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Old World Sicily & Malta

15 DAYS From ~~\$3,999~~ **\$3,849 pp*** Save up to **\$150**

About This Tour

Explore Sicily and Malta – two island paradises nestled amongst the deep blue waves of the Mediterranean. Sample specialties in Palermo’s colorful food market. Taste award-winning olive oil and learn about the Slow Food movement at a local farm. Explore Agrigento’s Valley of the Temples (UNESCO) with a guide. Spend three nights in Taormina, perched above the Ionian Sea. See Mount Etna from a different perspective on an off-road excursion. Engage with Malta’s dynamic past on a leisurely 4-night stay. Discover how ancient traditions blend into modern society as you travel along timeless Italian and Maltese towns.





Your Tour Includes

- 6 Handpicked Accommodations
- 23 Meals
- 4 Choice on Tour Options

Included Highlights

- Palermo
- Monreale
- Choices on Tour
- Impact Moment

Your Tour at a Glance

Stay	15 Days
	14 Nights
Meals	23 Meals
	13 Breakfasts
	4 Lunches
	6 Dinners
Activity	3
	What's This?
Travel Style	Explorations
	What's This?

Customize Your Tour

Optional Excursions Starting at \$75.00

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Itinerary

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Sicily – an island paradise nestled amongst the deep blue waves of the Mediterranean. Look past the Italy you think you know and see how this coastal farmland balances ancient traditions and modern comforts.

Hotel	Culinary
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Day 2: Palermo, Italy - Tour Begins

Start your journey in Palermo (UNESCO), Sicily's welcoming capital city. Uncover the island's deeply rooted heritage, teeming with Arab-Norman architectural masterpieces and delicate Classical designs. Come to know your fellow travelers over a welcome dinner.

Hotel	Culinary
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Hotel Porta Felice	Dinner
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Day 3: Palermo

Begin your adventure tasting your way through Palermo's lively markets on a walking tour unveiling the city's historical center and introducing you to traditional Sicilian street food, which layers Oriental and Norman influences with local produce such as wild fennel, olives and spices. This afternoon, head to Monreale Cathedral, ascending on foot to see its majestic Byzantine mosaics. Then, it's your choice! Explore the cathedral's cloisters, taking in their serene atmosphere of the monastic complex -OR- ascend the southern tower to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo.

Hotel	Culinary
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Hotel Porta Felice	Breakfast & Lunch
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Day 4: Palermo - Impact Moment - Trapani

Experience an impact moment with Addiopizzo, an anti-Mafia nonprofit that supports locals who refuse to pay the Mafia's protection fees. Visit Capaci, the site of a terrorist act led by the Mafia, and pay tribute to fallen activists. Chat with locals for a personal perspective and learn how they overcame the Mafia's reign. Explore Trapani on a guided tour before settling into your hotel for two nights. This evening watch the sunset fade against the crashing waves and whirling windmills.

Hotel	Culinary
I Mulini Resort	Breakfast

Day 5: Trapani - Isle of Mozia - Marsala - Optional Excursion

Venture to the isle of Mozia, once a great trading port for the Phoenician, Greek and Roman civilizations. On the way, sail next to a submerged Roman road, once traversed on foot. Explore Mozia with a guide, visiting the ruins of its ancient port, and a museum featuring impressive Greek statuary. Then continue to Marsala, heading down into a cellar for a taste of its renowned wine. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to Erice to visit Maria Grammatico's famous bakery for a hands-on pastry-making class.

Hotel	Culinary
I Mulini Resort	Breakfast & Dinner

Day 6: Trapani - Agrigento - Valley of the Temples - Agrigento

Begin in Mazara del Vallo, a humble fishermen city with ties to Tunisia. Head to an award-winning olive grove and learn about the Slow Food movement, which supports local cultures and preserves traditions. Try their unique olive oil at lunch before departing for Agrigento, where ancient roots and medieval buildings blend into modernity. Wander through the Valley of the Temples (UNESCO) with a guide at dusk.

Hotel	Culinary
Baia di Ulisse	Breakfast & Lunch & Dinner

Day 7: Agrigento - Piazza Armerina - Taormina

Venture deep into Sicily's countryside to Piazza Armerina, home of the ancient Villa Romana del Casale (UNESCO), and explore the site with an expert insider for a locally guided tour of its impressive mosaics. In the afternoon, journey along the Ionian Coast to Taormina, a seaside hub of ancient Greek theaters and hilly walkways. Settle into your new home for the next three nights before enjoying Sicilian food at dinner, surrounded by local musicians.

Hotel	Culinary
NH Collection Taormina	Breakfast & Dinner

Day 8: Taormina

Discover Taormina with a local guide, leading you to the city's Duomo, public gardens, and the well-preserved Greek theater. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in an unparalleled viewpoint of the adjacent ocean. Spend the afternoon on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a bite to eat at a sidewalk café, or peruse the local boutiques for handcrafted souvenirs.

Hotel	Culinary
NH Collection Taormina	Breakfast

Day 9: Taormina - Mount Etna - Taormina

See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. Stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks.

Hotel

NH Collection
Taormina

Culinary

Breakfast

Day 10: Taormina - Ragusa

Make your way to Ragusa (UNESCO), an ancient city perched upon a hill. Meander through its Baroque neighborhood with an expert guide, passing by winding lanes, cobblestone streets, and wrought iron balconies. Make the most of a free afternoon to explore on your own. As the sun sets, retreat to your countryside resort just outside the city.

Hotel

Poggio del Sole
Hotel

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 11: Ragusa - Modica Pozzallo - Ferry to Malta - Sliema

Today explore Sicily's Val di Noto (UNESCO) on a tour of the picture-perfect towns of Scicli and Modica, where you'll enjoy a savory brunch at a ricotta farm before continuing to an Aztec chocolate shop for some sweet samples. Later in the evening,* grab your bags** and hop on a ferry*** for your 2-hour crossing. Say goodbye to Italy and venture to the island paradise of Malta, one of the smallest countries in the world. Your day ends in Sliema, your home for the next four nights.

Hotel

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Land's End
Boutique Hotel

Day 12: Sliema - Three Cities - Sliema

Start your exploration of Malta with a panoramic cruise of Valletta's Grand Harbour aboard traditional Dghaisa boats.**** Then, it's on to the Three Cities, a conglomeration of three fortified towns of medieval heritage. Once the setting of battles by the Knights of Malta, this area preserves endless layers of the past. Connect with the heart of the neighborhood at a Band Club, where locals gather to learn music and marching for the local festivals.

Hotel	Culinary
Land's End	Breakfast & Lunch
Boutique Hotel	

Day 13: Sliema - Optional Excursion

The day is yours to experience the island of Malta however you please. Soak up the sunshine, relax on the beach, or even explore the colorful harbor on foot. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to a temple complex older than Stonehenge, followed by an intimate look at Mdina – the "Silent City."

Hotel	Culinary
Land's End	Breakfast
Boutique Hotel	

Day 14: Sliema - Valletta - Sliema

Your adventure continues in Valletta, the capital of Malta. Discover this fortified city on a guided walking tour. You'll take in the picturesque Barrakka Gardens overlooking the harbor, featuring a charming blend of natural beauty and terraced arches. Then it's your choice! Visit the private home of a modern-day Knight of Malta -OR- tour the masterpieces of Valletta's

Cathedral featuring Mattia Preti and Caravaggio. As the day draws to a close, enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers as you recount memories of the Mediterranean islands.

Hotel

Land's End
Boutique Hotel

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 15: Sliema - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Malta and the Mediterranean as your tour comes to a close today.

Hotel

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Culinary

Breakfast