

Sicilian Fever

The Four Pillars of Sicily

From **\$1,699**
Land Only
P. P. Dbl. Occ.
9 Days, 8 Nights

- ◆ Palermo (2 nights) with visits to Mondello, Monreale
- ◆ Agrigento (1 night) with visits to Castellamare del Golfo, Alcamo, Erice
- ◆ Syracuse (2 nights) with visits to Piazza Armerina, Noto, Ragusa
- ◆ Taormina (3 nights) with visits to Catania, Mount Etna

INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Eight nights' accommodation in select centrally located hotels
- ◆ Buffet breakfast daily, hotel tax and service
- ◆ Arrival and departure transfers by private car and driver
- ◆ Intercity transfers as indicated by private car and driver
- ◆ Organic winery and farm visit with wine tasting of the Bianco d'Alcamo followed by lunch in Alcamo
- ◆ Winery visit, wine tasting of Nero D'Avola, and olive oil tasting in Noto
- ◆ Winery wine tasting, followed by lunch with wine on the slopes of Mt. Etna
- ◆ Private half-day guided tours in Palermo, Agrigento, Syracuse, Ragusa, and Taormina, including applicable entrance fees

Over the years, the travel industry has changed dramatically, and in order to better meet the needs of the ever-growing new travel market, Donna Franca Tours is keeping pace by offering total flexibility in planning your vacation to Italy.

Our new 9 days/8 nights Sicilian Fever itinerary for 2017 will feature the cities of Palermo, Agrigento, Syracuse and Taormina, with visits to Mondello, Monreale, Castellamare del Golfo, Alcamo, Piazza Armerina, Noto, Ragusa, Catania, and Mount Etna. This vacation is offered to groups or individuals. We are not publishing set departure dates because of our new flexibility policy. You can choose the day and the month of departure and you can travel independently at your convenience. However, should you want to travel on a more traditional tour with one of our professional tour managers, we will be happy to customize a special departure based on a minimum of ten passengers.

DAY 1 | PALERMO

Transfer by private car and driver from the Palermo Falcone & Borsellino Airport to your centrally-located hotel. After check-in, you will have time to freshen up before jump starting your visit with a leisurely stroll through the historic center of this lively metropolis.

DAY 2 | PALERMO - MONDELLO - MONREALE - PALERMO

Breakfast

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a morning private guided tour of Palermo, the synthesis of "planet Sicily," a rich hybrid of Baroque, Saracen, Norman and Spanish cultures. See the St. John of the Hermits Cathedral, the Norman Palace, the La Martorana Church, the Quattro Canti, Fontana della Vergogna and colorful Capo Market. Continue on to Monreale to visit the magnificent Norman Cathedral and adjoining Benedictine Abbey. Then, journey to Mondello, a quintessential fishing village on the outskirts of Palermo, for free time to enjoy your surroundings and lunch on your own. Late afternoon return to Palermo.

DAY 3 | PALERMO - CASTELLAMARE DEL GOLFO - ALCAMO - ERICE - AGRIGENTO

Breakfast ☞ Wine Tasting/Lunch

Enjoy buffet breakfast at the hotel before private transfer with English-speaking driver to Agrigento, located on the southwestern part of the island. Your first stop will be in Castellamare del Golfo for a panoramic overview of the Castle and quaint fishing harbor. Continue to Alcamo. Stop to visit an organic farm with wine tasting of the Bianco d'Alcamo, followed by lunch with wine. We proceed to Erice, a triangular shaped walled city perched atop Mount Venere. View the Statue of Venus and Gardens. Perhaps sample the famous marzipan sweets at a local shop. Late afternoon arrival at your hotel in Agrigento.

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Our Hotels

Palermo

Premium Package	Tonic or similar
First Class Package	Mercure Excelsior or similar
Deluxe Package	Grand Hotel Wagner or similar

Agrigento

Premium Package	Blu Kaos, Colleverde Park or similar
First Class Package	Baglio Della Luna or similar
Deluxe Package	Villa Athena or similar

Syracuse

Premium Package	Alla Giudecca or similar
First Class Package	Grand Hotel Villa Politi or similar
Deluxe Package	Des Etrangers or similar

Taormina

Premium Package	Isabella or similar
First Class Package	Villa Diodoro or similar
Deluxe Package	San Domenico Palace or similar

Our Rates

Pricing Per Person, based on Double Occupancy

Party Size	Premium	First Class	Deluxe
2	\$3,299.00	\$3,499.00	\$4,149.00
4	\$2,249.00	\$2,399.00	\$3,099.00
6	\$1,899.00	\$2,199.00	\$2,799.00
8	\$1,699.00	\$1,899.00	\$2,699.00
Single Suppl.	\$2,500.00	\$2,700.00	\$3,600.00

Validity: March 16-Oct. 31, 2017

Larger parties welcome, contact us for a price quote



DAY 4 | AGRIGENTO - PIAZZA ARMERINA - SYRACUSE

Breakfast

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, depart by private car for the Valley of the Temples. Enjoy a private guided walking tour of this amazing archaeological site. Marvel at the majestic Temple of Juno, the Temple of Hercules and the Temple of Concordia, all symbols of this once-thriving Greek enclave. From there continue to Piazza Armerina for a visit to the famous Villa Casale, where you will find the world's most interesting collection of Roman mosaics, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take some time to stroll along the centuries-old narrow streets that lead to the majestic cathedral. After lunch on your own, proceed to Syracuse, located on the southeastern tip of the island. Check-in and room assignment at your hotel.

DAY 5 | SYRACUSE - RAGUSA - NOTO - SYRACUSE

Breakfast 🍷 Wine & Olive Oil Tasting at Noto

Enjoy buffet breakfast at your hotel before a private guided tour of Syracuse; highlights include the Archaeological Park with Greek Amphitheater, the Ear of Dionysius and the Latomie. Continue on to the tiny island of Ortigia to see the Fountain of Arethusa, the Cordari Grotto and one of Italy's most beautiful squares. After lunch on your own, drive to nearby Ragusa for a private guided tour of this important Baroque city, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your last stop will be in Noto, another Baroque gem, where you will enjoy a winery visit, wine tasting of Nero D'Avola, and an olive oil tasting. Late afternoon return to Syracuse.

DAY 6 | SYRACUSE - CATANIA - MT. ETNA - TAORMINA

Breakfast 🍷 Wine Tasting & Lunch at Private Estate on Mt. Etna

Enjoy your buffet breakfast at the hotel before departing by private car for the eastern coast of Sicily. First stop is a visit to Catania with its colorful fish market, main piazza and stunning cathedral where famous opera composer Bellini is buried. Continue on to the northeastern slopes of Mt. Etna to enjoy a specially arranged wine tasting followed by a delicious lunch with wine at one of the area's most prestigious wine estates.

Journey onward to Taormina, a resort town perched high on the cliffs of Mount Tauro and renowned for its unspoiled natural beauty, history and friendly atmosphere. Check-in to your hotel in Taormina and enjoy the evening on your own.

DAY 7 | TAORMINA

Breakfast

Enjoy buffet breakfast at your hotel prior to a private guided walking tour of Taormina. This charming seaside resort's highlights include the Duomo, the Church of San Nicola, Corso Umberto, Palazzo Corvaja and the Botanical Gardens. The tour culminates with a visit to the stunning Greco-Roman Amphitheater overlooking the shimmering blue Ionian Sea. Spend the balance of your day leisurely shopping and exploring the many tiny boutiques along the trendy Corso Umberto.

DAY 8 | TAORMINA

Breakfast

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, the day is yours to enjoy your beautiful surroundings. Bask in the sun at the pool or take time for some last-minute shopping—those forgotten postcards, that special gift for a loved one.

DAY 9 | DEPARTURE

Breakfast

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, transfer by private car and driver to Catania Vincenzo Bellini Airport to board your return flight back to the US or extend your stay in Italy and Malta.