



# TOUR JOLLY Palermo

Season Winter 2019 – Tour in Full Board

The Classic Tour of Sicily ★★★★★

**7 Nights / 8 Days Palermo/Palermo**  
**Saturday/Saturday – Departures Guaranteed**

## **1<sup>st</sup> DAY/SATURDAY PALERMO**

Independent arrival at Hotel MERCURE PALERMO EXCELSIOR, prestigious historical Hotel located in one of the city centre's main streets. Enjoy a welcome cocktail. Dinner and overnight in your hotel.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> DAY/SUNDAY PALERMO – CEFALU' - CATANIA**

After a buffet breakfast, visit of the Capital of Sicily, Palermo, one of the richest towns in the island for history and art: the Cathedral (during the Holy Mass, exterior visit only), the Palace of the Normans and its superb "Palatina" Chapel, the "Quattro Canti", the fountain of "Piazza Pretoria", the Church of Santa Caterina and its Cloister. Lunch in a local restaurant. Depart to Cefalù, charming coastal town, a former fishing village which is also home to a breathtaking Norman Cathedral, famous for its Mosaic of Christ Pantocrator – a stunning Byzantine mosaic that's considered as one of the most important pieces of religious artwork in Sicily. Take a stroll to the city centre and down main street to reach the Cathedral and the medieval wash-house built in the rock. Proceed to Catania. Accommodation, dinner and overnight at the Hotel MERCURE CATANIA EXCELSIOR.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> DAY /MONDAY CATANIA – PIAZZA ARMERINA – CALTAGIRONE - CATANIA**

After a buffet breakfast, depart to Piazza Armerina in the inland of Sicily, to visit the worldwide known Villa Romana del Casale: it is the richest, largest and most complex collection of late Roman mosaics in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lunch in a local restaurant. Proceed to Caltagirone known for its ceramics whose handcrafted production is secular. The outstanding quality and creativity of Caltagirone's ceramics is best admired in the most famous landmark of the town: the monumental Santa Maria del Monte staircase, whose 142 steps are all decorated with hand-painted ceramic tiles, using the typical colors, shapes and patterns of the most traditional pottery production and art. Time at leisure to enjoy the many shops. Back to your Hotel in Catania: dinner and overnight.

## **4<sup>th</sup> DAY/TUESDAY CATANIA – MOUNT ETNA honey tasting – TAORMINA - CATANIA**

After a buffet breakfast, weather conditions permitting, excursion to Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe. Across fascinating landscape, we will reach a height of 1900 metres to visit the Sylvester Craters where you can enjoy a spectacular panorama over the Ionian Sea. On the way stop to the village of Zafferana Etnea, "the City of Honey" to visit a beautiful place where they produce honey and taste the precious nectar made by skilled hands. Continue to Taormina, charming city called "the pearl of the Ionian Sea", founded in 400 BC and beautifully located overlooking the sea and the peak of Mount Etna. Lunch in a local restaurant. Enjoy time at leisure to shop for handmade lace, coral jewels, ceramics, home-made sweets and preserves down "Corso Umberto" or simply walk through its tiny streets. Individual visit of the fascinating Greek-Roman theatre. Back to your Hotel in Catania: dinner and overnight.

## **5<sup>th</sup> DAY/WEDNESDAY CATANIA – SIRACUSA – NOTO – RAGUSA**

After a buffet breakfast, depart to Syracuse to visit the most beautiful Greek colony of Sicily. Visit of the archaeological park "Neapolis", including the famous Latomie of the Paradise, the Greek Theatre and the Dyonisios "Ear". Visit the island of Ortigia, the small baroque old city centre of Siracusa: here you can admire the Cathedral, which is built on the site of the Temple of Minerva, the legendary "Fontana Arethusa" and the Temple of Apollo. Lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, proceed to Noto, one of the most beautiful cities in Sicily renowned for the harmony and unity of its Baroque style and today declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The splendid cathedral is one of the most famous buildings in Noto. Proceed to Ragusa: accommodation and dinner at the Hotel MEDITERRANEO PALACE. Overnight.

## **6<sup>th</sup> DAY/THURSDAY RAGUSA – MODICA chocolate tasting - AGRIGENTO**

After a buffet breakfast, depart to Modica to visit the city divided into two parts: Modica "Bassa" and "Alta". Modica is also a UNESCO site and is famous for its Baroque churches and scenographic squares; tasting of the famous chocolate (Xocoatl) made with ancient methods brought to Sicily with Spanish domination. Lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, proceed to Agrigento to visit the magnificent Valley Of Temples of Agrigento, a UNESCO World Heritage Site: the Temple of Concord, which is in almost perfectly preserved conditions, Juno and Heracles that represent the most beautiful example of the Greek Civilization in Sicily. Accommodation, dinner and overnight at Hotel DIOSCURI BAY PALACE.

## **7<sup>th</sup> DAY/FRIDAY AGRIGENTO – SELINUNTE oil tasting and lunch in a farmhouse – MARSALA visit of a winery and wine tasting - PALERMO**

After a buffet breakfast, depart to the Archaeological Park of Selinunte, the largest in the Mediterranean area with the impressive Temples and Acropolis. Stop in a local farmhouse famous for olive oil production where, before lunch, it will be possible to have an oil tasting of local production. Continue to Marsala, a city on the western coast famous for its production of sweet Sicilian wine. Visit to a prestigious winery, where we can enjoy a wine tasting and learn about local production. Proceed to Palermo. Accommodation, dinner and overnight at Hotel MERCURE PALERMO EXCELSIOR.

## **8<sup>th</sup> DAY/SATURDAY PALERMO**

After a buffet breakfast, end of the Tour.

### **DEPARTURE DATES WINTER 2019**

JANUARY...19  
FEBRUARY...16  
MARCH...09...16...23  
NOVEMBER 2019...02...16

### **GROSS RATES WINTER 2019**

Price p.p. in double room: € 900,00  
Suppl. single room: € 200,00  
3<sup>rd</sup> pax in triple room: € 865,00

**ENTRANCE FEES ARE NOT INCLUDED**



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## HOTELS 4 STARS or similar

- PALERMO**      **MERCURE PALERMO  
EXCELSIOR\*\*\*\***  
Via Marchese Ugo, 3  
90144 PALERMO  
Tel: 091 7909001 Fax: 091 342139
- CATANIA**      **MERCURE CATANIA  
EXCELSIOR\*\*\*\***  
Piazza Giovanni Verga, 39  
95129 CATANIA (CT)  
Tel: 095 7476111 Fax: 095 537015
- RAGUSA**      **MEDITERRANEO PALACE\*\*\*\***  
Via Roma, 189  
97100 Ragusa  
Tel 0932 621944 Fax 0932 623799
- AGRIGENTO**      **DIOSCURI BAY PALACE\*\*\*\***  
Lungomare Falcone e Borsellino  
92100 Agrigento  
Tel 0922 406111 Fax 0922 411297

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR:

- ✓ Very charming hotels located in the historical centres of the main sicilian towns or in the most famous touristic resorts
- ✓ Visit of the main sicilian monuments including 4 UNESCO SITES (Siracusa, Noto, Valley of Temples, Villa Romana del Casale, Mt. Etna)
- ✓ Selected typical restaurants / farmhouses and especially chosen menus to have a taste of the Sicilian and Italian cuisine
- ✓ Mineral water in all meals, portorage at Hotels, whispers kit, and 4 guided visits in Palermo, Syracuse, Piazza Armerina, Agrigento Included
- ✓ Visit and oil tasting in a farmhouses in Selinunte + Honey tasting on Mount Etna + Chocolate tasting in Modica
- ✓ Visit of a winery and wine tasting in Marsala
- ✓ Qualified multilingual tour escort and Local Guides
- ✓ Deluxe motor coach offering the max comfort

## SPOKEN LANGUAGES:

English, Spanish & Italian

## CANCELLATION FEES:

- 100 % penalty for **NO SHOW**
- 70 % **from 1 to 3 days** before the beginning of the Tour.
- 50 % **from 4 to 7 days** before the beginning of the Tour
- 25 % **from 8 to 14 days** before the beginning of the Tour

For organizational reasons, the itinerary may be reversed or modified without notice. In any case RETEVACANZE ensure the visits and excursions mentioned on the journey

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## RATE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation in 4 stars Hotels
- Welcome cocktail
- Tour in FULL BOARD: 7 breakfast, 6 lunches, 7 dinners (in Hotels and local restaurants)
- Mineral water (1/2 per person) included at all meals
- 1 Tasting of local typical products in Selinunte (olive oil, black bread of Castelvetrano, olives) + 1 Honey tasting in Zafferana Etnea (Mt Etna) + 1 chocolate tasting in Modica + 1 wine tasting in Marsala
- Bus GT or minivan with driver/guide for groups with less than 8 pax
- Tour escort at disposal for the whole tour
- Guided visits in Palermo, Syracuse, Piazza Armerina, Agrigento
- Whispers Kit
- Porterage at hotels

## RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Transfers in/out
- Entrance fees at monuments
- City Tax: to be paid directly at the Hotel
- Beverages (except mineral water, included)
- Everything which is not clearly specified under "rate includes"

## ENTRANCE FEES SUPPLEMENT (OPTIONAL):

TOTAL € 65,00 per person (net)

SIRACUSA: Neapolis € 10,00 + Dome € 2,00

PIAZZA ARMERINA: Villa Romana del Casale € 10,00

CALTAGIRONE: Touristic train € 6,00

AGRIGENTO: Valley of Temples € 10,00

SELINUNTE Acropolis € 6,00

PALERMO: Palatine Chapel € 8,50 + Church of Santa Caterina & Cloister € 8,50

Fee € 3,50 fee

Attention: European Citizens younger than 18 years old are free of charge (Entrance to Palatine Chapel in Palermo € 5,00 per person) \*The above price is valid on July 2018. In case of price increases, we will have to update it.

## SPECIAL TRANSFERS RATES (OPTIONAL)

PALERMO APT/ HTL PALERMO or VV :

Rates valid only for these tours and on SATURDAYS – SHARED TRANSFERS

NET PRICE PER PERSONA (min. 2 pax):	€ 25,00
Supplement 1 pax:	€ 19,00
Supplement night time (22:00-08:00):	+ 20%