



ITALY

SICILIAN CAROUSEL WITH AEOLIAN ISLANDS (TOUR CODE: 13088)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Catania

TRAVEL PERIODS03 May 25 - 27 Sep 25 | 02
May 26 - 17 Oct 26**EXPERIENCE**Escorted
Cultural**TRAVEL STYLE**

Escorted Group Tour

Experience the rich culture, diverse landscapes, and historical treasures of Sicily on a 12-day small group tour, including a captivating island-hopping adventure to Lipari, Panarea, Stromboli, and Salina.

Highlights

- Exclusive tour for **small groups up to 20** People maximum in English Only.
- Discover **Lipari, Panarea & Stromboli and Salina** islands
- **Enjoy gastronomic and enological experiences** like wine tasting in Marsala or the taste of traditional almond pastries in Erice!
- Explore the charming city of **Taormina** and take time for a visit to **the Ancient Greek Theater** boasting a scenic view over the bay!
- Marvel at **Cefalù** one of the most evocative destinations on the island!
- Explore the archaeological sites of **Siracusa, Agrigento & the Valley of the Temples**

From Catania, travel to Siracusa, a city on the Ionian Coast. Visit its ancient ruins including the Neapolis Archaeological Park. Depart to the hilltop city of Ragusa to explore its stunning Baroque palaces and churches. Continue to Agrigento, a hilltop city renowned for the magnificent Valley of the Temples, some of the best-preserved ancient Greek buildings outside Greece.

After a short visit to Erice via the spectacular "Salt Route", continue to the capital of Sicily: Palermo. Explore its historical centre including the sprawling Palermo Cathedral, the Palace of the Normans and Teatro Massimo. Depart to Cefalu, a charming coastal town known for its Arab-Norman cathedral and sandy beaches. Continue to the charming city of Taormina, located on the east coast of Sicily and called "the pearl of the Ionian Sea".

Head to Milazzo and set sail on an adventure to explore Lipari, the largest of the Aeolian Islands. Your journey includes visits to the picturesque islands of Panarea and Stromboli, as well as a boat excursion to Salina, renowned for its beautiful beaches. Following your island exploration, you'll transfer to Catania, where you'll have the freedom to leisurely explore the historic city center. Your unforgettable trip concludes in Catania.



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- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 10-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- 1 night in a restored nineteenth-century Baglio
- Transportation by deluxe coach or minivan
- Return Transfer by hydrofoil Milazzo Harbour/Lipari
- Return Transfer by minivan from Lipari Harbour/Hotel
- Transfer by minivan Taormina/Milazzo (on day 8) and Milazzo/Catania-Hotel (on day 11)
- Shared boat micrucruises from Lipari to Panera and Stromboli, and to Salina
- Daily Breakfast
- 3 Dinners (Catania on day 1, Ragusa on day 3 and Marsala on day 4)
- 1 light lunch on the way to Monreale (day 5)
- Cheese & sicilian products tasting/ light lunch in Ragusa
- Almond pastries tasting in Erice
- Street food experience/tour in Siracusa
- Visit of a cellar and Wine tasting in Marsala and on Mount Etna
- Regular multilingual boat excursions from Lipari to Panarea, Stromboli and Salina (no guides)
- Taxi Tour of Lipari Island
- English-speaking tour escort from day 1 to day 7
- Independent services (no tour leader) from day 8 to day 12
- Local guides where necessary
- Porterage at hotels (excluded Aeolian Islands)
- "Whispers" (audio guide) throughout the itinerary

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Catania

Make your way to the hotel in Catania. Tonight, you'll enjoy a welcome dinner.

Overnight stay in Catania at **Katane Palace Hotel** or similar.

Dinner



Day **2**

Catania Siracusa Catania

After a buffet breakfast, departure to **Siracusa**.

Then visit the World Heritage Site "Neapolis". The visit of this archaeological area includes the famous Greek theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre, the Latomie of Paradise (*entrance tickets not included*) and the "Dyionisios Ear". Continue to the island of Ortigia, the small baroque old city centre of Siracusa; Visit of the beautiful Cathedral, which is built upon the site of the Doric Temple of Minerva, the legendary Arethusa's Fountain, and the Temple of Apollo.

We will enjoy a "**street food**" **light lunch in the centre of Ortigia**. Afternoon at disposal to stroll through the streets of the centre and for shopping. Return to your hotel in Catania.

Return to **Catania** and enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure to experience the city on your own.

Overnight stay in Catania at **Katane Palace Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **2**

Catania Reggio

After a buffet breakfast, departure for a nice walk in **Catania**, stroll through the city centre and visit the famous fish market "A PISCARIA", one of the largest fish markets in Sicily. As old as the city itself, it's a great way to experience the abundant fishing and seafood culture of Sicily, with a very special and authentic atmosphere.

Depart to **Ragusa**, renowned for its cheese production; Stop for a tasting of artisan cheeses and sicilian specialties (*light lunch*).

We will enjoy an enchanting panoramic tour of the historical centre "Ibla" by the "Baroque train". We'll admire its stunning baroque palaces and churches; together with other seven cities in the Val di Noto, Ragusa is listed among the UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

We will continue to the hotel where you have time at disposal to relax at the swimming pool or at the Spa.

In the evening, enjoy a dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Ragusa at **Poggio Del Sole Resort** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Ragusa Agrigento Marsala

After a buffet breakfast, departure to **Agrigento**, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; visit of the Valley, including the Temple of Concordia, which is in almost perfectly preserved condition, the temples of Juno and Heracles.

Free time at disposal for lunch (*not included*).

In the afternoon we'll proceed to **Marsala** a city on the western coast famous for its production of sweet Sicilian wine. Arrival at Baglio Donnafranca, a perfectly restored nineteenth-century baglio, in the Marsala countryside, on the hills in front of the the Egadi Islands. The baglio was a property of Florio family. Here we will have the opportunity to visit the cellar and learn all about winemaking.

At the end of the tour, we wil enjoy a **wine tasting and light dinner at sunset**.

Overnight stay in Marsala at **Baglio Donna Franca Wine Resort** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **5** Marsala Salt Route Erice Monreale Palermo

After a buffet breakfast, departure to **Erice**, via the spectacular “Salt Route”, a road flanked by the salt pans, windmills, and the “salt houses” where they still extract the sea salt as the Phoenicians. Arrival in Erice, on the top of a hill overlooking the Trapani and the Egadi Islands: walk through its tiny and characteristic streets, the winding lanes and, inner courtyards and stop for biscuit tasting.

Departure to **Monreale**, light lunch with local specialties on the way. Arrival in Monreale, situated on a hill, few kms far from Palermo in panoramic position. Visit of the Cathedral, one of the most beautiful monuments in the world with its Moorish architecture, housing very fine mosaics representing a complete cycle of the Old and New Testaments in Arab-Norman style.

Proceed to **Palermo**, the capital of Sicily where you have some free time at disposal.

Overnight stay in Palermo at **Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **6** Palermo Cefalu Messina Taormina

After a buffet breakfast walking tour of **Palermo**, the capital of Sicily. We will start our visit by walking along Corso Vittorio Emanuele to reach "I Quattro Canti di Città" Piazza Pretoria, Piazza Bellini. We will visit the Cathedral, one of the most important architectural monuments. We will then reach one of the most famous and historical markets of Palermo to experience the authenticity of this wonderful and colourful city.

Continue to **Cefalù**, a former fishing village, now a charming coastal town. Enjoy a walk to the city centre and down main street to reach the Arab-Norman Cathedral and the medieval washhouse built in the rock.

Free time at disposal to explore the town and shopping. Lunch on your own.

Proceed to **Taormina** through the coastal road passing through Messina from where we'll have the chance to admire the suggestive scenery of the Strait of Messina.

Overnight stay in Taormina at **Hotel Caparena** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **7**

Taormina Mt Etna Taormina

After a buffet breakfast, excursion to **Mount Etna**, the highest active Volcano in Europe. Weather conditions permitting, across fascinating landscape with different kind of vegetation, a mixture of citrus groves, vineyards and fruit trees. We will reach a height of 1800 metres to visit the Sylvester Craters where we'll enjoy a spectacular panorama over the Ionian Sea. Stop at a local vineyard on the eastern slopes of Etna and **visit a prestigious cellar**. We will have the opportunity to taste different local wines accompanied by local cheese and cold cuts (lunch not included).

In the afternoon back to **Taormina**, charming city called "the pearl of the Ionian Sea": enjoy time at leisure for shopping or walking through its tiny streets. The remainder of the day is at your leisure.

Overnight stay in Taormina at **Hotel Caparena** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **8** Taormina Milazzo Lipari

After buffet breakfast, departure to **Milazzo**. Boarding at the port of Milazzo for Lipari by hydrofoil.

Arrival on the island of **Lipari**, the largest of the Aeolian archipelago. Transfer to the hotel and free time to visit the delightful village of Lipari.

Lunch on your own; in the afternoon, taxi tour of the island of Lipari.

Overnight stay in Lipari at **Gattopardo Park Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **9** Lipari Panarea & Stromboli Lipari

After a buffet breakfast, morning at disposal and lunch at your own.

Late in the morning departure by boat to Panarea and Stromboli. First stop in **Panarea** where it will be possible to visit the

small village with a pleasant walk along the streets among the white Aeolian-style houses. Then continue with the boat to **Stromboli**, the island, defined as the wildest island because it seems to preserve its bond with nature and with the volcano, called by the locals "Iddu"; free time to visit.

Once back on the boat, you will continue until you reach the "**Sciara del fuoco**", a ridge of the crater from where the lava descends. From the boat it will also be possible to witness the evocative eruptions of the volcano that follow one another with intervals of about fifteen minutes.

Return to Lipari in the evening.

Overnight stay in Lipari at **Gattopardo Park Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 10 Lipari Salina Lipari

After a buffet breakfast in hotel, departure by boat to **Salina**. After a stop in the center of S. Marina, continue by boat to circumnavigate the island, swim in Pollara, the beach of the famous film "Il Postino". Free time for lunch.

Continue to **Lingua** where there is a Salt Lake from where salt was extracted in ancient times (hence the name of the island).

Return to Lipari in the afternoon. Free time at disposal for shopping and dinner.

Overnight stay in Lipari at **Gattopardo Park Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **11** Lipari Milazzo Catania

After breakfast, transfer to the port of Lipari, and boarding on the hydrofoil for **Milazzo**. Transfer to Catania, arrival at the hotel and accommodation.

Lunch and dinner on your own; afternoon at your disposal in Catania.

Overnight stay in Catania at **Katane Palace Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **12** Catania

Your tour ends after breakfast.

Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Entrance tickets Supplement

The Entrance tickets to sites and museums include:

- The Neapolis in Siracusa and the Dome;
- Valley of Temples in Agrigento;
- The Dome in Monreale.

In case of price increases for the entrance fees, we will update you at the time of the booking.



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

Transfer from Catania Airport to Catania

One way transfer from Catania Airport to Catania Hotel.

*There will be a surcharge for arrivals between 22:00 and 07:00. In addition, a supplementary fee will be applied to all transfer services on the designated bank holidays: January 1st and 6th, Easter Sunday and Monday, April 25th, May 1st, June 2nd, August 15th, November 1st, December 8th, 25th, and 26th.

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ACCOMMODATION

Katane Palace Hotel

Catania

The Katane Palace Hotel is in the historical centre of Catania, which is between the sea and Mount Etna and is one of the most beautiful parts of Sicily. The Katane Palace Hotel is close to Via Umberto and Via Etnea, which are in the centre of Catania. It is a good place to stay for business or pleasure. With period furniture, expensive tapestries, an arched ceiling, and paintings, the room has a sophisticated feel.



Hotel Poggio del Sole

Ragusa

Located between central Ragusa and the Mediterranean Sea, **Poggio del Sole** is an imposing **19th-century country manor**. The property features an outdoor swimming pool, a modern wellness centre and spacious, elegant and modern rooms.



Baglio Donna Franca Wine Resort

Marsala

Step into timeless elegance at Baglio Donna Franca, a beautifully restored 19th-century estate nestled in the rolling hills of Marsala, overlooking the Stagnone Reserve and the Egadi Islands. Once the birthplace of the legendary Marsala wine and home to the renowned Florio family, this historic baglio pays tribute to the pioneering spirit of Donna Franca Florio. Today, it invites guests to relive the splendour of Sicily's Belle Époque with an immersive journey through rich heritage, breathtaking landscapes, and the captivating culture of wine.



Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa

Palermo

The Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa is situated in the middle of the city, making it easily accessible to all of Palermo's most popular points of interest. The historical hotel that we have earned a rating of 4 stars for is full of allure and splendour.



Hotel Caparena

Taormina

In Taormina Mare, an emerald green paradise overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, rest and pleasant holidays are guaranteed. The Hotel Caparena's terracotta flooring, beautiful fabrics, pool, and patios offer entire sensory experiences.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.
- A minivan with driver/guide, normally not equipped with wifi, will be provided if the number of participants is equal to or less than eight.
- Please be advised that in the **Aeolian Islands, there will be independent touring** provided by multilingual local guides (without a tour leader/escort).
- For organizational reasons, the itinerary may be reversed or modified without notice. In this case, our supplier ensures similar visits and excursions in accordance with the spirit of the tour program.
- Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package (Entrance tickets to sites and museums)