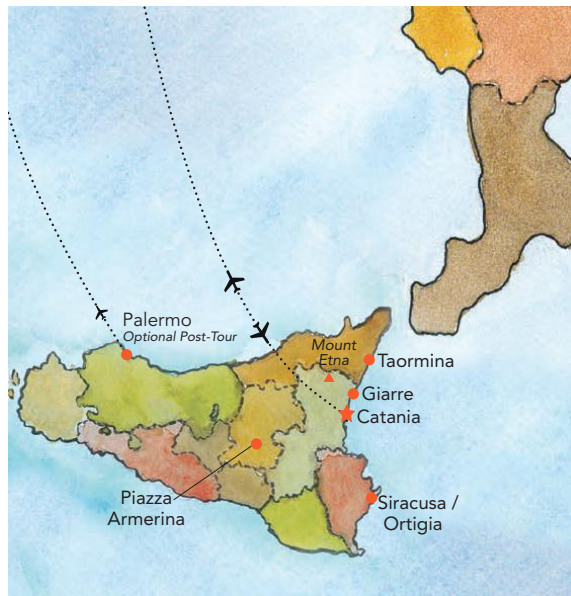


# Flavors of Sicily



Vineyards, Vistas, and the Volcano



## Your 9-Day Itinerary *(subject to change)*

**Day 1:** En route from U.S.

**Day 2:** Arrive in Catania, Sicily / Giarre (R,D)  
Welcome dinner  
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo

**Day 3:** Taormina (B,D)  
Guided city walk, ancient Greek Theatre, Corso Umberto stroll, leisure time  
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo

**Day 4:** Piazza Armerina (B,L,D)  
Guided visit to UNESCO World Heritage Site of Villa Romana del Casale, 4th-century Roman mosaics  
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo

**Day 5:** Viagrande / Catania (B,L,D)  
Outdoor market visit, cooking class, wine tasting at Benanti winery (winner of over 80 awards since 1994)  
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo

**Day 6:** Siracusa / Ortigia (B,D)  
UNESCO World Heritage Site founded by Greek Corinthians and Teneans, Roman amphitheatre, seaside stroll  
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo

**Day 7:** Mount Etna (B,L,D)  
Visit to highest active volcano in Europe and UNESCO World Heritage Site or leisure time at the hotel, lunch and wine tasting at Donnafugata winery  
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo

**Day 8:** Taormina (B,L,D)  
Cooking class, special farewell luncheon  
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo

**Day 9:** Giarre / Catania / Depart for U.S. (B)  
(R = Reception, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

**Activity Level:** Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down hillsides and stairs without assistance.



Greek Theatre, Taormina



## Interact

- With your small group (maximum 22 guests), enjoy seven nights in the luxury and elegance of your private villa, Don Arcangelo all'Olmo.
- Work side-by-side in the kitchens of distinguished chefs, learning time-tested techniques and modern twists with ingredients grown in the mineral-rich, volcanic soil of Mount Etna's fertile lowlands.

## Partake

- Visit Benanti, a family-owned boutique winery with a strong international focus, and winner of over 80 awards since 1994.
- Stop by Donnafugata for a tasting and lunch.

## Discover

- Spend time exploring the coastal towns of Taormina and Siracusa—including a stop at a local outdoor market.
- Visit Sicily's archaeological masterpieces—the ancient theatres of Taormina and Siracusa, and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Villa Romana del Casale mosaics in Piazza Armerina.
- Explore Mount Etna, a natural marvel and UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Day after day, experience the fusion of tradition and modernity, and see for yourself how Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Norman, German, French, and Spanish influences have formed this magnificent island of fertility.

## What's Included

- 7 nights accommodations
- A special welcome reception, 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine
- Full services of an Orbridge Travel Director in addition to expert local guides
- All private tours and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times





## Your Accommodations (subject to change)

Don Arcangelo all'Olmo, lovingly known as L'Olmo, is a Think Exquisite villa from the award-winning villa company, *The Thinking Traveller*, and it sits serenely between Mount Etna and the Ionian Sea. Once a farm building on a wine-producing estate, the property was painstakingly restored to create the grand villa that exists today.

Guests will experience authentic Sicilian hospitality with true personal attention, as the villa is exclusive for our small group.

**Classic Double:** Impeccably designed for comfort, these rooms are located in Casa all'Olmo—a superbly restored farm house next to the main building.

**Deluxe Double:** Spacious and bright, these classically appointed rooms are in Casale, the main building.

*All rooms include air conditioning, iPod docking station, and en suite bathroom.*

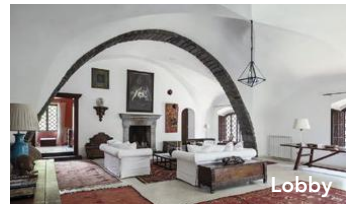
*Property Amenities: Fine dining that features locally sourced ingredients, complimentary Wi-Fi, large sitting area with open fireplace, televisions in the living area of the main house and in the Casa all'Olmo, outdoor pool and Jacuzzi, colorful gardens, and fitness room. (NOTE: this property does not have an elevator.)*



Classic



Deluxe



Lobby



## Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

Your Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure's appreciation of food and wine, a local's knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado's ability to gather the beauty of all senses to your discoveries in Sicily.



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## Optional Post-Tour Palermo



Enjoy Sicily's fascinating and bustling capital, Palermo. The city, which is over 2,700 years old, is rich in history, culture, art, music, and gourmet cuisine. Also visit the seaside village of Cefalù—home to just 14,000 residents and one of the most popular attractions near Palermo.

### Post-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

**Day 9:** Depart Taormina / Cefalù /  
Arrive in Palermo (L)  
Guided panoramic tour of Cefalù: the  
Duomo and beaches, evening at leisure  
Overnight: Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa

**Day 10:** Palermo (B,L)  
Full-day guided walking city tour, inside  
visit to the Norman Palace, local puppet  
maker workshop private visit and show,  
Ballarò market, *No Mafia Tour*  
Overnight: Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa

**Day 11:** Palermo / Depart for U.S. (B)

### What's Included

- Group transfer to Palermo
- 2 nights accommodations at Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa (or similar)
- 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches
- Guided sightseeing of Palermo and Cefalù, including entrance fees
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver, and porters
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times



Monreale Cathedral, Palermo