



Package price starting from

**\$5,895** CAD

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16 Days

# Legends of Sicily in Depth

with extension to Sorrento and Rome

Departure Date: **May 10, 2023**

-  14 Nights
-  Escorted tour
-  28 Meals
-  Daily sightseeing
-  Air Included
-  Coach, Boat, Air
-  4 Star Hotels

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

- ✓ Visit the Palatine Chapel in the Norman Palace with its interior of glittering Byzantine mosaics
- ✓ Walk through Palermo and visit the lively market
- ✓ Meander through its magnificent Doric temple and hilltop theater in Segesta
- ✓ Visit the historical salt pans and enjoy a boat ride to the island of Motya
- ✓ Visit the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento
- ✓ View the world's most colorful collection of Roman mosaics in the UNESCO Roman Villa del Casale
- ✓ Discover the baroque jewels of Noto and Ragusa, part of World Heritage sites
- ✓ Explore the Neapolis, listen to the acoustics in the mysterious Ear of Dionysius
- ✓ Stop in the resort town of Taormina and visit the ancient Greek Amphitheatre
- ✓ Special visit to the local Olive farm and sample fresh olive oil at a local Sicilian meal
- ✓ Enjoy the view of Mount Etna and join Etna Slope wine tour & tasting
- ✓ Stroll in the beautiful town of Sorrento
- ✓ Explore the capital city of Italy - Rome



- ① Canada - Palermo
- ② Arrive Palermo
- ③ Palermo
- ④ Palermo - Segesta - Trapani
- ⑤ Trapani - Motya - Trapani/Marsala
- ⑥ Trapani - Agrigento
- ⑦ Agrigento - Piazza Armerina - Ragusa
- ⑧ Ragusa - Ibla - Modica
- ⑨ Ragusa - Siracusa - Taormina
- ⑩ Taormina
- ⑪ Taormina - Cefalu - Palermo - Ferry  
Departure to Naples
- ⑫ Arriving Naples - Sorrento
- ⑬ Sorrento
- ⑭ Sorrento - Rome
- ⑮ Rome
- ⑯ Rome Departure



## Day 1: Canada - Palermo

Depart for Palermo from North America.

## Day 2: Arrive Palermo

You'll start your Sicilian journey in Palermo, the energetic capital of Sicily, and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy some free time to relax before enjoying your welcome dinner with fellow travelers. Overnight in Palermo.

**Meals:** Welcome Dinner

## Day 3: Palermo

This morning visit the Palatine Chapel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, located inside the complex of Palazzo del Normanni. Then take a walking tour to visit Piazza del Quattro Canti, Piazza Pretoria, Teatro Massimo and a Puppet Museum. After exploring the traditional, bustling Capo Street Market-Porta Carini, we will join the Monreale Tour. Head to the hill-topping town of Monreale – renowned for its Arab-flavored cathedral that blends Byzantine, Arab, Jewish, Gothic, and Norman traditions, heritage, and art. We'll tour the cathedral's interior of glittering, golden mosaics as well as the story-telling columns of the cloister. This evening is at leisure and enjoy vivid Piazza Olivella nightlife. Overnight in Palermo.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch.

## Day 4: Palermo - Segesta - Trapani

After breakfast, visit Palazzo d'Aumale museum to take a close look at the colorful Sicilian cart - One of the most recognizable symbols of Sicilian folklore. Then drive through western Sicily and view the ancient Greek site of Segesta to meander through its magnificent Doric temple and hilltop theater, which was constructed in the 5th century B.C. and is one of the greatest examples of this Doric style of architecture. Afterward, we'll enjoy a tasty typical lunch with Sundried tomatoes, Castelvetro olives, and Marsala wine. Continue to the enchanting medieval mountaintop town of Erice, a wonderfully preserved medieval town with breathtaking views and a great historical presence. Visit Borgo Storico Erice and walk along the cobbled streets lined with superb examples of Gothic, Baroque and Renaissance architecture. Continue to seaside Trapani. Overnight in Trapani or Marsala area.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Special Lunch, Dinner.

## Day 5: Trapani - Motya - Trapani/Marsala

Today we'll take a short drive down to the Trapani salt pans – a coastal wetland and nature reserve where sea salt has been harvested for nearly 3,000 years. Admire the traditional salt pans and windmills of West coast under a beautiful Sicilian sun. Then board your boat to cruise on the Stagnone Lagoon to the island of Motya, an ancient trading outpost for Phoenician merchants. Explore the ruins of the early Phoenician colony of Motya with the beautiful Museum Whitaker, home to the famous marble statue of the Charioteer. After lunch continue to Mazara del Vallo to walk the Kasbah maze of streets and view the statue of the Dancing Satyr, a rare example of Greek bronze sculpture, which was accidentally discovered by a fishing boat in 1998. Overnight in Trapani or Marsala area.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

## Day 6: Trapani - Agrigento

This morning, we will drive to Montevago for an authentic olive tour visiting the

farm, olive orchard and mill. Following the tour, relax on the terrace and enjoy a harvest farmer's lunch with wine. Then we'll take a magical history tour of Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, the largest, best-preserved collection of ancient Greek buildings outside of Greece. Tour this magnificent archaeological park, built between 430 and 510 B.C. Then transfer to the hotel and have dinner together. Overnight in Agrigento.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Special Lunch, Dinner.

## Day 7: Agrigento - Piazza Armerina- Ragusa

Travel to Piazza Armerina to view the intricate examples of Roman mosaics at the famous Roman Villa del Casale, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here we'll spend much of our morning surrounded by the world's richest and most colorful collection of Roman mosaics, ranging from Homeric escapades and mythological scenes to portrayals of daily life. Then you will visit Caltagirone a little town full of swirling patterns, vibrant colours, painstakingly detailed designs. The highlight is undoubtedly the 142 steps of the famous ceramic Staircase Santa Maria del Monte. Then we head to Ragusa. Overnight in Itria Palace Hotel or similar

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 8: Ragusa-Ibla-Modica

This morning, indulge in the Baroque atmosphere of Ragusa-Ibla, with its breathtaking sights of houses, churches, and palaces that seem layered on top of one another. This afternoon we will go to Modica and have a Chocolate tasting tour with lunch. Modica is famous for its

UNESCO-listed landmarks and chocolate-making heritage. Visit St. Giorgio Cathedral, Centro Storico, Garibaldi Theater, Palazzo de Ieva, and Castello dei Conti. Here, you'll dive into this Baroque beauty and learn the secrets of Modican chocolate. You'll return to Ragusa for an evening at leisure, the aroma of roasted cocoa beans lingering long after your visit to the local chocolatier. Overnight in Itria Palace Hotel or similar.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 9: Ragusa - Siracusa - Taormina

This morning, drive to Noto, where you will have a short stop and take wonderful photos of the most spectacular urban settlements. Then board your coach to Syracuse, once a major Mediterranean power and the birthplace of Archimedes. Visit the "Old City", a UNESCO World Heritage Site, located on the island of Ortigia. Take a visit to the archaeological area of the Neapolis and get a glimpse of Siracusa as it was in ancient times with its Greek theater, the remains of Roman Amphitheater, and the "Ear of Dionysius," an awe-inspiring artificial limestone cave renowned for its outstanding acoustics. We'll take a closer look at Ortigia and marvel at the masterpiece of the Castello Maniace, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Archimedes and Arethusa Spring. Take a short drive up the coast to Taormina, where we'll take in breathtaking views of Mount Etna while learning more about the volcano. This afternoon, enjoy the Etna Slope wine tour with dinner. We will visit Etna Slopes and stop at a family-run winery, a picturesque farmhouse with delicious food. Enjoy wine tastings and typical Sicilian dinner. Overnight in Hotel Caparena or similar

**Meals:** Breakfast, Special Lunch, Dinner

## Day 10: Taormina

This morning we'll tour Taormina's remarkably situated ancient Greek theater, which is still used today for open-air performances. Then you're free to luxuriate in this cliffhanging, Old World resort town. Wander through its elegant gardens, posh cafés, and shops; ride a cable car down to the beach; or explore the nearby mountain top village. Join the Sicilian Pizza cooking class with lunch to make your own pizza using local, fresh ingredients. Overnight in Hotel Caparena or Similar

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

## Day 11: Taormina - Cefalu - Palermo - Ferry Departure to Naples

After breakfast, proceed to Cefalu, The beautiful old town and harbour area of Cefalu is the top romantic highlight of this Sicilian location. The Cefalu Cathedral was completed in 1240 and has a fortress style with early Norman design. This Roman Catholic church is now part of the medieval town skyline. In the same area of the Cathedral is the Cefalu Castle, beautiful castle ruins and archaeological city park at the very top of the mountain. Free time to explore and relax in the little cafes, shops and restaurants in the old town. Later afternoon, board the overnight ferry to Naples.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner onboard Ferry

## Day 12: Arriving Naples - Sorrento

Breakfast onboard ferry. This morning, arrive at Naples and tour guide greet you at terminal. Explore the city by coach with the orientation tour. After lunch, transfer to Sorrento and check in hotel. Sorrento is beautiful town straddling the cliffs overlooking the water to Naples and



Mount Vesuvius. There will be free time to explore the area, visit the souvenir shops and sample the local produce of Sorrento - an area famous for its lemons and the production of the digestif, Limoncello. Dinner in hotel or in town. Overnight in Sorrento.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 13: Sorrento

Free at leisure. Or join optional tour (Min. 20 pax)

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### a) Half day tour of Pompeii and enjoy lunch with wine tasting. (CAD\$200/person)

The majestic Mt. Vesuvius marks the way to Pompeii, visit the city that was frozen in time under a thick carpet of volcanic ash almost 2,000 years ago. Explore Pompeii's original streets with its winding alleyways, steps and inclines. View the tragic fossils of people attempting to escape beside their children and dogs, along with the preserved ruins of the Temples of Apollo and Jupiter, and the Forum. Enjoy lunch with wine tasting in nice restaurant. Back to Sorrento in the afternoon.

#### b) Full day tour of Capri with lunch. (CAD\$230/person)

Cruise out to explore the island of Capri on this full-day tour from Sorrento. Set sail along the Sorrento coast; take in Capri highlights such as the White and Green Grottos and the Faraglioni rocks; then head ashore to dine at a seafront restaurant or enjoy swimming and sunbathing at the island's beaches.

### Day 14 Sorrento – Rome

Depart from Sorrento to Rome in the morning. If time permits, visit the Montecassino Abbey on your way to Rome. Upon arrival, check in hotel. Overnight in Rome.

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 15 Rome

Free time at leisure to explore the city. Overnight in Rome.

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 16 Rome Departure

Free time until transfer to airport.

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Package Includes

- Flights Toronto-Palermo, Rome-Toronto
- Other departure cities available with add-on airfare.
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 14 nights First Class accommodations
- All transfers
- 28 meals: 14 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 8 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in air-conditioned vehicles
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Comprehensive, guided sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary
- Prepaid Tour guide & Cruise Gratuities

### Package Does Not Include

- Visa fees
- Insurance of any kind
- Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls

### Price Notes

- Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation. Single room supplement fee: \$1,199
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice. Please check with your travel agent or our website for the updated information.

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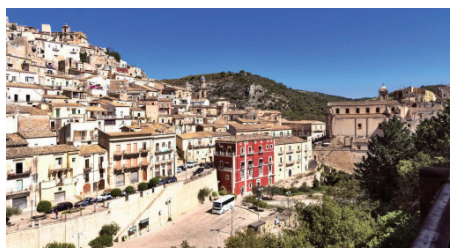
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### Beach front Hotel for 2nights & Boutique Hotels for 2 nights



**Hotel Caparena** (Beach Front) or equivalent

Taormina 2 nights



**Itria Palace Hotel** (Boutique) or equivalent

Ragusa 2 night