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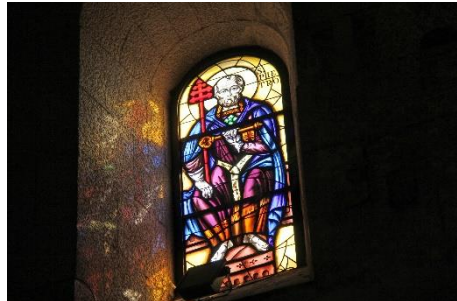


DAY ONE LONDON – CATANIA – SYRACUSE

- Depart BA 2612 London Gatwick 13:35 hrs, arrives Catania 17:55 hrs. Assisted transfer to Syracuse (approx. 1 hr) check in to hotel.

DAY TWO SYRACUSE

- Full day visit around the historic city of **SYRACUSE** including:
 - **ORTIGIA'S MARKET** With its wide variety of choices of fresh fruits, vegetables and seafood, the produce is fresh and tastes marvellous. Drink fresh squeezed juice there along with oysters with wine.
 - **TEMPIO DI APOLLO** One of the most important ancient Greek monuments of Magna Graecia on Ortygia.
 - **PIAZZA ARCHIMEDE** The second most important square in Ortigia after the Cathedral square. At its centre is one of the symbols of Syracuse: the Fontana di Diana (Fountain of Diana).
 - **PIAZZA DUOMA** A long, rectangular piazza flanked by flamboyant palazzi, it sits on what was once Syracuse's ancient acropolis.
 - **FONTANA ARETUSEA** According to Greek mythology, this freshwater fountain is the place where the nymph Arethusa, the patron figure of ancient Syracuse, returned to earth's surface after escaping from her undersea home in Arcadia.



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DAY THREE SYRACUSE – NOTO – CATANIA – TAORMINO

- After breakfast, check-out and drive to **NOTO** (approx. 1hr / 70km).
- **NOTO OLD TOWN** The consistent architectural style of Noto's historic centre makes it a worthwhile visit, as it achieves the unique atmosphere of an open-air living museum that few other urban locations can deliver.
- **ST. CHIARA** The Church of Santa Chiara is one of the most beautiful examples of baroque art in the city.
- **SS. SAVIOR** A Baroque-style, Roman Catholic church and Benedictine monastery.
- **CATHEDRAL ST. NICHOLAS** A Sicilian Gothic church completed in 1776. The exterior is stunningly built in the traditional limestone of the area. With its two side towers and central dome behind, it stands out impressively enough to be designated a UNESCO WHS.
- You will also see **PALAZZO DUCEZIO, VIA NICOLACI BALCONIES, CHURCH OF ST. DOMINIC, FOUNTAIN OF HERCULES** and the **COMMUNITY THEATER**.



- Head back to **CATANIA** (approx. 1hr 15min / 95km). Take a walking Tour (approx. 3hrs). An ancient port city on Sicily's east coast, it sits at the foot of Mt. Etna, an active volcano with trails leading up to the summit. The city's wide central square, Piazza del Duomo, features the whimsical Fontana dell'Elefante statue and richly decorated Catania Cathedral
- Continue to **TAORMINA** (approx. 1hr 45 mins). Upon arrival transfer to hotel and check in.



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DAY FOUR TAORMINA

- **GODFATHER FILM LOCATION** Follow in the footsteps of Michael Corleone in The Godfather movies on a guided tour. Discover the beautiful medieval villages of Savoca and Forza d'Agrò nestled on two beautiful hills where Francis Ford Coppola shot the famous movies.
- **GREEK PIAZZA DUOMO** The heart of the town with the Duomo and the Town Hall (Palazzo Comunale). A baroque fountain stands in the middle of the square.
- **PALAZZO CORVAJA** This building captures several of the key historic periods in one structure.
- **CORSO UMBERTO** For fantastic panoramic coastal views.
- Rest of the day will be free at your own leisure.



DAY FIVE TAORMINA – PIAZZA ARMERINA – PALERMO

- Drive to **PIAZZA ARMERINA** (approx. 1.5hrs / 95km). At the gates of Piazza Armerina, in the picturesque valley of the River Gela on the slopes of Mount Mangone, lies one of the most prestigious monumental relics of the late antique period in the Mediterranean: the **Villa Romana del Casale**, built in the 4th century AD and decorated with enchanting mosaics considered to be the most beautiful and best preserved of their kind. See **Piazza Armerina Mosaics Romans site** and the incredible surroundings nearby.
- Continue drive to **PALERMO** (approx. 2.5hrs / 170km). Upon arrival transfer to hotel.



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DAY SIX PALERMO – MONREALE

- Enjoy breakfast followed by your full day tour of **PALERMO**, the capital city of Sicily. It has been a cultural melting pot since the Phoenicians and Greeks fought over it in the 5th and 6th centuries BC. Sitting close to where Europe ends and Africa begins, Palermo bears the scars – and echoes the glories – of centuries of domination. Once Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Norman and ultimately Italian – unified with the mainland only in 1861
- See **PIAZZA POLITEAMA, TEATRO MASSIMO, PALERMO CATHEDRAL, PALATINE CHAPEL** and more.
- Afternoon visit to **MONREALE** See their famous Duomo. With stunning mosaics within.



DAY SEVEN PALERMO – CEFALU – LONDON

- In the morning you will be led to the small seafaring town of **CEFALU** (approx. 1 hr.) Its warm sandy beaches, beautiful setting, and centuries of ancient history combine to make this jewel of the Mediterranean a wonderful vacation destination.
- **PORTA GIUDECCA** Discover the alleys of the Jewish quarter with its history and traditions. Stroll through the most characteristic streets admiring the small fishing port, **Porta Pescara gate, the medieval wash house** and **Palazzo Mandralisca** Visit the **Norman Cathedral** with its two towers, Byzantine mosaics and the painting of Christ Pantocrator
- You will transfer to Palermo airport (approx. 1 hr.) with a connecting flight to London Heathrow by BA 611 at 13:05 hrs, arriving in London at 15:20 hrs.



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