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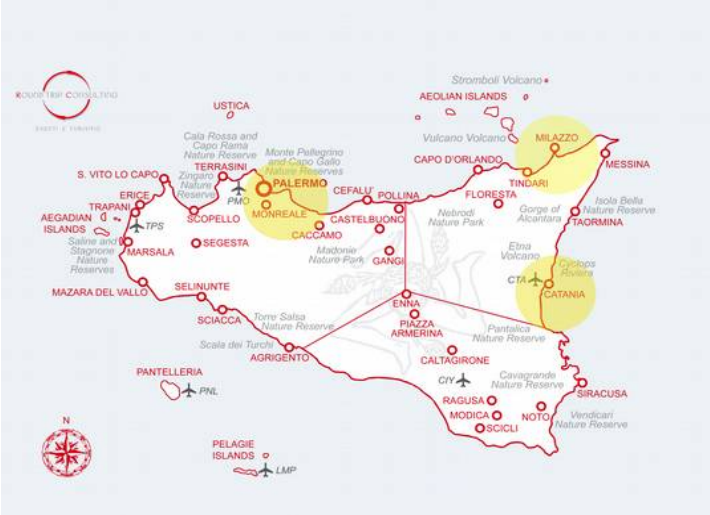
Sicily Wine Tour

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

Excursions: Palermo, Marsala, Erice, Segesta, Menfi, Selinunte, Milazzo, Tindari, Lipari, Mt. Etna, Taormina, Syracuse.

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 a nice town in front of the Aeolian archipelago; Catania, the second city of Sicily which lies beneath Mt. Etna, is located in strategic position on the Ionian coast.

Both are the perfect base points to explore the island and reach the most important artistic, archaeological, cultural and natural Sicilian sites in the quickest and easiest ways possible.

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Detailed 8 days - 7 nights itinerary

Day 1 – PALERMO: the Unesco Arab-Norman circuit and one of the most important historic centres in Europe.

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 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, and the 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. At the end take a look at the stunning theaters from the late 19th Century (Massimo and Politeama).
Time for dinner.

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Day 2: MARSALA, ERICE AND SEGESTA: wine and salt on the Phoenicians route, the mystery of the Middle Ages and the charm of a magnificent view.

After breakfast transfer to **Marsala**, the westernmost point of Sicily.
Look at the stunning Stagnone Nature Reserve Lagoon: a surreal environment with pink flamingos, “Saline” (sea salt fields) and windmills used to pump water and grind salt.
Marsala is famous for the namesake fortified wine and it's a stopover for all the wine lovers; have a guided tour in an important historic winery and experience a wine tasting there (enjoy the finest wines accompanied by Sicilian delicacies).
Then head up to the nearby medieval town of **Erice**, founded by Trojan exiles in the 3rd century BC and located at the top of a mountain. Experience its amazing historic centre, walking through the narrow streets and enjoying the breathtaking view of the Aegadian Islands.
Take a look to the Norman castle and the numerous towers, churches and old houses built on the rock. Have a lunch at a typical restaurant in Erice, where you can taste special seafood and “cous cous”, an Arabic culinary speciality, now great expression of Sicilian cuisine.
After lunch visit the archaeological site of **Segesta**, built by Elims during the 5th century BC: enjoy a tour of the Greek temple and the theater. Both the archaeological treasures are located at the top of a hill. From the theatre you can enjoy a marvelous view of the picturesque and unspoilt valley below.
Return to your hotel in Palermo in the evening. Time for leisure and dinner.
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Day 3: MENFI AND SELINUNTE – Archaeology, Inzolia wine and delicacies.

After breakfast transfer to **Menfi**, in the South of Sicily. Visit a historic winery inside an old palace from the 17th century and enjoy a great wine tasting of the refined wines from this area such as Grecanico and Inzolia. Visit the winery and its "palmento" with the old millstone and have a complete meal with more Sicilian delicacies.

Move to **Selinunte** and discover the most western Greek colony in Sicily. Visit the biggest archaeological park in Europe and take a walk through the splendid temples of Athena and Hera (perfectly preserved) founded in the 7th century BC.

Come back to Palermo. Time for leisure and dinner.

Overnight: 4-star hotel in Palermo.

Day 4: MILAZZO AND TINDARI – Heritage, Mamertino wine and pristine sea.

After breakfast transfer to **Milazzo** in the North of Sicily.

Visit a popular winery and taste the Mamertino, a typical wine from this area.

Reach **Tindari**, a small town at the top of a hill and enjoy a great Sicilian lunch at a panoramic restaurant.

Spend the afternoon visiting the old Roman town of Tyndaris with its ancient theatre and city-walls. Visit the stunning cathedral at the top of the hill (it is famous for the "Black Virgin") and enjoy the view over the Tyrrhenian Sea.

Time for leisure and dinner.

Overnight: 4-star hotel in Milazzo.

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Day 5: AEOLIAN ARCHIPELAGO - One of the most stunning archipelagos of the world.

After breakfast transfer to the harbour of Milazzo and start the navigation to Aeolian Islands,

Reach **Lipari** and visit a great winery famous for the production of Malvasia wine. Have a great wine tasting and walk through the grapefruits in front of a stunning blue sea. Have a Typical Aeolian lunch at a special restaurant in Lipari and visit its historic centre and its important museum of archaeology.

Return to Milazzo. During the navigation, enjoy "Cave di Pomice" (Pumice quarry), a white coastline where waters have an incredible kind of blue.

Come back to Milazzo in late evening. Time for dinner.

Overnight: 4-star hotel in Milazzo.

Day 6: TAORMINA AND MT. ETNA - The beauty and the beast!

Have your breakfast at your hotel and discover **Mt. Etna**, the tallest active volcano in Europe.

Enjoy a drive to Silvestri Craters in the south of the volcano and 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 Sicilian delicacies.

In the afternoon visit the historic centre of **Taormina** with the cathedral, the streets of the old town and the ancient theatre (built by the Greeks around the 2 century BC.

Spend your time at leisure and shopping in Corso Umberto, with its boutiques, handicraft shops and its poetic atmosphere, steeped with history, traditions and literature.

Overnight: 4-star hotel in Catania.

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Day 7: SYRACUSE – The most beautiful city of Magna Grecia.

Have your breakfast at your hotel. Then have a direct transfer to **Syracuse**. Start the guided visit of a famous winery inside a castle from the period of Frederick II of Swabia and enjoy a wine tasting of the typical Nero D'Avola wine. Enjoy a great lunch at a traditional Sicilian cuisine restaurant in **Ortigia**, the heart of the ancient Syracuse. Enjoy "the most beautiful city of Magna Grecia", in the opinion of Cicero (Syracuse was included in the Unesco Heritage Site list in 2005). The town is almost 2700 years old: it was founded by ancient Greek Corinthians and Teneans on the island of Ortigia. Right in Ortigia it is possible to admire the remains of Greek civilization, first of all the temple of Apollo, the oldest one in Sicily and the temple of Athena, incorporated in the cathedral, that is also the first Christian church in Europe. During the walk, take a look at churches, palaces and fountains from the medieval and last centuries.

Visit the archaeological park of Syracuse with the Greek theatre (the largest and the best preserved in the entire Hellenic world), the Ear of Dionysius (famous for the peculiar sound effect) and the Roman amphitheatre.

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 a guided visit 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 discover the best Sicilian wineries, the Sicilian cultural heritage, 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, 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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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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