

Sicily with Friends

Tania & Andy's Wedding Itinerary

2022 Itinerary

Thursday June 16, 2022

Departure from US

Friday June 17, 2022

Welcome to Sicily

Transfers to Castellammare del Golfo. (Based on our tour dates)

After arriving into your accommodations where you will have time to relax and unwind. Later this 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: Hors d'oeuvres at Welcome Party

Saturday, June 18, 2022

AM Beach Day tour of Scopello and Belvedere brick oven pizza

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 and stop at the Faraglioni di Scopello for a photo opportunity (where Ocean's Eleven 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 19, 2022

Monreale/Palermo Excursion

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, Chiesa Martorana, Mercato del Capo, Teatro Politeama, and Teatro Massimo, (one of the 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 20, 2021

Tour of Erice - Le Saline – Marsala Winery with Wine Tasting and Farm to table

Departure at 9:00 am for this special 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. Next, we will journey to this ancient city of **Trapani**, where you can wonder through the historical center with fascinating monuments and unwind in narrow alleyways that hide bits of history from the times of Arabs, Normans and Spanish, also you will have the opportunity to stop and purchase some of the best gelato of the area. Then the bus will take us along the coastline 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. We will continue toward the 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 giant wine barrels, build at the end of the nineteen century and still used for the refinement of Marsala. We will walk beneath 104 stone arches through the barrel vaults to see over 2000 small and large barrels of wine. After the tour we will reach the grandiose and elegant tasting room, where we will taste a range of their best 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.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with wine

Tuesday June 21, 2022

Tour of Segesta Temple - Beach Day - White Party

This morning the bus will depart at 9:00 am for **Segesta** to tour one of the best-preserved ancient **Greek temples** in the world, (even better than those in Greece itself) The English-speaking tour guide will explain the history of this Greek temple. The Segesta Archaeological Park is home to spectacular ancient ruins dating from Magna Grecia. The tour includes: the main temple, built in the 5th century B.C. and one of the best-preserved examples of Doric architecture in the world and the fourth-century BC **Greek theater**. After the tour you have the option to return to Castellammare or join the group at La Playa beach. Then we will return at 5pm to your accommodations. This evening at 7:30 pm be ready dressed in white to depart for our **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.

Wednesday June 22, 2022]

Stemmari Wine Tour and Wine Tasting

This morning at 9 am we will embark on an exclusive private tour of this prestigious **Stemmari Winery** of Feudo Arancio. This magnificent Winery has a courtyard known as “Baglio” and is equipped with the best wine making technology and tools. They cultivate their own vineyards along the ventilated and sunny Northern Coast of Sicily. They produce seven hundred hectares of healthy vineyards. A team of agronomists and oenologists constantly follow the evolving process of their wines to produce the best quality wines, which are rich, intense, but also harmonious and elegant. One of their wine experts will explain the production while overlooking this amazing extension of vineyards before having the pleasure of tasting their excellent wines accompanied with farm made local cheeses. We will return to Castellammare around lunch time and you have the option to remain in town or join the group at La Playa beach. We will return at 5 pm to your accommodations. This evening we will meet for dinner at this authentic 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 23, 2022

The Wedding Day

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner reception

Friday June 24, 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 June 25, 2021

Departure to the US

Transfers to the airport (based on departure times)

Ciao Ciao

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

\$1899 per person

Single occupancy: \$500 surcharge

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

Land Only Price: AirFare not included

Payments are required within 10 days of making the registration

See *Terms and Conditions*

(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 to make arrangements.)

One Visit is Never Enough!

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