

Tour Plan International, Ltd.

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Simply Sicily

September 18 – September 27, 2022

10 Days/9 Hotel Nights - Land Price: **\$3,699** per person

Air Price: **TBA**

Single Supplement \$750



HOTELS (or similar)

Date	City	Hotel
Sep 18-19 (2)	Palermo	Piazza Borsa
Sep 20-21 (2)	Agrigento	Della Valle
Sep 22-23 (2)	Ragusa	PoggiodelSole
Sep 24-26 (3)	Taormina	HotelDiamond

TOUR FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodations for 9 nights
- 12 included meals, consisting of:
 - 9 breakfasts
 - 1 lunch at a local farmhouse
 - 2 dinners
- Touring by private air-conditioned car/minivan
- Assistance of an English-speaking professional tour director for the entire length of the tour
- Sightseeing, including all entrance fees and English-speaking guide as follows:
 - Palermo
 - Erice and Marsala (visitonly)
 - Agrigento
 - Piazza Armerina
 - Modica, Noto, and Ortigia (visitonly)
 - Acitrezza and Acireale (visitonly)
 - Taormina and Etna
 - Godfather tour
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Baggage handling at hotels
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

DAY 1 | SAT | SEP 17 | DEPART USA Depart on an overnight flight to Sicily.

DAY 2 | SUN | SEP 18 | PALERMO After your morning arrival into Palermo's Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

DAY 3 | MON | SEP 19 | PALERMO This morning enjoy a tour of Palermo featuring the Massimo Theater, Quattro Canti, a splendid example of Spanish Baroque architecture, the Palace of the Normans, and the Cathedral housing the shrine of Santa Rosalia. The last stop will be at the Abbey of Monreale, an Arab-Norman Cathedral built in the 12th century famous for its magnificent Byzantine mosaics and the adjacent Benedictine cloister. Balance of the day is at leisure to relax or take an optional tour of Cefalu, a picturesque fishing village outside of Palermo. (B)

DAY 4 | TUE | SEP 20 PALERMO | ERICE | MARSALA |

AGRIGENTO This morning, take a breathtaking scenic drive up to the medieval town of Erice. After the Elymians settled here, it became an important religious site associated with the goddess Venus. Wander through its ancient streets, each cobbled with rectangular stones, and take some time to stop by one of the famous homemade pastry shops selling delicacies such as marzipan candies and pistachio pastries. After enjoying a cooking lesson followed by lunch accompanied by Marsala wine at a local farmhouse, travel along a coastline mostly made up of salt pans built back in Roman times. (B,L)

DAY 5 | WED | SEP 21 | AGRIGENTO This morning enjoy a guided tour of "The Valley of the Temples", a UNESCO World Heritage Site. One of the main archaeological treasures of the Mediterranean, this site is immersed in a rural landscape of rare beauty characterized by the presence of century-old olive and almond trees. Your guided walking tour will cover about one mile in a mostly downhill direction, with stops along the "Via Sacra" (holy pathway) to admire the Temple of Concordia, the Temple of Herakles and ruins of the Temple of Zeus. This afternoon, enjoy a delicious Wine Tasting in a local winery. (B)

DAY 6 | THU | SEP 22 | AGRIGENTO | RAGUSA On the way to Ragusa, stop in Piazza Armerina to visit the beautiful Mosaics at Villa del Casale. Free time for lunch. Then, in the afternoon, continue to Ragusa. Arrive in Ragusa and accommodation at the selected hotel. (B)

DAY 7 | FRI | SEP 23 | RAGUSA | MODICA | NOTO | ORTIGIA

(SYRACUSE) Today's first stop will be in Modica, a quaint historic town and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Boasting some very fine Baroque architecture, picturesque views and historic sites, Modica is also known for its chocolate. Rich, dark and crumbly, it is produced in a traditional method imported from the New World by Sicily's Spanish overlords. After a chocolate tasting session at one of the most prestigious chocolate makers, resume your journey to Noto, part of the "Late Baroque Towns of the Val di Noto", a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to the enchanting island of Ortigia, the old town center of Syracuse. Highlights of Ortigia are the cathedral square with its church built over an ancient Greek temple and the beautiful promenade with its panorama over the sea and the natural bay of the town. (B)

DAY 8 | SAT | SEP 24 | RAGUSA | TAORMINA This morning, drive to Taormina. Stop along the way in Acitrezza & Acireale, two beautiful villages located along the seaside. Free time for lunch where you will taste delicious Arancini. Arrive in Taormina in the afternoon and enjoy your next hotel in Naxos on the beautiful Taormina beach side. (B)



Taormina

DAY 9 | SUN | SEP 25 | ETNA & TAORMINA Morning excursion to the slopes of Mt. Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. This afternoon, enjoy a walking tour of Taormina's charming city center including the Greek/Roman amphitheater with breathtaking views looking over the bay of Naxos. (B)

DAY 10 | MON | SEP 26 | SAVOCA | D'AGRO VALLEY Today, enjoy a once in a lifetime experience: the "Godfather" tour. See the real Sicily while exploring Savoca and D'Agro Valley, the towns and area that served as location when filming "The Godfather" trilogy. Afternoon at leisure. In the evening, bid arrivederci to your travel companions during a festive farewell dinner with delectable cuisine and sparkling wine in a fashionable restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 11 | TUE | SEP 27 | TAORMINA | CATANIA TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY) Morning transfer to Catania Airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (D) Dinner

Land Payments:

\$1000 per person non-refundable deposit to accompany registration

(Deposit payments will not be processed until trip reaches minimum size of 20 paid participants or May 14, 2022 whichever comes first)

Final payment due no later than May 15, 2022

Cancellation Policy

Land:

If cancellation is received between date of deposit and May 14, 2022: \$1,000.00 pp penalty

If cancellation is received after May 15, 2022: 100% penalty

Conditions: Land price is per person land only based on double room occupancy and a minimum of 20 paying passengers. Price is subject to increase if the minimum is not met. If cancellations cause the group to fall below 20 full paying passengers at any time prior to departure, prices are subject to increase. If increase is not acceptable, in lieu of cancellation penalties, options will be given for rescheduling or future tour credits. Price is based on current rate of exchange. In case of major fluctuation, we will need to revise the prices and changes might occur.



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