



WHITE LOTUS SICILY ISLAND TOUR

History Served with a Side of Wine

9 DAYS & 8 NIGHTS



Tour Highlights:

Experience the majesty of Mt. Etna's craters, the timeless allure of the Greek Theater, and the natural beauty of Isola Bella. Stroll through the historic streets of Siracusa and Ortigia, with the option of a Godfather tour. Indulge in an upscale vineyard visit with a tasting and lunch and admire the Baroque splendor of Noto. Savor an immersive culinary journey through authentic villages, complemented by a refined dessert tasting. Unwind on the golden shores of Cefalù before discovering the vibrant energy of Palermo. A journey of culture, flavor, and unforgettable moments awaits.

Featured Cities:

Catania, Taormina, Siracusa–Ortigia, Noto, Cefalù, and Palermo

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. The charming seaside town of Cefalù beckons with its picturesque beach and impressive cathedral. Finally, Palermo, the island's capital, 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 TAORMINA



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





DAY 2 CATANIA & 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.
- **OPTIONAL:** TAKE THE CABLE CAR TO ISOLA BELLA AND RELAX AT THE BEAUTIFUL EMERALD BEACHES
- **NIGHTTIME SUGGESTION:** ATTEND A PERFORMANCE AT THE GREEK THEATER IF AVAILABLE





DAY 3

TAORMINA / MT ETNA SMALL VILLAGES



- **PRIVATE TOUR TO AUTHENTIC SMALL VILLAGE:**

- Set off on a private tour to a nearby small village.
- Immerse yourself in the local culture and charm.

- **OLIVE OIL FARM VISIT:**

- Explore an olive oil farm and witness the production process.
- Sample delicious olive oil to experience its unique flavors.

- **CHEESE PRODUCER VISIT:**

- Learn about the local cheese production process.
- Interact with cheese producers and gain insights into their craft.

- **AUTHENTIC SICILIAN EXPERIENCE:**

- Enjoy an authentic Sicilian lunch in the village.
- Indulge in a variety of popular local foods.
- Visit a Sicilian musician playing a traditional medieval instrument.





DAY 4

WINERY TOUR & LIGHT ETNA EXPERIENCE



- LIGHT ETNA TOUR WITH ONE HOUR FREE 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.





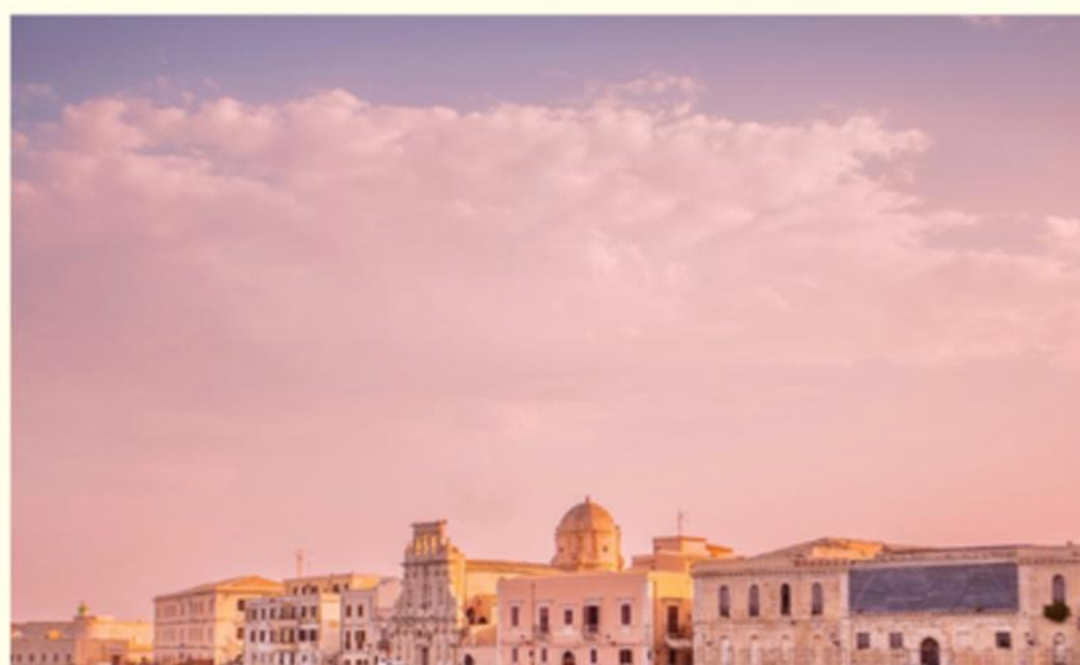
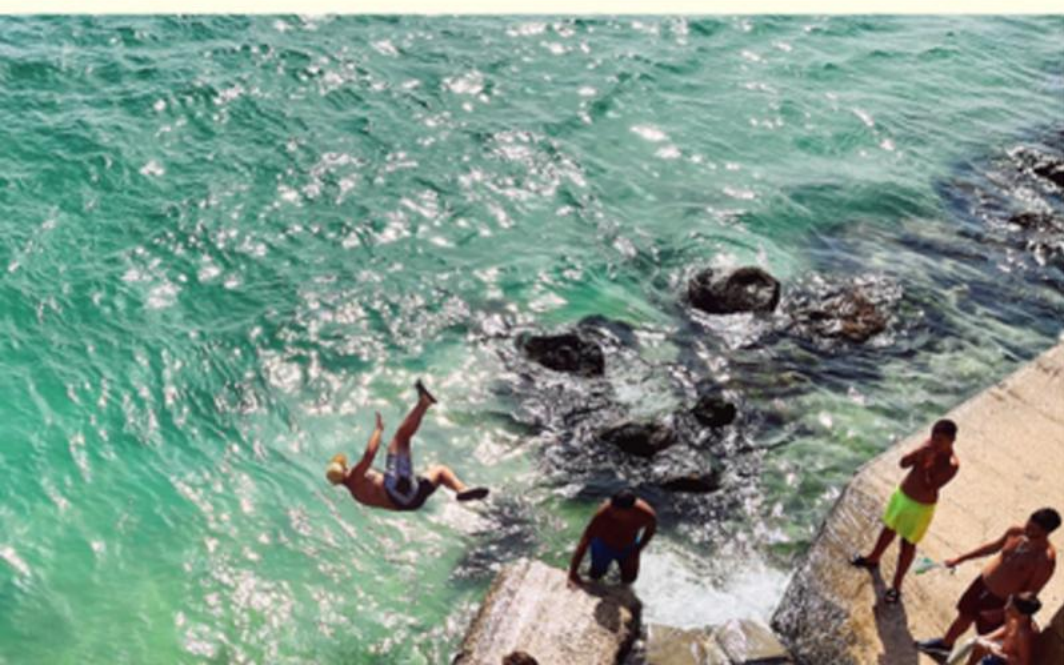
DAY 5 SIRACUSA - ORTIGIA



- TRANSFER TO SIRACUSA
- VISIT THE ANCIENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF THE NEAPOLIS, INCLUDING THE GREEK THEATER, THE EAR OF DIONYSIUS, AND THE ROMAN AMPHITHEATER.
- LUNCH IN ORTIGIA
- CHECK INTO LODGING
- 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 WITH BEAUTIFUL BALCONIES AND VIEWS OF THE DUOMO SQUARE
- EVENING SUGGESTION: 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

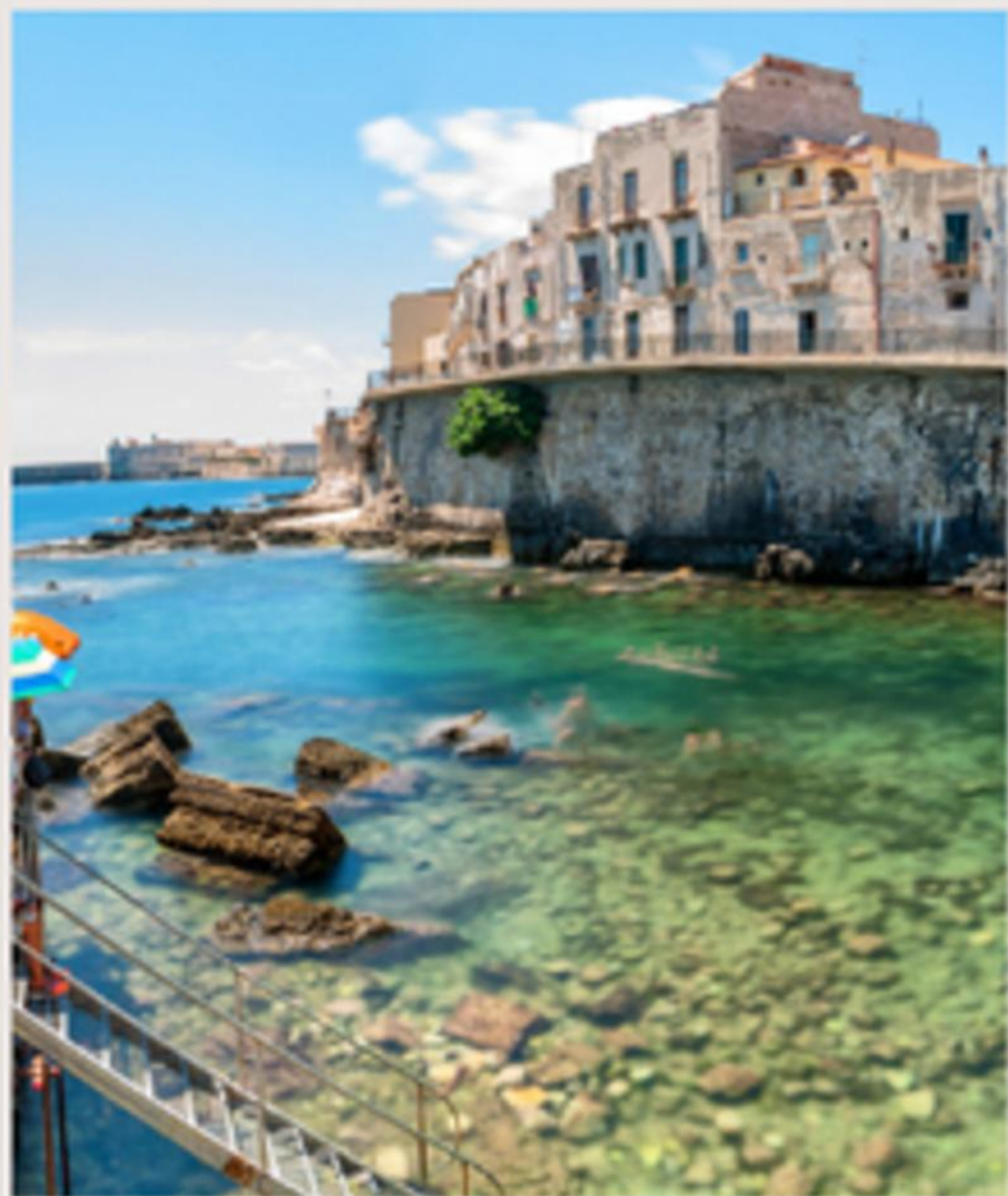
SIRACUSA - ORTIGIA & NOTO



- IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE LOCAL CULTURE BY VISITING THE COLORFUL LOCAL FOOD AND SPICE MARKETS, SUCH AS THE **HISTORIC MARKET OF ORTIGIA**.
- HEAD TO NOTO, **THE JEWEL OF BAROQUE ARCHITECTURE** FOR A HISTORICAL 1 HOUR TRAIN RIDE THROUGH THE TOWN
- EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF COOKING IN THE HEART OF NATURE WITH OUR **FARM-TO-TABLE COOKING CLASS**.

THE EXPERIENCE TAKES PLACE AT A CHARMING FARMHOUSE AND BEGINS WITH A GUIDED WALK THROUGH THE GARDENS TO IDENTIFY AND GATHER FRESH HERBS AND EDIBLE FLOWERS. GUESTS WILL THEN ENJOY A HANDS-ON COOKING WORKSHOP FEATURING THE PREPARATION OF FRESH CAVATELLI PASTA AND TRADITIONAL SICILIAN CASSATA DESSERT. THE EXPERIENCE CONCLUDES WITH A LEISURELY LUNCH INCLUDING A VEGETABLE APPETIZER, LOCAL CHEESES, BREAD SERVED WITH OLIVE OIL, THE FRESHLY PREPARED PASTA, AND DESSERT.





DAY 7 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.





DAY 8 CEFALU



- **EXPLORE CEFALU'S HISTORIC CENTER:** TAKE A LEISURELY STROLL THROUGH THE CHARMING STREETS OF CEFALU'S HISTORIC CENTER, WHERE YOU CAN ADMIRE THE BEAUTIFUL MEDIEVAL ARCHITECTURE AND DISCOVER HIDDEN GEMS.

Visit the magnificent Cefalu Cathedral, with its stunning mosaics, and wander through the narrow lanes to discover local shops, cafes, and restaurants.

- LUNCH IN **CEFALU TOWN**, KNOWN FOR ITS INCREDIBLE RESTAURANTS
- **RELAX ON CEFALU BEACH:** SPEND A DAY SOAKING UP THE SUN AND ENJOYING THE CRYSTAL-CLEAR WATERS OF CEFALU BEACH.

This sandy beach stretches along the coastline and offers picturesque views of the town and the Tyrrhenian Sea. Whether you want to swim, sunbathe, or take a leisurely walk along the shore, Cefalu Beach provides a tranquil and idyllic setting.

OR

- FREE AFTERNOON FOR **SHOPPING**





DAY 9 PALERMO TO USA



- 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 & 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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