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Sicily Diving Tour

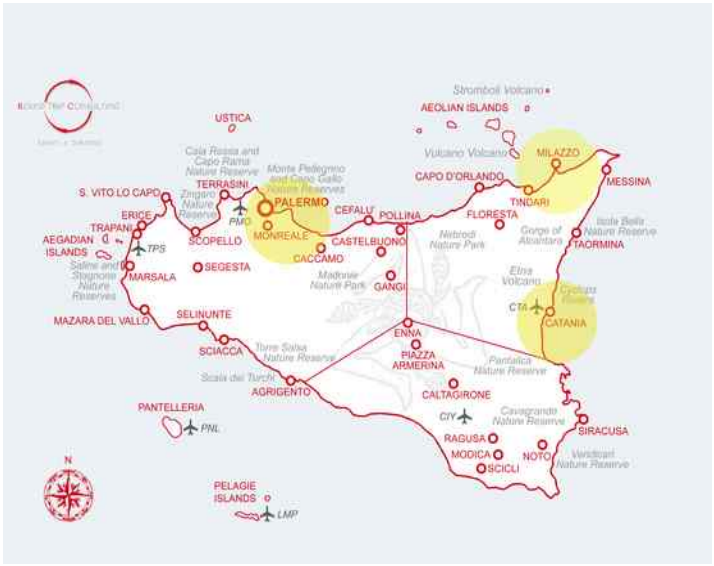
Accommodation: 3 nights at a 4-star hotel in the centre of Palermo, 2 nights at a 4-star hotel in Milazzo and 2 nights at a 4-star hotel in the heart of Catania.

Dive excursions: Scopello, Zingaro Nature Reserve, San Vito Lo Capo, Ustica, Formica Shoal, Aeolian Islands, Taormina, Cyclops Coast.

Guided visits and other excursions: Palermo, Catania, Mt.Etna.

Treatment: Half Board or Full Board.

Notes: Departure guaranteed with 2 people; English speaking courier provided.



Your bases: Palermo, located on the Northern coast, boasts more than 2700 years of history and a great cultural diversity; Milazzo right in front of the Aelolian archipelago; Catania, at the slopes of Mt. Etna, located in strategic position on the Ionian coast.
Both are the perfect base points to explore the island and reach the most important natural, cultural and artistic Sicilian sites in the quickest and easiest ways possible.

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Detailed 8 days - 7 nights itinerary

Day 1 – PALERMO

Direct transfer from Falcone e Borsellino Airport (Palermo, PMO) to your 4-star hotel in the centre of **Palermo**, in the Northern coast of Sicily.

The hotel is close to Politeama theatre and Via Libertà, the most elegant fashion street in Palermo, rich in prestigious retailers.

Enjoy a welcome cocktail and spend your time at leisure(*). Time for leisure and dinner.

Overnight: 4-star hotel in Palermo.

(*) According the arrival time, it is possible to experience one or more of the following activities in Palermo:

- Have a guided walking tour through the magnificent historic centre of Palermo, full of heritage, art and culture: enjoy the Arab-Norman circuit (included in the **Unesco World Heritage list** in 2015) with the Normans Palace, the Palatine Chapel and the Cathedral.
- Reach the neighboring small borough of Mondello, one of most popular tourist place in Italy, with a gorgeous sand beach. Enjoy the clear waters of Capo Gallo Nature Reserve.
- Visit Mt. Pellegrino, the most famous mountain in Palermo. During his “Italian Journey”, Goethe described it as “the most beautiful promontory in the world”. Visit the church of Santa Rosalia inside a stunning cave and then start a relaxing trail to a panoramic point over the northern coastline.

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Day 2: SCOPELLO, ZINGARO AND SAN VITO LO CAPO

After breakfast transfer to **Castellammare del Golfo** and start a great daily cruise among one of the most stunning coasts of Sicily.

Enjoy the navigation to **Scopello**, the great location of the movie Ocean 12. Visit the amazing cove, the old tuna fishery and the majestic sea stacks with prickly pear cactus on the top).

Move to **Zingaro**, a nature park with 7 kilometers of unspoilt coastline and several beaches. Take the chance to dive and go snorkeling in pristine waters, rich in unique Mediterranean flora and fauna.

Reach **San Vito Lo Capo** and relax on its amazing sand beach. At lunchtime enjoy “cous cous” (an Arabic culinary speciality, now great expression of the Sicilian cuisine) and “caldo-freddo” (a typical Sicilian ice cream).

Return to Palermo in the evening and have time for leisure and dinner.

Overnight: 4-star hotel in Palermo.

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Day 3: USTICA

After breakfast transfer to the harbour of Palermo and start the navigation to **Ustica**, a volcanic island in front of the Northern Coast.
Have a full day cruise and spend your time diving and snorkeling in the island's submarine nature reserve.
Lunch on board. Return to your hotel in Palermo in the evening. Time for leisure and dinner.

Overnight: 4-star hotel in Palermo.

Day 4: THE SHALLOWS OF FORMICA

After breakfast transfer to **Porticello**, a small town near Palermo and start the navigation to the shallows of Formica, 1 mile from the coast.
Dive and snorkeling in its stunning waters and enjoy a 60 meters underwater hill which rise up just 50 centimeters from the sea surface!
Have a great lunch at a tyoical Sicilian restaurant and move to Milazzo, in the North-East Coast of Sicily.
Check-in at your hotel in Milazzo and have time for relax and dinner.

Overnight: 4-star hotel in Milazzo.

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Day 5: AEOLIAN ARCHIPELAGO

After breakfast transfer to the harbour of Milazzo and start the navigation to **Aeolian Islands**, one of the most stunning archipelagos of the world.
Reach **Lipari** and visit its historic centre and its important museum of archaeology.
Enjoy "Cave di Pomice" (Pumice quarry), a white coastline where waters have an incredible kind of blue. Spend your time diving and snorkeling.
Reach **Vulcano**, the 3rd Sicilian active volcano and also an island with beautiful black sand beaches.
Have a lunch at a typical Sicilian restaurant. Enjoy a hot mud sulphur bath or an easy hiking to the top of the volcano: you can reach the crater in 40 minutes from the beach.
Come back to Milazzo in late evening. Time for dinner.
Overnight: 4-star hotel in Milazzo.

Day 6: TAORMINA BAY AND MT. ETNA

After breakfast transfer to **Taormina,** in the East Coast.
Enjoy a great experience in the amazing bay of Taormina, as know as the "pearl of Sicily". Dive in the Blue Cave and in Isola Bella Nature Reserve.
After a typical Sicilian lunch chose between a guided visit of Taormina or an excursion to **Mt. Etna**, the tallest active volcano in Europe (3.329 m – 10.922 ft).
Move to Catania in late evening and check-in at your hotel in the historic centre. Time for dinner.
Overnight: 4-star hotel in Catania.

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Day 7: CYCLOPS COAST

After breakfast transfer to the harbour of **Acitrezza** and follow the legendary Odysseus's Route during the navigation by private boat among the Acitrezza nature reserve. Look at “faraglioni” (huge rocks that Polyphemus casts towards Odysseus's ship) and Lachea Island.
Spend some time for diving and snorkeling during the navigation in the coastline.
Reach Acitrezza, a pittoresque fishermen town and enjoy a lunch at typical Sicilian seafood restaurant with a stunning Ionian sea view.
In the afternoon reach **Catania** and enjoy a walk through its Baroque city centre (a UNESCO World Heritage Site).
Overnight: 4-star hotel in Catania.

Day 8: DEPARTURE

Have your breakfast at your hotel. Check-out and have a transfer to **Fontanarossa Airport** (Catania, CTA).
According your departure time, enjoy one more excursion in the area of Catania..

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Target: this is a private tour which can be arranged for individual customers and small groups. It gives the chance to visit the most stunning places in Sicily and explore the "underwater side" of the island in a conscious way, living every day a new experience in a different dive location.
Transfers: the package includes transfers by comfortable cars or minibus.
Staff: the package includes qualified English speaking diving instructors, couriers, guides and drivers (other languages on request).
Accommodations: the package include a stay at a 4 stars hotels in the centre of Palermo, Milazzo and Catania. This solution gives you the chance to enjoy shopping, restaurants and the night life (walking distance to the hotel). On request, we can provide you with 5 stars resorts and agrirelais near the national parks or close to the sea.
Lunches: we have selected the best restaurants and farms where you can find out the most authentic Sicilian cuisine! Our packages always include lunches.
Tasting: packages include tastings of Sicilian food and wine excellencies.
Diners: packages can include the full-board treatment with dinners at the hotel's restaurants or at the best restaurants in the city. In the second case you can combine the dinner with a tour of the city by night.
Philosophy and Customization of the tour: our itineraries help you to relax and optimize your time in Sicily. Palermo, Milazzo and Catania are the perfect base points to explore the Island.
You don't have to change hotel everyday (no need to pack and unpack your luggages every time) because distances between towns and the most important Sicilian sites are short.
You can personalize this tour according your needs (you can add places to visit or extend the duration of your tour).
On request we can provide you with transfers from/to other Sicilian airports (different from the scheduled ones). According to your flights a reverse itinerary is available.
Price: the final price quote will be established in accordance with the services chosen and the number of participants.

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