



**GRAND TOUR OF SICILY  
DAILY ITINERARY  
OCTOBER 12-20, 2017**

**DAY 1/OCT 12 - BOSTON~ROME~PALERMO:** We depart **Boston's Logan Airport** aboard our transatlantic flight to Palermo (*via Rome*)

**DAY 2 /OCT 13 - PALERMO:** Upon arrival at **The Palermo Airport**, we will be met by our tour guide who will assist with our transfer to our hotel where we will check-in for **2 nights**. After time to freshen up, we will enjoy a Welcome Cocktail and Dinner at the hotel. Overnight.

**PLEASE REFER TO THE ENCLOSED HOTEL LIST FOR DETAILS ON THE HOTELS  
ALL LUNCHESES ARE ON OUR OWN.**

**DAY 3/OCT 14 - PALERMO~MONREALE:** After **breakfast**, we will tour the capital of Sicily - Palermo! We will see architecture depicting the most sacred and the most profane of the Arab, Norman, and Svevo periods. We will visit the Norman Cathedral, the Norman Palace (*today home of the Parliament*), the Cappella Palatina, and San Rosario. After lunch (*on our own*), we will visit the Cathedral of Monreale, site of the Capital of the Monasteries, followed by a walk to the Piazza Politcarno in the heart of the city. Late in the afternoon, we will return to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

**DAY 4/OCT 15 - SEGESTA~ERICE~MARSALA~AGRIGENTO:** After **breakfast**, please check out, paying any incidentals you may have incurred. We will head west to Segesta to experience the inspiring Doric temple (*built in 424 BC*) and the Greek theater. We will also visit the mountaintop town of Erice and enjoy its spectacular panoramic views prior to travelling to the westernmost tip of Sicily and Marsala. In Marsala, we will enjoy a **wine tasting** and have a panoramic tour of the city (*founded by the Phoenicians in the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC*). We will see the Duomo, the Church of St. Peter, the Church of St. Mary of the Grotto, and much more. We will stop for lunch (*on our own*). Later in the afternoon we proceed to Agrigento to check-in for **1 night only**. **Dinner** and overnight at the hotel.

**DAY 5/OCT 16 - AGRIGENTO~PIAZZA ARMERINA~TAORMINA:** After **breakfast** at our hotel, please check out, paying any incidentals you may have incurred. Our first stop this morning is at the impressive National Museum of Archaeology, which houses a huge collection of artifacts from many different periods of habitation of the Agrigento area. Next, we will visit the *Valley of Temples*. Following that, we will visit Piazza Armerina, where we will be able to walk through the impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> century Roman Villa, excavated in 1955. We will visit its crowning jewel, the famous Roman *Villa of Casale*, a country estate from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century of the Roman era. We will travel to Taormina and check into our hotel for the **remainder of the trip**. **Dinner** and overnight.

**DAY 6/OCT 17 - TAORMINA:** After **breakfast** at the hotel, a local expert guide will conduct a half-day sightseeing tour of Taormina, including visits to all of the major attractions (*such as the world famous Greek and Roman Theater*) and a complete orientation of the city. The afternoon is free for independent sightseeing, shopping or a visit to the beautiful local beaches in the Taormina area! **Dinner** and overnight.

**DAY 7/OCT 18- CATANIA ~MOUNT ETNA:** After **breakfast**, we travel to the southern foot of Mount Etna in Catania. We will have a panoramic tour of this wonderful city known for its straight streets and attractive buildings, which date from the reconstruction after the eruption of 1693. We will visit the Duomo (*site of the Chapel of Saint Agatha*) and the open-air market. In the afternoon, we will travel through the many varied vegetable and fruit areas on the slopes of Mount Etna. Arriving at an altitude of 2,500 feet, we will be above the tree line, where we'll enjoy a perfect view of the three Silvestri Craters and the River of Lava (*a remnant of the 1983-1985 eruption*). **We suggest you bring a windbreaker or something similar for this journey.** We will return to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

**DAY 8/OCT 19 - SIRACUSA:** After **breakfast**, we will have a full-day tour of the Siracusa Geological Zone where we will visit the Greek Theater, the Roman Amphitheater, the Altar of Gerone, the Cave of Cordari, and the Ear of Dionysius. Continuing on to the Medieval City, we will see the beautiful architecture of the Baroque Period, constructed at a time of much wealth and prosperity. We will also stop and visit the cathedral. We will return to Taormina for **dinner** and overnight.

**DAY 9/OCT 20 -CATANIA~ROME~BOSTON:** After **breakfast**, please check out, paying any incidentals you may have incurred. We will transfer to the **Catania Airport** to board our return flight to Boston (*via Rome*).

**PLEASE NOTE:  
ALL SCHEDULING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**