



SMALL GROUP TOURS



SIZZLING
SICILY



Sizzling Sicily Tour Summary

Experience the vibrant soul of Sicily in this immersive 11-day, 10-night adventure that begins and ends in **Catania**, weaving through the island's most compelling landscapes and traditions. Journey through **Siracusa's ancient marvels** and **Baroque charm in Ortigia**, stroll among the soul-stirring **Greek Temples of Agrigento**, and wander the ornate streets of **Noto** and **Modica**, home to Sicilian baroque and famed chocolate.

Stay in traditional **Sicilian boutique hotels**, savor authentic local cuisine and wine, ride the dramatic coastal roads to **fishing villages**, and explore timeless towns such as **Ragusa Ibla** and **Taormina**—where the views from the Greek Theater against **Mount Etna's** silhouette are unforgettable. With small groups of just 6–12 travelers, every taste, story, and culinary delight—think **cannoli**, **almond cookies**, and refreshing granita—feels personal, intimate, and deeply Sicilian.



11 days / 10 nights



Maximum of 12 travelers



Fully escorted with full-time tour leader

Start: Catania

Finish: Catania

Stay: 2 nights Catania, + 3 nights near Ragusa, + 1 night Agrigento, + 2 nights Palermo, + 2 nights Taormina

Tour Itinerary - Sizzling Sicily

Day 1 | Friday

Arrival in **Catania**, where you will rest in a luxury boutique hotel in the historical district of this bustling Sicilian city. We'll take a leisurely stroll through the streets and sites of Catania with our expert City Guide, who will introduce our group to the warm and sunny culture of this splendid seaside town. You will find plenty of tasty eateries where you can try the local specialties such as granatina, cannoli, marzipan and almond cookies. Among its remarkable monuments is the **baroque cathedral of Sant'Agata**, as well as ornate buildings that line its beautiful piazzas. This evening we'll enjoy a fabulous **welcome dinner** together and get to know our fellow travelers.

Meals included: Dinner

Day 2 | Saturday

We'll head south for an exciting trip to the coastal city of **Siracusa**, the birthplace of the ancient mathematician Archimedes and the meeting point of many ancient cultures: Greek, Roman, Norman, Byzantine, and Arab. View the blending of architectural styles, from the ancient Roman amphitheater to the splendid jewel of the Baroque: the cathedral, with its grandiose staircase. We'll stop at the grotto named the Ear of Dionisius, known for its amazing acoustics and the fortress-town on the island of **Ortigia**. Our drive will end at a family-owned Sicilian boutique hotel, in Ragusa Ibla. Enjoy a group dinner in a typical local restaurant.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 3 | Sunday

In the morning we'll visit the dramatically picturesque and elegant hilltop town of **Ragusa Ibla**, showcasing an extraordinary intertwining of civilizations. This is the perfect place to observe and immerse yourself in the laid-back Sicilian lifestyle, sit by a cafe' in the small town piazza, and savor the joy of living life in the moment. Then you'll have the chance to take part in a special hands-on **cooking class** by a local Chef, as she shows you how to make some simple local Sicilian recipes that we'll enjoy for dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner



Day 4 | Monday

After a delicious breakfast, we head east to the gem town of **Noto**, the center of Sicilian Baroque. Get ready to stroll through this fascinating town. We head towards one of Sicily's best **family-owned wineries**, surrounded by gorgeous rolling hills, for a private vineyard tour. Group lunch, and wine-pairing experience. We continue our journey to **Modica**, known specifically for a traditional way of making chocolate. We'll then visit a historical **chocolate factory** where you can indulge your sweet tooth with tasting of their specialty cocoa products. Group dinner in a typical restaurant in Ragusa.

Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 5 | Tuesday

Prepare to be amazed! After a late morning check-out, we'll head over to **Agrigento** (group lunch included), where we'll discover the ancient **Valle dei Templi**. We'll be guided back in time by our expert guide and explore on foot this astonishing UNESCO World Heritage site where Greek temples dating back to 580 B.C. overlook the deep-blue sea of Sicily's southern coast. After the visit, we'll check into our new "home away from home". Group gathers again in the hotel lobby for a group dinner!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 6 | Wednesday

Scenic drive to **Palermo**, a large bustling city with rich history and a kaleidoscope of antiquities. In the afternoon we'll discover this beautiful city during a guided tour of with our expert City Guide. Group Dinner at a lovely local restaurant serving seasonal dishes.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 7 | Thursday

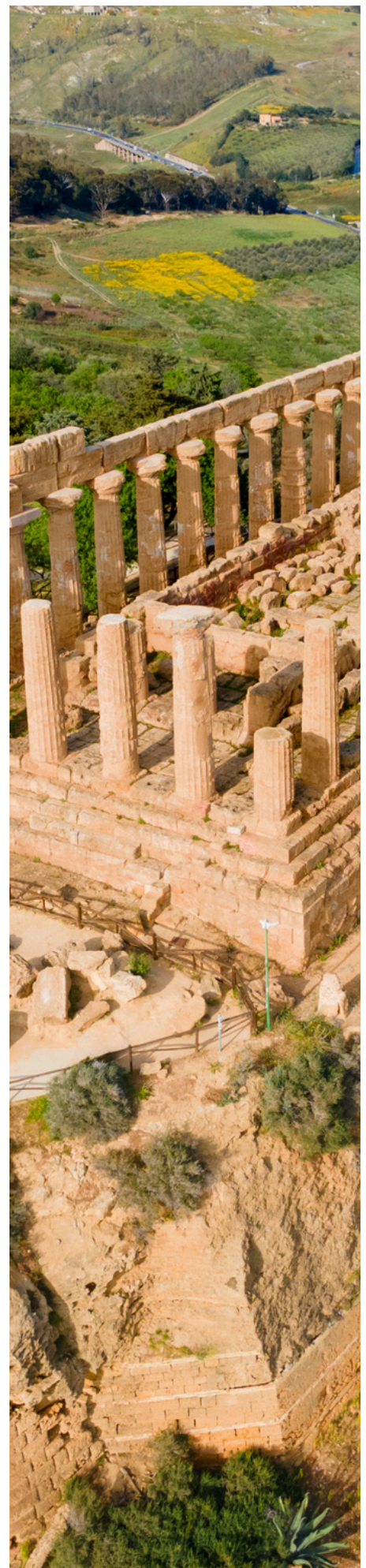
We will take a short drive to **Monreale** to the impressive Cathedral, the largest 12th century Norman monument in Sicily. We will then return to the hotel afterwards, for lunch on our own and the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Group dinner at at lovely restaurant serving seasonal dishes.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 8 | Friday

After check-out, we'll trace the north coast of the island, heading east, stopping in a picturesque Medieval town called **Cefalu'**. You'll have the chance to see its splendid Norman Cathedral with some of the most astonishing **mosaics** in the world. Group lunch along the way. We'll then check-in the hotel in Taormina and get some R&R an get some rest. Dinner and evening are on your own.

Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch



Day 9 | Saturday

In **Taormina**, we'll meet up with our expert City Guide for a walking tour of this beautiful seaside town of Greek origin. A local expert guide will meet us and take us on a visit to the city's most important landmark, the **Greek Theater**, with breathtaking views of the **Etna**, the largest active volcano in Europe. Today is a deliciously slow day that you can savor to relax and let everything you've explored simply sink in. Perhaps part of the spirit of Sicily lies in taking in all the beautiful sceneries and simply letting them find their own way into your heart. Explore the town of Taormina and its many luxury boutique and café's to stop for lunch and drinks on your own while savoring the magic moments of life! Lunch on own. Meet in lobby of hotel for our group dinner in Taormina.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 10 | Sunday

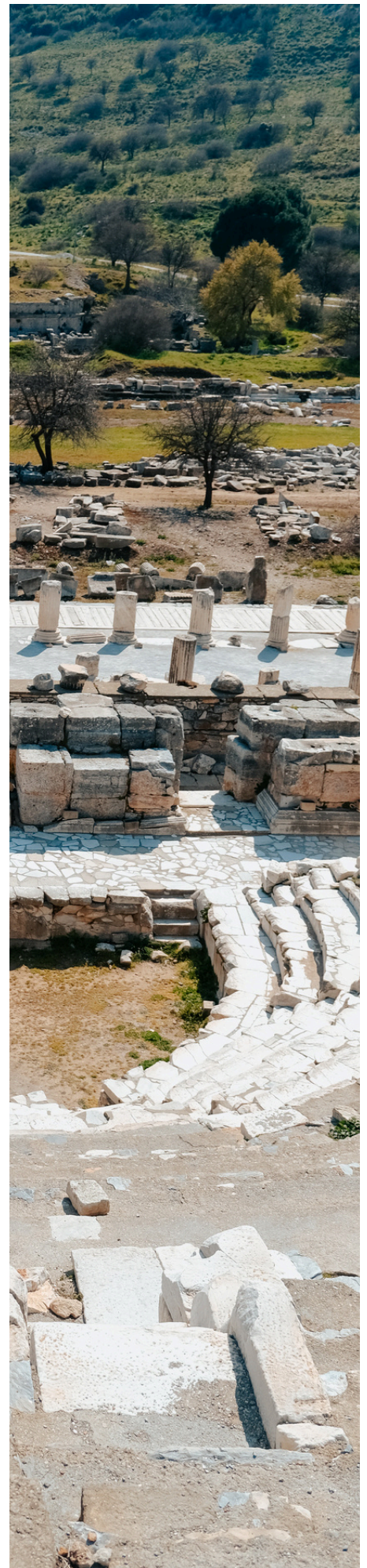
After breakfast and check-out, get ready to take a scenic drive towards the beautiful and intimidating **Etna**. We continue further up towards the volcano to take photos from one of its scenic spots almost at the top of the mountain. On the way, we'll visit an elegant **winery** right on the side of Etna, known for the intense Nero d'Avola wines. Its vines grow in the mineral-rich volcanic soil, reaching deep into its soil for nutrients and water. Take a private guided tour of the estate, followed by a final group luncheon with wine tasting. We'll continue the ride down the east coast and return to our starting point to spend the final night of the tour. Catania is a wonderful city full of life and urban sounds, so take in the atmosphere of this vivacious, bustling city, where you can experience the soul of Sicily.

Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 11 | Monday

Check-out from Catania hotel and say "Arrivederci!" to this timeless island and until next time, Nada's Italy wishes you a safe return home!

Meals included: Breakfast



What's included ?

Small group travel: maximum of 12 travelers per group!

Fully escorted day trips with a full-time English-speaking Tour Leader and professional private drivers.

Meals included: all *breakfasts*, some *lunches* and *dinners* (included meals are shown at bottom of each day's itinerary.)

Beverages included: bottled water, soft drinks, coffee, and 2 glasses of wine per meal (choice of red or white wine)

Private Walking Tours by licensed English-speaking City Guides, including PRIORITY entrance & tickets to attractions.

Private Transportation for day trips and transfers in comfortable air-conditioned Mercedes Executive vans (does not include: transfer from and to the airport, airfare, or any other personal travel expenses).

A+ Rated Customer Service with Nada's Italy you can rest assured that your travel experience will be completely stress-free. Your personal Journey Coordinator will assist you with any additional services you may need, provide expert packing and travel advice, and answer any questions you may have before your trip.

Return Traveler Program: receive up to \$800 credit per person towards any future trips you take with Nada's Italy!

No bag limit (many tour companies have a 1-bag limit per person).

Taxes & Fees: Local VAT taxes and government fees, City Tax, gas, highway tolls, city access licenses and permits, parking fees.

Staff & restaurant tips (additional gratuities can be given at the sole discretion of each traveler).

Important information

- Some tours start and end in different cities, make sure to book your flights accordingly.
- Reminders, hotel information, and arrival instructions will be sent only by email, please make sure we have your current email address.
- You must be in good physical condition to sign-up for this trip! There will be extended standing and walking over uneven pavement. An average walking tour is about 2-3 hours without sitting.
- We strongly recommend that you purchase Travel Insurance for your trip. For suggestions on policies and a quote, please contact us.
- You should know that air conditioning in Italy, as well as WIFI connection, are not always as reliable as they are in the United States.
- The hotel staff assigns rooms to guests, some rooms may include stairs. A view is not guaranteed. As we work mainly with small upscale boutique hotels, rooms can differ in size and layout. Please contact us if you have specific requests/needs.
- Even though tips to staff and restaurants are included, it is suggested that you put aside approximately \$100 in combined gratuities for your driver & Tour Director for your trip.
- It is your responsibility to obtain the required documents to travel to Italy. Your passport should be valid for at least 6 months after your return date.
- In the unlikely event your tour does not reach the minimum participation requirement of 6 travelers, we will work with you to choose another available tour or tour date. We will do our best to make the transition as smooth as possible.
- Please note: while we do our best to adhere to our published itineraries, they may be changed at the discretion of the Tour Leader due to weather conditions and other unforeseeable circumstances.
- Unless stated otherwise, all rates are per person, based on double occupancy, land only, in USD, and subject to availability. Rates may vary by departure date and are subject to change without notice.