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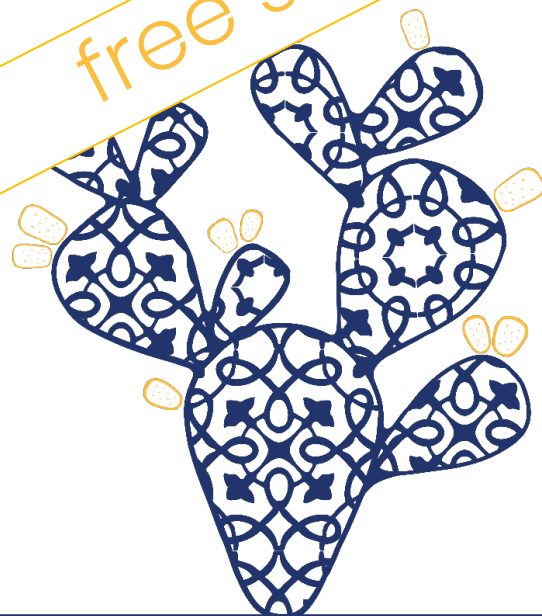
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Welcome to Sicily





“To have seen Italy without having seen Sicily is to not have seen Italy at all,
for Sicily is the clue to everything.”

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Sicily in facts & figures



4 airports



5 mln inhabitants



9 provinces



13 minor islands



3 active volcanoes



1'600 km long coastline



3'326 m highest point a.s.l.



7 UNESCO World Heritage sites



12+ historical civilizations



3 seas surround it



3 km away from the Italian mainland



4th largest wine producer region of Italy



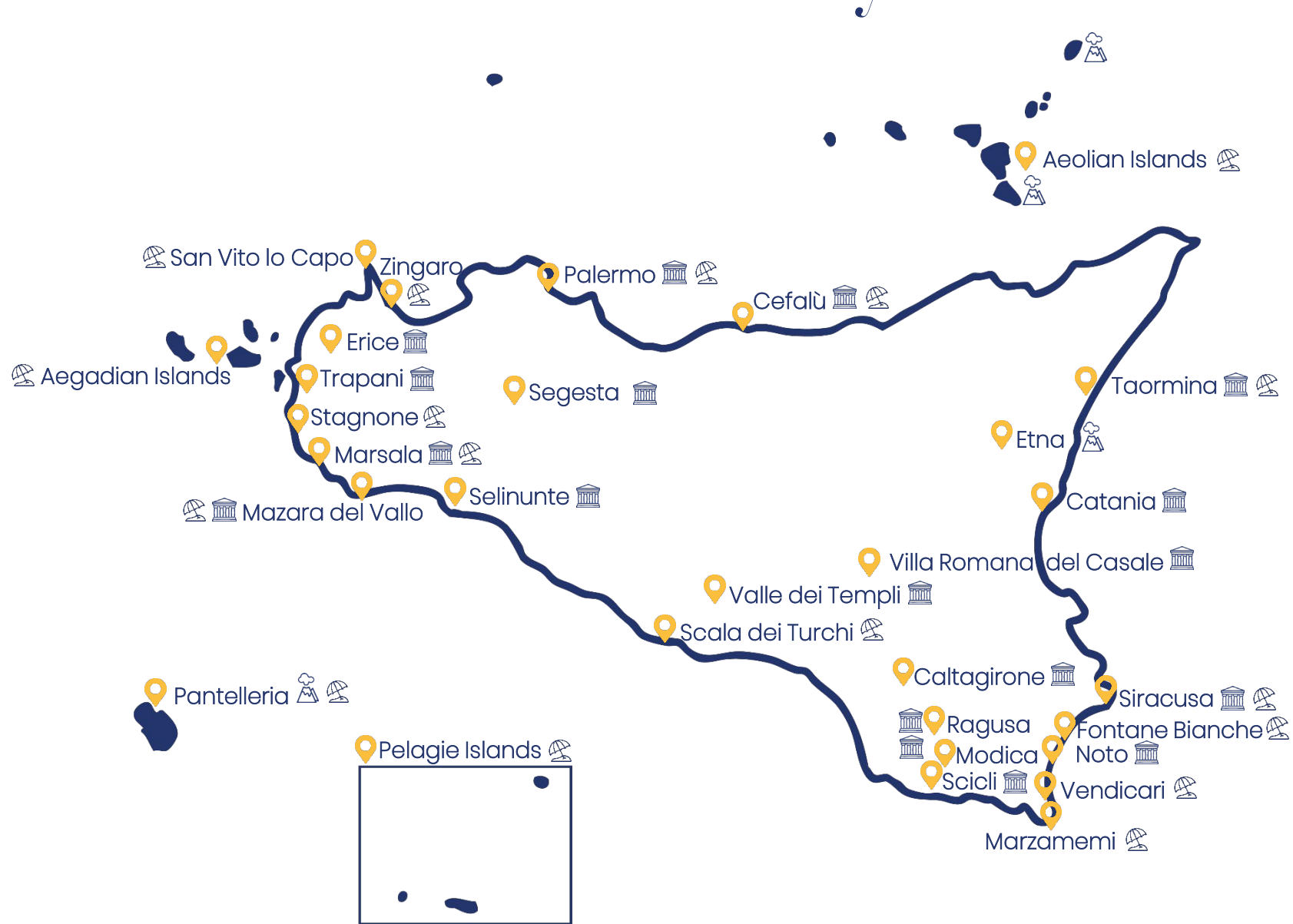
1st largest orange producer region of Italy







85% of the island is made of mountains



Must-see locations in Sicily



-  Click for inspiration
-  Historical site
-  Sea site
-  Volcano





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Proposed travel plan



Holiday overview

Week plan

Day 1 – Palermo City

Day 2 – Mondello & Capo Gallo

Day 3 – Palermo & Monreale

Day 4 – Cefalù

Day 5 – Scopello & Zingaro Reserve

Day 6 – San Vito lo Capo

Day 7 – Trapani & Erice

Day 8 – Marsala, Mozia & Salt Pans

Day 9 – Mazara del Vallo & Selinunte

Day 10 – Favignana or Levanzo Isles

Day 11 – Valley of the Temples¹

Night stay

Palermo

Palermo

Palermo

Cefalù

Trapani

Trapani

Trapani

Marsala

Marsala

Marsala

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Activities

Arrival | City center walk | Street Food & Markets | Dinner

Beach | Nature Reserve trekking (Capo Gallo) | Dinner

City center walk | UNESCO Site (Monreale) | Dinner

Beach | City center walk or short hike | Dinner

Beach & Tuna fish factory | Nature Reserve trekking | Dinner

Beach & snorkeling | Nature Reserve trekking | Dinner

City center walk | Sunset view (Erice) | Dinner

Salt Pans | Boat excursion & archaeological site | Dinner

City center walk | Greek archaeological site walk | Dinner

Beach | Boat excursion

Beach | Greek archaeological site walk

Arrival and Departure | Palermo International Airport | Means of transportation | Rental car

Notes:

1. Day 11 is provided as an additional travel idea for Archaeology lovers. Please note that it involves long drive from any of the Western Sicily departing points (at least 2-3 hours one way)



Day 1 – Palermo City (1/2) morning



Palermo. The capital of culture, life, and beauty

Palermo is a city that reached splendor in every stage of its history. Once referred to be as the most beautiful city of the Arab world, now it is listed for its UNESCO masterpieces of the Arab-Norman architecture.

The city is today a melting pot of cultures, and a truly capital of tolerance. That is easy to be noticed in its Arab Kalsa district. However, Palermo remains a deeply European, young and modern city.

What makes Palermo special is its street food, the incredible rich heritage and its gorgeous Mondello beach.

City center walk between art and street markets

1. Start the tour with the impressive Palermo Cathedral and take the Church rooftop tour
2. Continue your stroll towards the Chiesa del Gesù
3. Head to the Ballarò Street Market for an entertaining walk across food stands and try some street food
4. Discover the Arab-Norman Palermo with the Church of San Cataldo and the Martorana in Piazza Bellini
5. Take a 360° view of Piazza Pretoria, over its Renaissance Fountain, the City Hall and the Churches of Santa Caterina and San Giuseppe
6. Move to the “Quattro Canti”, the iconic crossroad of the city where Via Maqueda and Via V. Emanuele intersect
7. Reach the Teatro Massimo (Opera House) and take a guided tour of the theater
8. Experience the lively atmosphere of the Capo Street Market and taste Palermo street food once again
9. Otherwise, walk in Via dell’Orologio until to find many popular restaurant options for lunch



Day 1 – Palermo City (2/2) afternoon



The Gulf and the “Conca d’oro”, the Golden Basin

Situated between the Tyrrhenian Sea in the north and very sharp mountains in the south, the Arab named the Valley of Palermo “Conca d’oro”, meaning the Golden Basin, as the city was surrounded by flourishing orange trees.

Mount Pellegrino dominates the Gulf and separates the city coastline ranging from the harbor to the residential beach district of Mondello.

Only 70 km north of Palermo lies Ustica, a volcanic island famous for its rich seabed, a paradise for scuba diving.

The Kalsa, the seaside and the city gardens walk

1. Restart the walk in the afternoon with the Church of San Domenico and its Convent
2. Continue the walk towards the Arab historical Kalsa District and stop in Piazza Sant’Anna to visit its Church
3. In Piazza dei Vespri, admire Palazzo Gangi Valguarnera, set of the movie “The Leopard”
4. Head to the Gothic Church of San Francesco, and stop at the historical Antica Focacceria San Francesco to taste some Palermo delicacies
5. Continue towards Palazzo Chiaramonte Steri, located on one side of the Giardino Garibaldi
6. Get down to Porta Felice, the iconic gate of the city
7. Reach the Botanical Garden for a visit before you stroll along the seaside at Foro Italico. Admire the view over the Gulf of Palermo and Mount Pellegrino
8. Walk to La Cala, the Marina at the Palermo harbor
9. Finish with La Vucciria Street Market, a lively area of the city center at night, full of restaurants and street artists





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	Tailor-made tours in North West Sicily				 
	1. A taste of Palermo / The best of Palermo and Monreale	4 h / 8 h	220€ / 350€		
	2. Cefalù	4 h / 8 h	230€ / 360€		
	3. Segesta	4 h / 8 h	230€ / 360€		
	4. Trapani and Erice	4 h / 8 h	230€ / 360€		
	5. Favignana . The butterfly of the Aegadian Islands	4 h / 8 h	230€ / 360€		
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	1. Mozia and the Salt Pans at Stagnone	4 h	230€		
	2. Mozia and Marsala . On the route of the Phoenicians	8 h	360€		
	3. Selinunte Archaeological Park	4 h	230€		
	4. Selinunte and Mazara del Vallo	8 h	360€		
5. Valley of the Temples Archaeological Park	2 h	210€			
6. From Akragas to Agrigento	8 h	350€			



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1. Price per group (2-15 people). Admission and transportation fees not included.





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Where to stay



Handpicked hotels in Palermo

Grand Hotels and Resorts

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1. Rocco Forte Villa Igiea | 5* | €€€€



City Hotels

web book

1. Hotel Politeama | 4* | €€



Boutique Hotels

web book

1. Palazzo Natoli | 4* | €€



Country Hotels

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1. Villa del Gattopardo | €€€



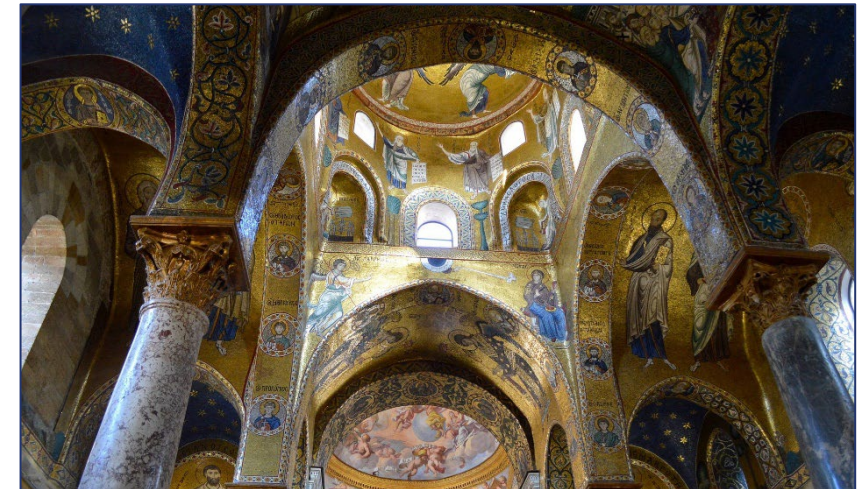
Bed & Breakfasts

web book

1. La Terrazza sul Centro | 3* | €



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Hotel Name | (Stars) | Price € to €€€

Car needed to transfer to city center 

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Where to eat



Where to eat in Palermo (1/2)

Michelin Starred Restaurants

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1. Gagini | 1* | €€€€€



2. MEC Restaurant | 1* | €€€€€



Contemporary Food

web find

1. Osteria dei Vespri | €€€



2. L'Ottava Nota | €€€



Seafood

web find

1. Bye Bye Blues | €€€



2. Alle Terrazze | €€€



3. La Piazzetta | €€€



Pizzeria

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1. Fùnnaco Pizzalab | €€




2. Parà Bottega Bistrot | €€



3. Mastunicola | €€



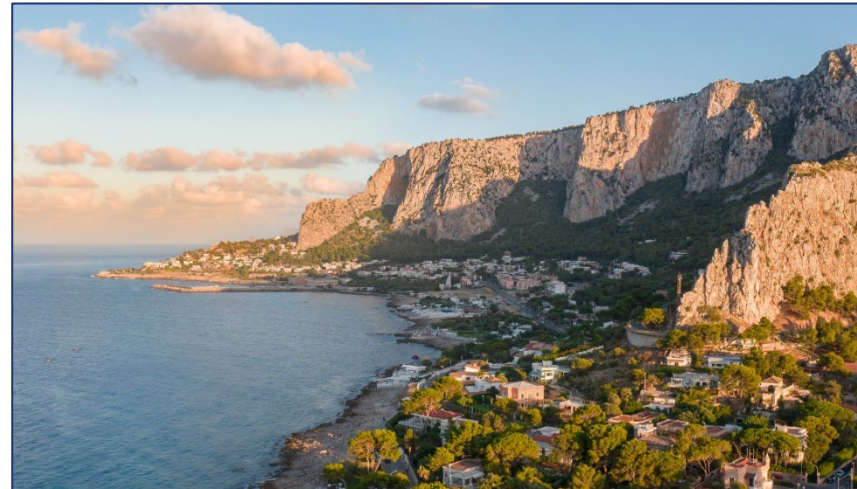
Restaurant Name | Price € to €€€€€

Car needed to reach the restaurant 

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Documentaries | English



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... 2 - Spanish occupation



... 3 - Modern Sicily



The wonder of the Mediterr. 1



The wonder of the Mediterr. 2



The best of Sicily



Sicilian delights



Pasta Grannies: Fish pasta



Etna, the perfect eruption





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Airports	web
 Catania	www
Palermo	www
Trapani	www
Comiso (Ragusa)	www

Ferries to minor islands	web
 Fast ferries	www
Car ferries	www

Emergency numbers	number
 Police department	112
Ambulance	118

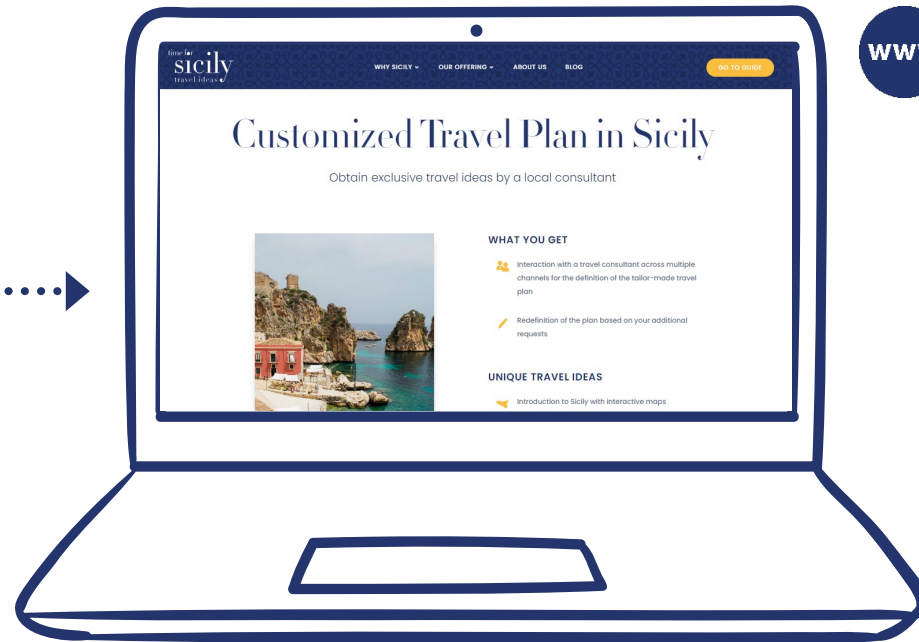


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