

The Short Tour from Catania to Palermo 5 nights / 6 days Saturday/Thursday Exclusive small groups tour up to 20 pax

*A Journey in the Colors, Flavors and the Sicilian
Traditions designed for small groups up to 20 Pax*

1st Day /Saturday CATANIA

Independent arrival at hotel in Catania, accommodation. Welcome drink and dinner at Hotel and overnight.

2nd Day /Sunday CATANIA – SIRACUSA – CATANIA

After a buffet breakfast, departure to Syracuse: visit the World Heritage Site "Neapolis". The visit of this archaeological area includes the famous Greek theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre, the Latomie of Paradise and the "Dionysios Ear". Continue to the island of Ortigia, the small baroque old city centre of Siracusa; free time for lunch. In the afternoon visit of the beautiful Cathedral, which is built upon the site of the Doric Temple of Minerva, the legendary Arethusa's Fountain and the Temple of Apollo. Free time at disposal to stroll through the streets of the centre and for shopping. Return to your hotel in Catania. Free evening at your disposal to experience the city and its nightlife and to dine in one of the typical restaurant in the city centre. Overnight.

3rd Day /Monday CATANIA (fish market & street food)

– RAGUSA (cheese taste)

After a buffet breakfast, departure for a nice walking tour of **Catania**, stroll through the city centre with your professional guide who will charm you with the history of the city and visit the famous fish market "A PISCARIA", one of the largest fish markets in Sicily. As old as the city itself, it's a great way to experience the abundant fishing and seafood culture of Sicily, with a very special and authentic atmosphere. Here you will have the chance to taste the delights of typical Catania's street food.

Depart to **Ragusa** and visit of the enchanting historical centre "Ibla", with its stunning baroque palaces and churches; together with other seven cities in the Val di Noto, Ragusa is listed among the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Ragusa is also renowned for its cheese production, therefore we will not miss a tasting of artisan cheeses. We will continue to the reserved hotel where we will have time at disposal to relax at the swimming pool or at the Spa. Dinner in hotel and Overnight

4th Day /Tuesday RAGUSA – AGRIGENTO – MARSALA (wine tasting & Marsala by night)

After a buffet breakfast, departure to **Agrigento**, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; visit of the Valley. Free time at disposal for lunch. In the afternoon we'll proceed to **Marsala** a city on the western coast famous for its production of sweet Sicilian wine. Arrival at Hotel; Here we will do a tour of the resort's wineries. We will taste 3 different fine wines. Free time at disposal to relax at the swimming pool. In the evening, we'll reach Marsala city centre and have free time at disposal to discover the historical centre by walking and free time for dinner. Return to the hotel and overnight.

5th Day /Wednesday MARSALA –SALT ROUTE - ERICE (taste of traditional pastries) – PALERMO

After a buffet breakfast, departure to Erice, via the spectacular "Salt Route", a road flanked by the salt pans, windmills, and the "salt houses" where they still extract the sea salt as the Phoenicians. Arrival in Erice, placed on the top of a hill overlooking the city of Trapani and the Egadi Islands: walk through its tiny and characteristic streets, and stop for marzipan and biscuit tasting. Free time at disposal for lunch. Continue to Palermo, the capital of Sicily. We will visit the Cathedral, one of the most important architectural monuments. We will continue our visit by walking to reach "I Quattro Canti di Città" Piazza Pretoria, Piazza Bellini and we'll visit the Martorana Church. We will then reach one of the most famous and historical markets of Palermo to experience the authenticity of this wonderful and colorful city. We will end our tour with a taste the delights of typical Palermo's street food. Accommodation at hotel and free time at disposal for shopping and dinner. Overnight.

6th Day /Thursday PALERMO

After buffet breakfast, end of the Tour

The Short Tour from Palermo to Taormina 4 nights / 5 days Tuesday/Saturday Exclusive small groups tour up to 20 pax

*A Journey in the Colors, Flavors and the Sicilian
Traditions designed for small groups up to 20 Pax*

1st Day / Tuesday PALERMO

Independent arrival at the hotel in Palermo, accommodation, and overnight

2nd Day / Wednesday PALERMO

After a buffet breakfast, Free time at disposal for visit Palermo. lunch on your own; in the afternoon appointment with our guide to continue the guided tour of the city at "I Quattro Canti di Città" Piazza Pretoria, Piazza Bellini and internal visit of Martorana Church. continue to reach one of the most famous markets of Palermo "La Vucciria" where you will have the chance to taste the delights of typical Palermo's street food. Accommodation at your hotel and free time at disposal for dinner. Overnight.

3rd Day /Thursday PALERMO – MONREALE – CEFALU' – MESSINA - TAORMINA

After a buffet breakfast departure to visit the town of **Monreale**, situated on a hill at few kms far from Palermo in panoramic position. Visit of the Cathedral, one of the most beautiful monuments in the world with its Moorish architecture, housing very fine mosaics representing a complete cycle of the Old and New Testaments in Arab-Norman style. Continue to **Cefalù**, a former fishing village, now a charming coastal town. Enjoy a walk to the city centre and down main street to reach the Arab-Norman Cathedral and the medieval wash-house built in the rock. Free time at disposal to explore the town and shopping and lunch on your own. Proceed to Taormina through the coastal road passing through **Messina** from where we'll have the chance to admire the suggestive scenery of the Strait of Messina. Accommodation at your hotel and free time at disposal for dinner. Overnight.

4th Day /Friday TAORMINA – MT. ETNA (wine tasting) – TAORMINA

After a buffet breakfast, excursion to **Mount Etna**, the highest active Volcano in Europe. Weather conditions permitting, across fascinating landscape with different kind of vegetation, a mixture of citrus groves, vineyards and fruit trees. We will reach a height of 1800 metres to visit the Sylvester Craters where we'll enjoy a spectacular panorama over the Ionian Sea. Stop at a local vineyard on the eastern slopes of Etna and visit a prestigious cellar. We will have the opportunity to taste different local wines accompanied by local cheese and cold cuts. In the afternoon back to **Taormina**, charming city called "the pearl of the Ionian Sea": enjoy time at leisure for shopping or walking through its tiny streets. Possibility to visit the Greek-Roman Theatre on your own (Ticket € 12,00 p.p.), with its spectacular view of Giardini Naxos and Mount Etna. Free time for dinner and overnight.

5th Day /Saturday TAORMINA

After buffet breakfast, end of the Tour

Short Tour from Catania HOTELS:

Catania	Katane hotel 4*** or similar
Ragusa	Poggio Del Sole Resort 4*** or similar
Marsala	Baglio Oneto Resort 5*****L or similar
Palermo	Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa 4**** Politeama Palace 4*** or similar

Short Tour Catania - Palermo
5 nights / 6 days Saturday/Thursday

DEPARTURE DATES Summer 2023:

from **Catania** on **Saturdays**

LOW SEASON

April ...08...
June03...17..24
September... 30
October...07..14

HIGH SEASON

May ..06..13..20..27
July..15
August....26
September..02..09..16..23

GROSS RATES:

Rate per Person	Low Season	High Season
In Double room	€ 1.100,00	€ 1.160,00
Suppl. Single room	€ 225,00	€ 245,00
3 rd pax in triple room	On Request	

RATE INCLUDES:

- 4 nights accommodation in 4* hotels /
- 1 night in a 4*S or 5* stars Luxury Resort
- Welcome drink on day 1.
- Board: 2 Dinners (Catania on day 1 and Ragusa on day 3) and 5 Breakfasts at Hotel.
- Mineral water (1/2 per person) at meals in Hotel
- 2 Street food experiences in Catania and Palermo
- Cheese tasting in Ragusa
- Almond pastries tasting in Erice
- Visit of a cellar and Wine tasting in Marsala
- Transportation de Luxe motor coach* with free wi-fi
- *a minivan with English Speaking driver, normally not equipped with wifi, will be provided if the number of participants is equal to or less than eight
- English speaking Tour Escort*
- Local Guides where necessary
- Whispers Kit (for group with more than 10 passengers)
- Portage at hotels
- Retevacanze staff assistance

RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Transfers in/out
- Entrance tickets to sites and museums
- City Tax: to be paid directly at the Hotel
- Beverages (excluded water at meals in the Hotels)

- Everything which is not clearly specified under "rate includes"

Short Tour from Palermo HOTELS:

Palermo	Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa 4**** Politeama Palace 4*** or similar
Taormina	Villa Diodoro 4**** Hotel Caparena 4**** or similar

Short Tour Palermo - Taormina
4 nights / 5 days Tuesday/Saturday

DEPARTURE DATES Summer 2023:

from **Palermo** on **Tuesdays**

LOW SEASON

April ...11...
June06..20..27
October...03..10..17

HIGH SEASON

May ..09..16..23..30
July..18
August....29
September..05..12..19..26

GROSS RATES:

Rate per Person	Low Season	High Season
In Double room	€ 880,00	€ 950,00
Suppl. Single room	€ 145,00	€ 175,00
3 rd pax in triple room	On Request	

RATE INCLUDES:

- 4 nights accommodation in 4* hotels /
- Welcome drink on day 1.
- Board: 4 Breakfasts at Hotel.
- Visit of a cellar and Wine tasting on Mount Etna
- Transportation de Luxe motor coach* with free wi-fi
- *a minivan with English Speaking driver, normally not equipped with wifi, will be provided if the number of participants is equal to or less than eight
- English speaking Tour Escort*
- Local Guides where necessary
- Whispers Kit (for group with more than 10 passengers)
- Portage at hotels
- Retevacanze staff assistance

RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Transfers in/out
- Entrance tickets to sites and museums
- City Tax: to be paid directly at the Hotel
- Beverages (excluded water at meals in the Hotels)
- Everything which is not clearly specified under "rate includes"

BOOKING SERVICES PRE/POST TOUR

in case advanced arrival before the beginning, or an extension trip after the tour, it is possible to book the hotels of the tour through our booking department

for info prices and Booking services, contact our department: tours@retevacanze.it : Hotels: pre-night / post-night tour;

Transfer

CANCELLATION FEES

- 100 % penalty from 2 days and NO SHOW
- 80 % penalty from 3 to 7 days before the beginning of theTour
- 40 % penalty from 8 to 14 days before the beginning of theTour
- 20 % penalty from 15 to 30 days before the beginning of theTour

Important information:

* For reasons not dependent on Retevacanze (public events, religious holidays, sporting events or adverse weather conditions), the itinerary can be changed without notice; in this case Retevacanze ensures - where possible - similar visits and excursions according to the spirit of the tour program
If the number of participants does not reach the minimum of 9 pax, Retevacanze will guarantee the departure, with a minivan, English Speaking driver and Local Guide services where necessary, reserving the right to make changes to the travel program by giving notice within 30 days before the departure date; The Entrance Fees Supplement net Rate per Person is €37,50 for Short Tour Catania, and €9,00 for the Short Tour Palermo *The above price is valid on September 2021. In case of price increases, we will have to update it.

