



23 MAY – 14 JUNE 2024

SARDINIA & SICILY

CULTURE, CUISINE AND HISTORY

Immerse yourself in the rich culture, history and cuisine of two of the most beautiful islands of the Mediterranean. Visit historic towns and villages, experience the local culture and cuisine with folk dancing in traditional costumes, wine tasting, specialty lunches and delve into the amazing history each place has to offer.

Discover Sardinia:

Visit the breathtaking Olbia, La Maddalena archipelago, Orgosolo, Castelsardo, Oristano and Cagliari. Experience the magic of the famous Nuraghe (Neolithic structures) in Barumini. Visit Alghero, known as the Catalan of Italy. Experience a traditional folk show and dinner in the capital Cagliari along with many wine tastings in unique locations.

Discover Sicily:

Visit Palermo and city surrounds including Monreale, Cefalù and Erice. Visit Piazza Armerina and Agrigento, both settlements dating back to Roman times. Visit the baroque town of Noto and Ragusa. Visit Catania including an excursion to Mt Etna. Visit Taormina and the island of Ortigia.

See over for our inclusions and terms and conditions. For bookings and enquiries, please contact Laura 0414 295 367. Don't miss this spectacular tour.

BOOKINGS AND DEPOSIT REQUIRED BY 20 SEPTEMBER 2023.

FINAL PAYMENT 20 JANUARY 2024

**23 day tour – AIRFARES
ARE NOT INCLUDED**

**Accommodation 4* hotel,
including breakfast.
Specialty lunches and/or
dinners included as per
itinerary.**

**Travel in a deluxe coach,
local tour guides. Fully
escorted from Sydney.**

Price: \$6,150
per person twin share
(\$1,400 single room
supplement)**

**Deposit of \$2,000 at
time of booking. Final
payment
20 JANUARY 2024**

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TOUR INCLUSIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Sardinia:

- Visit the seaside town of Olbia.
- Full day boat excursion with lunch onboard visiting the La Maddalena archipelago.
- Visit the Museum of Mediterranean Masks in Mamoiada.
- Enjoy traditional lunch with shepherds on a typical Sardinian farm.
- Visit the Giants' Tomb in Coddu Vecchiu followed by wine tasting at a local winery.
- Walk through the historic town of Orgosolo and its famous art murals.
- Tour a cork making factory in Calangianus.
- Visit Castelsardo and stop at the famous Elephant Rock for a photo opportunity.
- Admire the scenic Capo Caccia and visit to a Coral making factory.
- Visit Bosa with its handmade laces and Malvasia wine.
- Visit Cagliari's historic centre and port area – the capital of Sardinia.
- Visit the megalithic towers of the Nuraghe in Barumini.
- Enjoy a spectacular folk dancing show with dinner in Cagliari.

Sicily:

- Discover the beauty of Palermo, its cathedral and the Vuccaria markets.
- Discover the medieval towns of Monreale and Cefalù.
- Visit the medieval towns of Erice.
- Enjoy Marsala wine tasting and a light lunch.
- Enjoy a full day to the Egadi islands.
- Visit Agrigento's UNESCO listed Valley of the Temples.
- Visit Piazza Armerina and Villa Romana del Casale and enjoy a typical Sicilian lunch.
- See the beautiful towns of Ragusa Ibla and Noto the capital of Baroque style.
- Visit Taormina and taste their famous cannoli.
- Explore Catania with an excursion to Mt Etna including lunch at an agriturismo at the base of the volcano.
- Explore the island of Ortigia and its Greek architecture.

FLIGHTS (see below)

- **Flights are not included in the package price.**

ACCOMMODATION and DINING

- 1 night accommodation in Rome (arrival)
- 7 nights' accommodation in Sardinia
- 1 night onboard ferry from Cagliari to Palermo
- 12 nights' accommodation in Sicily
- Breakfast daily. Lunches and/or dinners are included as per the itinerary.

TRANSFERS and TRANSPORT

- Domestic flight from Rome to Olbia included.
- Touring in private deluxe coach including airport transfers in Rome and Catania.
- Overnight ferry crossing from Cagliari to Palermo (private cabin included).

TOUR ESSENTIALS

- English speaking local tour guides as per itinerary.
- Entrance fees as per itinerary.
- City taxes, driver & guide tips included.

EXCLUSIONS:

- Drinks at dinner.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Travel Insurance.
- Porterage.
- Anything not stated in the inclusions.

TOUR COST: \$6,150** per person twin share. An additional \$1,400 for a single room supplement

- No refund for any unused portions of the itinerary.
- Prices are based per person in twin share.
- Prices could be subject to change when confirmation of airline seats and hotel/land components are received.

**** Package price is based on minimum 20 paying adults. If numbers fall below this, tour cost may increase.**

TERMS & CONDITIONS

A deposit of \$2,000 per person is required at time of booking. (Please note financial institution surcharges apply if paying by credit card).

- **A photocopy of your passport** (for each passenger) needs to be provided at the time of booking.
- **Confirmed Booking** and deposit to be received by 20 September 2023.
- **Progress payments** can be made. **Final payment due 20 January 2024.**
- **Current passport** with 6 month validity from date of return is required. No responsibility is taken for refusal of entry into Italy due to non-disclosure of any conviction or breach of law. Passport validity are the full responsibility of the traveler. A tourist visa is not required for Europe for stays up to 90 days if travelling on an Australian passport.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FLIGHTS

Flights are not included in the package price. This allows flexibility to arrive early or stay behind in Italy and/or Europe after the tour.

Guests can book flights with Paramount Tours as part of a group booking (minimum 10 people). Flights are required to be paid for at the time of booking.

Group flights generally means that the group travel together from Sydney to Rome and return.

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT

There is limited availability for those wishing to have a room to themselves. Due to constraints imposed by various hotels, the single room capacity for this tour is capped at 5 rooms.

City Tax (tassa di soggiorno)

This is a tax charged to tourists and is paid directly to the hotel at check-out. **This is included in the package price.**

Entry Fees (Ingresso)

Entry into museums and places of interest attract a fee. The fee for museums and places of interest indicated in the itinerary **are included in the package price.**

Tips (Gratuities)

Tipping is an expected custom in Italy and Europe. It's always nice to thank drivers, guides and restaurant staff for their service and it's well appreciated. **Tips are included in the package price.**

Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you will need to carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the loading and unloading of luggage from the coach.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 – 23 May 2024 (Thurs) – SYDNEY - ROME

Meet at Sydney International Airport for your flight to Rome, Italy.

DAY 2 – 24 May 2024 (Fri) – ROME

Arrive in Rome and transfer to hotel. Check-in, dinner and overnight in Rome (D).

DAY 3 – 25 May 2024 (Sat) – ROME - OLBIA

Depart for Olbia (domestic flight included). Olbia city orientation tour. Hotel check-in and overnight in Olbia (B,D).

DAY 4 – 26 May 2024 (Sun) – PALAU

Depart for Palau. Boat trip to La Maddalena archipelago. Visit the Giant's Tomb in Coddu Vecchiu and wine tasting at a local winery. Dinner and overnight in Olbia (B,D).

DAY 5 – 27 May 2024 (Mon) – MAMOIADA

Visit the Museum of Mediterranean Masks, then visit Orgosolo to see the famous murals. Enjoy lunch with the shepherds on a typical Sardinian farm. Overnight in Olbia, dinner at own expense (B,L).

DAY 6 – 28 May 2024 (Tues) – CALANGIANUS

Visit a cork making factory, then visit the town of Castelsardo and stop at the famous Elephant Rock for a photo opportunity. Dinner and overnight in Alghero (B,D).

DAY 7 – 29 May 2024 (Wed) – ALGHERO

Visit Capo Caccia and a coral making factory in Alghero. Afternoon free. Dinner and overnight in Alghero (B,D).

DAY 8 – 30 May 2024 (Thurs) – BOSA

Visit Bosa famous for its hand made laces and malvasia wine. Visit Oristano. Lunch in a local restaurant in Cabras, showcasing typical Sardinian food. Overnight in Cagliari, dinner at own expense (B,L).

DAY 9 – 31 May 2024 (Fri) – CAGLIARI

Visit the city of Cagliari, the capital of Sardinia. Afternoon wine tasting in Seridana. Free time for lunch. Dinner and show at Sa Festa di Casa Atzeri (Malacalagonis). Overnight in Cagliari (B,D).

DAY 10 – 1 June 2024 (Sat) – BARUMINI/CAGLIARI

Visit the megalithic towers of the Nuraghe of Barumini. Transfer to the port for the overnight ferry crossing to Palermo, Sicily. Dinner and overnight on-board ferry. Private cabin (B,D).

DAY 11 – 2 June 2024 (Sun) – PALERMO

Arrive in Palermo early morning and breakfast at a local hotel, then visit Monreale and Palermo. Free time for lunch to sample the typical 'street food' in the historic centre of Palermo. Dinner and overnight in Palermo (B,D).

DAY 12 – 3 June 2024 (Mon) – CEFALÚ

Visit Cefalú and Castelbuono. Lunch in a typical Sicilian 'trattoria'. Overnight in Palermo, dinner at own expense (B,L).

DAY 13 – 4 June 2024 (Tues) – TRAPANI

Visit Scopello and Trapani. Enjoy a typical Trapanese lunch (included). Overnight in Trapani, dinner at own expense (B,L).

DAY 14 – 5 June 2024 (Wed) – MARSALA

Visit Marsala including wine tasting and a light lunch. Afternoon free. Overnight in Trapani, dinner at own expense (B,L).

DAY 15 – 6 June 2024 (Thurs) - ERICE

Visit the medieval town of Erice and taste the typical Erice sweets. Overnight and dinner in Trapani (B,D).

DAY 16 - 7 June 2024 (Fri) – EGADI ISLANDS

Full day in the Egadi islands including on-board light lunch. Overnight in Trapani, dinner at own expense (B,L).

DAY 17 – 8 June 2024 (Sat) – AGRIGENTO

Depart for Agrigento and stop for lunch (included). Afternoon visit to the Valley of the Temples. Overnight in Agrigento, dinner at own expense (B,L).

DAY 18 – 9 June 2024 (Sun) – PIAZZA ARMERINA

Visit Scala dei Turchi in Realmonte, then Villa del Casale in Piazza Armerina. Lunch in a local agriturismo. Overnight in Ragusa, dinner at own expense (B,L).

DAY 19 – 10 June 2024 (Mon) – NOTO

Visit Ragusa and the Castello Donnafugata. Then travel to Modica and Noto, the capital of Baroque style in Sicily. Overnight and dinner in Siracusa (B,D).

DAY 20 – 11 June 2024 (Tues) – ORTIGIA

Guided tour of the island of Ortigia and free time to explore the town. Overnight and dinner in Siracusa (B,D).

DAY 21 – 12 June 2024 (Wed) – TAORMINA

Visit Gole dell'Alcantara and Taormina. Free time for lunch and to explore the town. Overnight and dinner in Catania (B,D).

DAY 22 – 13 June 2024 (Thurs) – MT ETNA

Excursion to Mt Etna (up to 1,900mts). Lunch in an agriturismo at the foot of the volcano. Afternoon free. Overnight and farewell dinner in Catania (B,L,D).

DAY 23 – 14 June 2024 (Fri) – FAREWELL

Transfer to Catania airport for return flight to Sydney or continue your stay in Italy/Europe (B).

