

# Sicily: Crossroads Of Civilizations

### Day 1 - Palermo

Morning arrival in Palermo and transfer to hotel in the charming city of Palermo. Afternoon city tour of Palermo. We will visit the Arab-Norman Cathedral, the Martorana Church and Cappella Palatina. During the visit we will stop for a treat in the famous Antica Focacceria San Francesco. Dinner and overnight.

## Day 2 - Palermo - Erice - Salt Road - Marsala

After breakfast in hotel, depart for Marsala to Erice, a small medieval town, including a visit and a stop in a famous pasticceria for a delicious Sicilian cake. The tour will continue along the Salt Road: on the way you will see the nice Island of Mothia, and the windmills all-over the coast. Continue to Marsala, visit a prestigious wine cellar and wine tasting. Dinner and overnight.

#### Day 3 - Marsala - Selinunte - Agrigento

Breakfast in hotel and departure to Selinunte to visit the largest Archaeological Park in whole Mediterranean to tour the classic Greek city. Free time for lunch. Transfer to Agrigento and visit of the Valley of the Temples including the temples of Hera, Concordia, and Hercules. Dinner and overnight.

#### Day 4 - Agrigento - Piazza Armerina - Ragusa - Modica

Breakfast in hotel. We will proceed to Piazza Armerina to see the mosaics of the famous Villa Romana del Casale. After free time for lunch, departure to Ragusa Ibla and visit of its historical center. Later we will visit Modica, and the day will end with a visit to one of the most renowned chocolate manufacturers where we will assist the production of chocolate, followed by a tasting. Dinner and overnight.

#### Day 5 - Noto - Siracusa

After breakfast in hotel, we will reach Noto, the capital of Sicilian baroque, famous for its fine buildings of the early eighteenth century, and we will visit Palazzo Nicolaci. Depart for Siracusa, the most beautiful and greatest Greek colony in Sicily. Free time for lunch. In the afternoon the tour will include the Archaeological Park of Neapolis, Greek Theatre, Roman Amphitheatre, the Latomie of Paradise and Dyonisius' Ear. The tour will also visit Ortigia, a small island which is the historical centre of Siracusa. Dinner and overnight.

#### Day 6 - Siracusa - Catania

After breakfast in hotel, we will arrive in Catania for an orientation tour then transfer to the airport. End of services.

**Note:** This tour can also be combined with 3 nights in Rome on either the front or back side of this itinerary.