



# Solivita Travel Club presents ...



Agrigento



Catania

## Sicily's Ancient Landscapes & Timeless Traditions

**Sicily:** Palermo, Mazara del Vallo, Piazza Armerina, Ragusa, Catania, Mount Etna



**16 days** starting from **\$6,449**  
including international airfare  
from Orlando

Single Supplement: **FREE**

**Departure Date:** NOV 1, 2028

**Return Date:** NOV 16, 2028

**Solivita Trip Activity Level:** ①②③④⑤

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### Itinerary Summary

| DAYS  | DESTINATION            |
|-------|------------------------|
| 1     | Fly to Palermo, Sicily |
| 2-4   | Palermo                |
| 5-7   | Mazara del Vallo       |
| 8     | Piazza Armerina        |
| 9-11  | Ragusa                 |
| 12-15 | Catania                |
| 16    | Return to U.S.         |

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## Itinerary

### DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Fly overnight from the U.S. to Palermo, Sicily.

### DAY 2 • Arrive in Palermo, Sicily

Arrive in Palermo and meet your fellow travelers, including those who took our *Puglia: Italy's Undiscovered Heel* pre-trip extension.

Hotel Federico II or similar

### DAY 3 • Palermo • Controversial Topic: The Sicilian Mafia

Explore Palermo on a walking tour. Highlights include the Piazza Pretoria, where we'll learn why its 16th-century fountain is referred to as the "Fountain of Shame," and the Teatro Massimo Vittorio Emanuele, a prominent opera house located on the Piazza Verdi. We'll also stop at the Capo Market to sample some Sicilian treats. Later, gather for an enlightening **Controversial Topic** about the Sicilian Mafia (also known as *Cosa Nostra*).

Meals: B,D | Hotel Federico II or similar

### DAY 4 • Palermo • *A Day in the Life of Castelbuono*

Today we'll spend *A Day in the Life of Castelbuono*, an ancient hilltop town crowned with a medieval castle. Learn about the town's garbage-collecting donkeys, tour the castle and adjacent museum, and stroll through the Piazza Margherita. This is a great opportunity to interact with local Sicilians and see what life is really like in rural Sicily.

Meals: B,L | Hotel Federico II or similar

### DAY 5 • Monreale • Segesta • Mazara del Vallo

Drive to Monreale and enjoy a guided visit. View the town's twelfth-century Norman Cathedral, which sits in the hills overlooking Palermo. Then, head to Segesta for an included lunch at a local *agriturismo* and learn about wine and olive oil production from the owner. Later, continue to Mazara del Vallo.

Meals: B,L | Mahara Hotel or similar

## It's Included

- 14 nights accommodation
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation
- 30 meals—14 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 7 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Lunch)
- 24 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next adventure

### DAY 6 • Mazara walking tour • Tunisian Kasbah • Home-Hosted Lunch

Embark on a walking tour of the UNESCO-protected city of Mazara. Here, some 3,000 Tunisians and other Maghreb Arabs live and work, a mingling of cultures and faiths that has deeply influenced the city. In Mazara's historic Kasbah quarter, we'll visit a museum built to house the famous "Dancing Satyr." Later, enjoy a **Home-Hosted Lunch** with a local family, dining on North African-influenced Sicilian cuisine.

Meals: B,L | Mahara Hotel or similar

### DAY 7 • Museo del Sale visit • Mothya Island • Sicilian cooking lesson

Visit Museo del Sale, a semi-working salt museum, and learn about the Trapani tradition of salt production and refinement. Then, take a boat ride (weather permitting) to the small island of Mothya. There, explore the ancient island fortress and a local museum, enjoy a picnic lunch, and take a gentle hike on one of the many footpaths that crisscross the island.

Meals: B,L,D | Mahara Hotel or similar

### DAY 8 • Overland to Piazza Armerina • Valley of the Temples • Agrigento

Depart for Piazza Armerina. En route, stop at the Valley of the Temples, situated



Agrigento

outside the city of Agrigento, and view the archaeological remains of several Greek temples. Then, arrive at an *agriturismo*, our home for the night.

Meals: B,L,D | Vecchia Masseria or similar

### **DAY 9 • Ragusa • Villa Romana del Casale • Winery tour**

Depart for Villa Romana del Casale, home to the ruins of a Roman villa—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, visit a family-run winery and meet the owners. Enjoy a wine tasting and lunch. Afterward, continue to Ragusa and explore the town's Sicilian Baroque churches and *palazzi*.

Meals: B,L,D | Hotel Il Barocco or similar

### **DAY 10 • Old Town Ragusa • Fiat ride through Modica**

Explore Ragusa Ibla, one of Sicily's best-preserved old towns, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, journey to nearby Modica, part of the Val di Noto UNESCO World Heritage Site, and board vintage Fiat 500 cars to explore the city's winding streets in true Sicilian style.

Meals: B,D | Hotel Il Barocco or similar

### **DAY 11 • Val di Noto farm visit • Optional Sicilian cooking lesson tour**

This morning, visit a family farm nestled in the Val di Noto, where you'll discover some of Sicily's renowned culinary traditions during a tour of the property and lunch with the family. This afternoon, after returning to Ragusa, you can join an optional Sicilian cooking lesson.

Meals: B,L | Hotel Il Barocco or similar

### **DAY 12 • Overland to Siracusa • Ortigia • Catania**

After breakfast, we depart for Siracusa, known as the birthplace of the famed mathematician Archimedes and as one of the most powerful ports of the ancient Mediterranean world. At 2,700 years old, Siracusa boasts a rich and storied history—evident today in the city's Greek, Roman, and Baroque architecture, which has helped earn Siracusa UNESCO World Heritage Site designation. When we arrive, we'll set off on a discovery tour of Ortigia. Highlights include the fountain of Arethusa, the Temple of Apollo, and



the Piazza del Duomo. Then, continue to Catania.

Meals: B,D | Hotel Una Palace or similar

### **DAY 13 • Catania • World War II Museum • Conversation about volcanology**

Explore Catania, a vibrant city perched on the edge of the Ionian Sea. We'll set out to discover the city on foot, stopping along the way at the UNESCO-protected Cathedral of Catania. Originally erected in the eleventh century, it has endured damage from numerous earthquakes over the years and today features a rich blend of Norman and Baroque architecture from its many repairs. Afterwards, visit Catania's local World War II Museum, dedicated to the Allied landing on the southern coast of Sicily. Later, meet with a local volcanologist to learn about life in a volcanic region.

Meals: B,L | Hotel Una Palace or similar

### **DAY 14 • Catania • Overland to Taormina**

Visit hillside Taormina, home to a Greco-Roman theater that is one of the most highly regarded ancient sites in Sicily. Get to know the city during a walking tour. We'll visit the famous amphitheater and take in a commanding view—perched atop a hill, the brick and stone structure

offers a view of the building-speckled coastline, the Ionian Sea, and Mount Etna. Moving on, we'll explore Taormina's more contemporary delights: winding streets lined by pastel-hued buildings, many accented by wrought-iron balconies.

Meals: B | Hotel Una Palace or similar

### **DAY 15 • Catania • Excursion to Mount Etna**

Journey to Mount Etna, Europe's tallest active volcano, and enjoy a 4-wheel-drive experience to explore traces of Etna's lava flows before enjoying lunch. Then transfer back to Catania. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: B,L,D | Hotel Una Palace or similar

### **DAY 16 • Return to U.S.**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or, begin our *Calabria: Southern Italy's Hidden Heartland* or *Amalfi Coast & Naples: Terraced Cliffs, Turquoise Waters & Ancient Ruins* post-trip extension.

Meals: B



## 2028 Departure Dates & Prices

**Date:** NOV 1, 2028  
**Return:** NOV 16, 2028

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| Small Group Adventure only | \$5,199 |
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