



PALERMO JAZZ FESTIVAL

with host Jorge Luis Pacheco

A soulful journey through Sicily, where jazz sets the rhythm

International Artist Lineup: To be confirmed
Kurt Elling, Samara Joy, Tony Hadley, Jacob Collie, Jorge Luis Pacheco and others top artists from the USA and EUROPE

8 DAYS & 7 NIGHTS

JULY 6 - 13, 2026



Tour Highlights:

Enjoy incredible nightly performances featuring outstanding Sicilian and international musicians, set in breathtaking historic venues throughout Palermo. Explore Palermo's vibrant food markets, the iconic Teatro Massimo, and Quattro Canti, wander through the magical seaside town of Cefalù, and enjoy a family-owned winery experience overlooking a historic castle, complete with guided tastings. Immerse yourself in an authentic culinary day with a local Sicilian farmer, discover dramatic coastlines, and so much more.

Accommodations:

- Day 1 – Day 8 in Palermo

Featured Cities:

Palermo, Alcamo, Erice, Segesta, and Cefalu

MEET YOUR HOST ARTIST

Jorge Luis Pacheco



Dear friends,

I have been fortunate to travel the world and experience the rich tapestry of music across cultures, but few places have captured my imagination and my heart quite like Sicily, so connected also to my beloved Havana. Two islands that live between memory and rhythm, between art as refuge and celebration. The Sicily island is a blend of history and emotion, of ritual and creative freedom. An energy that cannot be seen, it can be felt.

I am thrilled to invite you to join me on this exclusive journey to immerse yourself in the heart of Sicilian culture and art. Together, we will embark on a unique experience, going well beyond the tourist facade to connect with the soul of Sicilian culture, music, and art.

We will attend intimate encounters with renowned artists and musicians, visit some of the world's most stunning ancient sites and buildings, and enjoy private performances at historic places as we soak up the purest emotion and passion. I will also perform and collaborate with some of Sicily's most revered musicians. We will also offer a special concert with the renowned Sicilian Big Band Jazz Orchestra. Your participation will benefit efforts to empower culture in Sicily. There are limited spots available so we encourage you to reserve your tour today.

We look forward to exploring Sicily's vibrant artistic and cultural tapestry with you in October.

With Love,

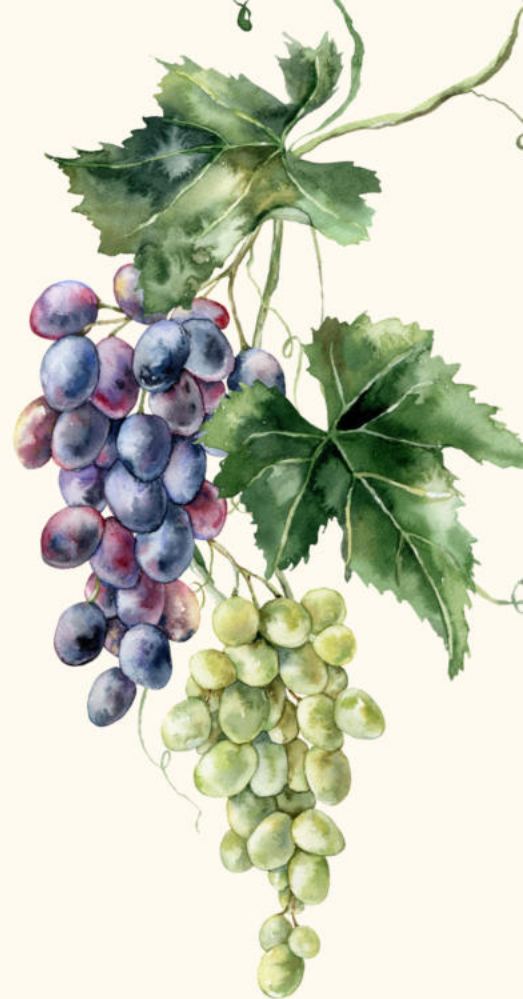
Pacheco



Internationally acclaimed Cuban jazz pianist and composer, Jorge Luis Pacheco is a leading figure of his generation. A two-time winner at the Montreux Jazz Solo Piano Competition, he has performed at iconic venues like Lincoln Center, Apollo Theater, Kennedy Center, and the Berlin Philharmonic. With concerts in over 30 countries, Pacheco blends Cuban and Afro-Cuban jazz with classical and symphonic influences. He has collaborated with legends such as Wynton Marsalis, Arturo O'Farrill, and members of the Buena Vista Social Club.

For more information about Pacheco, visit www.pachecopiano.com

DAY I PALERMO



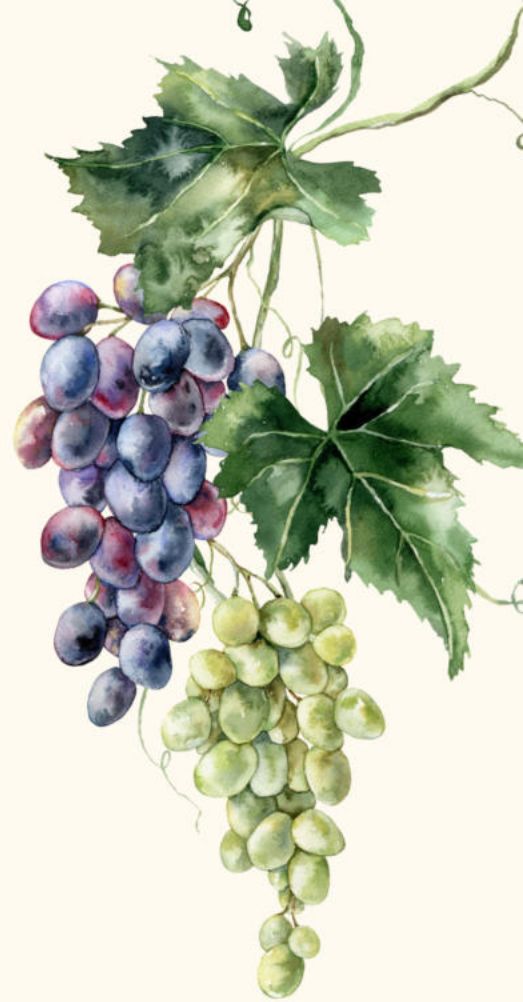
- AIRPORT TRANSFER AND CHECK INTO LODGING IN PALERMO
- WELCOME DINNER

On your first evening in Palermo, you'll be welcomed with a special dinner at one of the city's top restaurants, celebrated for its take on traditional Sicilian cuisine. This is the perfect place to relax after your travels, savor unforgettable dishes crafted with local ingredients, and toast to the adventures ahead with wonderful Sicilian wines.





DAY 2 PALERMO



- VISIT THE **MAJESTIC PALAZZO NORMANNI**. EXPLORE ITS STUNNING MIX OF ARCHITECTURAL STYLES, INCLUDING NORMAN, ARAB, AND GOTHIC ELEMENTS.
- VISIT THE **PALERMO CATHEDRAL**.
- VISIT ONE OF **PALERMO'S OLDEST AND MOST VIBRANT STREET MARKETS**. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE LIVELY ATMOSPHERE, EXPLORE THE COLORFUL STALLS, AND SAMPLE LOCAL STREET FOOD DELICACIES SUCH AS PANELLE (CHICKPEA FRITTERS) AND ARANCINI (FRIED RICE BALLS).
- TAKE A LEISURELY WALK THROUGH THE PICTURESQUE STREETS OF THE HISTORIC CENTER OF PALERMO, KNOWN AS THE **QUATTRO CANTI**.
- STOP AT THE **PIAZZA PRETORIA**, HOME TO THE STUNNING PRETORIA FOUNTAIN.
- IN PALERMO'S HISTORIC CENTER, WE'LL VISIT THE **MONASTERY OF SANTA CATERINA**, A FORMER CLOISTERED CONVENT KNOWN FOR ITS STUNNING BAROQUE ARCHITECTURE.

We will see the monastery's famous bakery, I Segreti del Chiostro, where traditional Sicilian pastries are made using centuries-old convent recipes. Don't miss their handmade cannoli, filled to order with fresh ricotta and topped with pistachios, orange peel, or chocolate and their beautiful mosaic tiled terrace.

- JAZZ FESTIVAL SHOW FESTIVAL SHOW IN PALERMO TBD

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DAY 3 CEFALU



- SHORT **ORIENTATION WALK AROUND CEFALU**. VISIT CEFALÙ CATHEDRAL (DUOMO DI CEFALÙ). ADMIRE THE STUNNING NORMAN ARCHITECTURE AND THE BEAUTIFUL BYZANTINE MOSAICS INSIDE.
- VISIT THE **LAVATIO MEDIEVALE**, AN ANCIENT COMMUNAL WASHING AREA BUILT DURING THE MIDDLE AGES. ADMIRE THE ARCHITECTURE AND LEARN ABOUT ITS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE IN CEFALÙ'S PAST.
- LUNCH AT A **TOP RESTAURANT**
- **AFTERNOON:** ENJOY SOME FREE TIME TO EXPLORE CEFALÙ AT YOUR OWN PACE. TAKE A LEISURELY STROLL THROUGH THE CHARMING STREETS, WHERE YOU'LL FIND PLENTY OF CLOTHING AND SOUVENIR SHOPS FOR BROWSING. ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CAN OPT TO SPEND SOME RELAXING TIME AT THE BEACH.
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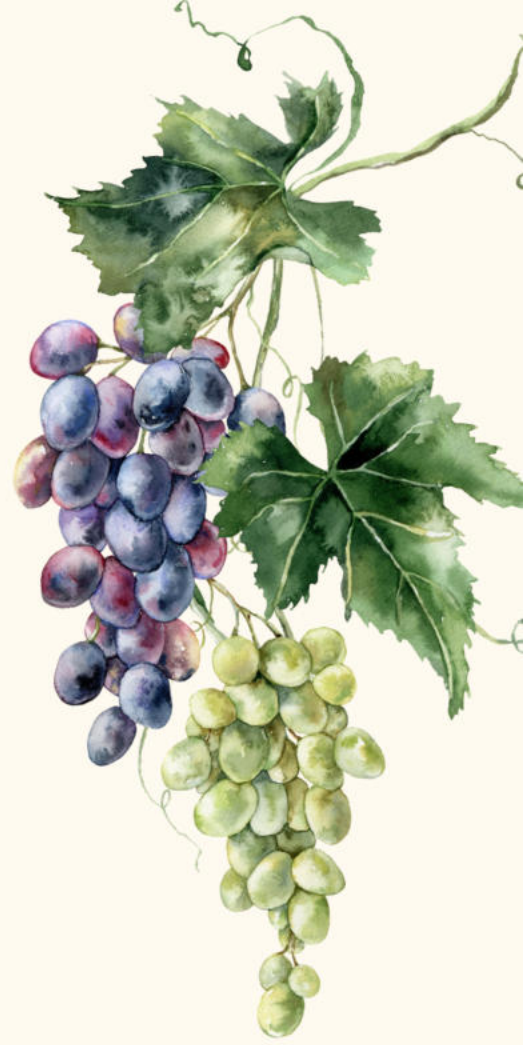
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DAY 4

SEGESTA & ALCAMO



- MORNING VISIT TO THE **TEMPLES AND THE GREEK THEATER**
- **LUNCH:** SICILIAN TAPAS/WINE PAIRING AND TOUR OF AN INCREDIBLE FAMILY OWNED WINERY

Experience a visit to a family-owned winery, where you'll be guided through the rich history and intricate process of winemaking, alongside insights into honey production and olive cultivation for premium olive oil. Following the tour, indulge in a thoughtfully curated sunset dinner and wine pairing in a truly enchanting setting, making for an unforgettable culinary experience.

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DAY 5 TRAPANI



- LIVE A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TRUE SICILIAN FARMER.

Spend an unforgettable day with a charming Sicilian farmer, where you'll immerse yourself in the authentic rhythms of farm life. Start by touring his beautiful farm, gathering fresh ingredients straight from the land. Under his guidance, you'll craft traditional Trapanese pesto from scratch. He will prepare incredible pasta using his wood-fired oven, complemented by a selection of fresh, locally sourced antipastos. For dessert, enjoy the simple pleasure of handpicked fruit from the farm. This intimate experience offers a true taste of Sicily's rich culinary traditions and its warm, welcoming way of life.

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DAY 6 ERICE



- TAKE A SHORT DRIVE TO THE **FAMED MEDIEVAL TOWN OF ERICE**, SITUATED ON TOP OF MOUNT ERICE. EXPLORE THE NARROW, COBBLESTONE STREETS LINED WITH STONE HOUSES AND ANCIENT CHURCHES.
- DISCOVER THE **CHARM OF ERICE'S PASTRY SHOPS** AND INDULGE IN SOME TRADITIONAL SWEETS, SUCH AS CANNOLI, MARZIPAN FRUITS, AND ALMOND PASTRIES. DON'T MISS OUT ON TRYING THE FAMOUS GENOVESI ERICINE, A LOCAL ALMOND-BASED CAKE.
- VISIT THE **DUOMO OF ERICE** AND ADMIRE ITS BEAUTIFUL GOTHIC AND NORMAN ARCHITECTURE. STEP INSIDE TO APPRECIATE THE STUNNING MARBLE WORKS AND INTRICATE DETAILS.
- TAKE A **LEISURELY STROLL ALONG THE CITY WALLS OF ERICE** AT SUNSET AND THE CASTLE AT THE TOP OFFERING BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE SURROUNDING AREA AND THE COASTLINE.
- **LUNCH AND WINERY VISIT:** WE BEGIN BY DISCUSSING THE PRODUCTION OF WINE AND TAKE A LEISURELY STROLL ALONGSIDE THE VINEYARDS.

Upon concluding our walk, we indulge in a tasting session.





DAY 7 PALERMO

- TOUR A PALERMO MUSIC SCHOOL. VISIT THE SANTA MARIA DELLO SPASIMO COMPLEX, HOME TO THE BRASS JAZZ CLUB.
- LUNCH IN PALERMO
- TIME FOR LAST MINUTE SHOPPING AND PACKING
- FAREWELL DINNER



DAY 8 PALERMO AIRPORT

- TRANSFER TO PALERMO AIRPORT
- CIAO SICILY!





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



Pre-departure Information



Highly-rated lodging



Air conditioned transportation



All breakfasts at your lodging



Admission to activities listed on your itinerary



All lunches, Welcome and Farewell Dinners



Shows with Jorge Luis Pacheco and Sicilian Musicians

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.

FOR BOOKINGS AND INQUIRIES:

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