

**ITALY TOUR**

**OCTOBER 2 TO 11 2020**

## **With Chef Marcello Russodivito**

Price per person, based on double hotel occupancy **\$3500 PER PERSON**

**Not included your Airfare**

Deposit 50% for reservation (non-refundable).

The following is included in the price:

All land transportation except last day Catania TO airport

8 nights in Hotel

8 Continental Breakfast / 6 lunches with local wine / 7 dinners with local wine  
Restaurant tip

Not Included Frigo bar in your room or Hard Liquor and some Suitcase tips  
Were applicable.

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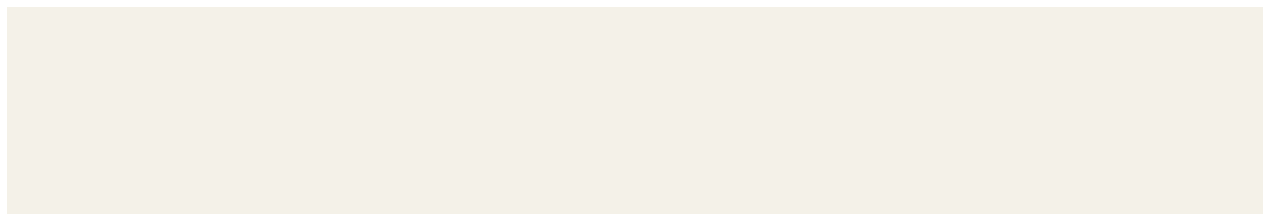
**PAYMENT / Payment in full is required at least 90 days prior to departure**

**REFUNDS / In the event that we must cancel a trip, you will be given a full refund of all deposits and payments.**

**We do not give refunds of deposits or final payments for tours that commence as scheduled, including for unused portions of the tour. We do give credit for cancellations as noted below.**

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**We strongly encourage trip insurance**



**Day 1:**

**Friday October 2**

**New York to Palermo coming back from Catania**

**Day 2:**

**Saturday October 3**

Meeting point

Hotel Mondello Palace 7 pm welcome dinner. **3 nights in this hotel**

## **Palace Mondello 3 nights**

<http://www.mondellopalacehotel.it/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oIGmxSIQFWM>

**viale Principe di Scalea c/o Mondello Palace Hotel - 90151  
Palermo**

**20 MINUTE DISTANCE FROM AIRPORT**

**You can arrive at anytime and Relax at hotel**

**7pm Welcome dinner**

**Restaurant**

## Day 3:

### Sunday October 4

9 AM

**Visit Cefalu** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pk6FLCR3pcQ>

Cefalu. The historic town of Cefalu sits on the coast of the Tyrrhenian Sea and is as celebrated for its breathtaking beaches as its Arab-Norman architecture. This picturesque town is where the classic Italian film, "Cinema Paradiso" was filmed.

Lunch Restaurant

#### Late Afternoon tour of Palermo Center

The capital of Sicily - Palermo - has been a crossroads for cultures and civilizations for 8 millennia. Together with your guide you start the tour at the Norman Palace and the Palatine Chapel.

Then you walk along Villa Bonanno to the Cathedral in Corso Vittorio Emanuele, just to admire the exterior; continue along Vittorio Emanuele to the imposing Four Corners. Then on to the Tuscan fountain in Piazza Pretoria and just behind it see two splendid Arabo-Norman churches, La Martorana and San Cataldo.

**Dinner in Mondello Restaurant**

Restaurant ????

## Day 4:

### Monday October 5

10am

#### Visit Trapani

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C78T6-BBzXY>

Lunch

Restaurant ??????

**Afternoon Visit Erice** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tj3nGKGUvo>

Erice, a wonderfully preserved town offering the most breathtaking views and a palpable sense of history. Together with your guide you discover the city's treasures. Erice boasts 60 churches, some dating back to the early 1300's, and two incredible castles, Pepoli Castle and Venus Castle. During the tour of Erice you visit the Chiesa Matrice church.

One more highlight today is a visit to the local pasticceria for a tasting of the famous cannoli, Sicilian cassata, almond pastries and other delicious culinary masterpieces. This unique pasticceria is famous for its traditions and amazing taste of its sweets all around Italy and even beyond.

After the tour you return to your hotel in Palermo

**9pm DINNER**

**Restaurant**

**Day 5:**

**Tuesday October 6**

9 AM

**We leave Hotel in Mondello**

**Valley of the temples, a day in a life Agrigento**

**Valley of the temples,**

<https://www.parcovalledeitempli.it/>

Our 4th day finds us journeying to the Valley of the Temples. (We'll start early to beat the crowds). This UNESCO World Heritage Site (so declared in 1997) encompasses over 1300 hectares of stunning monumental and landscape, spilling toward the sea. On this site are the ancient ruins of the city of Akragas, founded by colonists from the nearby Gela and the island of Rhodes in or around 582 BC. The ruins are immersed in rare beauty characterized by centuries-old almond and olive trees, making the ancient Akragas one of the single most important Greek colonies in Sicily.

Our tour of the Valley of the Temples will be led by an official tour guide of the archaeological park. Our guide is knowledgeable and well-versed in the archaeological and historical sites of the Valley of the Temples. The tour begins with the Temple of Hera, situated at the very top of the hill, offering an absolutely one-of-a-kind vista of the Sicilian Sea. The tour takes us on a mile-long trek (nearly entirely downhill) along the holy path (sacra via) where we'll stop to admire the fortifications of Byzantine tombs, The Temple of Concordia, the Temple of Heracles, the Temple of Zeus, and the Sanctuary of Chthonian Deities (the Temple of Castor and Pollux, or Dioscuri). Truly fascinating.

Lunch

Restaurant

**Late afternoon Depart for our second Hotel**

**In Siracusa 4 nights**

**Antico Hotel Roma 1880**

<https://www.algila.it/en/index/>

9pm

**Dinner Restaurant**

## Day 6:

### Wednesday October 7

Full day Relax in Siracusa.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tT6dUwocwWc>

Lunch and dinner on your own

## Day 7:

### Thursday October 8

10 am

**visit Ragusa**, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPGKJmFZvzw>

afternoon

**Noto** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYITtFukUCI>

**and Modica** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgZoS82tk6I>

The town of Ragusa is situated among the rocky peaks of Modica. Having succumbed to the 1693 earthquake, as many of the neighboring towns did also, Ragusa has two sides. There is Ragusa Superiore, the rebuilt work-a-day town noted for its easy-to-navigate grid streets and common sense 18th century architecture, and then there is Ragusa Ibla-The Old Town. This town is a sloping series of narrow streets and pathways leading past stone houses and into historic town squares.

We will have a memorable lunch

Noto is a lovely, walkable community nestled in the southeastern corner of Sicily. The Baroque beauty of Noto cannot be denied and you may find yourself thinking you've stumbled across a movie set, it is that beautifully preserved.

**Back to Siracusa**

Dinner Restaurant

## Day 8:

### Friday October 9

10 am Visit

#### Castelmola Taormina Isola Bella

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-yoKrLoCQE>

Back to Siracusa

## Day 9:

### Saturday October 10

10 am we leave hotel in Siracusa

#### Visit Mt. Etna, wine tour tasting

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dArRps\\_Zl0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dArRps_Zl0)

#### Afternoon Vulcano

One of the most famous sites in Italy is located on the island of Sicily. Mt. Etna is one of the most active volcanoes in the world, with eruptions dating back 3,500 years or more. The volcanic mountain dominates the landscape along north-eastern Sicily and is a sight to behold! Jagged volcanic remains form rock rivers along the sides of the road leading to the fiery cauldrons. Lava caves form all along the hillsides and volcanic rocks are strewn everywhere you look.

Not all the land around Etna is rocks, however. In fact the slopes of the volcano offer extremely fertile black soil and ideal conditions for vineyards. Winemakers may find the soil a difficult one to work, but the end result is quite pleasing. We'll be fortunate to visit two of the wineries in this region and sample the luscious and unique wines that come from the volcanic soil. We'll also have lunch.

Hotel in Catania

#### Gala dinner

#### Restaurant

## Day 10

### Sunday October 11

Departure on your own from Catania to your final destination

FEW VIDEO ABOUT SICILY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ecpwfqBZMM>

<https://www.ricksteves.com/watch-read-listen/video/tv-show/sicily>



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**We strongly encourage trip insurance**

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