

# Sicily with Friends

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## Family & Friends Tour

### 2022 Itinerary

Thursday - June 23, 2022

*Departure from US*

Friday - June 24, 2022

*Welcome to Sicily*

*Transfers to Castellammare del Golfo. (Based on our tour dates and arrival times)*

After arriving at your accommodations, you will have time to relax and unwind. Later that evening, we will have a **Welcome Party** with hors d'oeuvres, and a specialty drink. Then you may explore this fascinating town on your own.

*Included Meals: Hour D'oeuvres at Welcome Party*

Saturday - June 25, 2022

***La Playa Beach – Scopello – Belvedere***

This morning we will meet at 9:00 am to spend a beautiful day at **La Playa beach** with stunning crystal-clear waters. (Lounge chairs and umbrellas are included). After lunch (on your own), you may choose from 2 departures 1 pm or 5 pm to return to Castellammare to your accommodation in town. This evening we will embark on a very special sightseeing tour of this amazing coastline of the Mediterranean Sea to the Faraglioni di **Scopello** for a photo opportunity (where Ocean 11 was filmed). Then we will stop at the **Belvedere** to enjoy a traditional wood oven pizza, with breathtaking views of the gulf.

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

Sunday, June 26, 2022

***Palermo - Monreale***

This morning at 9 am you will meet our English-speaking local tour guide for a sightseeing tour of **Palermo**, the capital of Sicily. Your stops will include Palermo Cathedral, Casa Professa, Quattro Canti, Piazza Pretoria (where the famous fashion show of Dolce and Gabbana was held), Chiesa Martorana, Mercato del Capo, Teatro Politeama, and Teatro Massimo, (second largest stages in Europe and the famed opera houses.) Some entrance fee may apply. Lunch will be served outside in the beautiful Piazza Bellini in the heart of Palermo, with its ancient Arab and Norman buildings. After lunch the bus will head to the unique cathedral of **Monreale** which is made with 2200 kg of pure gold Byzantine mosaic and named one of the UNESCO WORLD Heritage Sites. Back to Castellammare, this evening is at your leisure to explore.

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*

Monday June 27, 2022

***Boat Excursion***

We will meet at 9am (weather permitting) at the marina for a spectacular all day Mini Cruise along the northwestern coastline of Sicily. You will have the opportunity to jump off the boat and swim at Scopello, and into the caves of Lo Zingaro Riserva Naturale. Scopello is famous for it's vertiginous "Faraglioni" or rock formation, where Hollywood filmed Ocean Eleven, and for one of the most ancient tuna fisheries in Sicily. Back to Castellammare at 1:30pm. Your evening is at your leisure.

*Included Meals: Breakfast*

Tuesday June 28, 2022

### ***Tour of Erice - Le Saline***

Departure at 9:00 am for a sightseeing tour of **Erice**. This medieval town sits 2400 meters above sea level. Enjoy the views of the Tyrrhenian Sea from the hilltop and explore Erice's charming medieval streets and square and pleasure your palate with traditional Sicilian desserts where you will have the opportunity to purchase local souvenirs and enjoy lunch on your own. Then the bus will take us along the coast of Marsala where lies this evocative landscape of **Le Saline** (shallow salt pools) and decommissioned mulini (windmills). The salt from these marshes is considered Italy's finest. Back to Castellammare. This evening is at your leisure.

*Included Meals: Breakfast*

### ***(Optional After Lunch Excursion)***

***Marsala Wine Tour with Wine Tasting and Farm to Table (\$150 per adult & \$75 per child)***

The excursion starts with the beautiful town of Marsala where we will tour this magnificent eighteen century **Marsala Winery** which will leave you speechless. The English guided tour will take us through this journey that will begin in front of this majestic wine barrels, built at the end of the nineteenth century and still used for the winery of Marsala. Then we will walk beneath 104 stone arches through the barrel vaults to see over 2000 small and large barrels of wine, to reach the grandiose and elegant tasting room, where we will taste a range of their best Marsala wines paired with authentic gastronomic nibbles. A scenic drive will take us through the Sicilian countryside for this authentic **farm to table** experience where we will enjoy homemade specialties and wines.

Wednesday June 29, 2022

***Relax under the sun***

This morning we will meet at 9:00 am to spend a beautiful day at **La Playa beach** with stunning crystal-clear waters. (Lounge chairs and umbrellas are included) After lunch (on your own), you may choose from 2 departures 1 pm or 5 pm to return to Castellammare. In the evening we will meet for dinner at a local restaurant with a beautiful view of the marina, while we savor a delicious Sicilian 3 course meal with local wines included.

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

Thursday June 30, 2022

***La Playa Beach/ Farewell White Party***

This morning we will meet at 9:00 am to spend a beautiful day at **La Playa beach** with stunning crystal-clear waters. (Lounge chairs and umbrellas are included) Then you may choose from 2 departures 1 pm or 5 pm to return to Castellammare. This evening at 7:30 pm be ready dressed in white to depart for our **Farewell White Party**. This party will be on the beach and will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, specialty drinks, alcoholic or non, DJ, professional photographer and for the grand finally fantastic fireworks.

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Hour D'oeuvres at Farewell Party*

Friday July 1, 2022

***Free Day***

This morning is free for you to go around town, purchase souvenirs and pack your bags for an ARRIVEDERCI a Presto.

*Included Meals: Breakfast*

Saturday July 2, 2022

**Departure to the US**

*Transfers to the airport (based on departure times on the specified tour dates)*

*Ciao Ciao*

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*NB: Excursions and Itinerary are weather permitted and subject to change without prior notice. Minimum number is required.*

*NNB: We love to share our Sicily with you. In order to secure low rates, we prepay everything a year in advance.*

2022 Prices

**\$1399 per person** (double occupancy)

Single occupancy \$500 surcharge

You may upgrade to Oceanview for an additional \$350 per person, based on availability

Land only, Airfare not included in price

Deposits are required within 10 days of making the registration

Please see *Terms & Conditions*

Pre and Post Tour Extensions available contact us directly via email.

*(A 2.9% fee will be charged on debit/credit card payments. If you would like to pay by cash or check, please email us at [info@sicilywithfriends.com](mailto:info@sicilywithfriends.com) to make arrangements.)*

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**One Visit is Never Enough!**

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