

## SICILY AND AEOLIAN ISLANDS

*Sicily, the largest Italian island which is separated from the continent by the straits of Messina, is reached by the Ionian, Tyrrhenian and Mediterranean Sea. This beautiful treasure awaits you. Discover the unbelievable archaeological monuments that will take you back to a glorious past...*



### NOBILE HIGHLIGHTS

- Dinner and cruise on board of a typical boat in Lipari.

### OUR SELECTED HOTELS

- PALERMO, Piazza Borsa Grand Hotel – 4\*
- AGRIGENTO, Hotel della Valle – 4\*
- TAORMINA, Excelsior Palace – 4\*
- LIPARI, Hotel Tritone– 4\*

- This program is available for groups starting from 15 people.
- The program can be modified according to your personal requests. We are always at your own disposal.
- Hotel name may change according to availability; Nobile will offer a different though similar alternative.
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### PALERMO

*Day 1*

After clearing customs, you will meet your private Tour Manager and your driver for a comfortable transfer to your hotel in Palermo. Palermo is the regional capital of Sicily with its own distinct atmosphere. The grandeur of Palermo's wonderful palaces and churches gives way to popular areas with a very particular life. This is about the markets, whose Arabic origins are still evident today thanks to their noise, smells, colours, narrow labyrinthine streets, the splendid array of food and other goods on display and the general 'souk' atmosphere. According to the arrival time, you will enjoy an orientation tour of the city centre. Tonight a welcome dinner at the hotel is included. (meals: B. D.)

### PALERMO - MONREALE

*Day 2*

Breakfast at the hotel and morning departure for a full day excursion to Palermo and Monreale. Our English speaking guide will accompany you to discover the capital of Sicily with its unique history, monuments, markets, people and churches. You will enter the Royal Palace with the 12th century Palatine Chapel. The nearby Cathedral built by the Normans and decorated at various times since in many different styles. After lunch we drive to Monreale. Monreale is a historic hill-town, a picturesque place most famous for the fine mosaics that can be found inside the great Cathedral. Return in the afternoon to Palermo and dinner at leisure. Overnight in Palermo. (meals: B.)

### MARSALA - AGRIGENTO

*Day 3*

Breakfast and hotel check out. Morning departure to Marsala. Today we will explore the Marsala region, best known for its wine. We will visit a wine cellar and finish the tour with a delicious tasting and a typical lunch. After lunch the tour continues to Agrigento. The history of Agrigento began in 581 B.C. and the city reached the height of its splendour in the 5th century B.C. During this period, art and culture were intensely pursued, the temple of Olympian Zeus was constructed as well as most of the other temples, rendering Agrigento, according to the Greek poet Pindaro, "The most beautiful among the dwellings of mortals." The Valley of the Temples is the most renowned attraction, a large archaeological site containing the remains of various Doric temples. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel. (meals: B.L.D.)

### PIAZZA ARMERINA TAORMINA

*Day 4*

After breakfast at the hotel we will drive to Piazza Armerina for a guided tour of the Villa Romana del Casale, built between the late 3<sup>rd</sup> and early 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C. Because of the floors decorated with some of the finest surviving mosaics from Roman antiquity, it is considered one of the most important archaeological sites of Sicily. Today lunch is included in Piazza Armerina. After lunch we then continue our journey to Taormina where we will overnight. Taormina is a wonderful medieval town located on the slopes of Mount Tauro, an attractive and permanently-fashionable destination. Our suggestion is visit of the Greek-roman theatre (optional) followed by a walk along the Corso Umberto. Dinner tonight is at leisure. (meals: B.L.)

### MOUNT ETNA

*Day 5*

After breakfast at the hotel, you will enjoy an adventurous exploration of Mount Etna. Is the highest volcano in Europa. It is also called the "Mongibello" from the Arabic "gebel" meaning mount, source of fertility and destruction. You will go up the Volcano to a height of 1800m and have the opportunity to reach the crater by jeep. Today lunch is included. Return to Taormina for dinner at leisure and overnight stay. (meals: B.L.)

### SIRACUSA

*Day 6*

After breakfast at the hotel we travel to Siracusa, "The most beautiful Greek city" where you can admire the fusion of different architectural styles. In the morning we will visit the famous Archaeological Park. Inside the Park are situated most of the classical monuments of the Greek and Roman Siracusa, most importantly the Greek Theatre (fifth century B.C.), which is the largest theatre in Sicily and one of the largest of the entire Greek world. In this park there is the famous "Latomia of Paradise" where we find the mythical cave Ear of Dionysius. Our day continues to Ortigia where you will enjoy lunch at leisure and free time. Return to the hotel in Taormina for dinner and overnight. (meals: B.D.)



### LIPARI, STROMBOLI AND SALINA

*Day 7*

After breakfast at the hotel, we will leave Taormina and head towards Milazzo. From here a ferry transfer takes us to the Lipari. Lipari is the largest of the Aeolian Archipelago islands and perfectly balances leisure, amusement and natural beauties. The center is brimming with shops, where one can enjoy pleasant afternoons of shopping, and delightful evenings in the most renowned restaurants celebrated for their food and wine specialties. Today you will also enjoy an excursion to Vulcano, the nearest island for a relaxing promenade. Lunch is at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (meals: B. D.)

### PANAREA - STROMBOLI

*Day 8*

Morning and lunch at leisure. In the afternoon we will join an excursion to the islands of Panarea and Stromboli, reaching the two islands by boat. First stop will be Panarea where we will discover the beautiful bays and the colorful "streets" of its marina. We later transfer to Stromboli with time to visit the little village and for swimming. We tour the islands and stop to see the "Sciara del Fuoco", hopefully we get the chance to see the wonderful fireworks of the eruption. Dinner is served on board on our return by boat to Lipari. (meals: B. D.)

### SALINA

*Day 9*

Breakfast at Hotel and visit the island of Salina. You can easily identify Salina thanks to the contours of its two mountains, that's the reason why the Greeks called it Didyme (twins), it is also the greenest island of the Aeolian archipelago. Besides its natural beauty the island is renowned for the production of "capers" and "Malvasia", a distinctive wine with a very sweet flavor and aroma derived from raisins. We will have a tasting with lunch on the island. Tonight we say farewell to Sicily and its beauty with a typical dinner in Lipari. Overnight in Lipari (meals: B.L.D.)

### DEPARTURE

*Day 10*

Transfer by private coach from hotel to airport in Catania.