

# The most scenic roads of Sicily - luxury version

8 days / 7 nights

On this luxury tour you will ride to the most beautiful places that Sicily has to offer whilst staying in the best hotels available. From the towns steeped in history, to the beaches with their turquoise waters and to the lost villages at the foot of Mount Etna, this holiday allows you to discover all. Your nights will be spent in our chosen selection of superb hotels which you won't want to leave come the morning!

## YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - Arrive on Sicily

Arrival and welcome at Palermo airport and transfer to the motorcycle rental company. Alternatively, arrive with your own motorbike at Palermo port for your first night on Sicily.

Night in a hotel in Palermo.

#### Day 2 - From Palermo to Marsala

After breakfast, you will get kitted out with your motorbike hire (if needed) and set out on the road to Marsala. You will pass Capo Gallo, which marks the beginning of a marine nature reserve, before continuing along the coast. The road will eventually lead you away from the sea, but a detour will allow you to discover some of the most superb coastal landscapes.

The turquoise and transparent waters are intoxicating!

Marsala, your stop for the night, is one of the oldest sea salt harvesting operations in existence. Watch the sunset from the salt ponds, a moment that will be unforgettable.

Night in Marsala

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Distance: approximately 170km.

#### Day 3 - From Marsala to Agrigento

Following your day along the coast, today the route will take you inland on small scenic roads to visit some of the villages. At Agrigento, you can discover the famous valley of the temples, which is one of the most outstanding examples of greater Greece art and architecture and is the largest archaeological site in the world. The valley includes the remains of seven temples including those of Hericles, Concordia, Juno and Zeus. For the final leg of the day's journey the road runs along the coast taking you through some wonderful fishing ports. There are two possible distances for the day's ride, depending upon whether you take the coast road or head inland.

Night in Agrigento.

Distances: 205km or 163km on the coastal road.

#### Day 4 - Agrigento to Pozzallo

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This is a wonderful day's ride which begins along the coast. After reaching Gela, you'll head inland to enjoy the stunning countryside. The route returns to the coast where it's worth lingering in one of the local fishing ports.

Une superbe étape côtière qui vous emmène jusqu'à Gela avant de reprendre la route de l'intérieur. Les paysages sont magnifiques et votre parcours rejoint à nouveau le bord de mer où une pause dans l'un des petits ports locaux sera la bienvenue.

Night in the area surrounding Pozzallo.

Distance: Approximately 180km.

## Day 5 - From Pozzallo to Syracuse

Sicilian Baroque art and architecture is the theme of the day, not forgetting the pleasure of riding on some of the most superb back roads. An optional excursion is proposed to visit the southern tip of the island and Portopalo, via La Grotta Calafarina, an archaeological cave. The itinerary continues to Modica where you will see some of the most beautiful architecture in all of Sicily, plus we recommend that you try the extraordinary local chocolate, produced from an ancient Aztec recipe. Continue inland where you can visit the Necropolis of Pantalica, a collection of about 4000 rock-cut chamber tombs dating back from the 7th to the 13th century BC.

Your final destination of the day is Syracuse, a 2,700 year old city notable for its rich Greek history, culture, architecture and amphitheatre.

Night in Syracuse.

Distance: approximately 150 km or 210km with the extension towards Portopalo.

#### Day 6 - From Syracuse to Catania

After breakfast, you will reach Catania following a drive of about 60km. Feel free to enjoy this magnificent accommodation, or explore the rowdy daily fish market (La Pescheria) in Catania, or alternatively, ride another 140km to complete a circuit around the magnificent Mount Etna.

Distance: 60km (without the tour of Etna)

## Day 7 - From Catania to Cefalu

Today's itinerary is exceptional as this scenic route winds its way along the slopes of Mount Etna. Reaching the region of Nebrodi and the national park, you will be riding yet again on some exceptional roads. On the way, there are some interesting places to visit, including Castello di Maniace (a citadel and castle), before rejoining the coastal road and riding along to Cefalu.

Night in Cefalu.

Distance: Approximately 240km.

#### Day 8 - From Cefalu to Palermo

Once again you will ride into Sicily's interior to discover the winding roads within the national park of Madonie, where nature is very much in the spotlight. Finally, you will return to the coast and to your starting destination of Palermo. Once you've returned your motorbike (if hired), take your time to enjoy this interesting city before returning home.

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Distance: Approximately 170km.

## Additional information

#### **TARIFFS**

Price from 1650 euros per person.

#### **OPTIONS**

Supplement for July and August per person: 575 euros per person.

Supplement for single room: 910 euros per person.

Extra day to tour Etna by motorbike (night, breakfast, road-book, not including motorbike hire) per person : 180 euros per person.

Guided walking tour of Etna: 105 euros per person.

Hire of a BMW F750GS with saddlebags (third party insurance): 890 euros per person.

## **INCLUDED**

The nights in the hotels 4 and 5 stars hotels

**Breakfast** 

The transfers to and from Palermo airport

The trip dossier

## NOT INCLUDED

Transport to and from Sicily

Travel Insurance

Drinks and meals not mentioned in the tour dossier

Motorbike repairs

Any fines

Entry to tourist sites

Optional activities outside of the holiday

Personal spending

Motorcycle hire

Petrol

## **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

Daily distances between 150 and 210km with several optional extensions.

## ACCOMMODATION

In 4 and 5 stars hotels - Double room

#### SIZE OF GROUP

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## From 2 persons

## **DEPARTURES**

Begin on any day from the beginning of February to the end of November.

#### DEPARTURE

Palermo. Possible to start from any of Sicily's airports or ports.

## **DISPERSION**

Palermo.

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