



# MyVenice TravelGuide

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9 DAYS PACKAGE TOUR for **SMALL GROUP**



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package tour



Enjoy this amazing trip through fantastic Sicily! Having being ruled over the last twenty-five hundreds years by Greeks, Romans, Normans and Arabs before becoming part of Italy, this island is a unique mosaic of different cultures reflected also in its great cuisine. You will visit **Palermo, Marsala, Catania, Taormina, Mount Etna & fisherman villages**. It will be a journey through **flavours, colors, amazing food a cooking class, wine tastings and beautiful places**. You will visit highlights, off the beaten path villages and you will have **free time for your own shopping**. A qualified guide/Sommelier will always accompany you during the tour. All accommodation is expected to be in Palermo and Taormina.

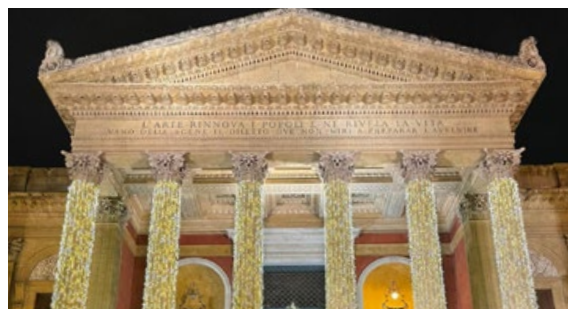
## Day #1 Palermo walking tour

Half day - 1<sup>st</sup> Night in Palermo

After meeting the guide at Palermo airport, you will catch a private minivan to reach with a short transfer your accommodation in Palermo.

After check in, you will have time to relax and the guide will take you on a walking tour to see **Palermo, via Maqueda, 4 Canti, Piazza Pretoria, The Palatine Chapel** and to immediately immerse yourself in the Sicilian life style you will taste a typical **Sicilian cannolo** or a **brioche with gelato**!

Dinner will be in a typical restaurant (trattoria) where you will have authentic Sicilian cuisine.



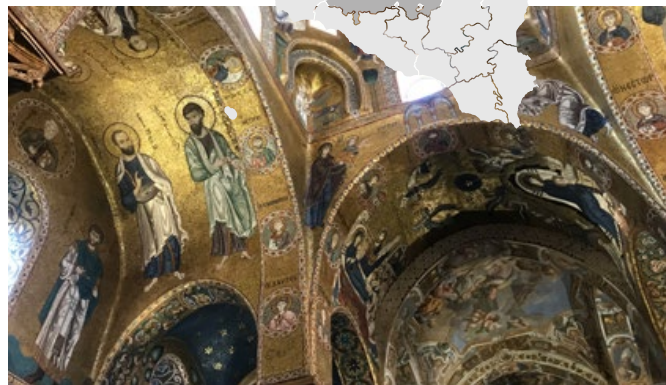
# Day #2 Duomo di Monreale & Private Palazzo

Full day - 2<sup>nd</sup> Night in Palermo

The guide will meet you in the lobby of your hotel and you will start your day with the excursion to The **Duomo di Monreale**, splendor example of byzantine architecture and part of **UNESCO Heritage since 2015**.

Lunch will be in a local trattoria to experience the great Sicilian cuisine with norman, arab and greek roots.

In the afternoon you will visit the **city center of Palermo** and the elegant and famous **Palazzo Federico** built upon the Carthaginian city wall, where you will have the rare opportunity to tour a **private noble palace** with the **count as your special guide**.



# Day #3 Medieval village & Fisherman village

Full day - 3<sup>rd</sup> Night in Palermo

After meeting with the guide, you will embark for a full day sightseeing excursion outside of Palermo. You will visit the **medieval village of Caccamo**, up in the mountain, its stunning **lake view** from the panoramic road and its castle, which is the largest and **best preserved Norman castles in Sicily**, and one of the largest in Italy.

Lunch will be served at a local pizzeria to taste a real Sicilian **pizza and local wine!**

On the way back to Palermo, you will visit one of the most characteristic **fisherman villages** in Sicily, Aspra **Bagheria** and the Anchovy Museum and Maritime Art, born from the passion of two brothers, which is a unique reality in the Mediterranean panorama.

Before arriving in Palermo you will stop for a **wine tasting**, at sunset, **by the sea**.





## Day #4 The old Market & sicilian Cooking Class

Half day - 4<sup>th</sup> Night in Palermo



You can't leave Sicily without having a **cooking class!**

Get ready for a great experience with a Sicilian chef in Palermo. Our first stop will be at one of the most authentic, liveliest and **oldest markets** of Sicily, **Mercato del Capo**, where you will see all merchants at work and taste **street** Sicilian **food** and you will buy the ingredients for the cooking class. You will prepare Sicilian dishes with seafood and ...Chef Vincenzo will give lots of good tips and informations. Of course you will eat what you have prepared. Lunch will be paired with great Sicilian wine.

On the way back to the hotel, close to Teatro Massimo you will know the history of the **Opera dei Pupi**, in the list of **UNESCO**, which is a particular type of puppet theatre, established in Sicily in the early 1800's.

In the afternoon you will have free time to spend in Palermo.

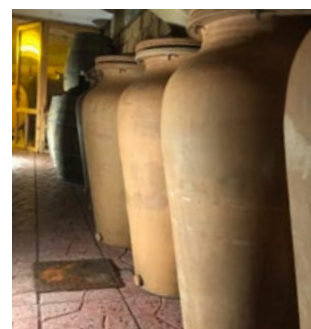
## Day #5 Marsala wine tour & Windmills

Full day - 5<sup>th</sup> Night in Palermo

The guide will meet you in the lobby of your hotel and by private minivan you will embark for a full day sightseeing in Marsala countryside. You will have the great opportunity to visit an **ancient wine cellar famous for Marsala wine production**, located in a "baglio", the ancient Sicilian village, belonging to the family for generations. Here you will taste local wines and of course the Marsala, the cousin of sherry.

Lunch will be served in a local trattoria (local restaurant).

In the early afternoon you will reach the **Stagnone lagoon** with the typical **windmills** and on a sailboat ride you will taste local wine, at the **sunset**, sailing towards the island of Mozia, founded mid- eight century BC. Return to the hotel in Palermo.





# Day #6 Taormina

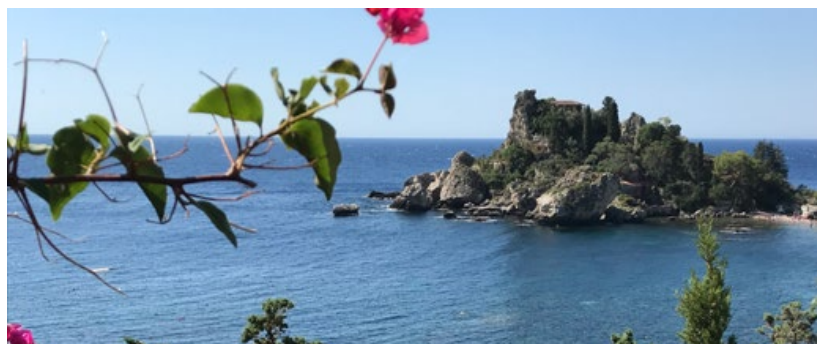
Half day - 6<sup>th</sup> Night in Taormina

Transfer to Taormina and check in the hotel.

Lunch will be in **Taormina on a beautiful terrace by the sea.**

In the afternoon you will have a private **Taormina walking tour** to explore the village and its amazing hidden corners. It is an explosion of colors, the blue of the sea and the purple of the bougainville. Its magnificent **Greek-Roman Theatre** is the most **spectacularly** situated in the world that and you will reach it through Corso Umberto I, **Taormina's main street.**

Taormina is the right place to taste the typical **granite Siciliana and marzapane!** In the afternoon you will have free time to spend in Taormina.



# Day #7 Catania & mount Etna Wine tour

Full day - 7<sup>th</sup> Night in Taormina

Today you will visit the **beautiful Catania**, with **Piazza Duomo**, the heart of the city, the **Cathedral**, the city hall and the **Pescheria**, the **colourful fishmarket**, and the **Roman theatre.**

You will stop in the most **ancient pasticceria** with Franca, the owner, proud to let you taste **local typical cakes** like **cannoli with pistacchio**, **cassata ninnuzza**, **pasta di mandorle**, "almonds milk".

Lunch will be in a local trattoria.

In the afternoon you will reach a unique **wine cellars** and **Mount Etna**, World Heritage site in 2013. Etna is a unique destination which is one more reason to visit Sicily. The **volcano** has always inspired winemakers, enthusiasts, and wine lovers. Each slope of the mountain has its own history and presents an inimitable set of soil and climatic characteristics.







# Day #8 Taormina food experience

Half day - 8<sup>th</sup> Night in Taormina



Hidden in a little road in the city center of **Taormina** you will **visit a "bottega"**, an authentic local shop, with incredible **home made cheeses and cold cuts, caponata** (eggplants), nuts ,orange jams, **sicilian dishes** and fantastic **bread** that we will pair to **sicilian wines**.

It will be a pleasure to hear the owners speak so passionately about what they were serving. The amazing food, wonderful service and attention make this place a must see when in Taormina.

Our tour will end in a pasticceria to taste different kind of cannolo, **pasta di mandorle** and **cassata**!

In the afternoon you will have free time to spend in Taormina.



# Day #9 Departure

Meeting with the guide in the lobby and transfer by minivan to Catania Fontanarossa airport.

**If you are reaching another destination, we will be happy to help you to organize accordingly.**

# Services & Pricing

**PRICES euro:** Please Ask for a quote  
[info@myvenicetravelguide.it](mailto:info@myvenicetravelguide.it)

## **Inclusions:**

- Private transfer by car /minivan from Falcone e Borsellino airport in Palermo to the hotel and from the hotel in Taormina to Catania Fontanarossa airport
- Private transfer by car /minivan for all the excursions mentioned
- Local expert guides in all cities and during all the wine excursions
- Wine guide expert during the wine tours
- Ticket entrance to Duomo di Monreale
- Wine tastings at winecellars in Marsala and Mount Etna
- Cake tastings in Palermo ,Catania and granita in Taormina
- One lunch/day
- Boat trip at Lo Stagnone Lagoon & Aperitivo at Stagnone Lagoon
- Aperitivo at the fisherman village
- Cooking class with lunch In Palermo. The meal included is the one during the cooking class
- Entrance in the Private Palazzo in Palermo
- Food tasting in Taormina
- Accommodation: 4 stars hotel
- Accommodations suggested are 5 nights in Palermo and 3 in Taormina

## **Conditions:**

- Prices subject to availability.
- 50% deposit to secure your booking and block the seats.
- On a min 2 adults basis
- Tour or activities take place with any weather

## **Cancellation Policy:**

- Up to 30 days before arrival – no fees
- Up to 15 days before arrival 50% fees
- 15 days or later -100% fees

If you would like to modify your trip let us know.  
We will be happy to organize a tailor-made trip for you.



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