



**Time around Italy Moss tour
Sicily dream May 5th -16th 2022**



Your view of Taormina May 8th 2022

May 5th

Arrival of the group at Falcone and Borsellino Palermo airport.

Two different buses will come to pick-up the group at two different times, schedule will be updated accordingly with arrival times.

Rebecca and Roberto Ghezzi will welcome you at the airport and will meet you outside the International arrivals at the Info point corner.

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Check-in at the Best Western Ai Cavalieri Hotel 4****, a charming, classic and comfortable 4 stars hotel in Palermo strategically located in the historical and business heart of the city, few steps away from Piazza Politeama, in great position to move around one of the main shopping streets in Palermo.

Check-in in Italy is always possible from the afternoon, so please arrange your air tickets accordingly in order to avoid a long waiting time before accessing the room reserved for you. Free time to relax and get ready for our first welcome dinner at one of the most ancient Osteria in Palermo historical centre .

May 6th

Morning guided visit to the vibrant centre of Palermo, a city with a huge charm and with several different faces. Start you day with a visit to the stunning Cathedral, declared Unesco heritage site in 2015, see the Byzantine chapel and the Royal Palace, a full immersion into the historical heart of this special city.

Lunch at one of the local daily market of the city Ballarò to enjoy the authentic Sicilian food coming from the roots.

Afternoon and dinner on your own to mingle with the locals and enjoy the Palermo famous movida.

May 7th

Have a look at the many fascinating spaces of the Teatro Massimo, Palermo most ancient opera house opened in 1897 and considered a very interesting example of the cultural ferment of the time. Enjoy your free time for lunch at the local fish market Vucciria to immerse yourself in the real Palermitan atmosphere!

Afternoon on your own for some shopping in the typical Sicilian boutiques, something not to miss! Group dinner on the rooftop overlooking Palermo from above!

May 8th

Morning departure for Cefalù, a real pearl nestled on the top of the hill overlooking a deep blue sea. Visit the stunning Cathedral and the lovely town full of small typical Sicilian bottega.

Afternoon visit to the extraordinary Taormina Greek Amphitheatre, a breath taking balcony on the Mediterranean.

Check-in at the Unahotel Capotaormina 4**** hotel with an enchanting view of the coast, a private beach, an infinity view saltwater pool and wellness centre .



Enjoy some free time and dine on your own at the hotel or in the very picturesque town of Taormina.

May 9th

Meeting with our local guide Sonia, our Etna volcano adventure begins!

We will discover the beauty of the south side of the volcano, grab a cable car and reach the Sartorius craters and the Etna forest to enjoy a relaxed walk and immerse yourself in the peaceful nature of the Etna archeological park.

Lunch on the way and afternoon visit to the town of Acireale, very popular for its fine art colorful ceramics.

Time for some shopping and transfer to Hotel Villa Carlotta 4**** in Ragusa.

Group dinner at the Michelin star restaurant of the hotel with a delicious customised menu created for us.

May 10st

After a nice breakfast, start your day with a morning guided tour of Ragusa Ibla, very popular for its Baroque architecture.

Ragusa Ibla is the name of the most ancient part of the historical centre of the town of Ragusa and is also famous for being a movie set for several Italian movies, like Montalbano, a quite funny Sicilian detective :)

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon by the pool at the hotel or visit the rest of the town on your own.

Free time for dinner in Ragusa and back to the hotel for the night.

May 11th

Day excursions to Noto, known for its baroque architecture, the richly decorated balconies and the resembling triumphal arch, the 19th-century Porta Reale that marks the entrance to the city.

Group lunch in Marzamemi, one of the most typical fishing village of Sicily and afternoon visit to Modica, a Unesco heritage site famous for the elegance of the churches and ...for a delicious chocolate exported all over the world!

Back in Ragusa for the night and dine on your own for some relaxed time.



May 12th

Departure for a full day in unforgettable Siracusa!

A full immersion in Ortigia, the ancient island where the historical part of Siracusa is located.

Ortigia is considered a small jewel on the sea and its surface does not exceed 1 square kilometre.

Siracusa is also base of an amazing archeological park called Neapolis, a natural area full of archeological sites belonging to different ages of the Siracusa history.

This park is considered one of the most important archeological site of Sicily and the Mediterranean.

Group dinner in Siracusa to enjoy the city by night and back to the hotel in Ragusa.

May 13th

Morning departure for an interesting visit to Caltagirone, an inland city half way from the Western and the Eastern Sicily. The city located on the top of a hill is worldwide known for ceramic and its museum is one of the two most important ceramic sites of Italy.

In the afternoon check-in at the Il Principe di Catania 4**** hotel and enjoy a group dinner in town.

May 14th

Begin your day meeting our guide for a morning walking tour of the city of Catania, immersing yourself in the hustle bustle of the city.

Catania is an harbour city based at the Etna footsteps whose Cathedral Baroque plasters have been declared Unesco heritage and where you will visit the famous Pescheria, the daily fish market to feel the real Sicilian every day life and savour some very local cuisine.

Dine on your own at one of the local trattoria.

May 15th

Your last day in Sicily will start with a visit to the towns of Acicastello where you will be able to admire the Cyclopean Isles, a small rocky archipelago and Acitrezza, a small village with a long history of maritime activity.

Enjoy some time at the beach and join our farewell dinner by the sea!

May 16th

Check- out from the hotel in Catania and Arrivederci bellissima Sicilia!

Morning transfer to Catania airport will be arranged for the group.

Customised transfers to other cities can be arranged individually with Claudia.



IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THE TRIP

**Quote for the tour described above: 2950,00€ per person in double occupancy
The single occupancy rate is 3450,00€.**

The quote includes

- Transfer services with 54 seats Bus for the locations specified, including fuel and tolls, including shuttle service at arrival and departure at scheduled time.

- Accommodation at the following hotels with B&B treatment:
Best Western Ai cavalieri 4**** Hotel in Palermo
Unahotel Capotaormina 4**** Hotel in Taormina
Hotel Villa Carlotta 4**** in Ragusa
Il Principe Hotel 4**** Catania

- city tax and portorage service at every hotel of the tour.

- Guided tours with English speaking professional guide where specified

- Admission tickets for the museums/locations described in the itinerary and earphones when required.

- Lunch or dinners when specified as group or welcome dinner.

- Accommodation and meals for the drivers when required
- 22% Vat and taxes
- Bus parking and check points to enter the cities
- Free water on the bus



The quote does NOT include

- International and domestic flights
 - Meals where a group dinner is not specified.
 - Tips and personal extras
 - All that is not specified in " The quote includes".
 - Trip cancellation insurance and health insurance
- Please note that for Covid reasons a Vaccination Certificate will be required to enter the museums and restaurants.

NOTES

Although we will do the best possible to keep the itinerary as described above, some small variations could be applied to the itinerary and clients will be promptly informed.
The quote is valid until October 31st and based on a number of 25 participants.
Costs may vary with a different number of people joining the tour.
The validity of the estimate is referred to the dates indicated for the trip, except for variations which can be documented and not caused by the travel agency.
In case of variation of VAT tax (now at 22%) by the Italian government or of increase of city taxes regulated by the single town halls, we will inform the clients in advance to cover the change of costs.

To book the trip

A **deposit** of 30% of the total amount of 1035€ is required within October 31st 2021 to block your place to live your Sicilian dream!

Take advantage of the early bird reservation and save 50€ for booking within Oct 15th!

The deposit will be considered as a down payment for the trip and will be hold as a penalty fee for cancellation of the trip in any case.

For finalising your booking please send an email to claudia@timearoundtuscan.com with your name and number of people joining the tour, so we can set your attendance to the tour.



The remaining **balance** will be due by January 15th 2022 and will not be possible to postpone it for hotels contracts reasons.

All payments will need to be transferred to :

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Account number 5700

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Bank transfer cost at client's expenses

We will be very happy to have you on board again and looking forward to spend some Sicilian time together finally!!