wine tasting at a local cellar in Marsala
  - Cooking lesson in Corleone
  - Mafia lecture in Corleone
  - Entrance fees at:
    - Palermo - Palatine Chapel
    - Monreale - Cloister
  - Taormina - Greek Theater
  - Syracuse - Archaeological area & Cathedral
  - Agrigento - Valley of the Temples
  - Segesta - Temple
  - Excursion to Mt Etna (up to 5.900 feet)
  - Touring by A/C vehicle accordingly to the number of participants
  - Professional English-speaking tour director
  - Entrance fees for sites visited
  - Excursion to Mount Etna up to 5,900 feet
  - Headsets during the whole tour
  - Portorage in/out in hotels
  - Vat
  - Hotel city taxes
- \* Include: ¼ wine + ½ mineral water + coffee or cappuccino

**Tour does not include:**

- Taxes or surcharges related to airline tickets
- Cities' taxes
- Travel insurance
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks (unless specified as included)
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature

**Hotels in your Tour:**

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Palermo	Hotel Ai Cavalieri	4
	Hotel Principe di Villafranca	4
Taormina	Hotel Villa Diodoro	4
	Hotel Excelsior Park	4
	Hotel Caparena	3.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

**Tour prices:****From: \$1,575 including airfare**

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

This program can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

**• Airfare**

We also be glad to adjust the airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

**• Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

**• Other options**

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

**• Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

**Tour Code:** IT08PMO21VS

**Options:**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.
- Private arrival and/or departure transfer

### **Godfather Tour to Savoca & Forza d'Agró**

*The tour starts with the visit of Savoca, which together with Forza D'Agrò, was the location for the scenes set in Corleone of Francis Ford Coppola's The Godfather. You will notice the countryside with its old huts and houses made of rocks, old wood, bamboo, whatever the land had to offer. Bar Vitelli, which is still a functioning establishment, was featured in the motion picture as the place where Corleone asked Apollonia's father to meet his daughter. We will continue the tour to the village of Forza D'Agrò located on the lower peak of a small mountain, while on the higher peak that overlooks the town are the remains of a Norman castle.*

### **Group Quotations**

- The options suggested in the itinerary will be quoted at time of booking
- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.