

TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
APR 14, 21, 28	APR 12, 19, 26
MAY 05, 12, 19, 26	MAY 03, 10, 17, 24, 31
JUN 02, 09, 16, 23, 30	JUN 07, 14, 21, 28
JUL 07, 14, 21, 28	JUL 05, 12, 19, 26
AUG 04, 11, 18, 25	AUG 02, 09, 16, 23, 30
SEP 01, 08, 15, 22, 29	SEP 06, 13, 20, 27
OCT 06, 13, 20, 27	OCT 04, 11, 18, 25

For full dates and prices, and to choose your group size, visit insightvacations.com/sicilyindepth

Choose to extend your stay in Malta for 6 nights.

📍 REGIONAL JOURNEY
ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

8 DAYS
1 COUNTRY
12 MEALS
9 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

Marsala: Enjoy a tasting of some of the island's richest Sicilian wines at Baglio Donna France. The estate uses sustainable farming practices, cultivates rare ancient grains and uses water management systems to reduce waste.

INSIGHT CHOICE

Palermo: Choose to visit the spectacular Arab-Norman Monreale Cathedral with a Local Expert. Alternatively, join your Local Expert on a walk through the lively Vucciria market.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Welcome Dinner in Catania • Dine-Around options in Palermo • Farm-to-Table dinner in the Taormina Riviera.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Visit Paradise Quarry and the Old City of Ortygia in Syracuse • Valley of the Temples in Agrigento • Palermo Cathedral • Greek Amphitheatre in Taormina Riviera.

City tours of Syracuse, Agrigento, Palermo, Taormina, all with Local Experts.

SICILY IN DEPTH

WITH MALTA OPTION

"I really love introducing my guests to the street food of Sicily because it reveals so much about the local lifestyle. Some favourites are arancini, gelato, cannoli, or a slice of pizza folded up." – Elena, Travel Director



SYRACUSE, SICILY



OLIVE TREES, SICILY



THE GREEK THEATRE, TAORMINA



DAY 1 WELCOME TO SICILY

On arrival at Catania airport, transfers leave for your hotel at 10:00, 12:30 and 15:30.

Relax and settle in before meeting your Travel Director at 17:30, for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (DW)

NH Catania Centro.

DAY 2 ANCIENT SYRACUSE

Your Local Expert takes you to Syracuse's Paradise Quarry with its Ear of Dionysius, an ear-shaped grotto with an unusual echo. Continue to the superb Greek theater, one of the largest of the ancient world.

There is time to explore the Old City, a maze of narrow streets lined with palaces. Continue around the southeastern corner of Sicily to Ragusa. (B)

Mediterraneo Palace, Ragusa.

DAY 3 EXPLORE THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES AND ON TO PALERMO

Journey along the southern coast of the island to Agrigento, and explore the Valley of the Temples with a Local Expert. See the massive Temple of Concordia and the clifftop Temple of Juno overlooking the sea.

Your travels continue to the Sicilian capital of Palermo. (B) (DW)

NH Palermo.

DAY 4 PALERMO & THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE NORMANS

Explore Palermo with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the spectacular Arab-Norman Monreale Cathedral with a Local Expert. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the lively market.

This afternoon, visit Palermo Cathedral and observe its unique blend of architectural styles.

For your dining pleasure, you are offered a selection of local restaurants on your Dine-Around Evening, each with its own ambience and cuisine. (B) (DW)

DAY 5 EXPLORING ERICE

Venture to the charming hilltop walled town of Erice and explore the labyrinth of quiet alleyways. Pause to enjoy the sea views from the gardens alongside the Castle of Venus.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER * Experience in the countryside near Marsala, during a tasting of rich Sicilian wines.

The estate uses sustainable farming practices, cultivates rare ancient grains and uses water management systems to reduce waste. Back in Palermo the evening is at your leisure. (B) (LW)

DAY 6 CEFALU AND THE TAORMINA RIVIERA

Travel to the quaint fishing town of Cefalu.

See the imposing cathedral, stroll to the stone fountain and seek out the Gothic arch of the Porta Marina for a picture-perfect view of the harbour. (B)

RG Naxos Hotel, Taormina.

DAY 7 TAORMINA AND THE DAWN COAST OF EUROPE

Relaxed Start. Early risers may experience why D.H. Lawrence christened this 'The Dawn Coast of Europe.' Perhaps take an Optional Experience to Mount Etna?

Visit the old town, clinging to the side of Mount Tauro with sea and mountain views. With your Local Expert, visit the Greek theater and absorb the view. Stroll to Palazzo Corvaja and along the Corso Umberto to the Piazza IX Aprile.

At a local restaurant, rejoice with your new-found friends over your Celebration Dinner of delicious, freshly prepared Farm-to-Table cuisine, accompanied by exquisite Italian wines. (B) (DW)

DAY 8 DEPART CATANIA OR CONTINUE TO MALTA

Transfers arrive at Catania airport at 06:30 and 08:30. Guests continuing to Malta are transferred to the airport for their included flight. (B)

WITH MALTA OPTION**DAY 8 WELCOME TO MALTA**

Transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax and settle into your hotel.

Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Highlight Dinner with wine. (DW)

Waterfront Hotel, Sliema.

DAY 9 SOUTHERN DELIGHTS

Relaxed Start. Venture south to Valletta with a Local Expert to visit the Upper Barrakka Gardens and St. John's Cathedral, designed in a baroque fashion.

For lunch, feast on a delicious meal made from fresh local ingredients.

Visit the National War Museum and learn about Malta's important role in WWII with a fascinating lecture from an historian. (B) (LW)

DAY 10 FREE TIME IN SLIEMA

Relaxed Start. Today is free for you to laze on the rooftop terrace or stroll along the promenade. Why not take an Optional Experience with lunch on Gozo Island? (B)

DAY 11 SLIEMA FREE DAY

Relaxed Start. Your day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 12 MDINA THE SILENT CITY

Head to Mdina with a Local Expert in the late afternoon to explore this golden city, known also as the silent city for its shady streets and peaceful atmosphere.

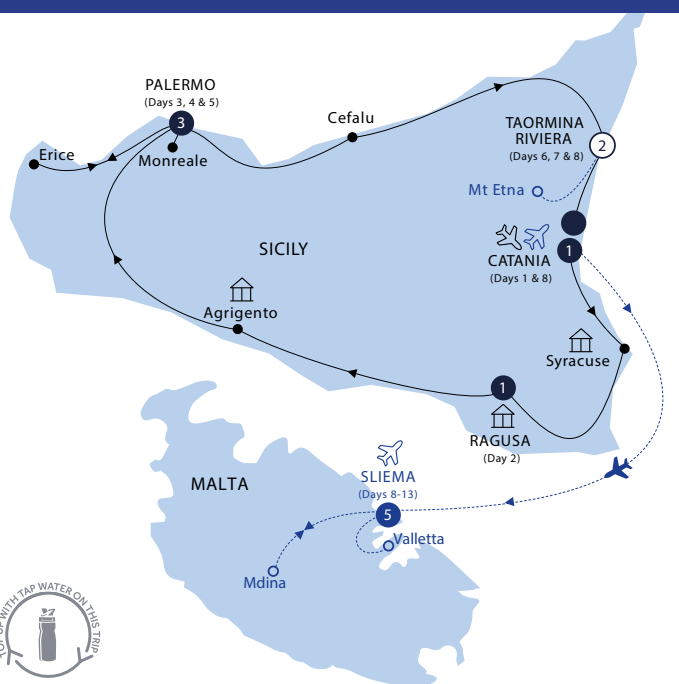
Enjoy a Celebration Dinner at a wonderful local restaurant where you'll toast to your trip with your fellow travellers. (B) (DW)

DAY 13 DEPART MALTA

Bid farewell to this exotic island as you travel to Malta airport for your homeward journey. (B)

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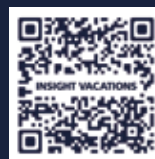
- Join/Leave Options
- Included Flights for Option
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited
- Trip Options

**CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE**

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



AUTHENTIC DINING Be introduced to local foods at your Welcome Dinner. (Photo by @insightelena, Day 1, Catania)



Use the camera on your smart phone to view the full details of this trip on our website.