

# TREASURES OF SICILY

With Cambridge Chamber of Commerce

9 DAY  
TOUR

**DEPARTURE: NOVEMBER - 01 - 2023**

Unravel the rich tapestry of Sicilian history, culture, and natural beauty. Prepare for an unforgettable journey filled with discovery, enchantment, and moments that will stay with you long after your adventure comes to an end!

**C\$ 4198**

/pp on twin share

**C\$ 899**

Single Supp:

**TOUR LODGING INFO:** 07 Nights' Accommodation  
+ 01 Night Onboard Flight  
Accommodation will be provided on twin sharing basis  
in hotel listed below or similar

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Palermo	03 Nights	Hotel Vecchio Borgo
Taormina	04 Nights	Hotel Villa Diodoro

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Immerse yourself in the captivating history and unique traditions of Palermo, unveiling the layers of its fascinating past
- Indulge in the splendors of seaside life as you bask in the enchanting atmosphere of Cefalu
- Embark on a delightful journey of the senses through wine and olive oil tasting in Marsala
- Discover the awe-inspiring Greek ruins of Agrigento, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that transports you back in time
- Immerse yourself in the history and charm of the captivating town of Taormina, where the majestic Greek Theater awaits
- Marvel at the majestic views of Mount Etna, as you witness its raw power and awe-inspiring presence
- Explore the ancient wonders of Syracuse and visit Ear of Dionysius, a fascinating cave formation
- Participate in an unforgettable Godfather tour, retracing the iconic scenes of this cinematic masterpiece
- Tour the historic Messina and venture to Reggio Calabria and marvel at the ever-changing colors of the coastal seascape

### TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- International roundtrip airfare from Toronto
- 07nights' accommodation on a twin sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
- Daily Buffet breakfast
- Welcome dinner at local restaurant in Palermo
- 1 Lunch in Marsala
- 2 dinners at hotel in Taormina
- Arrival and Departure airport transfers
- All transportation in deluxe Motor Coach
- Portage and baggage handling at all hotels
- All Sightseeing as per detailed itinerary
- Service of English-Speaking Tour Escort
- Wine tasting + light lunch in Marsala Cellar (as Florio or similar)
- Oil tasting in a local farm in Marsala area Palermo/Moreale HD, Agrigento Valley of the Temples, Syracuusa Archeological Park
- Monument Entrance fees
- Tour to Cefalu
- Tour to Mount Etna
- Taormina street food Experience
- All air taxes and fuel surcharges

### TOUR ITINERARY:

#### DAY 01: NOV 01 DEPART CANADA

Today you will make your own way to your select gateway airport to board your international flight to Palermo, Italy. Enjoy inflight meals and services onboard.

Overnight Onboard the Flight

#### DAY 02: NOV 02 PALERMO ARRIVAL (-/-/D)

Welcome to Palermo, Italy! As you arrive in Sicily, our tour director will be eagerly awaiting your arrival, ready to assist you. You will be smoothly transported from the airport to your hotel in Palermo, where you can settle in and begin your captivating journey. Throughout history, Palermo has witnessed the rise and fall of various external rulers, each leaving their indelible mark on the city. From the Phoenicians to the Moors, from the Normans to the Spanish, and beyond, Palermo's past is a tapestry woven with diverse influences. Today, the city proudly displays the harmonious blend of these cultural threads, giving rise to a unique Sicilian ambiance, rich customs, and old traditions to kickstart your Sicilian experience. We have arranged a delightful dinner for you this evening. Indulge in the flavors of the local cuisine as you savor the mouthwatering dishes, extending a warm Sicilian welcome to you. Get ready to embark on an unforgettable adventure, immersing yourself in the wonders that await in Palermo and beyond.

Overnight in Palermo

#### DAY 03: NOV 03 PALERMO - CITY TOUR (B/-/-)

Enjoy a satisfying breakfast at your hotel, preparing you for an exciting half-day exploration of Palermo. With a history deeply intertwined with various civilizations, Palermo stands as a testament to its past, presenting a captivating fusion of Byzantine mosaics, Arabesque domes, and adorned cupolas. As you delve into Sicily's capital, you will have the opportunity to visit its prominent landmarks. The grandeur of Palermo Cathedral, a magnificent architectural marvel that has stood the test of time. Discover the renowned Palazzo dei Normanni, exuding the regal essence of Norman influence. Immerse yourself in the grandeur of the Massimo Vittorio Emanuel Theatre, one of Europe's largest opera houses, showcasing the splendid Spanish Baroque style. Venture into the vibrant Palermo market, where the lively atmosphere will enchant your senses. Take a moment to savor the flavors of Sicilian delicacies, sampling the region's gastronomic delights. Continuing your journey, proceed to Monreale, where the Benedictine Abbey awaits you. Marvel at the exquisite mosaics adorning the abbey's walls, depicting episodes from both the Old and New Testaments. In the afternoon, embark on a tour to Cefalu, a charming coastal town that beckons with its seaside splendors





and old town. Nestled between the sea and a towering rock, Cefalu exudes a quaint charm of a small fishing village while also offering trendy cafes and beachfront enjoyment for travelers. Take time to explore the remarkable Cefalu Cathedral, renowned for its Byzantine Mosaic of Christ Pantocrator, a true masterpiece. Immerse yourself in the fascinating history, stunning architecture, and seaside allure as you uncover the wonders of Palermo, Monreale, and Cefalu. Each destination promises to leave an indelible impression and creating cherished memories of your Sicilian adventure.

Overnight in Palermo

#### **DAY 04: NOV 04 PALERMO - MARSALA (B/L/-)**

Commence your day with a delightful breakfast at your hotel, preparing you for an enchanting excursion to the renowned town of Marsala, celebrated worldwide for its exceptional wines, notably the traditional "Marsala" wine. Embark on a scenic drive along Trapani's picturesque coastline, offering charming views along the way. Arriving at the region's famed salt pans, you will witness the timeless art of salt harvesting, still practiced by Sicilians using age-old techniques. Immerse yourself in the history and culture surrounding this ancient tradition, gaining insight into the meticulous process of salt production.

Continuing your journey, you will arrive in Marsala, where a delightful visit to a historic winery awaits you. Delve into the rich heritage of Marsala's winemaking, learning about the intricate methods employed to create these renowned wines. Expand your knowledge further as you proceed to a local farm, where a charming host will unveil the secrets of olive oil production. Discover the fascinating techniques and passion that go into crafting the region's exquisite olive oils. Prepare your taste buds for an extraordinary culinary experience as you indulge in a light lunch infused with the succulent flavors of the local cuisine. A special tasting event will ensue, where you will have the opportunity to sample a variety of local wines and olive oils, savoring their distinct nuances and appreciating the craftsmanship behind each creation. Immerse yourself in the world of Marsala's winemaking and olive oil production, allowing your senses to be captivated by the flavors and aromas that define this remarkable region. This day of exploration promises to be a true feast for both the palate and the soul.

Overnight in Palermo

#### **DAY 05: NOV 05 PALERMO – AGRIGENTO TOUR – TAORMINA AREA (B/-/D)**

Begin your morning with a hearty breakfast at your hotel and get ready

for an exciting journey along the captivating Sicilian coast towards Taormina. En route, you will make a stop in Agrigento, home to Sicily's most awe-inspiring Greek ruins. Prepare to be astounded as you embark on a guided tour of the Valley of the Temples, a remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site dating back to the 5th century B.C. Immerse yourself in the rich history and architectural marvels that unfold before you.

After exploring the wonders of Agrigento, take some time to wander through the vibrant medieval center of the town. Stroll along Via Atenea, where you can indulge in tantalizing treats from local shops, trattorias, and bars, immersing yourself in the authentic flavors and atmosphere of Sicily. Immerse yourself in the captivating history, natural wonders, and culinary delights as you traverse from Agrigento to Taormina. This journey promises to leave an indelible impression, creating cherished memories of your Sicilian exploration. You proceed with your journey and arrive in Taormina, a place of enchantment where romantic alleyways and rugged mountains converge, offering a truly unique Italian landscape against the backdrop of awe-inspiring ancient ruins. Marvel at the mesmerizing views of Mount Etna, an active volcano, and be captivated by the breathtaking vistas, meticulously crafted by nature itself. As evening descends, delight in an included dinner at your hotel in the Taormina area.

Overnight in Taormina

#### **DAY 06: NOV 06 TAORMINA - CITY TOUR (B/-/-)**

Start your day with a delightful breakfast at your hotel, preparing you for an exciting exploration of Taormina on a captivating half-day city tour. Discover the ancient wonders of the Greek Theater, an architectural masterpiece dating back to the 3rd century BC. Immerse yourself in the rich history as you traverse the streets of Taormina, gaining insight into the cultural significance of arancino, a beloved Sicilian culinary delight. To enhance your cultural experience, join us for a sampling of this typical Sicilian Street food as part of our Cultural Discovery Series.

In the afternoon, continue your adventurous journey with a tour to Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. Ascend to incredible heights, where sweeping views from thousands of meters above welcome you. As you engage yourself in this extraordinary landscape, a stark contrast to the coastal vistas and azure seas below, you will be surrounded by Mount Etna's volcanic rock and black lava sand, offering a truly unique experience beyond the idyllic beaches and quaint towns that Sicily is renowned for. Embrace the awe-inspiring beauty and natural wonders that Mount Etna presents, immersing yourself in a distinctive ambiance that showcases the raw power of nature. This day promises to be a remarkable blend of ancient history, cultural exploration, and

brehtaking vistas, leaving you with memories that will last a lifetime.  
Overnight in Taormina

**DAY 07: NOV 07 SYRACUSE & GODFATHER TOUR (B/-/-)**

After enjoying a delicious breakfast, embark on a captivating full-day tour to Syracuse and the enchanting mountain towns of Savoca and Forza D'Agro. Begin your exploration in Syracuse, where ancient Greek and Roman ruins await your discovery at the Parco Archeologico della Neapolis. Immerse yourself in history as you explore remarkable attractions such as the Ear of Dionysius and an intriguing cave formation. Later in the day, prepare for an unforgettable experience as you embark on a Godfather tour, allowing you to relive iconic moments from the renowned Godfather movies. Explore the medieval hilltop towns of Savoca and Forza D'Agro, which served as backdrop locations for scenes in these cinematic masterpieces. Immerse yourself in the ambiance of these historic towns, as you walk in the footsteps of the characters and soak in the enchanting atmosphere.

This day promises to be a captivating journey through time, blending ancient ruins, charming towns, and the magic of cinema. Prepare for an adventure that will transport you to a world where fiction and reality seamlessly intertwine.

Overnight in Taormina

**DAY 08: NOV 08 TAORMINA (B/-/D)**

Enjoy your day at leisure or book an optional tour.

Dinner this evening is included at your hotel in Taormina.

**Optional Tour Messina & Reggio Calabria: CAD199 per person (Based on Min 10 pax)**

Embark on a captivating private tour to Messina, a city with a rich history and renowned port that has long served as a bustling hub for trade. Situated in close proximity to mainland Italy, Messina possesses a distinctive character compared to the smaller villages and towns scattered across Sicily. Its significance as a major port during the Crusades earned it the title of "the city that launched a thousand ships," further adding to its storied past that spans thousands of years. Crossing the legendary Straits of Messina, you will venture to Reggio Calabria, located on the Italian mainland. This enchanting destination is celebrated for its panoramic waterfront promenade, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding seascape. Often referred to as "the rainbow of Italy," Reggio Calabria mesmerizes visitors with the ever-changing colors of its coastline. Throughout the day, you will be treated to an unforgettable display as the seas transform from vivid cobalt blue to hues of violet, turquoise, grey-blue, sparkling blue-green, and beyond. Immerse yourself in the captivating allure of Messina and Reggio Calabria, where history, trade, and nature intertwine to create an extraordinary experience. Explore the cultural heritage of these unique destinations while being enchanted by the mesmerizing coastal landscapes that will leave an indelible impression upon your senses.

Overnight in Taormina

**DAY 09: NOV 09 TAORMINA – CATANIA – CANADA (B/-/-)**

Today after breakfast, you will be transferred to Catania airport for your flight back to Canada.



**TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Items of a personal nature, tips and gratuities
- Baggage fees may apply and vary by carrier
- Optional tours
- City tax - Palermo € 4,00 & Letojanni € 1,00 - p.p. per night (to be paid directly at the hotel)
- Travel Insurance
- Items not mentioned as included

**END OF OUR SERVICES**

# MALTA EXTENSION

TOUR DAYS: 04 DAYS/ 03 NIGHTS  
TOUR STYLE: PRIVATE GROUP TOUR  
DEPARTURE: 09 NOVEMBER 2023

BASED ON MIN 8 pax

CAD **899**

/pp on twin share

SINGLE SUPP

CAD **249**





**TOUR LODGING INFO:** 03 Nights' Accommodation  
 Accommodation will be provided on either twin sharing or triple sharing basis

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Sliema	03 Nights	The Victoria Hotel

**TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- 03 nights' accommodation on a twin sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
- Daily Buffet breakfast
- Arrival and Departure airport transfers
- Wine tasting
- All transportation in deluxe Motor Coach
- All Sightseeing and entry fees as per detailed itinerary
- airfare from Sicily to Valetta
- All air taxes and fuel surcharges

**TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Items of a personal nature, tips and gratuities
- Baggage fees may apply and vary by carrier
- Optional tours
- City tax - € 0,50 p.p. per night (to be paid directly at the hotel)
- Travel Insurance
- Items not mentioned as included

**TOUR ITINERARY:**

**DAY 09: NOV 09 SICILY – MALTA (-/-/-)**  
 Early breakfast and transfer to the airport for your flight to Valletta the capital of Malta.  
 Transfer to hotel.

**OPTIONAL: EXCURSION CRUISE IN THE HARBOR – Price C\$30 per person**

During this boat trip you will discover the beauty of Valletta's two natural harbors - Marsamaxett and Grand Harbour - which have played a fundamental role in Malta's history. Seen from the sea, Valletta appears in all its grandeur, offering photographers the best opportunities for original images. After the cruise you will have time to stroll through the main shopping area of Sliema, where you can also relax in one of the many cafes. Return transfer from Sliema at 18.00.  
 Overnight in Sliema

**DAY 10: NOV 10 THREE CITIES (B/-/-)**

Breakfast at the hotel. We will proceed to the area of Porto Grande, opposite Valletta, known as the Three Cities - Vittoriosa, Cospicua and Senglea, where the Knights of St. John first settled in 1530. Passing Cospicua we will reach Vittoriosa for a walking tour through the narrow streets in the shadow of historic buildings, including the first ordinances in the various languages of the Order. At the promenade of Vittoriosa we will take a typical port boat (dghajsa) for a tour of the colorful inlets of the port. From the Senglea Garden, located at the end of the peninsula, we will enjoy a splendid 360 degree view of the Porto Grande, including the imposing Sant Angelo Fort from where Grand Master La Valette led the island's defense during the Great Siege of 1565. This afternoon you are free to relax and explore the city or take a swim in the magnificent crystal clear Maltese waters.  
 Overnight in Sliema

**DAY 11: NOV 11 MALTA (B/-/-)**

Breakfast at the hotel.  
 Today explore the "Other" Malta on a half day tour. This is a very special tour, combining Malta's most important aristocratic palace with 400-year-old cellars where Malta's premium wines can mature. Palazzo Parisio has been rightly described as "a miniature Versailles". Its intricate interiors contain fine frescoes, magnificent marble works, mirrored walls, rare paintings and extravagant workmanship. The beautiful, landscaped gardens, acclaimed as among the most beautiful in Europe, reflect the splendor of this gracious residence. After the opulence of the palace, one of Malta's leading wineries welcomes you to its cellars where you will be given a detailed explanation of the local wine production and you will be invited to taste a selection of local wines and specialties.  
 Overnight in Sliema

**DAY 12: NOV 12 MALTA – CANADA (B/-/-)**

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight home.

**END OF OUR SERVICES**