



## SICILY PRICE LIST 2024

### Taormina and Castelmola (Tour 1)

#### Castelmola-Taormina-Messina Tour (easy walking: all pedestrian area).

The tour will start picking you up from the dock or other places you arrive. We get the highway to Taormina, from where we will drive up to the village of Castelmola (450 mt.). Castelmola is a small and enchanting village just above Taormina, with an amazing landscape and a great view of Mount Etna (3.330 mt. - 11.000 ft. - the highest volcano in Europe), and wonderful landscape of Giardini-Naxos bay. We spend here few time to visit the places, then we drive 5 min down to Taormina, the ancient greek colony, with its amazing pedestrian path (the ancient roman "valeria" road), the greek theatre, the monuments, the shops, the famous restaurants and pubs and more else. You spend in Taormina 1 or 2 hours, as you like, then we drive back to Messina (or Catania) for a quick city tour. In Messina we will see a church with bronze statues (King Christ church) and also a viewpoint, that's one of the oldest fortress in Messina, from which to see the straight and the port of Messina, and take pictures of it. The tour will end at the cathedral of Messina with its very particular and spectacular astronomical clock (the biggest in the world). If you start your tour from Catania, before we take you back at your final destination and time permitting, we will offer the quick visit of the town; we will have a quick tour of the baroque city center, with its amazing cathedral. Then we will drive you to the dock or others places you prefer, in time for departure.

This tour includes: - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, boat tour, bottled water on board, all taxes and parking fees.

COST: 2 pax 180 eu pp - 3 pax 125 eu pp - 4 pax 115 eu pp - 5 pax 100 eu pp - 6 pax 90 eu pp - 7 pax 80 eu pp - 8 or more pax 70 eu pp

### Taormina, Castelmola and Isolabella boat tour (Tour 1+)

#### Castelmola-Taormina-Messina Tour (easy walking: all pedestrian area).

The tour will start picking you up from the dock or other places you arrive. We get the highway to Taormina, from where we will drive up to the village of Castelmola (450 mt.). Castelmola is a small and enchanting village just above Taormina, with an amazing landscape and a great view of Mount Etna (3.330 mt.



- 11.000 ft. - the highest volcano in Europe), and wonderful landscape of Giardini-Naxos bay. We spend here few time to visit the places, then we drive 5 min down to Taormina, the ancient greek colony, with its amazing pedestrian path (the ancient roman "valeria" road), the greek theatre, the monuments, the shops, the famous restaurants and pubs and more else. You spend in Taormina 1 or 2 hours, as you like, then we drive 10 min down to Giardini Naxos, from where you'll enjoy the view of Taormina and the majestic volcano Etna from the sea, with this small-group boat tour. The boat departure is from the port of Giardini Naxos and we sail along the splendid coasts of the Ionian Sea, we visit the wonderful Grotta dell'Amore, Capo Taormina, the Grotta delle Sirene and the Scoglio dell'Elefante. During the navigation we will also have time for a refreshing dip in the crystal clear waters off Isolabella marine reserve, the duration of the boat tour is approximately 2 hours. At the end we drive back to Messina (or Catania) for a quick city tour. In Messina we will see a church with bronze statues (King Christ church) and also a viewpoint, that's one of the oldest fortress in Messina, from which to see the straight and the port of Messina, and take pictures of it. The tour will end at the cathedral of Messina with its very particular and spectacular astronomical clock (the biggest in the world). If you start your tour from Catania, before we take you back at your final destination and time permitting, we will offer the quick visit of the town; we will have a quick tour of the baroque city center, with its amazing cathedral. Then we will drive you to the dock or others places you prefer, in time for departure.

**This tour includes:** - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, bottled water on board, all taxes and parking fees.

**COST:** 2 pax 230 eu pp - 3 pax 175 eu pp - 4 pax 165 eu pp - 5 pax 150 eu pp - 6 pax 140 eu pp - 7 pax 130 eu pp - 8 or more pax 125 eu pp

### **Etna and Taormina (Tour 2)**

#### **Etna, Taormina and Messina or Catania (light walking + pedestrian path)**

The tour begins at the dock or other point you decide. Once aboard we take the highway Messina/Catania (exit Giarre). We leave the sea level and start to climb towards the summit of the volcano. Before we reach our destination we cross some Sicilian villages (Santa Venerina and Zafferana), then we get to the craters Silvestri (7000 ft.), it is amazing the landscape of the the big craters, where you can admire the large lava flows creates from past eruptions. On the road we enjoy the great vineyards of Etna and the farms overlooking the coast of Catania. Then we leave Etna and we drive to Taormina. (See Tour No. 1).

The last stop in Messina is the Cathedral with its unique and spectacular clock



astrological/ astronomical (the largest in the world). If you start your tour from Catania and time permitting, before we take you back at your final destination, we will offer the quick visit of the town; we will visit the baroque city center, with its amazing cathedral. Then we will drive you to the dock or others places you prefer, in time for departure.

This tour includes: - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, bottled water on board, all taxes and parking fees.

COST: 2 pax 220 eu pp - 3 pax 160 eu pp - 4 pax 130 eu pp - 5 pax 110 eu pp - 6 pax 100 eu pp - 7 pax 95 eu pp - 8 or more pax 90 eu pp

**New tour - BEST OF SICILY IN ONE DAY TOUR+TASTING (tour 2+)**  
**EXPLORE VOLCANO ETNA, VISIT TAORMINA, THE GODFATHER SITES (SAVOCA) AND MESSINA (OR CATANIA IF THE TOUR STARTS FROM CATANIA) - WINE/FOOD TASTING INCLUDED** (light walking + pedestrian path)

Pick up at the pier or other place you arrive. Once on board of the AC vehicle, we take the highway Messina/Catania (exit Giarre). We leave the sea level and start to climb towards the summit of the volcano. Before we reach our destination we cross the Etna National Park (Unesco Patrimony since 2013) and some Sicilian villages (Santa Venerina and Zafferana - stop for typical sicilian products tasting in Zafferana - included), then we get to the craters Silvestri (7000 ft.), it is amazing the landscape of the the big craters, where you can admire the large lava flows creates from past eruptions. On the road we enjoy the great vineyards of Etna and the farms overlooking the coast of Catania. Then we leave Etna and we drive to Taormina, the ancient greek colony, with its amazing pedestrian path (the ancient roman "valeria" road), the greek theatre, the monuments, the shops, the famous restaurants and pubs and more else. You spend in Taormina around 2 hours, as you like, then we drive to the villages where the movie the Godfather has been filmed. We stop in Savoca, an amazing village nsert in the list of the mostbeautiful italian villages, very famous because it was the location of F.F. Coppola "godfather" and also for its marvelous ancient monuments. We will visit the Cathedral, the medieval area and the famous Bar Vitelli, than we stop for the almond wine tasting (included). After visiting the godfather village we get the highway in order to drive back to Messina. In Messina we will visit the city center, the amazing cathedral, the monuments and the famous view point Cristo Re, from where we can admire the Strait of Messina and the harbour. Dropp off latest 1 hr before your ship departure.

This tour includes: - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you



prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, bottled water on board, all taxes and parking fees.

COST: 2 pax 250 eu pp – 3 pax 220 eu pp – 4 pax 190 eu pp – 5 pax 170 eu pp – 6 pax 150 eu pp – 7 pax 140 eu pp – 8 or more pax 130 eu pp

**New Tour – Etna wineries tour and Silvestri craters discovering (Tour 16)**

**WINE/FOOD TASTING INCLUDED** (light walking + pedestrian path)

Vines have been cultivated on Mt Etna since the beginning of the Bronze age, as to say 4 or 5 millennium ago. The Greeks introduced new systems of cultivation and elevated wine to a deeply-rooted cultural phenomenon. Theocritus wrote about the vineyards on the slopes of Mt. Etna in the 3rd century BC. Despite the difficulties due to the volcano eruptions and the presence of fine sands in the soils that damage the vines, the wines produced today on the slopes of Mt Etna are of an excellent quality and were the first to qualify for the DOC designation in 1968. They include rosados (rosé's), dry white and dry red wines and are made mainly from Caricante, Catarratto and Nerello Mascalese, a deep colored black grape with spicy notes mostly grown in eastern Sicily. We drive first to Santa Venerina. The historic estate of Murgo, situated in a privileged position southeast of Mount Etna, has been making wines traditional to this territory since 1850. The volcanic soil give the wines a particular mineral taste typical of Mount Etna, as well as unusual finesse, aromatic complexity, and strong personality. The Murgo sparkler is made from the native Nerello Mascalese grape in the methode champenoise (the traditional method by which Champagne is made). Visit of the cellars and wine tasting. Then, we proceed to Zafferana Etnea, a beautiful little town several time involved in the eruptions of Mount Etna and we'll have a wine/food tasting of some delicious sicilian products there. We continue the tour reaching the altitude of 6.000 fts (2.000 mts), we will have there another tasting of some sicilian wines, particularly dessert wine, in a very panoramic open space faced on the lava belonging to the more recent eruptions.

Then, before we take your back at your final destination, we offer a quick city tour of Messina or Catania (it depends on the place we start the tour).

This tour includes: - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, bottled water on board, all taxes and parking fees.

COST: 2 pax 280 eu pp – 3 pax 240 eu pp – 4 pax 210 eu pp – 5 pax 180 eu pp – 6 pax 170 eu pp – 7 pax 160 eu pp – 8 or more pax 140 eu pp

**Etna breathtaking (tour 3)**

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL PRICE: AT THE SAME PRICE WE INCLUDE TAORMINA**



**TOUR!!!!!!! (MINIMUM 4 PRS.)**

**FULL VOLCANO ETNA: VISIT SUMMIT CRATERS GUIDED EXPLORATION AND TAORMINA** Mount Etna & Messina (easy trek + pedestrian path).

The tour will start picking you up from the dock or other places you arrive. Driving to 2000 mt. (7.000 ft.) we will cross some Sicilian towns (Santa Venerina and Zafferana), then we will arrive to the Silvestri craters, it's amazing landscape of the big craters area, where we can admire the huge sea of lava coming from last eruptions. On the way we will enjoy marvelous landscape of the ancient lava flows and grape farms and magnificent landscape of the coast. The excursions to the summit zone of Mt. Etna it's our final destination today. Using the modern installations of the cable-cars on the slopes of Southern Mt. Etna, in only 15 minutes it is possible to reach the height of 2,504 meters. Following the ascent to 581 m., the second part of the excursions begins. The service is carried out with special off-road vehicles driven by expert conductors who calmly drive up even the most difficult paths, reaching in only 20 minutes, the height of 2,900 m. above sea level. Here, one finds themselves in front of an incomparable panorama suspended over the sea, from where it is possible to admire the majestic central crater and the historic lava flows which characterize the landscape of Mt. Etna. Here qualified staff take you to the places where the volcanic activity flourishes, completely respecting the laws issued by the authorities which protect the zone. If you are more than 4 pax, this tour will include a quick tour of Taormina (1 hr), then we drive back to Messina (or Catania) for the quick sightseeing tour. (see tour nr.1). If you start your tour from Catania, before we take you back at your final destination, we will offer the quick visit of the town; we will visit the baroque city center, with its amazing cathedral. Then we will drive you to the dock or others places you prefer, in time for departure.

This tour includes: - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, bottled water on board, all taxes and parking fees.

COST: 2 pax 300 eu pp - 3 pax 260 eu pp - 4 pax 240 eu pp - 5 pax 220 eu pp - 6 pax 200 eu pp - 7 pax 190 eu pp - 8 or more pax 170 eu pp

**New Tour - Etna quad adventure+easy trekking (tour 17)**

**Discovering the volcano + quad drive along the past eruptions +easy trekking**

Today we will offer you an intensive adventure around the highest active volcano in Europe, Mount Etna. The tour will start picking you up from the dock or other places you arrive. We get the highway to Giarre, from where we will drive up to our base camp, where our guide is waiting for us with the quad ready. The guide will lead us for almost 2 hrs around the secular Ragabo pine forest, impressive lava



flows, fantastic lava caves and the old mule tracks that lead to the slopes of Etna. During the tour we will also do a light trekking on old eruptive cones, visit at the oldest pine Etna "Zappinazzu", without forgetting the amazing view at infinite landscape that overlooks the coast of Taormina. Then we drive back to Messina (or Catania) for a quick city tour. In Messina we will see a church with bronze statues (King Christ church) and also a viewpoint, that's one of the oldest fortress in Messina, from which to see the straight and the port of Messina, and take pictures of it. The tour will end at the cathedral of Messina with its very particular and spectacular astronomical clock (the biggest in the world). If you start your tour from Catania, before we take you back at your final destination and time permitting, we will offer the quick visit of the town; we will have a quick tour of the baroque city center, with its amazing cathedral. Then we will drive you to the dock or others places you prefer, in time for departure.

**This tour includes:** - Professional English - speaking driver (or other language you prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, bottled water on board, all taxes and parking fees.

**COST:** 2 pax 280 eu pp - 3 pax 240 eu pp - 4 pax 220 eu pp - 5 pax 190 eu pp - 6 pax 180 eu pp - 7 pax 170 eu pp - 8 or more pax 160 eu pp

**Godfather Tour and Taormina (Tour 4)**

**Savoca/Forza d'agrò/Taormina & Messina Tour** (easy walking + pedestrian path)

The tour will start picking you up from the dock or other places you arrive. First stop in Savoca, an amazing village insert in the list of the most beautiful italian villages, very famous because it was the location of F.F. Coppola "godfather" and also for its marvelous ancient monuments; second stop in Forza D'Agrò with its incredible landscape, the 14 century monastery and its ancient city center, location of Godfather movie too; finally Taormina, where you will have a couple of hours to spend for monuments, food and shopping. Than Messina classical tour (see tour nr.1). If you start your tour from Catania, before we take you back at your final destination, we will offer the quick visit of the town; we will visit the baroque city center, with its amazing cathedral. Then we will drive you to the dock or others places you prefer, in time for departure.

**This tour includes:** - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, , bottled water on board, all taxes and parking fees.

**COST:** 2 pax 210 eu pp - 3 pax 170 eu pp - 4 pax 140 eu pp - 5 pax 130 eu pp - 6 pax 100 eu pp - 7 pax 90 eu pp - 8 or more pax 80 eu pp

**Diving in the Strait + Messina tour (Tour 5) (Easy walking + diving)**



### Dive and visit the town

The tour will start picking you up from the dock or other places you arrive. We drive to the diving center first and then to our diving destination. All equipment, including diving wetsuit, will be supplied from the dive center. Who does not want to do the dive, can do snorkeling, in the surrounding area of diving. The Strait of Messina is the place where two seas, the Ionian and Tyrrhenian seas meet, causing phenomena of natural energy, which offer a spectacle of underwater life (including amazing relicts) that changes and renews itself constantly. We have collected the experiences of thousands of dives in the course of many years in the waters of the Messina Strait. After diving, we offer to our customers a typical sicilian breakfast and then we move to our Messina sightseeing tour, that will end at the cathedral, with his spectacular astronomical and astrological clock tower. Then we will drive you to the dock or others places you prefer, in time for departure.

This tour includes: - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, , bottled water on board, all taxes and parking fees.

COST: 2 pax 225 eu pp - 3 pax 195 eu pp - 4 pax 170 eu pp - 5 pax 150 eu pp - 6 pax 130 eu pp - 7 pax 120 eu pp - 8 or more pax 110 eu pp

### Messina and the Greek colony of Tyndaris (Tour 6)

(Easy walking + pedestrian path).

#### Visit of Tyndaris and visit of Messina

The tour will start picking you up from the dock or other places you arrive. Messina was the most important port of departure for European knights on their way to the Crusades. Such a Crusade prompted the visit of Richard the Lionheart and King Philip II of France in 1190. Messina remained the second most important city of Sicily until the seventeenth century, when its position was challenged by Catania. The cathedral, with its very particular and spectacular astronomical clock (the biggest in the world) where Richard the Lionheart worshipped in 1190 en route to a Crusade, was erected during the twelfth century Norman dominion. Then we will visit a church with bronze statues (King Christ church) settled in a spectacular viewpoint, that's one of the oldest spanish fortress in Messina, from which to see the straight and the port of Messina, and take pictures of it. Tindari The second stop will be in Tindari (45 min drive highway). Ancient Tindaris is located on highground overlooking the Tyrrhenian coast about 60 kilometers west of Messina. Settled during the Bronze Age (circa 1500 BC), in 254 BC it became a Roman city. In 365 AD. Tindaris was one of the most important Greek city in Sicily. Following the fall of the Empire and the arrival of Christianity, its



importance continued, and in the 6th century it became diocesan see; the Sanctuary of the Black Madonna is Tindari's main religious attraction. The Saracens destroyed the city in 836. Tindari's amphitheatre was built in the 4th century BC. It has the ruins of simple temples and the so-called basilica, a fine example of Greco-Roman architecture begun in the 4th century BC and successively modified for use as a meeting place. There were also baths at Tindari, and some splendid dwellings. Then we will drive you to the dock or others places you prefer, in time for departure.

This tour includes: - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, , bottled water on board, all taxes and parking fees.

COST: 2 pax 195 eu pp - 3 pax 165 eu pp - 4 pax 150 eu pp - 5 pax 130 eu pp - 6 pax 120 eu pp - 7 pax 110 eu pp - 8 or more pax 100 eu pp

### Messina's Coast: Tindari and Cefalù (Tour 7)

(Easy walking + pedestrian path).

#### Visit Tindari and Cefalù

The tour will start picking you up from the dock or other places you arrive. We will stop first and visit Tindari, which began as a settlement back in the Bronze Age (about 1500 B.C). We will visit the amphitheatre, which was built in the 4th century BC. We will also see the very important Christian Sanctuary that sits high on the hill above the city. It is famous for its black Madonna statue that draws visitors from afar, and gives it its name, the Sanctuary of the black Madonna. Drive to visit CEFALÙ, a charming unspoiled village with winding, narrow, medieval streets and delightful restaurants overlooking a rocky coast. The most important monument is the Duomo of Cefalù which was begun in 1131 by Roger II and it was intended as the principal religious seat in Sicily. In the museum "Mandralisca" which houses an "Antonello da Messina" painting and a collection of coins, ceramics, vases, minerals and shells. Time permits, we may drive a little more along the coast line to get to the charming village of SANTO STEFANO DI CAMASTRA, filled of several ceramic shops and colored pottery, with bar, local restaurant and pastry. Then we will drive you back to the dock or others places you prefer, in time for departure.

This tour includes: - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, snacks and beverages on board, all taxes and parking fees.

COST: 2 pax 280 eu pp - 3 pax 220 eu pp - 4 pax 190 eu pp - 5 pax 170 eu pp - 6 pax 150 eu pp - 7 pax 140 eu pp - 8 or more pax 120 eu pp



### Syracuse between classical and baroque (Tour 8)

(Easy walking + pedestrian path)

#### Visit the Neapolis and visit Ortigia island

The tour will start picking you up from the dock or other places you arrive. Our destination today is the beautiful town of Syracuse in the southern part of the Island - enjoy a very special introduction to the Sicilian coastline en-route. Syracuse, built on an ancient Greek settlement founded by Corinthians in 734 BC. We will visit the archaeological area of Neapolis with its Greek theatre, the Roman amphitheatre and Latomia del Paradiso (with its Dionysius Hear) and the "Ara of Hyeron". We will arrive at the 'Ortigia Island', the heart of the city and we will stroll along the ancient narrow streets and the Duomo square, than the Cathedral, built above a Greek Temple. We will take in one of the more charming spot of Ortigia, the "Arethusa fountain" with its Papyrus plants, overlooking the Ionic sea. We will also have the chance to stroll the open Sicilian local market situated in the heart of Ortigia, full of vegetables, fish and local products. If you start your tour from Catania, before we take you back at your final destination, we will offer the quick visit of the town; we will visit the baroque city center, with its amazing cathedral. Then we will drive you to the dock or others places you prefer, in time for departure.

This tour includes: - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, , bottled water on board, all taxes and parking fees.

COST: 2 pax 250 eu pp - 3 pax 200 eu pp - 4 pax 180 eu pp - 5 pax 160 eu pp - 6 pax 140 eu pp - 7 pax 120 eu pp - 8 or more pax 100 eu pp

### Cyclops Bay: Catania & Aci Trezza (Tour 9)

(Easy walking + pedestrian path)

#### Visit Catania, Acicastello and Acitrezza

The tour will start picking you up from the dock or other places you arrive. Catania is the second largest city in Sicily by Population and it's considered one of the most beautiful town in Italy. The town it's a melting pot of antique and modern, the baroque it's perfectly mixed with the newest modern building style. The center of the tow it's full of nice shops, bars and restaurant where you can enjoy the typical sicilian food and wine . After visiting Catania we move out of the city to the sea side towns of AciCastello and Aci Trezza, two pretty coast line Sicilian villages. Then we leave the villages to reach the beautiful city of Acireale. We will visit the Duomo square with its wonderful Baroque palaces and churches. If you start your tour from Catania, before we take you back at your final destination, we will offer the quick visit of the town; we will visit the baroque city



center, with its amazing cathedral. Then we will drive you to the dock or other places you prefer, in time for departure.

This tour includes: - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, , bottled water on board, all taxes and parking fees.

COST: 2 pax 200 eu pp - 3 pax 170 eu pp - 4 pax 140 eu pp - 5 pax 120 eu pp - 6 pax 110 eu pp - 7 pax 100 eu pp - 8 or more pax 90 eu pp

Palermo, Monreale and Pellegrino Mount (Santa Rosalia Sanctuary) (Tour 10)  
(Easy walking + pedestrian path)

**Visit Palermo, Monreale and Monte Pellegrino**

The tour begins at the place and time agreed with the customer. Palermo is the capital and largest city of Sicily, in fact, is the administrative center and main tourist attraction of the island. Our tour today will focus on the most important part of the capital, that is, in its medieval area, where you can visit the splendid baroque and Arab-Norman sites in the city. A must is also the Cathedral: a magnificent and imposing building which stands on the ruins of the ancient cathedral, a mosque by the Arabs and consecrated to Christian worship by the Norman kings. Then, along a beautiful road that climbs the slopes of the Conca d'Oro, one reaches the village of Monreale. The Baroque Cathedral of Monreale, built during the Norman rule, will leave you speechless. We then let down again to Palermo, for a short walk along the colorful streets of the market "Vucciria", the largest of Palermo. If there is time, we move a few kilometers, up to The Sanctuary of Santa Rosalia, patron saint of Palermo; it is an important place of worship but also one of the most evocative monuments of the city, capable of moving famous writers such as the romantic poet Johann Wolfgang Goethe. One cannot remain indifferent in front of this church with a very particular structure, which can be reached by car along a winding road from which you can enjoy a splendid view of the city of Palermo or on foot with a long flight of steps. The church is built close to the cave where Santa Rosalia lived the last eight years of her life, forming a whole with Monte Pellegrino, the sacred mountain of the Palermitans.

This tour includes: - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, bottled water, all taxes and parking fees.

COST: 2 pax 250 eu pp - 3 pax 220 eu pp - 4 pax 190 eu pp - 5 pax 160 eu pp - 6 pax 140 eu pp - 7 pax 120 eu pp - 8 or more pax 110 eu pp

**The Norman heritage: Cefalù and Palermo (Tour 10+)**



(Easy walking + pedestrian path)

### Visit Cefalù and Palermo

The tour begins at the place and time agreed with the customer. First stop today is CEFALU', a charming unspoiled village with winding, narrow, medieval streets and delightful restaurants overlooking a rocky coast. The most important monument is the Duomo of Cefalù which was begun in 1131 by Roger II and it was intended as the principal religious seat in Sicily. In the museum "Mandralisca" which houses an "Antonello da Messina" painting and a collection of coins, ceramics, vases, minerals and shells. The squares, streets and churches of this medieval town are so postcard-pretty that it's no wonder director Giuseppe Tornatore chose to set parts of his much-loved film Cinema Paradiso here. Unfortunately, you won't be alone in admiring the honey-hued stone buildings, mosaic-adorned cathedral and dramatic backdrop of La Rocca (the Rock) when you visit – during summer, holidaymakers from every corner of the country flock to Cefalù to relax in resort hotels, stroll the narrow cobbled streets and sun themselves on the long sandy beach. The town is perfectly suited to slow, pedestrianised exploration. The little port is lined with narrow fishing boats and populated with local fishermen who can often be observed maintaining their boats, mending their nets and discussing the day's catch. The lungomare (seafront promenade) is very popular for the passeggiata (evening stroll), as is the main street, Corso Ruggero. Then we get back to Palermo, the capital and largest city of Sicily, in fact, is the administrative center and main tourist attraction of the island. Our tour today will focus on the most important part of the capital, that is, in its medieval area, where you can visit the splendid baroque and Arab-Norman sites in the city. A must is also the Cathedral: a magnificent and imposing building which stands on the ruins of the ancient cathedral, a mosque by the Arabs and consecrated to Christian worship by the Norman kings, than Royal Palace, the most ancient monument of Palermo, with ruins belonging to the Phoenicians age. Our tour ends here, customers will then be accompanied to the place and time they prefer.

This tour includes: - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, bottled water, all taxes and parking fees.

COST: 2 pax 250 eu pp – 3 pax 220 eu pp – 4 pax 190 eu pp – 5 pax 160 eu pp – 6 pax 140 eu pp – 7 pax 120 eu pp – 8 or more pax 110 eu pp

### The Myth: Erice and Segesta (Tour 11)

(Easy walking + pedestrian path)<sup>9</sup>

### Visit Erice and Segesta ruins

The tour begins at the place and time agreed with the customer. Today we cross



the western part of Sicily, our first stop will be, in fact, the archaeological site of Segesta. Maybe a Turkish ancient settlement, the city of Segesta was a prestigious Greek colony, it was during the Greek period that Segesta became one of the most important cities of the western part of Sicily. At first we visit the Segesta Greek temple, a temple in Doric style. The temple is composed of 36 columns, still intact despite earthquakes and bad weather suffered over the centuries. Very beautiful it's also the Greek theatre, a typical example of a Greek theater, semi-circular in shape. After the archaeological excursion, we head towards the mountain and precisely in Erice. Medieval town of Erice placed at 880 mt. above sea level. The remains of the ancient Phoenician city walls are the setting for a great little town; among the major attractions highlight we have: the Cathedral, built in 1300, in Catalan Gothic style, with refined decorations among which the icon of the Black Madonna, venerated a lot. It's nice to walk the streets of the town and enjoy, in one of the many local shops, the famous sweet almond paste. Our tour ends here, customers will then be accompanied to the place and time they prefer.

**This tour includes:** - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, bottled water, all taxes and parking fees.

**COST:** 2 pax 250 eu pp - 3 pax 220 eu pp - 4 pax 190 eu pp - 5 pax 160 eu pp - 6 pax 140 eu pp - 7 pax 120 eu pp - 8 or more pax 110 eu pp

### **Agrigento: the mythical temples valley and Scala dei Turchi reserve (Tour 12)**

(Easy walking + pedestrian path)

#### **Visit the Temples Valley and Scala dei Turchi reserve**

The tour begins at the place and time agreed with the customer. Situated on a plateau overlooking Sicily's southern coast, the ancient Akragas was founded in 582 BC by Greek colonists from Gela. The area we visit today is outside the walls of the modern city of considerable interest are: the Greek temples, theaters and the archaeological museum, which houses some of the findings of greater prestige. In the Valley of the Temples are the ruins of several temples, the necropolis, houses and all the original town plan of the ancient Greek colony. After visiting the archaeological area of Agrigento, time permitting, we head to the coast, exactly to the Scala dei Turchi, a cliff of white marl that rises above the sea along the coast of Realmonte, in the Agrigento area.

Over time it has become a tourist attraction both for the singularity of the cliff, white in color and with peculiar shapes, and following the popularity acquired by the novels starring Inspector Montalbano written by the Empedocline writer Andrea Camilleri.

**This tour includes:** - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you



prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, bottled water, all taxes and parking fees.

COST: 2 pax 250 eu pp – 3 pax 220 eu pp – 4 pax 190 eu pp – 5 pax 160 eu pp – 6 pax 140 eu pp – 7 pax 120 eu pp – 8 or more pax 110 eu pp

### **Piazza Armerina and Caltagirone (Tour 13)**

(Easy walking + pedestrian path)

#### **Visit Villa Romana del Casale, Piazza Armerina and Caltagirone**

The tour begins at the place and time agreed with the customer. Piazza Armerina is situated on a plateau almost 700 meters above sea level to about 35 km from Enna. Piazza Armerina was founded during the Norman rule, its historic center is full of beautiful churches, including the baroque cathedral, is also of considerable interest Spinelli Castle. The main attraction, however, the famous Roman Villa, with its magnificent mosaics. The Roman site is located a few kilometers from the town, the villa is one of the largest Roman patrician residences to have remained almost intact. Inside are precious mosaics depicting scenes of everyday life, such as hunting, games and gymnastic exercises. The villa was built between 330 and 360 A.D. and extends for about 3500 square meters. Our second stop today is Caltagirone, a few kilometers away from Piazza Armerina. Once an ancient Saracen fortress, the mountain town was rebuilt after the earthquake of 1693. The architecture of its churches is typically Baroque. Caltagirone is famous for its pottery. After a walk to the city center and visit the quaint shops of ceramics, we stop to taste the typical almond paste cookies. Our tour ends here, customers will then be accompanied to the place and time they prefer.

This tour includes: - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, bottled water, all taxes and parking fees.

COST: 2 pax 250 eu pp – 3 pax 220 eu pp – 4 pax 190 eu pp – 5 pax 160 eu pp – 6 pax 140 eu pp – 7 pax 120 eu pp – 8 or more pax 110 eu pp

### **Messina, the pearl of the Strait (Tour 14)**

(Easy walking + pedestrian path)

#### **Full immersion in Messina**

The tour begins at the dock or other point you wish. The first stop is the Church of Montalto, who houses one of the oldest icons of the Madonna and where you enjoy spectacular views of the city, the second stop will be the shrine of Christ the King, built during the fascist dictatorship, holds the remains of war deads, old paintings and fine marbles; from the terrace you can enjoy the best view of the city and the Strait of Messina. Continue through the ancient arch of the Spanish



era to reach the old city gate, a short stop for a couple of photos then, later, continue towards the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele, one of the most fascinating architectural buildings of the city. Before reaching the Cathedral, our ultimate goal, we will make a few stops to visit Pugliatti Square where you will find the Palace of Justice and the University. To reach the Cathedral we pass in front of the Church SS Annunziata of the Catalans and the Baroque fountains. We will also have time to admire the monument of Don John of Austria and then go to our final stop, the cathedral of Messina, with its spectacular astrological/ astronomical tower. The tour will end at the place and time you prefer.

**This tour includes:** - Professional English -speaking driver (or other language you prefer), Transportation by Mercedes luxury AC van, bottled water, all taxes and parking fees.

**COST:** 2 pax 180 eu pp - 3 pax 160 eu pp - 4 pax 140 eu pp - 5 pax 120 eu pp - 6 pax 100 eu pp - 7 pax 90 eu pp - 8 or more pax 80 eu pp

### **New Tour - INSPECTOR MONTALBANO TOUR (Tour 15)**

**Visit all the sites mentioned on the romance (Agrigento province)**

On the trail of Commissario Montalbano: Literary tour covering the places described in Camilleri's novels.

Vigata and Montelusa are places that are imaginary and real at the same time: Porto Empedocle is Vigata with its streets, abandoned factories, Pasture, lighthouse, flat rock, Salita Granet, Marinella beach, "Commissariato" in Lincoln Street, Monte Crasto, Restaurant San Calogero and Trattoria da Enzo and Girgenti is Montelusa with the Commissioner's Office and Rabato district. We'll follow in the steps of Salvo Montalbano and the other members of Vigata's small police force. Mimì Augello, Montalbano's second-in-charge, Fazio, Gallo, Galluzzo and the incredibly stupid yet likeable Catarella, who mans the station's phones. The tour starts from the place the customer wish. We drive directly to the city centre of Montelusa (Agrigento): here we find the Commissioner's office (Questura) and Piazza San Francesco, the place where the very idea of Vigata came to Camilleri's mind. We walk along Via Atenea to the Santo Spirito Library where Montalbano finds the book that helps him understand the mystery of the Terracotta Dog. Transfer to Villasetta (The Snack Thief) and continue to Vigata, passing by the Pasture. Stop at the Tower of Charles V (described in Camilleri's first book) and at the pier to admire the sight of Vigata from the sea. Later, we walk in Vigata city centre to Salita Granet and Caffè Vigata with references to various works of Andrea Camilleri that are set there (The shape of water, The scent of the night, The terracotta dog, The excursion to Tindari, The voice of the violin). Leisure time to partake the small town atmosphere which surrounds Camilleri's



characters. Continue to Marinella (Montalbano's house) and Scala dei Turchi, another place often described in the novels. The tour ends here than we drive the customer at his final destination.

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### NOTES

All tours begin and end at the place and time established by the customer. Prices are per person. Within our vehicles is available for all our customers, free of charge, a minibar with cool drinks and snacks. The entrances to museums and other art venues, meals and tips are not included.

We customized our tours using a Driver-Escort. A Driver Escort is a chauffeur specialized to drive you in our destinations. He is able to provide basic historical information, he can show you the main highlights; he is knowledgeable and he is able to give you a lot of informations. Our Driver Escort will take care to give adequate time at all stops and to accommodate special requests when possible, he will assure that your experience will be both memorable and enjoyable. The Driver Escort is not a Licensed Tourist Guide (Licensed Tourist Guide: are the only professionals - with a Regional license - permitted to conduct visits and tours in all sites and museums within a city) and he cannot escort you inside the monuments because this is not allowed by Italian Rules. In case you need a Licensed Local Guide you should pay a surcharge and we will arrange for Licensed Guide to meet you directly on the spot.

### COMPLAINTS

If a Client has a complaint against the Company, the Client must first inform the company at the earliest opportunity, to allow the grievance to be rectified and in case offer a refund, before any public display of the matter.

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