

PIETRO'S ITALY

YOUR A-LIST ENTRANCE TO ITALY

A Private Tour of the Highlights of Sicily Palermo – Agrigento – Siracusa – Taormina



Palermo



Agrigento



Siracusa



Taormina

LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN....



Palermo, Agrigento, Siracusa and Taormina : 9 Nights

Please note: during the entire itinerary you will have the same English speaking driver. He will be the most knowledgeable of our drivers and will give you general info about the places you are going to visit.

DAY 1: Arrival at Palermo Airport.

Meeting with Driver and Private Transfer to Palermo Hotel with Mercedes Van

Accommodation in Palermo

From DAY 1 to DAY 3 : 2 Nights

GRAND HOTEL VILLA IGIEA *****

#1 Gran Deluxe Duple Room with Sea View and terrace, with breakfast included
(approx 300 sq ft)

DAY 2: Private Half Day Tour Monreale and its ceramics

The town of Monreale was built by the Norman people in the 11th century, since they used to get a break from the wars and to relax just in this area, very near to Palermo. The Cathedral of Monreale is one of the greatest extant examples of Norman architecture in the world. It was begun in 1174 by William II, and in 1182 the church, dedicated to the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, was, by a bull of Pope Lucius III, elevated to the rank of a metropolitan cathedral. The church is a national monument of Italy and one of the most important attractions of Sicily. Inside the Cathedral is enlightened by magnificent mosaics shining with gold, which create a powerful effect like you were in Heaven...Those countless mosaics tell of the history of Christianity and are a little inspired by the mosaics you can find in Venice, in St Mark's Basilica. After the visit, we will proceed to a ceramic store and factory where we will be able to assist to the creation of a typical item in ceramic

Including: Private Guide Service 4 hours Total and entrance fees

Driver with Mercedes Van always at disposal.



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DAY 3 : Transfer to Agrigento

Private Transfer to Agrigento Hotel with Mercedes Van and English S Driver

AFTERNOON: Private Visit of Valley of Temples

Enjoy a guided tour of the valley, dating back to the 5th century B.C. The poet Pindar described the site “as the most beautiful city built by mortal men”, The Doric style temples, all constructed within a century, face east, a standard criteria for both Greek and Roman temples so the statue of the god housed in each temple faced the rising sun. The best temple is that of Concordia (similar in design to the Partenon in Athens) which is in an almost perfectly preserved condition. Your local guide will highlight the history and architecture of Concordia and of the other temples that are part of this archaeological treasure-trove.

Including: 2 hours Guide service and Entrance fees; Driver with Mercedes Van always at disposal.

Accommodation in Agrigento

From DAY 3 to DAY 4 - 1 Night - HOTEL VILLA ATHENA, 5*****

#1 Double Deluxe Room, with breakfast included (250/300 sq ft about)

DAY 4: Transfer to Siracusa

Private Transfer to Siracusa Hotel with Mercedes Van and English S Driver

Accommodation in Siracusa

From DAY 4 to DAY 7: 3 Nights - GRAND HOTEL MINARETO, 5*****

#1 Jr Suite on the cliff with sea view, with breakfast included (250/300 sq ft about)

DAY 5: Private Tour of Ortigia and Siracusa Archeological Park

Pick up in Hotel and transfer to Ortigia Island, directly linked to the land through a bridge. Meeting with your private guide and have a private tour of this enchanting town. Among the monuments, worth of note is the Cathedral, where you can also enter, if you want. Stroll down the cobbled streets of the picturesque old town of Ortigia with its



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intricate Baroque architecture, the majestic cathedral built on layers of history and the Archeological Park of Siracusa. All without missing the town's elegant shops and quaint cafes. The park is open daily, and is on Viale Paradiso. Siracusa's Greek theatre (Teatro Greco) is one of the finest and largest of its kind. Outside the main park you will find the Roman Amphitheatre, included in the ticket of the Park. Return to hotel with private transfer

Including : Your Private English S Driver at disposal Full Day with Mercedes Van + Private Guide Service 4 hours and Entrance Fees to Duomo and Archeological Park of Siracusa

DAY 6: Day at leisure (please read below our suggested activities for this day) Driver always at disposal with Mercedes Van

DAY 7: Transfer to Taormina

Private Transfer from Siracusa to Taormina Hotel with Mercedes Van and English S Driver

Accommodation in Taormina

From DAY 7 to DAY 10: 3 Nights - HOTEL METROPOLE, 5*****

#1 Intimate Terrace Spa Double Room (approx 300 sq ft), with breakfast included

DAY 8: Private Half Day Walking Tour of Taormina

Meeting with your Private Guide in Hotel to have a 2 hour Walking Tour of Taormina Highlights an orientation walk of the main sites, and ending at the Greek Theatre with a great visit of it.

Taormina is a hill-village with a glossy sheen of glamour, known also for its Greek amphitheatre. Walk down the attractive principal thoroughfare, Corso Umberto, ideal for strolling and window-shopping. Lanes above and below the Corso are interesting to explore, and if you want to stretch your legs further there are walks up into the hills, or down to the sea. Given its compact size, Taormina has a huge range of bars, cafes, and restaurants where you can while away the hours while admiring the views. Taormina has two important gates: Porta Messina (Messina Gate) and Porta Catania (Catania Gate).



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Visiting these gates is just one of the many activities you can do while soaking up the local atmosphere, before you are returned to hotel. End of the Tour with a great Granita Tasting in one of the most important Cafè of Taormina.

Including : Guide Service 3 hours, Granita Tasting and Ancient Greek Theatre Entrance Fees; Driver with Mercedes Van always at disposal.

DAY 9: Day at leisure (please read below our suggested activities for this day)

DAY 10: Departure to Catania Airport

Private Transfer from Taormina to Catania Airport with Mercedes Van and English S Driver

Total Rate per 2 People: starting from \$22.600,00

IMPORTANT !!

When you book a vacation with Pietro's Italy we will provide you an Italian I phone for the entire duration of your trip so you can interact with our passionate local on line concierge 24/7 team players because we want to give you that extra service and the feeling of living your time in Italy like a local and just a phone call away to assist you with your needs.

Package Price Includes:

- English speaking Driver for the entire Trip from your arrival in Palermo Airport until your departure from Catania airport;
- All transfers are private and by Mercedes Van;
- All tours are private and with a local guide; they include also entrance fees as per program;
- #2 nights at VILLA IGIEA, 5* in Palermo in #1 Gran Deluxe Double Room with Sea View and terrace, with breakfast included (300 sq ft)
- Private Half Day Tour Monreale and its ceramics;



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- #1 night at VILLA ATHENA, 5* in Agrigento in #1 Double Deluxe Room, with breakfast included (250/300 sq ft about)
- Private Visit of Valley of Temples;
- #3 nights at GRAND HOTEL MINARETO, 5* in Siracusa in #1 Jr Suite on the cliff with sea view, with breakfast included (250/300 sq ft about)
- Private Tour of Ortigia and Siracusa Archeological Park
- #3 Nights at HOTEL METROPOLE in Taormina in #1 Intimate Terrace Spa Double Room, with breakfast included (300 sq ft about)
- Private Half Day Walking Tour of Taormina

Not included:

- International flights to and from Italy
- Tips
- City Taxes to be paid on the spot upon check out: city tax is approx Eur 7 per person per night, but it changes according to local laws
- Everything not mentioned under “inclusions” list above

OTHER SUGGESTED TOURS

FROM PALERMO

HALF DAY WALKING TOUR OF PALERMO

Palermo is especially suited for a walking tour, considering its Arabic-influenced urban structure and narrow streets and lanes. Get acquainted with this beautiful Sicilian city on this half-day walking tour. Start by crossing Politeama Square, the main square of Palermo, where the main city avenues meet. Continue along Ruggero VII Street, which is considered the “lounge of Palermo,” and pass the Church of St. Lucia before arriving at Theater Massimo, the largest theater in Europe. You will continue along Via Maqueda, an ancient commercial street full of churches and historic buildings, to Candelai, which is at the heart of Palermo's nightlife. See Quattro Canti, meaning "four corners," which divides the city exactly into four parts. The Royal Palace awaits afterward, where you can visit a Jewel of Arab Norman art and also the most



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visited monument in Sicily: the Palatine Chapel. Throughout the tour, you will see old Arab quarters hidden among the narrow lanes of the inner city, including the community of St. Clare. Shop around the historic market, Vucciria, and Saint Dominic Square before lunch. You will enjoy a rich Sicilian buffet, including panelle, sfincione, anelletti al forno, caponata, and cassatelle, along with a traditional Sicilian wine and a dessert of almond biscuits and mocha espresso

Including : Guide Service 3 hours and Food Tasting

TOTAL SUPPLEMENT FOR 2 PEOPLE \$419,38

FULL DAY MARSALA AND WINE TASTING

Depart to Marsala (approx 1 hour and 50 minutes' drive from Palermo) and visit this small and suggestive city in the western coast of Sicily known mostly for its wines. Upon arrival we will visit one of the most famous cellars in the area with a private tasting of its wines. Then you can have lunch in a nice restaurant just in front of the salt-mills in Trapani area and viewing also the Egadi islands. The city offers also a nice little historical center. Afternoon free time for visiting the town.

Including : Guide Service 8 hours and Food Tasting

TOTAL SUPPLEMENT FOR 2 PEOPLE \$637,45

FROM SIRACUSA

FULL DAY TOUR TO MODICA (CHOCOLATE) AND RAGUSA

Pick up at your Hotel and transfer first to Ragusa.

This is one of the most emblematic cities in Sicily. You will visit Ragusa Ibla, the historical center of the city famous for its beautiful baroque buildings. We will then continue our trip to Modica, another baroque city which has been declared Unesco's World Heritage. We will also have a chocolate tasting in one of the pastry-shops of the city. The tradition of chocolate has been brought to Sicily by Spanish during their domination of the island. Historically it has been handed down like a typical cake which noble families used to eat during important occasions, and it was prepared at home. Only later the chocolate from Modica became a world known product.

Including : Guide Service 8 hours and Food Tasting

TOTAL SUPPLEMENT FOR 2 PEOPLE \$603,90



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HALF DAY TOUR TO NOTO

A visit to Noto, famous for its Baroque architecture, and since 2002 the town has entered the UNESCO World Heritage, as a part of 'Late Baroque Towns of the Val di Noto'.

Including : Guide Service 4hours and Food Tasting

TOTAL SUPPLEMENT FOR 2 PEOPLE \$385,83



FROM TAORMINA

FULL DAY MOUNT ETNA + WINE TASTING

Pick up with drivers and Guide in Hotel in Taormina.

Private transfer with Mercedes Van to Mount Etna base station Rifugio Sapianza at 1900 meters about. From here, continue with your guide and public transportation to the nearest point of craters. At this point you can enjoy an incomparable panorama extending out over the sea and also admire the impressive Central and South-Eastern Craters and the ancient and recent lavaflows which characterize the surrounding area. The excursion continue with the Etna guides, who accompany you as close as local safety regulations allows to the areas where the vitality of the vulcano is revealed.

After climbing a Volcano, what's better to have a great wine tasting and local lunch in one of the best Wine Estate of Etna? With your Drivers and Guide, drive to a local Wine Estate where you



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will taste wines, visit the vineyards and have a lovely lunch based on local products of this precious land.

Including : Guide Service 8hours, Entrance Fees to Mount Etna, Wine Tasting

TOTAL SUPPLEMENT FOR 2 PEOPLE \$1,107,15

LONG HALF DAY PRIVATE GASTRONOMIC TOUR IN CATANIA

Depart from hotel to the fish market in Catania, known to be one of the main markets of the city. We will see and hear the vendors trying to attract attention of customers shouting and boasting the quality of their merchandise. Making Tour of Catania concentrate on local food specialties that made this region famous to have the best cuisine of Italy, walk and visit of Local Market with food tasting, lunch in a local restaurant in the local market.

As dessert after lunch, Enjoy a granita in one of the bars of city center

Including : Guide Service 4hours, Food Tastings

TOTAL SUPPLEMENT FOR 2 PEOPLE \$419,38

QUICK NOTES:

- All rates are in USD
- **All hotel rates are per total stay and include breakfast + general vat**
- You will have to pay at each hotel the local city tourist tax of approx. 4/5 euros per night per person
- All private transfers/ tours /tickets are quoted per service
- All rates are subject to reconfirmation if an actual booking is made
- Accommodation is subject to availability unless otherwise stated
- **For bookings exceeding \$ 10,000.00 we require a bank wire. In case you decide to pay by credit card we need to add 3,5% bank charge**
- No actual reservations have been made yet unless stated



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- Pietro's Italy cannot be held liable for any delays due to airline or air charter services not running to schedule and cannot refund passengers missing any other services in the itinerary due to delays.
- These services are non refundable so we highly suggest you to purchase travel insurance

ANY PAYMENT TO PIETRO'S ITALY CONSTITUTES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET OUT HERE IN THIS DOCUMENT AND WE UNDERLINE THAT THE ENTIRE RESERVATION/ITINERARY/INVOICE IS NON REFUNDABLE AND WE STRONGLY ADVISE YOU TO PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE.

NOT INCLUDED :

- International flights not included.
- Travel Insurance.
- Tipping and Gratuities.
- Visas and entry fees.
- Lunches/dinners if not mentioned on the offer
- Any service not mentioned on the offer

