

Sicily with Friends

Family & Friends Tour 2023 Itinerary

Thursday - June 15, 2023

Departure from US

Friday - June 16, 2023

Welcome to Sicily

*Transfers to **Castellammare del Golfo**. (Based on 3 arrival times)*

Upon your arrival at the **Palermo Airport** the private transfer will take you to your **Hotel Punta Nord Est** in Castellammare del Golfo. After arriving at your accommodations, you will have time to relax and unwind. Later that evening, we will have "**Un Benvenuto**". 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 17, 2023

La Playa beach - Belvedere – Scopello

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 after lunch (on your own) we will return to our hotel to get ready for a very special sightseeing tour of this amazing coastline of the Mediterranean Sea to the **Belvedere** for a photo opportunity. Next, we will stroll through the village of **Scopello** where you will have time on your own to explore. We will return to Castellammare. Your evening is at your leisure.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Visit the Historical city of Palermo

This morning at 8:30 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), Mercato del Capo, Teatro Politeama, and Teatro Massimo, (second largest stages in Europe and the famed opera houses.) After the tour you will have the opportunity on your own to try some typical Sicilian Street food. Back to Castellammare, 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 multi course meal with local wines included.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Monday June 19, 2023

Boat Excursion

We will meet at 9am (weather permitting) at the marina for a spectacular **Boat Excursion** 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 its 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

(Optional Evening Excursion)

Farm to Table Dinner (\$125 per adult and \$75 per child)

This evening our driver will take us through the Sicilian countryside for this authentic **Farm To Table** experience where we will enjoy homemade specialties and some Sicilian wines. We will tour this organic farm and have dinner together in this beautiful setting.

Tuesday June 20, 2023

Tour of Erice and Le Saline

Departure at 10:00 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 (\$75 per adult & \$35 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 nineteen 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. Back to Castellammare, this evening is at your leisure. (Minimum number of guest required for this excursion)

Wednesday June 21, 2023

Relax under the sun – 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) After lunch (on your own), the bus will return to the hotel at 4pm. 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.

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

(Optional Morning Excursion)

Tour of La Grotta di Mangiapane (\$40 per person)

This morning, we will venture through the mountains of Sicily to reach The Cave of Mangiapane, that is the largest of the 9 caves known as the (the grotto of scurati). This cave was an ancient settlement that dates back to the Paleolithic era (10,000 years ago), with a height of 70 meters and a depth of 50 meters. **The cave of Mangiapane** includes as small village that has remained untouched for nearly 70 years, made up of charming earth-colored houses, with their original furniture and tools, a small chapel, a wood oven and some stables. Today this tiny village is an open-air museum, where you can step back in time.

Thursday June 22, 2023

Free Day

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

(Optional Afternoon Excursion)

Tour of Segesta Temple (\$40 per person)

A 3pm departure for **Segesta** to tour one of the best-preserved ancient **Greek temple** 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**.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Friday June 23, 2023

Departure to the US

Transfer to the airport (Based on 3 departure times)

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. To secure low rates, we prepay everything a year in advance.

2023 Prices

\$1499 per person (double occupancy)

Single occupancy \$500 surcharge

You may upgrade to Oceanview for an additional \$300 per person, based on availability

You may upgrade to a junior suite for an additional \$400 per person, based on availability

Land only, Airfare not included in price

Deposits are required at booking

Please see ***Terms & 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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