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journeys designed for the curious

OCT 21-30, 2026

10 days - 9 nights

The Magic of Sicily

Palermo – Catania – Siracusa – Agrigento – Marsala - Taormina



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TRIP OVERVIEW

9 nights/10 days



Sicily, the "breadbasket of Italy," is a feast for the senses—where golden grains, rich cheeses, fragrant olive oils, vibrant wines, and irresistible desserts tell the story of centuries of culinary and cultural tradition. On this leisurely and immersive journey, enjoy 4 nights in the charming seaside town of Castellammare del Golfo and 5 nights in the enchanting jewel of Taormina, where the island's beauty unfolds at a relaxed pace.

Explore historic treasures like Palermo's Norman Palace and Taormina's ancient Greek Amphitheater, savor authentic local flavors and wines, and be captivated by the stunning vistas of Erice, Siracusa, and the majestic Mt. Etna. You'll also enjoy unique experiences with locals that reveal the heart of Sicilian life, all while traveling in a small group accompanied by Annette Morejon, local Italy expert and proud owner of Traveler's Caffè. Bring your friends and let's explore this magical island together!

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Palermo, Sicily

OCT 21, 2026

- Overnight flight arrives Palermo
- **Private transfer** to your hotel in Castellammare del Golfo
- Check into hotel
- Welcome dinner to get to know each other and celebrate our arrival to Sicily!
- Overnight Castellammare del Golfo



Day 2: Castellammare/Palermo

OCT 22, 2026

- Breakfast at hotel
- Depart this morning for Palermo
- Meet your **local guide** who will take you on a discovery tour of this magnificent city and its very colorful history. Make stops at the famous **cathedral of Palermo**, dating back to the 12th century, originally built on a Muslim Mosque, and enter the **Norman Palace**, or the Royal Palace of Palermo, where the kings of Sicily once ruled from. Included along the way are samples of some of the **local street foods** famous in Palermo
- Enjoy some time at leisure mid-day to get some lunch (if you're still hungry) or simply take a walk in Palermo's historic center for some fun shopping and self exploration.
- Then it's off to visit nearby **Monreale** and its remarkable **cathedral**, also dating to the 12th century covered in golden mosaics with an impressive cloister.
- Return to Castellammare and evening at leisure, with restaurant recommendations and reservation assistance as needed
- Overnight Castellammare del Golfo



Day 3: Castellammare/Erice/Trapani

OCT 23, 2026

- Breakfast at hotel
- This morning, let's take a day trip to the medieval town of **Erice**, high above a peak overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea.
- Embark on a **sweet culinary adventure** as you learn to make local **Sicilian pastries**, such as Cassata and cannoli.
- Then it's off to **Trapani** with its historic old town, salt flats, and the museum of maritime activities where you can learn about the history of tuna fishing in the area
- While here also have an opportunity to taste the local tuna and learn about the various **tuna processing** stages at the local museum
- Return to Palermo
- Enjoy a group dinner today to try some of the local specialties
- Overnight Castellammare del Golfo



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Day 4: Castellammare

OCT 24, 2026

- Breakfast at hotel
- **Today it's your choice!** We have selected a number of activities that you can choose from depending on your interests (**optionals** will be priced accordingly and not included in base price):
 - **Full day trip to MARSALA:** Head to the town of **Marsala** famous for its fortified wines. Enjoy a visit to a **local winery** with a formal tasting.
 - **Half Day Trip to a CHEESE FARM/FACTORY** in a small village in the hinterland of Palermo, where you will learn about ricotta cheese making and get to sample it fresh onsite.
 - **Full day trip to AGRIGENTO/Valley of the Temples:** Spend time admiring the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, where the Greeks once settled, on a guided tour.
 - Also Visit to an **olive grove** and mill in the province of Agrigento, with an **Olive oil tasting** and tour of the facility and ground where they grow both olives and almonds
 - Or you can simply **enjoy a day at leisure** to to enjoy the local beaches, do some shopping or relax and take some leisure strolls.
- Overnight Castellammare del Golfo



Day 5: Castellammare/Cefalu/Taormina

OCT 25, 2026

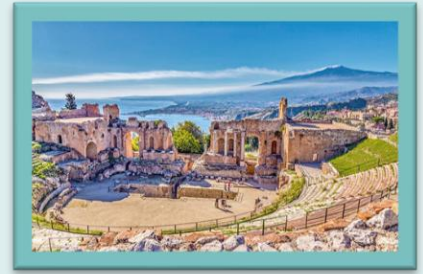
- Breakfast at hotel
- Depart this morning with a scenic drive along Sicily's northern coast.
- Make a stop in **Cefalu**, a charming fishing village with a beautiful cathedral and picturesque coastline.
- While here, enjoy a **panoramic boat tour** departing from the small marina to include drinks and some snacks. You will sail past beautiful views of the rocky coastline and azure blue waters. Possibility to stop in the towns of Mazzafero and Kalura or even for a swim, weather permitting!
- Continue your journey towards Taormina this morning, passing by the port city of Messina, where you will surely get glimpses of mainland Italy on a clear day!
- As you approach **Taormina**, you'll also start to see Mt Etna and its impressive height over Sicily's Eastern coast.
- Check into your hotel in Taormina and enjoy an evening walk along its main streets!
- Enjoy dinner with the group and try some of the specialties on this side of the island!
- Overnight Taormina

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Day 6: Taormina

OCT 26, 2026

- Breakfast at hotel
- Get to see **Taormina** on a walking tour of the historic center to include a visit to the **Greek Amphitheater**, offering drastic views of the coast & Mt Etna on a clear day.
- Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to get better acquainted with the area, its beaches, and its charming yet elegant center.
- This evening, embark on a culinary adventure through Sicily's Food. A fun and interactive **cooking class** will allow you to learn the basics of Sicilian cuisine and sample some of its finest recipes. Dinner will be included after the class!
- Overnight Taormina



Day 7: Taormina/Siracusa/Noto

OCT 27, 2026

- Breakfast at hotel
- Take a day trip south today!
- Visit **Siracusa** and the island of **Ortygia** on a guided walking tour with a local guide.
- Experience the vibrant **fish and produce market** and **sample** some of the delicious foods afterwards
- You will also head over to the **Archeological Park** where the various Greek and Roman ruins can be found, including an amphitheater and ancient rock quarries.
- A special trip will also take you to the town of **Noto**, where a **local guide** will help you admire its remarkable Baroque architecture and learn about the city's past. Then stop for a coffee and a pastry at the famous **Caffe Sicilia**, founded in 1892
- Return to Taormina this evening for time at leisure to enjoy one of its many restaurants!
- Overnight Taormina



Day 8: Taormina

OCT 28, 2026

- Breakfast at hotel
- **Today it's your choice!** Choose between some of these **optional** visits (priced accordingly and not included in base price):
 - **Spa Day:** Enjoy spending time at a local spa where you can choose from a variety of treatments
 - Pay a visit to the **Aeolian Archipelago** by ferry on an all-day adventure and visit the islands of **Stromboli** and **Panarea** with time for swimming, shopping, and volcano watching!



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Optionals continued from Day 8

OCT 28, 2026

- **Hike up** to the lovely town of **Castelmola**, just above Taormina and enjoy a tasting of their local **Almond Wine** (Vino alla Mandorla)- you can choose to ride back down by taxi or hike it back!
- **Visit a local winery** on the foothills of **Mt. Etna** and experience the difference in flavor profiles of these delicious volcanic soil wines.
 - Here you will also taste some of the **local salumi** and **formaggi** famous in the region
- Evening at leisure with dinner recommendations
- Overnight Taormina



Day 9: Taormina/Catania/Etna

OCT 29, 2026

- Breakfast at hotel
- Head over to **Catania** to experience the colorful and vibrant **historical fish market**, La Pescheria, where you'll see fish and seafood that you never even knew existed. Walk the stalls and mingle with the locals as they do their daily shopping.
 - You will also have time to visit some of the local monuments on your own, such as the cathedral and Roman Amphitheater.
 - While here we will also try some **delicious arancini** (Sicilian rice balls) as an included tasting at Pasticceria Savia, or Arancini Espressi Serafino!
- On the way back, work your way up **Mt. Etna** as you discover the lava flows, rock formations, small towns, and surreal landscapes of this massive volcano! Admire drastic views of the coastline (on a clear day) and see firsthand some of the damages that have been caused by earthquakes and eruptions throughout history.
 - **OPTIONAL** (priced accordingly and not included in base price): As you reach the top, you can choose to continue your journey further up to the summit by taking a combo of a cable car and 4x4 jeeps!
- Return to Taormina for your last evening
- Farewell dinner this evening to celebrate the end of this magnificent journey through Sicily.
- Overnight Taormina



Day 10: Depart Sicily

OCT 30, 2026

- Breakfast at hotel
- Check out Taormina hotel and **private transfer** to Catania airport
- Departure flight from Catania



TOUR DETAILS

\$5799

per person in double occupancy

singles on request

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Discover Palermo's treasures**—including the Norman Palace, Monreale's golden mosaics, and iconic street-food culture.
- Enjoy **hands-on culinary experiences** like pastry making in Erice, a Sicilian cooking class in Taormina, and tastings of wine, olive oil, arancini, and fresh ricotta.
- **Explore the medieval towns** of Erice, Trapani, and Cefalù, including a coastal boat tour with drinks, snacks, and optional swimming.
- Wander the **Baroque splendor** of Noto and the **ancient Greek and Roman sites** of Siracusa and its Archaeological Park.
- Experience **the vibrant markets** of Catania and savor authentic specialties like arancini at historic pastry shops.
- Take in breathtaking landscapes, from **Castellammare del Golfo's coastline** to **Taormina's Greek Amphitheater** overlooking Mt. Etna.
- Journey along **Mt. Etna's lava fields** with an optional ascent by cable car and 4x4 jeep to the summit area.
- Personalize your adventure with **optional excursions** such as Marsala wine tasting, Aeolian Islands ferry trip, spa day, cheese farm visit, and a hike to Castelmola with almond wine tasting.

INCLUDED:

- 9 nights accommodations in 4-star hotels in double occupancy
- Hotel taxes
- Meals: 9 breakfasts, 5 dinners, 6 food/wine tastings
- Cooking class, wine tasting, pastry class
- Airport/hotel arrival and departure transfers
- Private group transportation with private driver
- Services of a professional local expert accompanying the group
- Guided tours and admission to various attractions/museums as listed in the itinerary
- All gratuities for driver, local expert, local guides, housekeeping, servers and porters

NOT INCLUDED:

- Optional tours (listed as optional in the itinerary)
- Flights
- Visas (if applicable)
- Travel Insurance (a separate quote will be provided and strongly recommended to protect yourself and your travel investment)

ADDITIONAL TERMS & INFORMATION

By traveling with us on this group tour, you agree to our payment terms as well as our terms and conditions.

PAYMENT AND CANCEL TERMS:

- DEPOSIT:** Initial non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is due at time of booking.
- FINAL PAYMENT:** Final payment is due 90 days prior to your travel date. You can also make installments at any time between your deposit date and your final payment date via our online portal.
- CANCELLATION PENALTIES:** The following penalties will apply if you have to cancel your trip for any reason.
 - 91 days or more prior to travel date: \$500 deposit
 - 90-60 days prior to travel date: 50% of total package price
 - 59 days or less prior to travel date: 100% of total package price

DISCOUNT: If you choose to pay by check or ACH a 2% discount will be displayed on your invoice. If at any time you revert back to credit card payments, the 2% discount will be eliminated and the full non-discounted amount will be due. If any bank transfer fees are assessed, these will be charged back on the invoice for payment.

PAYMENTS: Once you receive your invoice, and after your deposit is paid, you can choose to make payments at any time until 90 days prior to your trip. If any refunds are due at any time due to cancellation or changes, any credit card fees will be discounted from those refunds, in addition to any other cancellation penalties assessed per our terms and conditions or service provider's cancellation policy.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We strongly encourage travel insurance to protect your travel investment (in case of cancellation) as well as you and your belongings while you travel. We can send over a quote!

Our Terms & Conditions, including the cancellation policy, can be found here:

<https://www.travelerscaffe.com/terms/>, but as this is a group tour, above cancellation terms will apply over those listed on our website. All other terms listed on the website are applicable.

GROUP TOUR: This is a group tour, and all activities have been planned out in advance, no substitutions are possible and any portion of the tour that you do not attend will not be refunded. There will be optional tours that you may choose to sign up for and those will be charged separately.

WALKING/ACTIVITY LEVEL: As we will be visiting many historic towns, walking is a way of life and how we will often do many of our tours and activities on this journey. Streets often have cobblestones; there are hilly towns that we will visit with inclines and sometimes uneven pavement. The tour is recommended for active travelers seeking to fully immerse themselves in the walking culture of Italy.

PRE/POST: if you wish to add on any nights anywhere in Sicily or Italy, pre or post tour, just let us know and we can help!

To sign up, register [here!](#)



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