

Sicily and Malta

07 Nights / 08 Days

Day 01 Palermo

Arrive at Palermo, meet and greet, hotel transfer, overnight Palermo.

Day 02 Monreale – Palermo – Marsala



Monreale Cathedral

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, your private tour will take you to **Monreale**. Visit the **Monreale Cathedral**, known by many as the ‘*Eighth Wonder of the World*’ and the incredible Arab-Norman style cloister where you will also find sculptures and semi-precious stone marquetry.

Palermo is located on a bay at the foot of Mount Pellegrino, see the contrast between the multicultural past depicted in art nouveau villas, noble residences and 17th century squares. Visit **Martorana Church** and **Cappella Palatina**.

Enjoy a food stop at the famous **Antica Focacceria San Francesco**. Walk along and admire **Teatro Massimo** and the debated fountain in **Pretoria Square** tucked away in the ancient Kalsa area adorned with 16th century sculptures.



Teatro Massimo

Continue to **Marsala** where you will be led to a prestigious wine cellar for wine tasting, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 03 Marsala Salt Road – Selinunte – Agrigento

Your morning tour commences along the charming and well-known **Salt Road**, between Trapani and Marsala, an important protected site for industrial archaeology.



Selinunte

Visit the largest archaeological park in the whole Mediterranean, **Selinunte**, a *UNESCO World Heritage Site*. See splendid landscapes near the African Sea stretching out across all directions.

Transfer to **Agrigento** and visit the **Valley of the Temples** where hundreds of almond trees are scattered. See a wonderful series of 5th century Doric Temples where highlights include **Temple of Hera** and **Temple of Heracles**. Hotel transfer, overnight Agrigento.

Day 04 Piazza Armerina – Ragusa – Valletta

Journey to **Piazza Armerina** to see **Villa Romana del Casale** where some of the most extensive and beautiful Roman mosaics can be found. Works of art portray mythological and historical episodes of hunting and entertainment at this majestic villa.



Villa Romana del Casale

After lunch, transfer to **Ragusa Ibla** where your guide will show you around the **Cathedral** located in the square of the Dome and the **Giardino Ibleo**. Used as the location for the popular television series '*Police Inspector Montalbano*' which made this little precious ancient city famous.

Continue to Pozzallo Harbour boarding on the catamaran to reach Malta Valletta, hotel transfer, overnight Valletta.

Day 05 Valletta – Mdina

Your guide will lead you on a half day tour around the charming capital of Valletta beginning with the wonderful 16th century ancient palace **Casa Rocca Piccola** the current residence of the Marquis De Piro.



St. Johns Co-Cathedral

See **St. Johns Co-Cathedral** for this historic '*Beheading of St. John the Baptist*' followed by **Barrakka Gardens** which offer amazing views of the picturesque port of Valletta. Head to the **Grand Master's Palace** which is used in modern times as the seat of the Maltese Parliament.

Venture to **Mdina** the former capital of Malta where you will visit the **Cathedral of St. Paul**. Enjoy walking along the lovely streets of this quaint place, hotel transfer, overnight Malta.

Day 06 Cottonera – Marsaxlokk – Blue Grotto – Dingli – Golden Bay

Discover the beauty of this magical island as your private driver escorts you to **Cottonera** also known as '*The Three Cities*' which refer to the three fortified cities of Senglea, Vittoriosa and Cospicua.

Head to the charming fishing village of **Marsaxlokk** where the waterfront is decorated with traditional colourful fishing boats known as '*Iuzzi*'.



Marsaxlokk

Stroll along the streets, browse the stalls and visit the famous local market for a taste of everyday life.



Blue Grotto

Visit the town of **Wied iz-Zurrieq** where you will embark on a sea excursion to the **Blue Grotto**. Journey into this picturesque natural cave whose system of surroundings reflect fluorescent colours of the underwater flora.

Transfer to **Dingli** from which you can see the changing Maltese landscape and countryside. Your final point of interest is **Golden Bay** in Mellieha, one of the most beautiful beaches on the entire island and a great place to swim in the crystal-clear waters. Hotel transfer, overnight Malta.

Day 07 Comino – Blue Lagoon – Gozo – Malta Caves

Drive to **Bugibba** where you will board a comfortable boat for a fantastic mini cruise, sail through the north of the Maltese coast to the island of **Comino** stopping by the famous **Blue Lagoon** for about an hour. Swim in the turquoise waters of the bay or, if you prefer, relax in the bar of the boat which offers drinks and snacks.

Cruise to **Gozo** where your guide will show you the most charming places on the island including **Ta' Pinu**, **Dwejra**, **Citadelle St. Georges** and the historic **Market Square** in **Victoria**. Return to your boat to circumnavigate Comino where you will visit the famous caves.



Blue Lagoon

Return to Bugibba in the late afternoon, hotel transfer, overnight Malta.

Day 08 Malta

Check-out, airport transfer for your onward journey.