

# PEARLS OF SICILY

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## DAY 1

### • *BENVENUTI IN SICILY!*

#### *MEALS INCLUDED: DINNER*

- » Private transfer from the Palermo airport to your hotel.
- » Welcome aperitivo and detailed briefing with your tour leader.
- » Inaugural dinner at a local restaurant with your group.

## DAY 2

### • *THE ETERNAL CROSSROADS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN*

#### *MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST & DINNER*

- » Guided tour of Palermo and its multi-layered ancient history.
- » Lunch at your leisure.
- » Afternoon visit to Monreale to visit the Cattedrale di Monreale, a living testament to Sicily's unique cultural makeup.
- » Dinner at a local restaurant.





### DAY 3

#### • ERICE, TRAPANI & SEGESTA

**MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST & LUNCH**

- » Private transfer to Erice with time to explore one of Italy's most beautiful villages.
- » Lunch at a storied local restaurant to taste *couscous alla trapanese*, one of Sicily's most emblematic dishes.
- » Visit to the salt pans and Salt Museum of Nubia.
- » Visit the Parco Archeologico di Segesta, the ancient ruins of one of the major cities of the Elymians.

### DAY 4

#### • EXPLORE AGRIGENTO & FAMIATA DINING EXPERIENCE

**MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER**

- » Learn about the art of the *cannoli*, one of Sicily's best-known desserts.
- » Lunch included after *cannoli* class.
- » Guided visit of the Valle dei Templi, a UNESCO World Heritage site with some of the best-preserved ancient Greek ruins in the world.
- » Traditional *famiata* experience to end the day.

## DAY 5

### • OLIVE OIL EXPERIENCE & VILLA ROMANA DEL CASALE

*MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER*

- » Olive oil experience and locally-grown lunch at a nearby farm.
- » Visit the Villa Romana del Casale, a decadent palace once thought to be the retreat of a former Roman emperor.
- » Private transfer to Siracusa.
- » Dinner at a local restaurant.

## DAY 6

### • ECHOES OF THE PAST IN SORTINO & ORTIGIA

*MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & LIGHT-DINNER*

- » Light hike to the rock-carved Necropoli di Pantalica, declared as a UNESCO World Heritage site along with the island of Ortigia in Siracusa.
- » Visit the charming village of Sortino and sit down for a delicious lunch with locals.
- » Guided walking tour of Ortigia, which is the *Città Vecchia* (Old City) of Siracusa.
- » Sunset cruise with aperitivo along Siracusa coastline.





## DAY 7

### • DISCOVERING HILLTOP GEMS & BAROQUE SICILY

*MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST & LUNCH*

- » Morning visit of a farm just outside of Pachino to learn about the renowned *pomodoro di Pachino*, the Pachino cherry tomato, and delicious lunch tasting.
- » Transfer to Ragusa Ibla with time to absorb its magnificent atmosphere while enjoying a walking tour.
- » Immerse yourself in the heart of Baroque Sicily with a leisurely visit to Noto.

## DAY 8

### • THE JOYS OF TAORMINA

*MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER*

- » Unique wine tasting & lunch at an esteemed winery.
- » Private transfer to Taormina for an afternoon visit of the chic resort town.
- » Dinner at a local restaurant.

## DAY 9

### • IN THE SHADOWS OF MOUNT ETNA

*MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER*

- » Visit of Motta Camastra, a small village inhabited by just 600 residents.
- » Special culinary experience inside the kitchen of the “mothers of the village” to learn about local food traditions.
- » Explore the surreal landscape of Mount Etna by Jeep.
- » Special farewell dinner with your group.

## DAY 10

### • ARRIVEDERCI!

*MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST*

- » Private transfer from your hotel to the airport.
- » *Arrivederci!*

