

Sicilian Adventure

8 Days / 7 Nights

Recommended Vacation Package (RVP)

Perhaps you remember this quote from the movie, Patton: “*Sicily is the most invaded island in all the world.*” This makes Sicily truly a crossroads of the Mediterranean, with each invading civilization ~ Roman, Vandal, Byzantine, Moor, Hohenstaufen, Catalan and Spanish ~ leaving a distinctive mark for you to experience, each with its own splendor.

On your eight day Sicilian Adventure RVP, you travel through time in your own car, at your own pace, stopping at leisure to examine ruins from across the classical world, yet spending your nights comfortably in hotels with all the modern conveniences and amenities you expect.



Your 8-day Sicilian Adventure RVP includes

In Palermo	In Agrigento	In Siracusa	In Taormina
• 2 nights hotel	• 1 night hotel	• 1 night hotel	• 3 nights hotel
• 1 dinner in Palermo			• 1 dinner in Taormina
• Breakfast daily	• Breakfast daily	• Breakfast daily	• Breakfast daily
• Taxes & service charges	• Taxes & service charges	• Taxes & service charges	• Taxes & service charges
• 5-day economy manual rental car	• Michelin road map of Sicily	• DK Top 10 Sicily guidebook	

~ Additional pre and post nights available upon request ~

Day 1 ~ Palermo: Arrive at Palermo’s Punta Raisi International Airport (Optional private meet-and-greet private transfer to your hotel available.) (Accommodation, Palermo)

Day 2 ~ Palermo: We suggest you spend the day sightseeing and relaxing around Palermo, especially the cathedral, chapel of the Norman kings, and Monreale Monastery. (Breakfast & accommodation, Palermo)

- Arrive on your own to ristorante **La Dispensa Dei Monsu’ di Palermo** with 8:00 p.m. reservations for fine, traditional Italian cuisine. Enjoy a 3-course dinner per person. (Drinks and gratuities not included.)



Monreale Cathedral, Palermo

Day 3 ~ Palermo to Agrigento: Pick up your rental car in Palermo before driving south to Agrigento, home of the *Valley of the Temples*. Along the way, you could visit the archaeological ruins at *Segesta*, *Erice*, a lovely medieval town, and *Marsala* known for its excellent wineries. In *Agrigento* see the best-preserved Greek temples outside of Greece, dating from the 5th century BC. (Breakfast Palermo; accommodation, Agrigento)

Day 4 ~Agrigento to Siracusa: After your breakfast at the hotel, spend the morning walking through the temples in the valley before continuing on to Siracusa. (Breakfast, Agrigento; accommodation, Siracusa)

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For your leisurely drive to Siracusa, you have two choices of route:

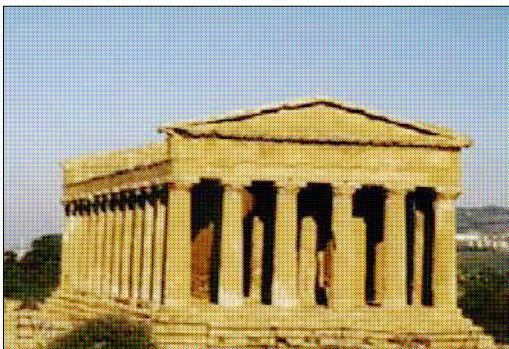
1. Via *Licata, Gela, Modica, or Noto*, known for their baroque style architecture.
2. Inland via *Caltanissetta*, stopping at the *Piazza Armerina*, where *Villa del Casale* is the main attraction. This Roman villa of early empire period is famous for its stunning mosaics. Continue onto *Caltagirone*, known for Sicilian ceramic works, then on to *Siracusa*.



Greek Theater, Siracusa

Day 5 ~ Siracusa to Taormina: Explore the archaeological park in Siracusa, considered by the Roman writer, Cicero, to be the most beautiful of Greek cities before your drive to Taormina. Here you will be in the heart of the Greek heritage on the island, and in the shadow of Mount Etna, Italy's only active volcano. *(Breakfast, Siracusa hotel; Overnight in Taormina)*

Day 6 ~ Taormina: Visit the Greco-Roman theatre or drive close to the crater of Mount Etna to see the lava flow. *(Breakfast & accommodation, Taormina)*



Greek Temple, Taormina

- Tonight you have reservations for dinner at **Ristorante Il Septimo** at 8:00 p.m. this evening, please arrive on your own. Includes one 3-course meal per person. Drinks and gratuities are not included.

Day 7 ~ Taormina: – Enjoy a full day of exploring the surrounding areas of Taormina, a city steeped in history with its beautiful Roman-Greek theater, and today, a leading destination for sophisticated European travelers. *(Breakfast & accommodation, Taormina)*

Day 8 ~ Taormina to Catania: After breakfast and a leisurely morning in Taormina, drive to Catania and turn in your rental car before your flight home, or, continue on to your next Avanti destination. *(Breakfast, Taormina)*

Sicilian Adventure drive times and distances

<u>Palermo - Agrigento</u>	<u>Agrigento - Siracusa</u>	<u>Siracusa - Taormina</u>	<u>Taormina - Catania</u>
2 h 20 min 80 mi	3 h 30 min 133 mi	3 h 73 mi	1 h 15 min 44 mi

Eight days private car with driving guide option Available upon request.

- Days to Monreale, Agrigento, Siracusa and Taormina – seven hour daily maximum.
- Days 6 + 7 include half-day tour of Taormina and Mt Etna.
- Tour ends with a private transfer to the Catania airport.
- Driver's hotel and meals are included *(Driving guide can not go inside museums or attractions)*.
- Entrance fees, meals for passengers and driver gratuity not included.

For information and reservations, please see your professional travel agent.

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