



**7 – 28 SEPTEMBER 2023**

## **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, Iglesias 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 and cheese 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. Visit Catania including an excursion to Mt Etna. Visit Taormina and the island of Ortigia. Visit Ragusa and Modica.

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.

***EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – BY 29 JANUARY 2023.***

***Deposit required by 20 February, 2023.***

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**22 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: \$6,850\*\*  
per person twin share  
(\$1,200 single room  
supplement)**

**Deposit of \$2,000 at  
time of booking. Final  
payment  
15 MAY 2023**

**FOR BOOKINGS  
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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 and drinks 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 Nuoro & the Museum of Sardinia Life and Popular Traditions.
- 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 Vucciarìa markets.
- Discover the medieval towns of Monreale and Cefalù.
- Visit the medieval towns of Erice and Segesta.
- 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 Scala dei Turchi, Piazza Armerina and Villa Romana del Casale and enjoy a typical Sicilian lunch.
- See the beautiful towns of Ragusa Ibla, Modica 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. Dinner and/or lunches are included as per the itinerary.

### TRANSFERS and TRANSPORT

- Touring in private deluxe coach including to/from airport. 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: \$6,850\*\* per person twin share. An additional \$1,200 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 February 2023.
- **Progress payments** can be made. **Final payment due 15 May 2023.**
- **All passengers must be fully vaccinated and be able to show proof of vaccination at time of booking.**
- **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 earlier and enjoy the Italian summer 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 – 7 Sept 2023 (Thurs) – SYDNEY - ROME

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

### DAY 2 – 8 Sept 2023 (Fri) – ROME

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

### DAY 3 – 9 Sept 2023 (Sat) – ROME - OLBIA

Depart for Olbia (domestic flight not included). Olbia city orientation tour. Hotel check-in and overnight in Olbia (B,D).

### DAY 4 – 10 Sept 2023 (Sun) – PALAU

Depart for Palau. Boat trip to La Maddalena archipelago including lunch. Visit the Giant's Tomb in Coddu Vecchiu and wine tasting at a local winery. Overnight in Olbia, dinner at own expense (B,L).

### DAY 5 – 11 Sept 2023 (Mon) – MAMOIADA

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

### DAY 6 – 12 Sept 2023 (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 – 13 Sept 2023 (Wed) – ALGHERO

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

### DAY 8 – 14 Sept 2023 (Thurs) – BOSA

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

### DAY 9 – 15 Sept 2023 (Fri) – NUORO

Visit Nuoro and the Museum of Sardinia Life and Popular Traditions. Free time for lunch. Dinner and overnight in Cagliari (B,D).

### DAY 10 – 16 Sept 2023 (Sat) – BARUMINI/CAGLIARI

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

**DAY 11 – 17 Sept 2023 (Sun) – PALERMO**

Arrive in Palermo early morning and breakfast at a local hotel, then visit Monreale and Palermo. Enjoy a typical lunch of 'street food' in the historic centre of Palermo. Overnight in Palermo, dinner at own expense (B,L).

**DAY 12 – 18 Sept 2023 (Mon) – CEFALÙ**

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

**DAY 13 – 19 Sept 2023 (Tues) – SEGESTA/TRAPANI**

Visit Segesta, Scopello and Trapani. Typical Trapanese lunch included. Overnight in Trapani, dinner at own expense (B,L).

**DAY 14 – 20 Sept 2023 (Wed) – MARSALA/ERICE**

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

**DAY 15 – 21 Sept 2023 (Thurs) – EGADI ISLANDS**

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

**DAY 16 – 22 Sept 2023 (Fri) – AGRIGENTO**

Depart for Agrigento. Afternoon visit to the Valley of the Temples. Overnight and dinner in Agrigento (B,D).

**DAY 17 – 23 Sept 2023 (Sat) – PIAZZA ARMERINA**

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

**DAY 18 – 24 Sept 2023 (Sun) – NOTO**

Visit Ragusa, Modica and Noto. Overnight and dinner in Siracusa (B,D).

**DAY 19 – 25 Sept 2023 (Mon) – ORTIGIA**

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

**DAY 20 – 26 Sept 2023 (Tues) – TAORMINA**

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

**DAY 21 – 27 Sept 2023 (Wed) – 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 22 – 28 Sept 2023 (Thurs) – FAREWELL**

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

