

**SICILY - ON THE STEPS OF THE ARAB-NORMAN AND GREEK CIVILIZATION, WINE TASTING –
GOURMET LUNCH, UNESCO HERITAGE AND MUCH MORE
SELF DRIVE TOUR (p-21 sd)**

Sicily's beauties of the Arab-Norman and Greek civilization, wine tasting and much more
- **with a rental car / own car**

DAY 1 Palermo Airport Arrival - Palermo visit with Arab-Norman Itinerary

Early morning arrival at Palermo Airport, **pick up your rental car** and drive to the hotel in Palermo

Meet with our **local, private English speaking guide** and drive to the Botanical Garden where we start the **private guided visit**: Botanical Garden, Villa Giulia, Piazza Marina. **Along the panoramic road** to Monte Pellegrino and visit of the pilgrimage church of St. Rosalia.

Drive to the hotel, check in and time for lunch on your own

Afternoon **private guided visit** with an **Arabic-Norman itinerary** starting from the historic center of Palermo: Royal Palace (external), Palatine Chapel (external), Porta Nuova, the Cathedral, Piazza Bellini, the Byzantine mosaics of the Church of Santa Maria dell'Ammiraglio, the 16th Century Fontana Pretoria is characterized by life-size marble statues and the Church San Cataldo and finally Basilica of the Holy Trinity of the Chancellor, commonly known as basilica La Magione in the Kalsa District where our guided tour ends

Transfer to the hotel in Palermo

Dinner on your own and overnight at the hotel in Palermo

DAY 2 Palermo - Monreale - Wine Tasting - Palermo

Buffet Breakfast at the hotel

After breakfast meet with our guide at the hotel and drive **with rental car** to Monreale; the third and last Norman king of Sicily, King Wilhelm, had the Cathedral and Abbey of Monreale built towards the end of the 12th Century.

Private guided visit: Cathedral of Monreale and one of the most beautiful Cloister's in Europe
Transfer to a Wine Cellar near Monreale. Guided visit and **wine tasting** accompanied with snacks from this renowned area and transfer back to Palermo. Have a stroll on your own in Palermo
Dinner on your own and overnight at the hotel in Palermo

DAY 3 Palermo - Segesta - Erice - Wine Tasting - Trapani

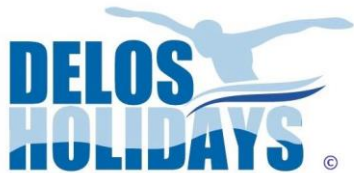
After breakfast meet with our private guide and transfer with the **rental car** to Segesta where the today's **private guided visit** starts with the Temple of Segesta. Transfer by shuttle bus to Monte Barbaro; the ancient city **of Segesta** with important excavations, archaeological finds and the ancient theater. On request we also visit the Sanctuary of Contrada Mango.

Time for lunch in Segesta and transfer to **Erice**; from this characteristic medieval village, perched **on the top of a 750 meters high mountain**, you have a splendid 360 ° view of the Gulf of Trapani and the Egadi Islands; a dream ! A walk in the narrow streets, alleys and churches will make you happy !

Transfer to a **Winery near Trapani, guided visit and wine tasting**.

Transfer to the hotel in Trapani or near Trapani.

Dinner at your own and overnight at the hotel



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DAY 4 Trapani - Agrigento - Temple Valley - Agrigento

Buffet Breakfast at the hotel

After breakfast 2 1/2 hour's drive **with your rental car**, without assistant/guide to Agrigento

Meet with our **local private guide** and visit of the **historic city center of Agrigento**.

Lunch on your own in a restaurant in Agrigento.

Transfer to **Temple Valley, an UNESCO Heritage since 1997**. Through our private guide learn about the characters who made ancient Akragas (Agrigento) one of the most flourishing centers of classical Greek civilization by visiting the Sacred Way admiring the Temple, the Temple of Hera (Juno), the Temple of Concordia, the Temple of Heracles (Hercules), the Temple of Zeus (Jupiter) and the Sanctuary of the Chthonic Divinities where the Temple of Castor and Pollux or Dioscuri is located.

Transfer to our hotel in Agrigento, Dinner on your own and overnight in Agrigento

DAY 5 Agrigento - Piazza Armerina - lunch in renowned restaurant – Catania

Buffet Breakfast at the hotel

After breakfast 2 hour's drive **with your rental car**, no guide/assistant to **Piazza Armerina** in Central Sicily.

Private guided visit in Piazza Armerina: The origins of this city are very ancient: the area was already inhabited by the **Greeks**. The pride of the town is the **Villa Romana del Casale**; one of the most famous and admired Roman buildings in the world with its **mosaics dating back to the end of the 4th Century. A.D.** and belonged to a powerful Roman family. Piazza Armerina has one of the largest and richest historical centers in Sicily and was included in the **UNESCO World Heritage List in 1997**.

Lunch at a **renowned restaurant with Sicilian specialties**

Transfer to the hotel in Catania

Dinner on your own and overnight at the hotel in Catania

DAY 6 Catania - Taormina - Catania

Buffet Breakfast at the hotel

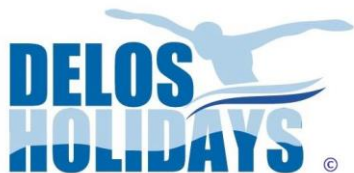
After breakfast drive with **your rental car** to Taormina a **splendid city with its amazing Greek Theater** from the 3rd Century BC. **at the top of the Ionian Sea and with the Etna volcano in the background**. Meet with our **local, private guide** and start with the tour: Greek Theatre from where you have a view **of the Ionian Sea with the Etna volcano in the background**. Odeon

Theater is built with large clay bricks welded with lime and is divided into three parts: the stage, Corvaja Palace in Gothic-Catalan style, the most famous palace in Taormina, Saint Catherine Church built on the ruins of the Greek temple, Church of San Giuseppe, built between the late 1600s and early 1700s, overlooks Piazza IX April, right next to the Clock Tower

Time for lunch in one of the restaurants, time for some shopping

Transfer back to the hotel in Catania and time to relax

Dinner on your own and overnight at the hotel in Catania



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DAY 7 Catania - Fish Market - Etna Volcan - Lunch in a Bakery - Gorges of Alcantara - Catania

After breakfast meet with our local guide: Have a walking through the interesting Fish Market in Catania. Drive with **your rental car** and our assistant to the **Etna crater** located over 2000 meters and have a walk between **old lava flows** and the extinct craters.

Transfer with the rental car and our assistant to a **Farmhouse/Bakery** near the Gorges of Alcantara. **Typical Sicilian Lunch in the Garden of a Farmer/Baker in the Alcantara Valley**, possibility to cook Italian cookies in the baker's oven; you will have fun !

Transfer to the **Gorges of Alcantara and visit**

Transfer to the hotel in Catania, time for dinner on your own, overnight at the hotel in Catania

DAY 8 Catania - Private guided walking Tour in Catania - Departure

Buffet Breakfast at the hotel

Private guided walking tour in Catania: Elephant Fountain, Palazzo Comunale, Badia di Sant'Agata, Via Crociferi and its churches, Piazza Università with Palazzo San Giuliano and University Palace, Piazza Stesicoro with archaeological remains of a Roman Amphitheater
Lunch on your own and time for shopping and to buy the specialties of Sicily.

Late afternoon transfer with your rental car, without assistant to Catania Airport. End of the trip

Our Hotels: Hotel Porta Felice Palermo, Crystal in Trapani, Colle Verde in Agrigento, Romano House in Catania or similar

Period A: until June 30, 2021, September 01- October 31, 2021

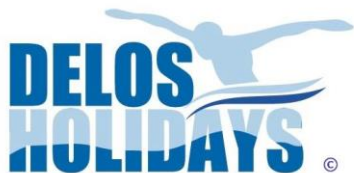
Package rates in EURO, per person in double room occupancy – 4 Star Hotels

4 passengers	EURO	1.377,00
5 passengers	EURO	1.259,00
6 passengers	EURO	1.181,00
7 passengers	EURO	1.125,00
8 passengers	EURO	1.040,00
Single supplement	EURO	362,00

Period B: July 1 to August 31, November 01 – December 28, 2021

Package rates in EURO, per person in double room occupancy – 4 Star Hotels

4 passengers	EURO	1.330,00
5 passengers	EURO	1.213,00
6 passengers	EURO	1.135,00
7 passengers	EURO	1.079,00
8 passengers	EURO	1.037,00
Single supplement	EURO	348,00
Third bed reduction	on request	
Children reduction and groups	on request	



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The rate includes:

2 overnight at 4 star hotel in Palermo
1 overnight at a 4 star hotel in Trapani
1 overnight at a 4 star hotel in Agrigento
3 overnights at a 4 star hotel in Catania
7 buffet breakfasts at the hotels
Full Day private guide Palermo Day 1
Full Day private guide/assistant in Monreale Day 2
Full Day private guide/assistant Segesta/Erice/Trapani area
Full Day private guide/assistant Agrigento
Full Day private guide/assistant Piazza Armerina
Half Day private guide in Taormina
Full Day private guide/assistant Etna, Alcantara Valley
Half Day private guide in Catania
Wine Tasting and visit in a Wine Cellar near Monreale
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Gourmand lunch - 3 course without drinks near Piazza Armerina
Entrance fee Botanical Garden in Palermo
Entrance fee Cathedral/Cloister in Monreale
Entrance Segesta
Shuttle bus in Segesta
Archaeological Area in Agrigento
Entrance Villa del Casale in Piazza Armerina
Entrance fee Greek Theater in Taormina
Lunch at the Bakery and cookies baking in the Alcantara Valley
Entrance Alcantara Gorges

The rate does not include:

Porterage service, tips, personal expenses
Not mentioned meals
Additional entrance fees
Additional guided visits
City taxes
Travel insurance and health insurance; advisable
Flights and all not above mentioned

Important:

We reserve the right to make some changes if necessary, without affecting the program value
Please be in time for the appointment with the guide; maximum waiting time 15 minutes. No refunds in case of non-service due to delay

RENTAL CAR: Please consider a seat in the car as well for our guide

It is mandatory to wear the mask during the Covid period.

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