Sicily’s Ancient Landscapes & Timeless Traditions Small Group Adventure
Sicily: Palermo, Mazara del Vallo, Piazza Armerina, Ragusa, Catania, Mount Etna

16 days from $5395
Includes international airfare from San Francisco or Los Angeles

15 days from $4195
Without international airfare
Single Supplement: FREE

Maximize Your Discoveries & Value
Optional extensions:
Puglia: Italy’s Undiscovered Heel
5 nights pre-trip from $1695

DEPARTURE DATE: March 30, 2024

Itinerary Summary

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It’s Included

- Explore in a small group of 16 travelers maximum (average group size of 13)
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation
- Accommodations for 14 nights
- 31 meals—14 breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 9 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Lunch)
- 24 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next adventure

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Itinerary

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.
Fly overnight from the U.S. to Palermo, Sicily.

DAY 2 • Palermo
Arrive in Palermo and meet your fellow travelers, including those who took our Puglia: Italy’s Undiscovered Heel pre-trip extension.
Hotel Federico II or similar

DAY 3 • Palermo
Set off on a walking tour of Palermo, followed by a visit to a traditional market. Later, enjoy a tour along the streets of Palermo by ape calessino, a three-wheeled vehicle, followed by a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.
B,D—Hotel Federico II or similar

DAY 4 • Palermo • Optional Castelbuono & Cefalù tour • Controversial Topic: Sicilian Mafia
Enjoy a day of personal time in Palermo. Or, join a full-day optional tour to Castelbuono and Cefalù on Sicily’s northern coast, including lunch at a local restaurant. Later, gather for an enlightening Controversial Topic about the Sicilian Mafia (also known as Cosa Nostra).
B,L,D—Mahara Hotel or similar

DAY 5 • Monreale • Segesta • Mazara del Vallo
Drive to Monreale and enjoy a guided visit. View the town’s twelfth-century Norman Cathedral, which sits in the hills overlooking Palermo. Then, head to Segesta for an included lunch at a local agriturismo and learn about wine and olive oil production from the owner. Later, continue to Mazara del Vallo.
B,L,D—Mahara Hotel or similar

DAY 6 • Mazara walking tour • Tunisian Kasbah • Home-Hosted Lunch
Embark on a walking tour of Mazara. In Mazara’s historic Kasbah quarter, we’ll visit a museum built to house the famous “Dancing Satyr.” Later, enjoy a Home-Hosted Lunch with a local family.
B,L,D—Mahara Hotel or similar

DAY 7 • Museo del Sale visit • Mothya Island
Visit Museo del Sale, a semi-working salt museum and learn about the Trapani tradition of salt production and refinement. Then, take a boat ride (weather permitting) to the small island of Mothya. There, explore the ancient island fortress and a local museum.
B,L,D—Mahara Hotel or similar

DAY 8 • Valley of the Temples • Piazza Armerina
Depart for Piazza Armerina. En route, stop at the Valley of the Temples, situated outside the city of Agrigento, and view the archaeological remains of several Greek temples. Then, arrive at an agriturismo, our home for the night.
B,L,D—Vecchia Masseria or similar

DAY 9 • Villa Romana del Casale • Winery Tour • Ragusa
Depart for Villa Romana del Casale, home to the ruins of a Roman villa—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, visit a family-run winery and meet the owners. Enjoy a wine tasting and lunch. Afterward, continue to Ragusa and explore the town’s Sicilian Baroque churches and palazzi.
B,L—Hotel Il Barocco or similar

Activity Level: 1 2 3 4 5 MODERATE
Pacing: 5 locations in 15 days with one 1-night stay.
Physical requirements: Travel on some rugged paths and many cobblestoned streets on foot, as well as over bumpy, narrow rural roads by bus; the ability to climb steep stairs and walk uphill and downhill is also required in several locations in Sicilian cities and the countryside
Flight Time: Travel time will be 12-18 hours and will most likely have one to two connections.
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DAY 10 • Old Town Ragusa • Fiat ride through Modica
Explore Ragusa Ibla, one of Sicily's best-preserved old towns, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, journey to nearby Modica, part of the Val di Noto UNESCO World Heritage Site and board vintage Fiat 500 cars to explore the city's winding streets in true Sicilian style.
B,D—Hotel Il Barocco or similar

DAY 11 • A Day in the Life of a Ragusan farm
Experience A Day in the Life of a Sicilian farm. Visit a working estate owned by a local family to see some of Sicily's renowned culinary traditions—perhaps age-old cheese or bread recipes. Then, enjoy a lunch with our hosts before returning to Ragusa.
B,L—Hotel Il Barocco or similar

DAY 12 • Overland to Syracuse • Ortigia • Catania
Depart for Syracuse, one of the most powerful ports of the ancient Mediterranean world, and enjoy a walking tour of Ortigia. Highlights include the fountain of Arethusa, the Temple of Apollo, and the Piazza del Duomo. Then, continue to Catania.
B,D—Hotel Una Palace or similar

DAY 13 • Catania • World War II Museum
Explore Catania on a walking tour. Then, visit Catania’s local World War II Museum. The museum is dedicated to the Allied landing on the southern coast of Sicily.
B,L—Hotel Una Palace or similar

DAY 14 • Catania • Excursion to Mount Etna
Journey to Mount Etna, Europe’s tallest active volcano, and enjoy a 4-wheel-drive experience to explore traces of Etna's lava flows before enjoying lunch. Then transfer back to Catania.
B,L—Hotel Una Palace or similar

DAY 15 • Catania • Overland to Taormina
Visit hillside Taormina and its Greco-Roman theater, one of the most highly regarded ancient sites in Sicily. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.
B,D—Hotel Una Palace or similar

DAY 16 • Return to U.S.
Transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or, begin our Calabria: Southern Italy's Hidden Heartland or Amalfi & Naples: Terraced Cliffs, Turquoise Waters & Ancient Ruins post-trip extension.
### 2024 Departure Dates & Prices

*Additional departure cities are available*

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**AIR ADD-ON**

San Francisco or Los Angeles $1200

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**Deposit:** $350 per person.

**Single Supplement:** FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

**Governments Taxes and Fees:** The following government taxes and fees are now included in your airfare price. Government and other authority taxes and fees: September 11th Security Fee of up to $2.50 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (maximum charge per trip—$5.00 USD one-way, $10.00 USD round trip). A flight segment is defined as one takeoff and one landing. Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) of up to $18 per passenger. Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee of up to $3.70 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (defined as a takeoff and a landing). U.S. or International Departure and Arrival Charges of up to $200 USD may apply depending on itinerary. On select itineraries that include the purchase of a pre- and/or post-trip extension, U.S. or international departure and arrival charges of up to $300 USD may apply. Call for details. Standard Policies and Terms & Conditions apply; see [www.oattravel.com/ftc](http://www.oattravel.com/ftc) for details. See [www.oattravel.com/disclaimers](http://www.oattravel.com/disclaimers) for full policy details. Every effort has been made to publish this information accurately. We reserve the right to correct errors.

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