



## TOUR WITH REGULAR DEPARTURES

**EVERY FRIDAY FROM CATANIA AND EVERY SATURDAY FROM PALERMO**  
**Available from the 2nd of November 2007 until the 31st of**  
**October 2008\***

*Sicily, the land of the Greek myth, scene of encounter between great civilizations which created art treasures that are unique all over the world.*

### **FRIDAY: ARRIVAL IN CATANIA**

Arrival in **Catania** and free transfer to the hotel. In the evening dinner and overnight in hotel.

### **SATURDAY: CEFALU' AND PALERMO**

After breakfast meeting with our assistance at Hotel for little briefing about general information on the itinerary and departure to **Cefalù** to visit the Norman Dome, rich of Byzantine mosaics. Lunch at local restaurant. We will continue our tour to **Palermo**. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

### **SATURDAY: ARRIVAL IN PALERMO**

Clients arriving in **Palermo** will have a self transfer to the Hotel. Meeting with our assistance in the evening for a briefing on general information about the itinerary. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

### **SUNDAY: PALERMO AND MONREALE**

Breakfast at the hotel; morning visit of the **Capital of Sicily**, one of the richest towns in the island for history and art. We will visit the Cathedral, "Palazzo dei Normanni" with its "Palatina" Chapel, the "Quattro Canti", the Opera House, and the Pretoria Square. We will continue to **Monreale** to admire the Cathedral with its splendid 12<sup>th</sup> century mosaics, and the cloister of the Benedictine monastery with Moorish architecture. In the evening back to Palermo for dinner and overnight stay in hotel.

### **MONDAY: SELINUNTE, ERICE AND AGRIGENTO**

Breakfast at the hotel; the all day will be dedicated to the visit of the beautiful area of Trapani, with its vineyards famous all around the world; we will visit the fascinating **Erice**, a small medieval village with ancient Greek origin, situated on a little hill, where it will be possible to enjoy a fantastic view on the Egadi Islands and have a nice taste of its typical almonds biscuits. In

the afternoon we will continue with the visit of the archaeological park of **Selinunte**, the largest in the Mediterranean area. In the late afternoon we will reach **Agrigento**; accommodation at hotel, dinner and overnight.

#### **TUESDAY: AGRIGENTO, PIAZZA ARMERINA AND THE CYCLOPS RIVIERA**

Breakfast at the hotel; in the morning we will visit the wonderful “**Valle dei Templi**”. Concordia Temple, Hercules Temple, Giunone Temple and Castore and Polluce Temples represent the most beautiful example of the Greek Civilization in Sicily. We will continue to **Piazza Armerina**, in the heart of Sicily, where we will visit “Villa Romana del Casale”, famous for its fantastic mosaics. Lunch at a local restaurant. We will continue to the east coast of Sicily to visit **Acicastello**, a small fishing village with its Norman Castle, built of black lava stone, nestled atop a rocky spur on the sea; **Acitrezza**, the fishing village where Verga set his Novel I Malavoglia, dominated on the seaward side by the Rocks of the Cyclops, a treacherous pointed mass of black lava rising up from the crystal-like waters Accommodation in hotel, dinner and overnight.

#### **WEDNESDAY: SIRACUSA AND CATANIA**

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning excursion to **Siracusa**, the most beautiful Greek colony of Sicily. We will visit the famous “Fontana Aretusa”, and the archaeological area with its marvellous theatre and “Orecchio di Dionisio”. After lunch in Ortigia, the small baroque island, old city centre of Siracusa, the tour will go on with the visit of **Catania**, the town known for its original baroque style and for its streets built with black lava stone from Mount Etna. Walking tour through Via Etnea, the Baroque street “Via Crociferi”, the Piazza Duomo with the Cathedral and the “Liotru” statue, symbol of the city, the roman Amphitheatre, the Opera House, the University, and the noble Palace of Biscari. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

#### **THURSDAY: MOUNT ETNA AND TAORMINA**

Breakfast at the hotel; morning dedicated to a fantastic excursion to **Mount Etna**, the highest active volcano in Europe. Across fascinating landscape, we will reach a height of 2000 metres, where we will enjoy a fantastic panorama of the Ionic Sea. In the afternoon free time in **Taormina**, the small medieval village called “the pearl of the Ionic Sea”, famous for its typical small streets and his fascinating Greek theatre. In the late afternoon return to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

#### **FRIDAY: DEPARTURE FROM CATANIA**

Breakfast at the hotel; End of services for clients arrived in **Catania** on Friday.

#### **FRIDAY: CEFALU'**

For people arrived Saturday in Palermo we'll continue with the visit of **Cefalù**. Lunch at restaurant and departure to Palermo for dinner and overnight stay

#### **SATURDAY DEPARTURE FROM PALERMO**

Breakfast at the hotel; End of services for clients arrived in Palermo on Saturday

***RATE PER PERSON EURO 659, 00 IN DOUBLE ROOM***

**The price includes:**

7 nights in 3/4 star hotels in double room - Bus GT for the whole trip - Tour escort for the whole trip - Full board arrangement at the hotels or in typical restaurants - Local guides where necessary - VAT and taxes

**The price does not include:**

Beverage - Entrance fees - Tips - Extras - What is not mentioned in “The price includes”

**SUPPLEMENTS**

**Single room €195, 00** per tour

**For the following departures:** December -28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> ; March -21<sup>s/</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> ; April-25<sup>th</sup> /26<sup>th</sup> ; May-2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> ; May-30<sup>th</sup> /31<sup>st</sup> ; August-08<sup>th</sup> /09<sup>th</sup> ; August -15<sup>th</sup> /16<sup>th</sup> : **€60, 00 p.p.**

**Extra-bed reduction €35, 00 p.p.**

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS (TO PAY ON THE SPOT)**

Agrigento - Valle dei Templi by night €15,00 p.p.

Mondello By night €15,00 p.p.

Opera dei Pupi €15,00 p.p.

**TRANSFERS**

Palermo airport/hotel one way: €83, 00 per car from 1 to 3 people

Catania airport/hotel one way: €63, 00 per car from 1 to 3 people

**HOTELS**

CATANIA/ACIREALE: HOTEL EXCELSIOR PALACE TERME or similar

PALERMO/surroundings: HOTEL PRESIDENT or HOTEL CRISTAL PALACE or CALAROSSA HOTEL or similar

AGRIGENTO/ surroundings: HOTEL KORE or GRAND HOTEL MOSE' or CAPO ROSSELLO HOTEL or similar

**Program could be changed according to museums and archaeological areas opening time.**