



Orientia Sicily Tour

4 nights/5 days
Land Only
Escorted Tour
March – October, 2016
from \$859



Day 1, Monday, Palermo: Benvenuti! Upon arrival in Palermo, transfer to Hotel Centrale Palace, or similar. Meet with the rest of group. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel. **(D)**

Day 2, Tuesday, Palermo - Agrigento - Taormina: After a buffet breakfast at your hotel, depart for Agrigento, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a guided tour of the valley, dating back to the 5th century B.C. The poet Pindar described the site “as the most beautiful city built by mortal men”, The Doric style temples, all constructed within a century, face east, a standard criteria for both Greek and Roman temples so the statue of the god housed in each temple faced the rising sun. The best temple is the Concordia (similar in design to the Parthenon in Athens) which is almost in perfectly preserved condition. Your local guide will highlight the history and architecture of the Concordia and of the other temples that are part of this archaeological treasure-trove. After visiting the Valley of the Temples, resume travel to Taormina. Dinner and overnight stay will be at the Hotel Villa Diodoro, or similar. **(BD)**

Day 3, Wednesday, Taormina - Mt. Etna - Taormina: Buffet breakfast at hotel and morning walking tour of Taormina’s charming city center includes the Greek/Roman amphitheatre, with its spectacular view of the Giardini Naxos and Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. Enjoy the excursion to Mount Etna, till 1800 meters and visit the Sylvester Craters where you can enjoy the best views, as you drive through the fertile slopes and villages that sit on the ancient volcanic eruptions. On the way back to Taormina, you may take an optional “Godfather” tour featuring the authentic villages chosen by Francis Coppola for most of the scenes of the Godfather movies. This is a good way to explore the real untouched Sicilian countryside, local lifestyle and culture. This evening experience dinner on your own in one of the many colorful restaurants of Taormina. **(B)**

Day 4, Thursday, Taormina - Siracusa - Taormina: After buffet breakfast at your hotel enjoy an excursion to Syracuse. A guided tour of this venerable city highlights the Archaeological Park, the Greek Theater, the Latomia del Paradiso and the Cave of Dionisius’ Ear. Upon returning to Taormina, this evening savor a special Sicilian dinner with wine in a characteristic restaurant of this region. **(BD)**

Day 5, Friday, Taormina: Arrivederci! Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Catania airport for your return flight home. End of services. **(B)**

Departures on Selected Mondays, March – October, 2016 expect for the months of July & August

- * Round trip transfer to and from the airport
- * 4 nights first class hotel accommodations (1 in Palermo & 3 in Taormina)
- * Daily breakfast
- * 3 dinners
- * Deluxe motor coach transportation throughout
- * Document holder
- * Multilingual tour escort throughout
- * Local guides where necessary
- * Hotel service charges and VAT taxes
- * Document holder
- * Meals: B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner

* Sightseeing tour as per itinerary, entrance fees to be paid locally approximately 33,00 Euros per person

* ASK ABOUT OUR OPTIONAL AIRFARE FROM U.S.A.

All rates are per person in U.S. Dollars.

Double \$ 899 Single \$ 1,199 Triple \$ 859

March	28
April	11, 25
May	2, 9, 16, 23
June	6, 20
July	no departures
August	no departures
September	12, 19, 26
October	3, 10, 17

NOTE: City taxes to be paid locally at the end of your stay up to Euro 6,00 per person per night.

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