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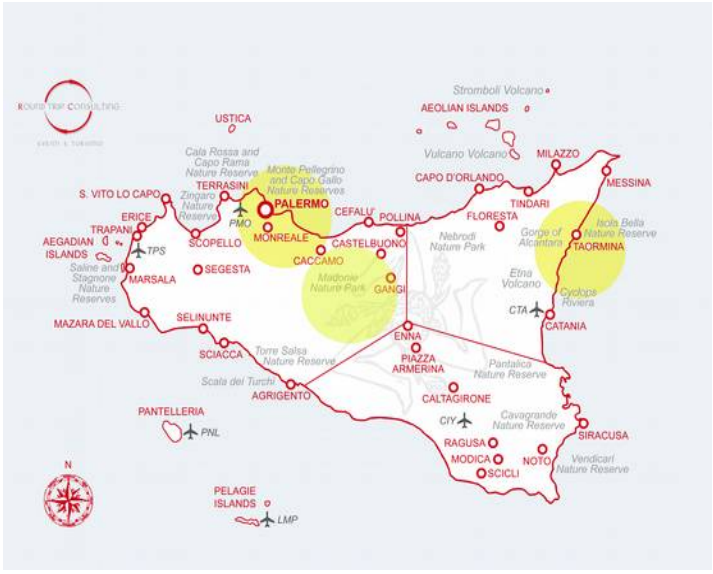
Authentic Sicily Tour

Accommodation: 3 nights at a 4-star hotel in the centre of Palermo, 2 nights at an agrirelais in the Madonie National Park and 2 nights at an agrirelais in the area between Mt. Etna and Taormina.

Excursions: Palermo, Monreale, Selinunte, Caccamo, Cefalù, Madonie and Nebrodi National Parks, Mt. Etna, Taormina and Savoca.

Treatment: Half Board or Full Board.

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



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Day 1 – PALERMO

Direct transfer from Falcone e Borsellino Airport (Palermo, PMO) to your 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: Palermo.

(*) According the arrival time, it is possible to deepen some aspects of the visit of Palermo (the visit is scheduled for Day 3), have an excursion or experience a traditional show.

Day 2 – SELINUNTE

After breakfast transfer to **Selinunte** in the South of Sicily. Visit a nice farm house near Selinunte (the owner is also a producer of the famous olives "Nocellara del Belice", used to extract a refined olive oil). His field is located into an important archaeological site where it is possible to see some finds and rocks used to built the Selinunte temples. Learn how to make a typical Sicilian receipt and enjoy a complete meal with more Sicilian delicacies.

Discover the most Western Greek colony in Sicily and the biggest archaeological park in Europe: take a walk through the splendid temples of Athena and Hera (perfectly preserved) founded in the 7th century BC.

Move to Marinella di Selinunte, an idyllic sandy beach in the southern coast of Sicily. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure and experience the view of the Acropolis of Selinunte from the beach.
Come back to Palermo and have time for leisure and dinner.
Overnight: Palermo.

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Day 3: PALERMO AND MONREALE

After breakfast transfer to **Monreale** (10 km from Palermo). Visit the amazing Norman Cathedral (one of the finest example of sacred architecture in the world) and the cloister built by the Benedictines during the 12nd century.

Then return to **Palermo** and start a guided walking tour through the magnificent historic centre, 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.

Experience a true immersion in Palermo and visit Ballarò, a typical historic outdoor market where you will be surrounded by different colors, amazing scents and funny vendors singing or shouting out their offerings. Have your lunch at a great restaurant in the heart of Palermo.

Enjoy the traditional Sicilian cuisine and some typical Sicilian street food (Palermo is ranked 5th among the world's best cities for quality of street food!). After a complete meal, enjoy the Cannolo, the world famous Sicilian dessert. After the lunch resume your tour and visit other beautiful monuments, buildings and churches from the Arabian-Norman period to the Spanish period (12nd - 18th Century) such as “4 Canti”, Piazza Pretoria, Martorana. Take a look at the stunning theaters from the late 19th Century (Massimo and Politeama).

Enjoy a traditional puppet show in the heart of Palermo (it belongs to UNESCO cultural heritage list) and be mesmerized by traditional story of Norman kings in Sicily, of Charlemagne and his knights and more.

Time for leisure and dinner.

Overnight: 4-star hotel in Palermo.

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Day 4: CACCAMO

After breakfast transfer to **Caccamo**.
The visit of Caccamo is an opportunity to get out from the classic tourist patterns and breathe the atmosphere of a medieval town. You will enjoy a guided tour of Caccamo medieval castle.
The “unconquered fortress”, built by Normans directly on a rocky outcrop about 1000 years ago, is the largest in the island and has a breathtaking view.

Live a true Sicilian experience: men can enjoy a traditional shave at a typical Sicilian barbershop, while ladies can have a culinary lesson (or a show cooking) at a typical farmhouse where an authentic Sicilian homemaker will teach how to prepare some of the most popular Sicilian dishes and the typical Limocello a liqueur made from fresh lemons from the garden.
At lunchtime enjoy the fruit of your labour. In the afternoon you will move to an agrirelais in the heart of the Madonie National Park.
Spend your leisure time among the woods and have your dinner.
Overnight: Madonie National Park.

Day 5: MADONIE AND CEFALU'

Breakfast at your agrirealais, then discover the **Madonie National Park** and enjoy the delicacies of this area.
In the morning have a great walk with donkeys among the Flowering Ashes and discover how Manna (a white crystal utilized in the making of Sicilian pastries) comes from tapping these trees. Meet an authentic shepherd, enjoy his cheese and have a great pic nic into the park.

In the afternoon you will visit **Cefalù**: you will spend some time relaxing on its beautiful beach, walking through the narrow streets of the medieval centre and enjoy a typical Sicilian ice cream in front of the Norman Cathedral, built in 1131.
Overnight: Madonie National Park.

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Day 6: NEBRODI AND SAVOCA

After breakfast transfer to the **Nebrodi National Park**.

Visit a wild pig farm and find the perfect sausage: meet a farmer and his livestock farming of indigenous black-skinned swines.

Enjoy a stunning landscape with many “zimma”, an airy plot among the trees with a stone pen where every porcine family can shelter from seasonal extremes.

After a great lunch with typical Sicilina delicacies you will move to **Savoca**.

Enjoy the panoramic road to this small town at the slopes of Peloritani Mountains with a stunning view of the Eastern coast of Sicily.
Savoca is one of the most important “Godfather” location in Sicily (many scenes of “The Godfather” trilogy by Francis Ford Coppola were shot there).

Visit the old bar Vitelli: it was featured in the motion picture as the place where Michael Corleone asked Apollonia's father to meet his daughter.
Take a picture at the church of San Nicolò, where the Godfather's wedding takes place.

Check-in and overnight at an agrirelais between Taormina an Mt. Etna.

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Day 7: ETNA AND TAORMINA

After breakfast discover **Mt. Etna,** the tallest active volcano in Europe (3.329 m – 10.922 ft).
It was added to the list of Unesco World Heritage Sites in June 2013.
Enjoy a drive to Silvestri Craters in the south of the volcano or combine an adventure tour by 4wd vehicles with a pleasant walk to admire the signs of last eruptions in the north area.
Reach an old winery at the slopes of Mt. Etna, surrounded by vineyards and fascinating natural environment.
Experience the typical Etna wines and have a lunch with some great Sicilian delicacies.

In the afternoon move to **Taormina**.
Because of the strategic location and the Greek soul, Taormina is one of the most beautiful places in the world.
The town was built on a fertile hill (200 m above a turquoise sea) and overlooks the beautiful bay of Isola Bella with a spectacular view of Mount Etna, the highest volcano in Europe.
Taormina combines the natural beauty with the artistic and archaeological heritage: in addition to the nice cathedral and the streets of the old town, Taormina is famous for its Greek theatre (2nd century BC).
Overnight: agrirelais between Taormina an Mt. Etna.

Day 8: DEPARTURE

Have your breakfast at your hotel. Check-out and have a transfer to Fontanarossa Airport (Catania, CTA).

According your departure time, visit Catania and enjoy its Baroque city centre (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), famous for the Roman amphitheatre, the historical churches, the Ursino Castle and the Piazza Duomo with the famous elephant (symbol of the city).

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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 discover the most interesting Sicilian activities and the traditional Sicilian lifestyle in the most amazing contexts, visit the most stunning places of the island and enjoy its food and wine excellencies.
Transfers: the package includes transfers by comfortable cars or minibus.
Staff: the package includes qualified English speaking couriers, guides and drivers (other languages on request).
Accommodations: the package include a stay at a 4 stars hotels in the centre of Palermo, at agrirelais in Madonie National Park and in the area between Mt. Etna and Taormina. 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. 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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Key Facts – Sicily

Sicily is **the largest Italian region**, a "little continent" rich in art, culture, archaeology, history (a list of **20 Unesco World Heritage Sites**), breathtaking sceneries, (**4 Regional Parks, 77 Nature Reserves and 3 volcanoes**), crystal clear waters, quiet medieval towns, refined cuisine, great wines, important literary traditions, myths and legends.
Sicily is a **safe and exclusive destination** just few hours by plane from anywhere in Europe.
Thanks to its sceneries, heritage and mild climate, it attracts **5 millions annual tourists** from all over the world.

HISTORY OF SICILY

Sicily has been inhabited since the Paleolithic and Mesolithic. It had been part of the **Ancient Greece**, and then it was invaded and ruled by many different conquerors, such as Romans, Arabs, Normans, Swabians, Spanish and French. Those populations, of course, brought in the island their arts, science, culture and architecture.

GEOGRAPHY

Sicily has a roughly triangular shape, which earned it the name of **Trinacria** (in Greek "three promontories").
Sicily is in the middle of **Mediterranean Sea** and it is the **largest** of its islands. Sicily's interior offers a wide variety of landscapes: mountains, hills, gorges and two fertile large plains around Catania and Palermo.

Mount Etna (10900ft/3348 meters) is the largest and the tallest active volcano in Europe. It is also the tallest mountain in Sicily.
Palermo is the capital (population: 700.000). Sicilian population is 5.000.000. Sicily has got **6 airports** to provide easy access to the various areas of the island; they are well served by international, national and low cost airlines. A direct flight connects New York City to Palermo.
Time Difference: GMT +1 Hour. Currency: Euro

CLIMATE

Sicily has a **Mediterranean climate** with dry and warm summers and mild, wet winters.

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Average High Temp °C (°F)	15 (59)	15 (59)	16 (61)	18 (64)	22 (72)	25 (77)	28 (82)	30 (86)	27 (81)	23 (73)	19 (66)	16 (61)	20 (68)
Average Low Temp °C (°F)	10 (50)	10 (50)	11 (52)	13 (55)	16 (61)	20 (68)	23 (73)	24 (75)	22 (72)	18 (64)	14 (57)	11 (52)	16 (61)
Precipitation mm (inches)	72 (2.83)	65 (2.56)	60 (2.36)	44 (1.73)	26 (1.02)	12 (.47)	5 (.20)	2 (.08)	42 (1.65)	98 (3.86)	94 (3.7)	80 (3.15)	611 (24.06)
Hours of Daylight	10	11	12	13	14	15	14.5	14	12.5	11	10	9.5	Monthly Averages
Hours of Sunshine	4	4.5	6	7	9	11	12	10	9	6.5	5	4	Monthly Averages

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Sicilian Food and Wine

Sicilian cuisine, based on the values of the Mediterranean diet (Unesco Heritage), is a rich melting pot of flavors and unique combinations.
With the help of the most skilled chefs you will discover the ancient Sicilian culinary tradition that is the result of many foreign cultures alternating in the island during its many centuries of history.

Sicilian foods are combined with the most refined Sicilian wines because the island had a strong wine-growing vocation (Greek settlers produced wine in Sicily before the Romans started their own vineyards in the 2nd century B.C.).

If you are a food lover and appreciate culinary art, you will be welcomed in the most charming restaurants and most beautiful wineries. You will always enter in a stimulating sensory environment where you will be seduced by amazing flavours and essences.

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Since more than 6000 years Sicily has been a “Top Destination” in the center of the Mediterranean Sea: an inexhaustible source of surprises that never fails to fascinate everyone who visits her.

Sicily is the largest Italian region, a “little continent” rich in art, culture, history, breathtaking sceneries, refined cuisine and great wines.

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