

## **ELEGANT SICILY 2022 TOUR DAILY ITINERARY**

Guests joining this tour will be required to depart Canada/US no later than Sunday, October 9, 2022. If you would like to arrive a day or two early, pre-tour hotel stays are available upon request for an additional cost.

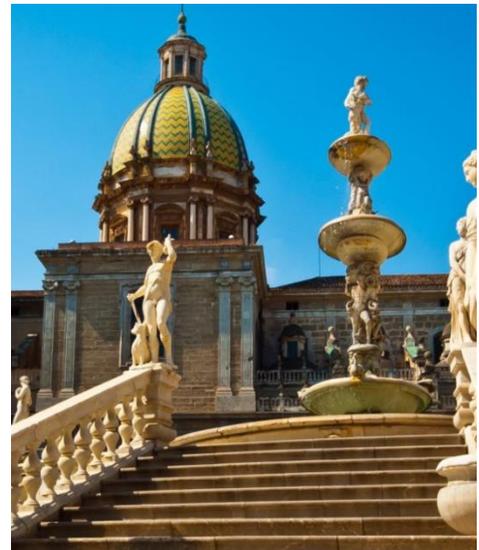
### **DAILY ITINERARY**

#### **Day 1: Monday, October 10, 2022 - Welcome to Palermo, Sicily**

You'll start your Sicilian journey in Palermo, whose rich trading history has left its unforgettable mark on the city's Italian, Arab and Norman-styled piazzas, street markets and churches. Enjoy some free time to relax before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception to kickstart your Sicilian adventure.

Group transfers will be provided for guests from the Palermo airport to the hotel. Transfer time to be announced based on the arrival time of most guests.

Guests arriving outside the transfer time will need to take a taxi to the hotel or CWT Vacations can assist in arranging a private transfer for you.



**Meal(s):** Group Welcome Dinner

**Accommodations:** Grand Piazza Borsa Hotel, Palermo – Standard room (1 of 2 nights)

#### **Day 2: Tuesday, October 11 2022 - Monreale and Palermo Sightseeing**

Palermo's rich culture and gastronomy are revealed on this morning's tour with a local, who will take you on a journey into the Ballaro Market for some street food like cannoli, arrancini and more! Meet a Local Expert who will take you on a journey into the city's tumultuous past then head to Monreale on the slopes of Monte Caputo. Your Local Expert will guide you through one of the greatest examples of Norman architecture, the 12th-century Cattedrale di Monreale and Cloister.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**Accommodations:** Grand Piazza Borsa Hotel, Palermo – Standard room (2 of 2 nights)

**Day 3: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 - Segesta and Erice**

Journey along to the southern coast stopping in Segesta to visit the ancient archaeological site that looks as if it were built yesterday. Segesta's ancient Greek temple can make a valid claim to being the best preserved in the world, and its amphitheatre boasts a hilltop position on Mount Barbaro second to none. Wind your way up to the charming hilltop walled town of Erice. A special stop at the Maria Grammatico's famous pastry shop to see and taste the variety of sweets she lovingly creates, but don't spoil your appetite as you head to a local restaurant for lunch next. After getting settled in your next hotel, have the rest of the day at leisure.



**Meal(s):** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodations:** Don Giovannia Hotel, Sambuca di Sicilia – Standard room (1 of 2 nights)

**Day 4: Thursday, October 13, 2022 - Valley of The Temples and Olive Tasting**



Join a Local Expert to explore the Valley of the Temples, Sicily's finest Greek sanctuary. You'll explore one of the world's most treasured centres of Greek art and architecture, including the seven sandstone Doric temples overlooking the city. Head to Mandranova Luxury Olive Estate for lunch among the farm. The colors and fragrances of the great olive grove which surrounds it stand out.

A three hour CE Seminar will be held after lunch at the hotel for registered attendees.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodations:** Don Giovannia Hotel, Sambuca di Sicilia – Standard room (2 of 2 nights)

### **Day 5: Friday, October 14, 2022 - Piazza Armerina and Taormina**

Arrive in Piazza Armerina to visit the Roman Villa del Casale. The supreme example of a luxury Roman villa, which graphically illustrates the predominant social and economic structure of its age. The mosaics that decorate it are exceptional for their artistic quality and invention, as well as their extent. After checking in to your hotel and time allowed for lunch, a three hour CE Seminar will be held at the hotel for registered attendees.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast

**Accommodations:** Eurostars Monte Tauro Hotel, Taormina Sea View room with balcony (1 of 3 nights)



### **Day 6: Saturday, October 15, 2022 - Mount Etna and Viagrande Winery**



Explore Volcano Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. Mount Etna is one of the greatest and most beautiful volcano adventure tour destinations in Sicily, not only for the volcanic phenomena but also for the breathtaking views and the different kinds of vegetation visible during the ascent.

This volcano has more than 400 craters, split all over the Catania County. The first stop of the tour is Valle del Bove, a wide valley located on the eastern slope of the volcano and part of the protected area of the Etna Regional Park. Proceeding we will go through old lava flows that date back to 1979 till we reach Mount Fontana, 1300 meters above sea level. This is a great panoramic point, from which you can admire the majesty of the valley and of the Monti Sartorius. A short walk to visit the craters of the Sartorius Mountains, which date back to 1865 and are characterized by seven little eruptive cones.

Following Mount Etna, you will head to Viagrande and reach Benanti, an internationally renowned winery awarded many times for its wines. After a tour, take part in our hands-on cooking class and discover the Etnean cuisine. After cooking lunch, enjoy your meal and the best Benanti wines paired with the dishes made as well as with some exclusive local products.

**Meal(s):** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodations:** Eurostars Monte Tauro Hotel, Taormina – Sea View room with balcony  
(2 of 3 nights)

**Day 7: Sunday, October 16, 2022 – Siracusa, Noto and Ragusa**

In the morning a tour of Noto, one of Sicily's most beautiful baroque cities, whose heritage, both for importance and beauty, have been declared World Heritage by the UNESCO. Here we will meet Corrado Assenza, the master of all Sicilian pastry chefs, who will delight us with his amazing and unique pastry creations (gelato, jams, creams). Next stop Siracusa for lunch at a local restaurant before meeting a Local Specialist for in-depth insights into its colourful past. You'll see some of its treasures at the Archaeological Museum. On the way back we stop in Ragusa for an insightful orientation tour with your Travel Director. Later join your companions and celebrate your journey with a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.



**Meal(s):** Breakfast, Lunch, Farewell Dinner

**Accommodations:** Eurostars Monte Tauro Hotel, Taormina – Sea View room with balcony  
(3 of 3 nights)

**Day 8: Monday, October 17, 2022 – Depart Catania**

Appreciate the vistas of Mount Etna one last time on your departure transfer to Catania Airport. One group transfer will be offered. Transfer time will be announced based on when a majority of travellers are departing Catania. Guests who depart Catania before or after the group transfer or are staying in Sicily longer will need to take a taxi to the airport or asking CWT Vacations to help coordinate private transfers at an additional cost.

Extra hotel nights are subject to availability and at an additional cost.

For guests joining the Israel & Mediterranean cruise departing Rome (Civitavecchia) on this day, CWT Vacations will coordinate flights from Catania to Rome, and then the transfer from the Rome airport to the Civitavecchia pier.