

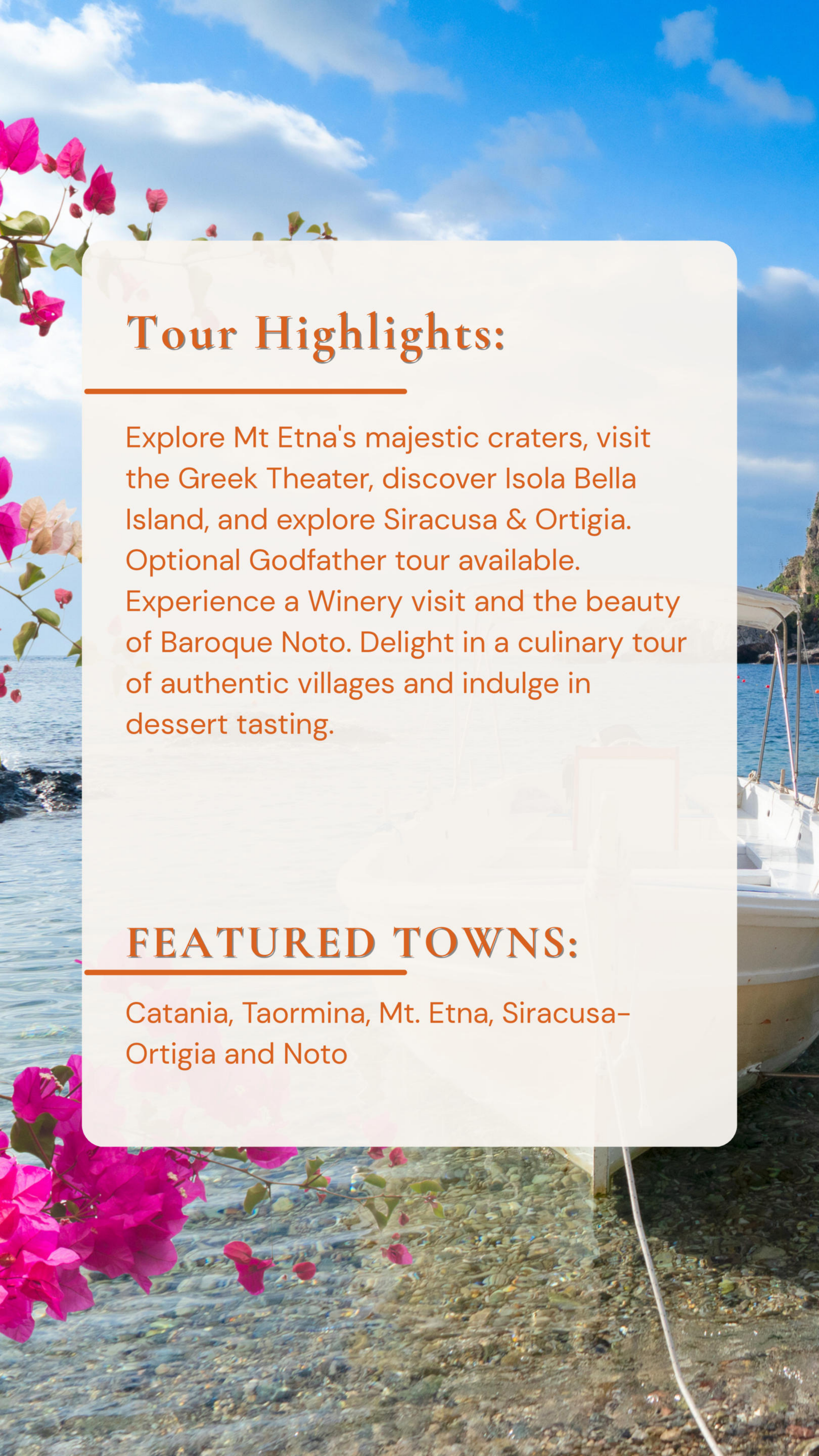


NOTO FLOWER FESTIVAL

EASTERN SICILY TOUR

8 DAYS & 7 NIGHTS





Tour Highlights:

Explore Mt Etna's majestic craters, visit the Greek Theater, discover Isola Bella Island, and explore Siracusa & Ortigia. Optional Godfather tour available. Experience a Winery visit and the beauty of Baroque Noto. Delight in a culinary tour of authentic villages and indulge in dessert tasting.

FEATURED TOWNS:

Catania, Taormina, Mt. Etna, Siracusa-Ortigia and Noto

MORE ABOUT SICILY:

Sicily, the largest island in the Mediterranean, served as a captivating backdrop for the filming of the renowned TV show *White Lotus*. This extraordinary island is a seamless blend of history, diverse landscapes, and rich culture. The enchanting town of Taormina, nestled atop a hill, mesmerizes visitors with its panoramic views of the Ionian Sea and the majestic Mount Etna. Siracusa–Ortigia, renowned for its captivating ancient ruins and Baroque architecture, immerses you in a treasure trove of wonders. In Noto, a UNESCO World Heritage site, one is spellbound by the breathtaking Baroque streets and remarkable structures. The vibrant energy of Catania, pulsating at the foot of Mount Etna, creates an exhilarating atmosphere. that entices exploration with its vibrant fusion of cultures, architectural marvels, and bustling markets. Sicily guarantees an unforgettable adventure, infused with beauty, culture, and excitement, for all who embark on this remarkable journey.

DAY I Arrive in Catania Airport, Eastern Sicily



- ARRIVE AT CATANIA AIRPORT
- TRANSFER TO THE YOUR LODGINGS IN TAORMINA
- WELCOME DINNER IN TAORMINA





DAY 2 CATANIA AND TAORMINA



- TAKE A WALKING TOUR TO THE FOLLOWING SITES: PIAZZA DEL DUOMO: EXPLORE THE HEART OF CATANIA AS YOU VISIT THE STUNNING CATHEDRAL OF SANT'AGATA, THE ICONIC ELEPHANT FOUNTAIN, AND THE VIBRANT FISH MARKET.
- LUNCH IN CATANIA
- IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE RICH HISTORY AND BREATHTAKING BEAUTY OF TAORMINA AS YOU EMBARK ON AN EXHILARATING TOUR OF THE TOWN AND ITS MAJESTIC GREEK THEATER.





DAY 3

MT ETNA SMALL VILLAGES AUTHENTIC SICILY TOUR



- BEGIN THE DAY IN A STUNNING HAZELNUT GROVE WITH SWEEPING VIEWS OF MOUNT ETNA.

Meet the grower, taste fresh hazelnuts and creamy spreads, and enjoy a guided extra virgin olive oil tasting with local bread while learning how to spot true quality.

- SHEPHERD & FAMILY DAIRY IN RANDAZZO:

Continue to the medieval village of Randazzo to visit a multigenerational family dairy. Meet the shepherd, watch the craft in action, and taste warm, freshly made ricotta and Provola dei Nebrodi DOP straight from the source.

- SWEET SICILIAN TRADITIONS:

Stop at a beloved local pastry shop for crisp cannoli and refreshing artisanal granita.

- RUSTIC LOCAL LUNCH:

End the day with a generous traditional lunch featuring seasonal appetizers and a signature pasta or meat dish, paired with local wine.



DAY 4 WINERY TOUR AND LIGHT ETNA EXPERIENCE



- LIGHT ETNA TOUR WITH ONE HOUR FREE TIME TO SEE THE CRATERS
- LUNCH AND WINE TASTING AT AN INCREDIBLE WINERY NEAR MT ETNA

Unique Flavor Profiles: The combination of the volcanic soil's mineral content, good drainage, moisture retention, and thermal regulation all work in harmony to create unique flavor profiles in the wines and produce grown near Mount Etna. The minerals absorbed by the plants from the soil can impart distinct mineral notes and nuances to the grapes and other crops. Additionally, the stress caused by the challenging growing conditions can lead to lower yields but concentrated flavors, resulting in wines with exceptional complexity and character.





DAY 5 SIRACUSA- ORTIGIA



- TRANSFER TO ORTIGIA
- VISIT THE ANCIENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF THE NEAPOLIS, INCLUDING THE GREEK THEATER, THE EAR OF DIONYSIUS, AND THE ROMAN AMPHITHEATER.
- LUNCH IN ORTIGIA
- TIME PERMITTING: IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE LOCAL CULTURE BY VISITING THE COLORFUL LOCAL FOOD AND SPICE MARKETS, SUCH AS THE HISTORIC MARKET OF ORTIGIA.
- NIGHTTIME SUGGESTION:
 - WALK AROUND THE HISTORIC CENTER OF ORTIGIA ISLAND, A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE, KNOWN FOR ITS BEAUTIFUL ARCHITECTURE AND CHARMING STREETS.DISCOVER THE STUNNING CATHEDRAL OF SYRACUSE (DUOMO DI SIRACUSA) IN ORTIGIA, A MIX OF NORMAN, BYZANTINE, AND BAROQUE STYLES.
 - VISIT A PALACE AT SUNSET WITH BEAUTIFUL BALCONIES AND VIEWS OF THE DUOMO SQUARE
 - ENJOY A SUNSET STROLL ALONG THE PROMENADE, TAKING IN THE ENCHANTING VIEWS, UNIQUE SHOPPING AND THE LIVELY ATMOSPHERE OF THE CITY INDULGE IN THE LOCAL CUISINE.





DAY 6 NOTO



- THEAD TO NOTO, THE JEWEL OF BAROQUE ARCHITECTURE
- HAVE A WINERY ADVENTURE IN NOTO, SAVORING EXQUISITE LOCAL WINES PAIRED WITH A GOURMET LUNCH AND ENJOY THE VINEYARD'S STUNNING SCENERY.
- ENJOY THE FLOWER FESTIVAL EVENTS: TBD



DAY 7 FLOWER FESTIVAL IN NOTO



EXPLORE NOTO, THE JEWEL OF BAROQUE ARCHITECTURE FOR THE ANNUAL FLOWER FESTIVAL.

THE FLOWER FESTIVAL IN NOTO, SICILY, IS AN ANNUAL EVENT HELD THE 3RD WEEK OF MAY. IT FEATURES INTRICATE FLORAL CARPETS CREATED BY SKILLED ARTISANS AND VOLUNTEERS, TRANSFORMING THE STREETS OF NOTO INTO VIBRANT DISPLAYS OF COLOR AND FRAGRANCE. VISITORS CAN ENJOY PARADES, CONCERTS, AND LOCAL VENDORS OFFERING SICILIAN PRODUCTS. THE FESTIVAL CELEBRATES NATURE, ART, AND COMMUNITY, SHOWCASING THE BEAUTY OF FLOWERS AND THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF NOTO.





DAY 8 TRANSFER TO CATANIA AIRPORT



- CIAO SICILIA!





QUOTE
INCLUDES:

****Our mission at The Sicily Experience is to immerse you in this passionate culture to truly have you experience Sicily just like a local****



Expert Tour leader



Additional expert guides



Highly-rated lodging



Air conditioned transportation



All breakfasts at your lodging



Admission to activities listed on your itinerary



All lunches and one Welcome Dinner



Pre-departure Information

PLEASE NOTE:

- TIPS FOR YOUR GUIDES AND DRIVERS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS (IN EURO) ARE RECOMMENDED:
 - Local city guides: 3 EURO per person
 - Drivers: 5 EURO per person per day
 - Tour Leaders: the amount is up to you, but we suggest 10 EURO per person per day
- EACH INCLUDED MEAL WILL INCLUDE ONE NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE.

“To have seen Italy without having seen Sicily is not to have seen Italy at all” – German writer Goethe, 1787.

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