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## **TASTE OF SICILY**

**This is a private, custom tour\*\***

**October 17-27, 2022**

**\$4895.00 per person. Airfare not included.**

**\$350 per person deposit**

**Travel insurance strongly recommended.**

**Air can be arranged from your preferred departure airport.**



## About your Tour Manager

### Biagio Tedesco

A journey through Sicily is traveling to the very soul of the Mediterranean region. Sicily is about the size of Massachusetts (10,556 square miles). It is mountainous and its highest peak is Mt. Etna, one of the most active and largest volcanoes in the world. Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean. I love taking my customers around and revealing day after day the archaeological sites, the pristine sea views, the outstanding food and its incredible wines. I will tell you stories, take you to local markets, show you the richness of the land and then, of course, we shall pay a visit to Mt. Etna. I am thrilled to be your guide on the incredible adventure.

My favorite quote: **For everything to stay the same, everything must change.**

The Leopard by Tommaso di Lampedusa

### Day By Day Itinerary

#### Day 1 – October 18th (D)

Split arrival in Palermo. Transfer/s to hotel. Orientation meeting with your Tour Manager, Biagio Tedesco, followed by welcome dinner.

#### Day 2 (B)

After breakfast, enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of the city with a local Palermo expert guide. We'll see the Teatro Massimo Bellini, the Palazzo dei Normanni (Norman Palace) and the beautiful Palatine Chapel built from 1130 – 1140. We'll stroll in the open-air market of La Vucciria recalling the Moorish influence on the island.

Afternoon excursion to Monreale, situated on a slope of Mount Caputo about a thousand feet above sea level, offering lovely views of the surrounding valley. The centerpiece of Monreale is the magnificent cathedral and adjoining Benedictine cloister courtyard consisting of 228 columns, some inlaid with Byzantine-style mosaics. Evening and dinner at your leisure.



Grand Hotel Wagner (or similar)



### Day 3 (B)

Full day excursion where we'll visit Erice, stunningly located on a cliff overlooking the Tyrrhenian coast of western Sicily. Formerly the ancient city of Eryx, Erice was an important religious center to Aphrodite and later Venus. We will stroll through the labyrinth of cobblestone streets and narrow pathways.

Then we'll visit Segesta and its 5th century Greek temple, set deep in a ravine. We return to Palermo for a free evening.

### Day 4 (B,L,D)

This morning we are saying goodbye to Palermo. Our first stop will be in the very center of the island, in the area of Piazza Amerina, where we will visit the Roman Villa del Casale, also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The immense villa dating from the 3rd century is adorned with rich and colorful mosaics. Lunch today will be in a family run trattoria where we will sample the best of Sicilian appetizers. Then we continue to our final destination: Siracusa.

Dinner tonight will be at one of the most characteristic restaurant in the old town.

### Day 5 (B, L)

Enjoy a morning tour of Syracuse, once the most powerful polis (city state) in the Greek World. Among our stops will be the Greek Theater, a 5th century BC amphitheater carved out of existing rock, then the old island of Ortygia, the baroque heart of the city. Afternoon at leisure



Grand Hotel Villa Politi (or similar)



### Day 6 (B,D)

Day excursion to explore the Val di Noto region, including the town of Noto, and Modica, two towns completely rebuilt after a 1693 earthquake. In Modica, we will visit the magnificent Church of San Giorgio. We will enjoy to sample some of the Sicilian culinary delights. Wine tasting and light dinner at the estate LA ZISA, known for its great Nero d'Avola. We return to Syracuse for the night.

### Day 7 (B,D)

Travel to Taormina for a three-night stay. Stop in Catania for a walking tour and luncheon then continue to Taormina. Dinner at night

### Day 8 (B)

In the morning guided walking tour of Taormina which will include a visit to its Greco-Roman theater. Afternoon and evening at leisure.



Hotel Eurostars Monte Tauro (or similar)



### Day 9 (B,L,D)

Enjoy a morning excursion to Mt. Etna, the most active and largest volcano in Europe. We will drive up to a vantage point and visitors center for viewing the 5500-foot Silvestri Craters.

On the way back we will stop at the Villagrande estate for a luncheon and wine tasting. Then continue back to Taormina. Farewell Dinner at night.

### Day 10 (B)

Transfer to airport (one transfer) to Catania airport, CTA, for your return flight home.

## Tour Inclusions

- A full -time, specialist Tour Manager from beginning to end of tour (Mr. Biagio Tedesco)
- Centrally located 4-star hotels of high quality (taxes included)
- Full hot, daily breakfasts
- Five 3-course dinners with one drink choice of beer/wine/alcohol free
  - Two lunches (Day 5 and 9)
  - Two wine-tastings (Day 6 and 9)
  - Guided sightseeing tour with local guides (x7)
  - Included excursions that are mentioned in the outset
  - Entrances to museums/churches as per itinerary including:
    - Monreale
    - Erice Castello
    - Segesta Archeological Park
    - Piazza Armerina
    - Greek Amphitheatre of Syracuse
    - Mount Etna
    - Taormina Amphitheatre
  - Private high quality motor coach for transfers and travel on tour
  - European airport transfers

\*\* A cooking class has been added to this itinerary



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Your departure airport for this tour: \_\_\_\_\_ We will contact you to discuss.

Seating preference: Aisle \_\_\_\_\_ Window: \_\_\_\_\_ We will try our best to accommodate this request.

Upgrade to Premium Economy \_\_\_\_\_. We will contact you about the cost.

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