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Kind regards.

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The map of Sicily

THE SICILIAN PROVINCES

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An unusual route, through breath taking places where history and tradition meet in the most beautiful villages of Italy

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SICILIAN VILLAGES

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**DAY ONE**

Departure
Departure to Catania or Palermo via Rome.

**Landscape of Palermo**

**DAY TWO**

Catania, Montalbano Elicona
Arrival of the participants at the airport of Catania or Palermo. Meeting with our courier and transfer to Montalbano Elicona by Gran Turismo bus. Accommodation at the reserved rooms, welcome cocktail, dinner and overnight stay.

**Montalbano Elicona, Messina**

**DAY THREE**

Montalbano Elicona, Novara di Sicilia
Breakfast at hotel. Visit of Montalbano Elicona, an old centre built around a castle which bring the participants back to a medieval an evocative atmosphere. Lunch at Holiday Farm. Departure to Novara di Sicilia, considered one of the most beautiful villages in Italy thanks to its well-preserved old town centre. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

**Novara di Sicilia, Messina**

**DAY FOUR**

Brolo, San Marco D’Alunzio
Breakfast at hotel and departure to Brolo, town of ancient origins, rich of folk tales and charm from which it is possible to admire the view of Aeolian Islands. Lunch at restaurant. In the afternoon departure to San Marco d’Alunzio. The participants can take a walk around the town centre and enjoy some shopping time. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

**Brolo, San Marco D’Alunzio**

**DAY FIVE**

Geraci Siculo, Cefalù
Breakfast at hotel and departure to Geraci Siculo, a small old town dating back to the Middle Age. Lunch at typical restaurant. In the afternoon departure to Cefalù, an ancient small town overlooked by its majestic cathedral, one of the masterpiece of Sicilian Romanesque art. The old town is full of artistic testimonies, churches and ancient buildings. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

**Geraci Siculo, Cefalù**

**DAY SIX**

Castelmola, Taormina
Breakfast at hotel and departure to Castelmola, a small and typical village where we can enjoy a breathe taking view of Taormina and Etna. Lunch at restaurant. In the afternoon we will take a walk along Taormina, the Ionio’s jewel, where the participants can admire its Greek-Roman and Byzantine architecture. Visit of the main monuments such as the Cathedral and the Greek theatre. Transfer to a hotel of Taormina, dinner and overnight stay.

**Castelmola, Taormina**

**DAY SEVEN**

Alcantara Naturalistic Area, Castiglione di Sicilia
Breakfast at hotel and departure to Alcantara’s naturalistic area, charactenized by the presence of typical volcanic lakes named “Gurne. Lunch at restaurant. In the afternoon, the group will reach Castiglione di Sicilia to visit, among other important monuments, “La Cuba”, a Byzantine Church. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

**Alcantara Naturalistic Area, Castiglione di Sicilia**

**DAY EIGHT**

Catania, Riviera dei Ciclopi
Breakfast at hotel and departure to Catania, walk along the town centre to visit “Piazza Duomo”, Via Etnea, Anfiteatro Romano and Villa Bellini. After the lunch at a typical restaurant, we will reach the “Riviera dei Ciclopi”, one of the most popular sicilian seaside destination. Visit of Acicastello and Agatrezza. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

**Ruins of the Castel of S. Marco d’Alunzio**

**DAY NINE**

Breakfast at hotel, transfer to Catania or Palermo Airport.

**Catania, Riviera dei Ciclopi**
# NATURE AND CULTURE TOUR

**SICILIA**

**DAY ONE**
- Departure from Catania or Palermo via Rome.

**DAY TWO**
- Catania
  - Arrival of the participants at the airport of Catania or Palermo.
  - Meeting with our courier and transfer of the group to hotel by Gran Turismo bus.
  - Accommodation at the reserved rooms, welcome cocktail, dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY THREE**
- Mount Etna, Riviera dei Ciclopi
  - Breakfast at hotel and departure to Nicolosi.
  - The group will reach the “Rifugio Sapienza”, a guard house at the base of Mount Etna, the starting point for a guided trip to the “Crateri Sivestri”.
  - We could take the cable car to reach the main craters. Lunch at a typical restaurant.
  - In the first afternoon, we will reach Zafferana Etnea. In a farm we will have a tasting of locally-grown products such as honey, wine, oil and pistachio.
  - Then, departure to the Riviera dei Ciclopi and visit of the towns of Acì Castello and Aci Trezza.
  - Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY FOUR**
- Bronte, Taormina
  - Breakfast at hotel and departure to Bronte, inland town in the area of the Volcano Etna. Bronte is well known all over the world for the production of “pistachio” (pistacchio).
  - Visit of the feudal buildings of Duca Nelson, in the naturalistic area between Etna and the Nebrodi Mountains, that is crossed by the river Simeto.
  - Lunch at Farm Holidays.
  - In the afternoon, the participants will reach Taormina. Visit of the main monuments such as the Cathedral and the Greek – Roman Theatre. Walk along the main street of Taormina, “il Corso”, full of fashionable boutiques.
  - Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY FIVE**
- Alcantara’s Naturalistic Area, Castiglione di Sicilia
  - Breakfast at hotel and departure to Alcantara’s naturalistic area, characterized by the presence of typical volcanic lakes named “Gurne”.
  - Lunch at restaurant.
  - In the afternoon, the group will reach Castiglione di Sicilia to visit, among other monuments, “La Cuba”, a Byzantine church.
  - Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY SIX**
- The oasis of Vendicari and Siracusa
  - Breakfast at hotel, and departure to the naturalistic area of Vendicari.
  - Visit of the quagmires, perfect environment for different types of birds, visit of the tuna fish farming establishments and of the great Swabian tower that overlooks the Ionian sea.
  - The participants can have a dive in the beautiful beach of Calampiso, into a natural reserve that was named the “most beautiful beach in Italy” in 2005. Packed lunch provided by the hotel.
  - Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY SEVEN**
- Breakfast at hotel and departure to Ragusa. The town is divided in two parts: the older Ragusa Ibla, rich in Baroque buildings and the more modern Upper Ragusa. The trip will start from Upper Ragusa. We will visit the Hyblean Archaeological Museum, the Cathedral dedicated to St John the Baptist and the Church of Santa Maria of Stairs which stands at the top of a flight of 240 steps connecting the two part of the town.
  - Visit of Ragusa Ibla with its dozens of splendid churches such as the Duomo of San Giorgio and the most important baroque buildings. Lunch at restaurant.
  - In the afternoon, departure towards Modica, world heritage site and ancient Baroque town with more than one hundred churches. Visit of the Cathedral of San Giorgio, the castle of the Counts and of the Carmine Church.
  - Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY EIGHT**
- Breakfast at hotel. Walk along the “Salotto di Catania”, through the main streets of the city such as The Cathedral, Via Etnea, Giardino Bellini.
  - Tasting of typical Sicilian products at some of the most famous pastry shops and restaurants of the city.
  - Possibility for the participants to assist to the show of “pupp siciliani” (Sicilian puppets).
  - Free time for shopping.
  - Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY NINE**
- Breakfast at hotel, transfer to Catania or Palermo Airport.
# SICILY TOUR AND WONDERFUL SEA

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## DAY ONE

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Departure to Catania or Palermo via Rome.

**Stay: Sant’Alessio Siculo**

Tourist site overlooking the sea, in ancient times it was called Aragonian Akron “Silver cape”. On the right the village is delimited by a promontory. Above it, the majestic castle built by the Byzantine emperor Alexios I Comnenos in his war against the Normans and the Arabs during the XII century.

## DAY TWO

**Catania, Sant’Alessio Siculo**

Arrival of the participants at the airport of Catania or Palermo. Meeting with our courier and transfer to Sant’Alessio Siculo by GT bus. Accommodation at the reserved hotel rooms, welcome cocktail, dinner and overnight stay.

## DAY THREE

**Taormina, Forza d’Agrò**

After breakfast departure toward Taormina, the pearl of the Ionian sea. Meeting with the tourist guide that will show to the participants its Greek-Roman, Byzantine and Saracen architecture. Visit of the main monuments such as the Cathedral, the Greek theatre. Lunch at traditional Sicilian restaurant in the near town Forza d’Agrò that offers a breathtaking landscape. Walk along the streets of this medieval village, visit of S. Agostino Monastery and SS. Trinità church that hosts a majestic Gothic-Catalan portal.

Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

## DAY FOUR

**Tindari, Patti**

Breakfast at hotel and departure towards the Sanctuary dedicated to the Black Virgin of Tindari, one of the most famous Marian sanctuaries in Europe. Inside, the wooden statue of the Black Virgin dates back to 750 A.C. or to the period of the Crusades. Participants can also visit the Greek roman theatre dating back to the III century B.C. Lunch at a Holiday Farm in Patti, one of the main centres in the Tyrrenian area. Walk along the old town, degustation of typical Sicilian products such as “gelato”.

Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

## DAY FIVE

**Syracusa**

Breakfast at hotel and visit of the city of Siracusa, one of the most important cities of the Magna Grecia. Visit of the archaeological Park of Neapolis that hosts the majority of classic monuments of the Greek Siracusa such as the Ara of Jerone II and the Greek theatre, one of the biggest in the world and Dionisio’s ear, an artificial cave carved in the limestone. Lunch at traditional restaurant in the island of Ortigia where participants can admire other significant traces of the Greek civilization in Sicily such as the Apollo Temple and the Fonte Arteusa, places where reality and legend meet. Participants can also visit the Baroque Cathedral.

Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

## DAY SIX

**S. Alessio beach**

Breakfast at the hotel. Whole day is dedicated to seaside activities. Beach umbrella and chair provided by the hotel, below the slopes of Sant’Alessio Castle, surrounded by a great natural landscape. Full board at the hotel, overnight stay.

## DAY SEVEN

**S. Alessio beach**

Breakfast at the hotel. Whole day is dedicated to seaside activities. Full board at the hotel, overnight stay.

## DAY EIGHT

**S. Alessio, Catania**

Breakfast at the hotel. Whole day is dedicated to seaside activities. Full board at the hotel, overnight stay.

## DAY NINE

Breakfast at hotel, transfer to Catania or Palermo Airport.
This travel itinerary is in honor of Frederick II of Swabia, one of the most powerful Holy Roman Emperors of the Middle Ages, called by a contemporary chronicler stupor mundi (the wonder of the world). Participants through this journey can also discover the natural beauties of Aeolian

**“FREDERICK II OF SWABIA” TOUR**

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<td><strong>Catania, Piazza Armerina</strong>&lt;br&gt;Arrival of the participants at the airport of Catania or Palermo. Meeting with our courier and transfer by Gran Turismo bus to Piazza Armerina. Welcome cocktail, accommodation at hotel, dinner and overnight stay.</td>
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<td><strong>Piazza Armerina, Sant’Alessio Siculo</strong>&lt;br&gt;After breakfast at hotel, the participants will visit “Villa Romana of Casale”, Piazza Armerina. Its 40 rooms are carpeted of some of the greatest and most magnificent mosaics in western Europe. After lunch at Holiday Farm, transfer to Sant’Alessio Siculo and accommodation in the reserved rooms. In the afternoon, a walk in the small town. Dinner at hotel and overnight stay.</td>
<td><strong>Giardini Naxos, Letojanni</strong>&lt;br&gt;Breakfast at hotel and departure toward the Archaeological museum of Giardini Naxos, one of the first Greek settlements in Sicily. Lunch at traditional restaurant. In the afternoon, the participants can enjoy a relaxing walk along the promenade of Letojanni. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.</td>
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TOUR OF EASTERN SICILY WITH A DETOUR TO WEST

9 DAYS

DAY ONE

Mineo, Caltagirone

Breakfast at hotel. Departure to Mineo and visit of its astonishing archaeological area. There are some remains of cities dating back to the Greek era: Mineo, Piano Casazza, Monte Catalino, Rocchicella Paliche. Lunch at restaurant.

In the afternoon, visit of the town of Caltagirone, baroque town widely known for its ancient production of pottery creations. The participants will admire the Municipal Square, the gallery "Luigi Sturzo", the staircases of Santa Maria del Monte, made of 142 stairs adorned with pottery tiles, the Villa Comunale, one of the most important public garden in Italy, the Theatre dating back to 700 and the regional pottery museum.

Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY TWO

Catania or Palermo

Arrival of the participants at the airport of Catania or Palermo.

Meeting with our courier and transfer to hotel.

Accommodation at the reserved rooms, welcome cocktail, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY THREE

Catania and its ruins

Breakfast at hotel and guided tour of Catania. Walk along the town centre to visit “Piazza Duomo”, “La Pescheria” (“the fish market”) the Benedictine Monastery Via Etna, Villa Bellini, Piazza Stesicoro and its Roman Amphitheatre. Possibility to take a visit of Palazzo Biscari, Lunch and tasting of typical local food (arancini, cannoli siciliani, etc.). In the afternoon we will visit the Castello Ursino and the Bottega del Puparo, where the participants can admire the construction of "pupi siciliani", typical Sicilian puppets used for plays with a great historical and cultural value. Free time.

Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY FOUR

Mount Etna-Taormina

Breakfast at the hotel; departure to Catania to visit the Volcano Etna. Hiking along the craters where the participants can enjoy the splendid view of Catania and of the “Paisi Etni” (small towns at the bottom of the Volcano) from the Volcano. Visit of the “Grotta Cassone”, a cave originated from great lava flows. Lunch at a typical restaurant.

In the afternoon, the participants will reach Taormina. Visit of the main monuments: the Cathedral, the Greek–roman theatre. Walk along the main street of Taormina, “il Corso”, full of fashionable boutiques.

Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY FIVE

Siracusa, Noto

Breakfast at hotel, departure to Siracusa, one of the most important cities of the Magna Grecia. Visit of the archaeological Park of Neapolis that hosts the majority of classic monuments of the Greek Syracusa such as the Ara of Ierone II and the Greek theatre, one of the biggest in the world, and Dionisio’s ear, an artificial cave carved in the limestone.

Then we will reach Ortigia island to admire the significant traces of the Greek civilization in Sicily such as the Apollo Temple and the Fonte Arteusia. Lunch at restaurant.

In the afternoon departure to Noto. Guided visit of the masterpiece of Sicilian Baroque, dubbed “Stone Garden” for its architectural beauties.

Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY SIX

Aidone, Piazza Amerina

Breakfast at hotel, departure to Aidone (Enna) to visit its Archaeological Museum. Here the participants can admire "The Morgantina Goddess" and some other attractions such as "The Acròli of Demetra, Kore" and "The Silver of Eupolomeo". After a Sicilian traditional lunch, departure to the “Sicilia Fashion Village”, an exclusive shopping location where you can find your favorite brands at truly irresistible prices. Departure to Piazza Amerina where it could be possible to visit “Villa Romana di Casale”. Its 40 rooms are carpeted of some of the greatest and most magnificent mosaics in western Europe. Accomodation in a hotel of Piazza Amerina, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY SEVEN

Agrigento

After the breakfast, departure to Agrigento to the "Valle dei Templi", one of the most important archaeological sites of Mediterranean area. Here, the participants can admire the ruins of "Agrigento", a powerful Sicilian Greek colony.

After the lunch break, we will go to Realmonte for a wonderful walk on the Scala dei Turchi, a rocky cliff, jewel of Sicilian coast.

Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY EIGHT

Valle dei Templi, Agrigento

Breakfast at hotel, transfer to Catania or Palermo Airport.
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**CRUISE OF THE SEVEN AEOLIAN ISLANDS**

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<td>Departure to Catania or Palermo via Rome.</td>
<td>Boarding in Lipari (Molo di Marina Lunga) around 17:00, a welcome cocktail on board and participants can take the evening off in the small town of Lipari that is considered the heart of the archipelago. Lipari is the biggest of the Aeolian Islands, famous for the “pumice stones” and its Aeolian Archaeological Museum. Tourists can enjoy wandering through its narrow streets to discover the historic centre with typical shops and local products. Dinner and overnight on board.</td>
<td>Breakfast on board, participants can explore the wild west coast of Lipari, where they can admire the “stacks” and “pumice quarries” and have a relaxing swim at the famous little white beach. Lunch on board and departure for Salina, the greenest island with its gardens of capers and its vineyards. After a brief journey participants can swim surrounded by the breathtaking scenery of the “Bay of Pollara”. Tourists then reach on to the picturesque harbour of “Rinella” where they can rent a scooter or car to visit the island. Dinner and overnight on board.</td>
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<td>Breakfast on board and tourists set off for the island of Alicudi, called the “lonely” one. Stop for a swim, before and after lunch, in the most characteristic scenery of this wild and unspoiled island. In the afternoon, participants are free to visit the picturesque island. Dinner and overnight on board.</td>
<td>Breakfast on board and participants set off for the island of Filiucidi, the quietest and most attractive of the Aeolian Islands, for its wonderful caves “Grotta del Bue Marino” and “La Canna” (very high rocks) that mark the island. Lunch on board and stop for a swim. In the late afternoon, after visiting the island, the cruise leaves for Santa Marina Salina. Dinner in a typical restaurant and return to Salina on board.</td>
<td>Breakfast on board and then the cruise reaches Panarea, the most elegant and sophisticated of the Aeolian Islands, in search of its wonderful boutiques and its prehistoric sites such as the “Calabruco Bay” and the beach of Liscia Bianca. Not to miss the cocktails and the sunset at “Raya” an exclusive hotel and lounge bar where you can admire a breathtaking panorama. Tourists may even find themselves alongside celebrities such as Naomi Campbell, Dolce and Gabbana and others. Dinner and overnight on board.</td>
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<td>Breakfast on board and the cruise then sets off for the island of Stromboli, called the “gentle giant” for its Volcano which spreads its lava and its fire along the edges of the island offering tourists a thrilling spectacle to be enjoyed on a clear night from the boat, rocked gently by the waves. Stop for a swim and lunch. In the afternoon a visit to “Ginostra” and a tour of “Strombolicchio”. After dinner the cruise will depart to Panarea, where tourists will spend the night.</td>
<td>Breakfast on board and departure for Vulcano. Stop for a swim and lunch between its picturesque bays and visit of the “Grotta del Cavallo”. Mooring at the port of Vulcano, which will give tourists the opportunity to visit the “Thermal mud pools” and the characteristic black sandbeach. Dinner in a typical restaurant on the island then back on board for the last night of a wonderful adventure in the Aeolian Islands.</td>
<td>Breakfast at hotel, transfer to Catania or Palermo Airport.</td>
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*Pool of Venus, Isle of Vulcano, Messina*
CALABRIA

Region of Italy
Capital: Catanzaro
Area: Total 15,080.55 Kmq
Population (as 2013): 1,980,533

The map of Calabria

THE CALABRIAN PROVINCES

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# WALKING ON THE "COSTA DEGLI DEI"

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## DAY ONE
- **Serra San Bruno, Pizzo**
  - Breakfast. Excursion to Serra San Bruno and visit at the wonderful chartreuse, founded by San Bruno. Inside, the Chartreuse Museum, illustrates the monks’ life, the monastery history and exhibits very interesting examples of ancient work tools. Dinner in an agriturismo restaurant. Walk in the old town and in Santa Maria del Bosco, example of fusion between art and nature. The small church lies in a forest of pine and beech trees. Tasting of mushrooms and local products. Transfer to Pizzo.

## DAY TWO
- **Lamezia Terme**
  - Departure to Lamezia Terme Airport via Rome.

## DAY THREE
- **Roccella di Borgia**
  - Breakfast. Excursion to Roccella di Borgia, Squillace, Catanzaro. Lunch at Squillace for to the visit to the craft workshops for the manufacture of ceramics. Lunch in an agriturismo restaurant. In the afternoon transfer to Catanzaro for the visit to the Marca Museum, museum of modern art. Dinner in a local restaurant to taste the “morzello”. Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

## DAY FOUR
- **Vibo Valentia, Tropea, Capo Vaticano**
  - Breakfast. Excursion to Vibo Valentia. Visit of the old town, the S. Leoluca cathedral, the Archaeological Museum, located in the Norman-Svevian castle and all the archaeological sites. Drinks in an historical residence with visit to the palace and its gardens. Lunch at the hotel.

## DAY FIVE
- **Serra San Bruno, Pizzo**
  - Breakfast. Excursion to Serra San Bruno and visit at the wonderful chartreuse, founded by San Bruno. Inside, the Chartreuse Museum, illustrates the monks’ life, the monastery history and exhibits very interesting examples of ancient work tools. Dinner in an agriturismo restaurant. Walk in the old town and in Santa Maria del Bosco, example of fusion between art and nature. The small church lies in a forest of pine and beech trees. Tasting of mushrooms and local products. Transfer to Pizzo.

## DAY SIX
- **Farmer day**
  - Breakfast. Transfer to Presinaci where you spend a farmer day, tasting local products and visiting the farmers making ricotta cheese, participating in tarantella dance classes with figarundi and dinner in a local restaurant. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

## DAY SEVEN
- **Archaeological site of Tureana, Villa Zerbi, Reggio Calabria**
  - Breakfast. Excursion to Palma and visit to the Archaeological site of Tureana, home of the ruins of the Brettian town of Tauriana. Transfer to Villa Zerbi, historical residence built at the end of 18th century and owned by the Marchesi Zerbi family. An oil of Radicena tasting and a lunch with typical dishes of the noble Calabrian cuisine in the beautiful halls of the residence or in the gardens will be served. In the afternoon transfer to Reggio Calabria, visit of the Dome and of the Archaeological National Museum, were there are the famous BRONZI DI RIACE. Walking along the seafront, named by the famous poet D’Annunzio “the most beautiful Italian kilometer”. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

## DAY EIGHT
- **Free day to spend at the beach or shopping in Tropea**
  - Lunch, dinner and overnight stay in hotel. Farewell dinner with folkloristic show and delivery of a gift to the ladies.

## DAY NINE
- **Breakfast at hotel, transfer to Lamezia Terme Airport**
  - The bronzes of Riace
# TO THE MEDIEVAL CALABRIA

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<td>Arrival at Lamezia Terme airport, meeting with the bus, the guide and the archeologist and transfer at the hotel (Sibari area) for welcome drink, dinner and overnight stay.</td>
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<td>Departure to Lamezia Terme Airport via Rome.</td>
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<td>Breakfast, Excursion to Sibari, Magna Grecia town. Visit of the Sibaritide Museum and of the archeological sites of the ancient Sibari and of the panellenic Thurii. Transfer to Rossano, center of the Byzantine civilization in Calabria, visit of San Marco Church and of the Cathedral with the Diocesan Museum, where is exhibited the “CODEX PURPUREUS” (“pergamena purpurea” book which represents the Matteo and Marco Gospell. Little break with tasting (coffee or little ice cream) to the liquories’ museum. Lunch in hotel. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.</td>
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<td>Breakfast, Excursion to Papasidero and visit to the Romito cave, in which is carved the bos primigenius, lived since 20.000 years ago and to the Sanctuary of the Holy Virgin of Costantinopoli, between mountains and rocky walls. Lunch in agriturismo restaurant. In the afternoon transfer to Cerchiara di Calabria to visit the Sanctuary of the Holy Virgin of the Arm. This Sanctuary is a complex of buildings on a wall of the mountain, on the left side of this mountain is located the church caved in rocky mountain. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.</td>
<td>Breakfast, Visit of the Cosenza historical center with its beautiful Cathedral Romanic origin, the Brettì and Pietri Museum, illustrating the protohistory and history of Cosenza county and the important historical buildings between them the Rendano theatre. Lunch in hotel. Transfer to the hotel (Cosenza area) for dinner and overnight stay.</td>
<td>Free day for shopping. Lunch dinner and overnight stay in hotel.</td>
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<td>Breakfast. Excursion to Altomonte and visit of the gothic church of S. Maria della Consolazione and of the nearby Dominican Monastery of XV century, where in XVI century lived the famous philosopher writer of Citta del sole, Tommaso Campanella. Lunch in the famous restaurant Barbieri. In the afternoon transfer to old Rende, characteristic medieval village, where is the Norman origin Castle, plenty of churches and the Civic Museum. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.</td>
<td>After breakfast, transfer to Sila, walk thorough forest park and provola sliana tasting. Lunch in agriturismo restaurant. Transfer to San Giovanni in Fiore and visit to the florence abbey, architeconical jewel built by Gioacchino da Fiore, of the Caruso Carpet school and of the Spadafora jewel workshop. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight stay. Farewell dinner with folkloristic show and delivery of a gift to the ladies.</td>
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# ARCHEOLOGICAL TOUR: VISITING “JASMIN COAST”

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<td>Cirò Marina, Santa Severina</td>
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<td>Breakfast. Excursion to Cirò Marina and visit to the archaeological site, including the Apollo Aleo temple, discovered by the famous archeologist Paolo Orsi. Visit and wine tasting to one of the famous Cirò vineyards. Lunch at the hotel. In the afternoon transfer to Santa Severina, ancient medieval village and visit of the old Cathedral, the Baptistry and Santa Philomena Church, typical example of byzantine architecture and the castle. Tasting of the famous Santa Severina oranges, renown local oranges. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.</td>
<td>Breakfast. Excursion to Monasterace and visit of the ruins of Kaulon, a very important town of Magna Graecia and of the medieval village in the upper part of the town. Wine tasting of Greco di Bianco. Lunch in a local restaurant. Transfer to Siderno for dinner and overnight stay in hotel.</td>
<td>Breakfast. Transfer to the “Vecchio Uliveto” in Capo Colonna to spend a “farmer day” with tasting of local products and wines; the day includes vegetables and fruit picking and lunch under olive grove. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.</td>
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<td>Breakfast. Excursion to Bova, small town of the area greca, visit to the archeological site of Archeodera and the ruins of one of the most ancient Italian Synagogues dating back to the sixth century A.C. Transfer to Cagnanone for the visit of the archeological area of the Roman villa decorated with wonderful polychrome mosaics. Transfer to Ciminà for “Caciocavallo” cheese tasting. Slow-food foundation and, for dinner, in the afternoon transfer to Gioiosa Ionica and visit to the archeological area where are the ruins of Naniglio’s villa decorated with astonishing mosaics and surrounded by olive trees. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.</td>
<td>Breakfast and transfer to Locri, ancient town of Magna Graecia and visit to the archeological sites: Marasa, Centocamere and Greco-Roman theatre. Transfer to Gerace and lunch in local restaurant. Visits to the old town, to the Cathedral, to the Church of San Francesco d’Assisi and to the ruins of the Castle. Tasting of the local liquor Bergamotto. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.</td>
<td>Breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Lamezia Terme Airport.</td>
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BRONZI DI RIACE

DAY ONE

Departure
Departure to Lamezia Terme Airoport via Rome.

DAY TWO

Arrival at Lamezia Terme
Meeting with the bus and the guide and transfer in Hotel. Accommodation. Welcome Cocktail.

DAY THREE

Morano, Castrovillari, Altomonte
Breakfast and departure to Morano Calabro. Stop to visit the ancient village and continue to Castrovillari, the main town of the Pollino, with interesting Aragonese Castle and beautiful ancient buildings. Lunch at local restaurant and in the afternoon visit the medieval center of Altomonte with liquor tasting. Return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

DAY FOUR

Camigliatello, Cosenza, Paola
Breakfast. Excursion to Camigliatello, the most important center of the Sila and time available for shopping. Lunch in the restaurant and in the afternoon departure to Cosenza and visit the Old Town, the Castle and the Cathedral. Continue to Paola for the visit of the Sanctuary of San Francesco. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY FIVE

Pizzo Calabro, Tropea, Riviera Geisomini
Breakfast and departure for Pizzo Calabro. Visit of the Aragonese Castle and the Church of Spirito Santo. Possibility to taste the famous “pastizzi”, homemade ice cream. Lunch at local restaurant. In the afternoon excursion to Tropea, one of the most suggestive locations of Calabria. Visit the Cathedral, the historic center and stop on “Fishing” beautiful balcony on the Tyrrhenian Sea. Visit to a company of the famous “red onion” and tasting of typical products. Transfer to Jasmine Riviera. Accommodation in the hotel, welcome cocktail, dinner and overnight.

DAY SIX

Locri, Gerace
Breakfast. Excursion to Locri Epizephyrii, visit the archaeological site and museum. Continue to Gerace, the medieval citadel, with a visit of the Cathedral and the Church of San Francesco and a craft shop. Return to the hotel for the lunch. In the afternoon meeting with the “housewives Calabrian” for the cooking lesson when will be prepared traditional dishes from Calabria, from appetizers to desserts. Each of the participants will receive recipes with complete description of the dishes and ingredients. After that dinner. Return in the hotel and overnight.

DAY SEVEN

Reggio Calabria, Scilla
Breakfast. Excursion of the two seas. Visit the National Museum of Reggio Calabria, which houses the famous Bronze Statues and walk on the picturesque promenade called “the most beautiful kilometer in Italy”. Lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon visit of Scilla with the old fishing district of Chianalea and the houses over the sea. Return through the Aspromonte. Dinner. After dinner folkloristic show with typical costumes. Dances and overnight.

DAY EIGHT

Taureana Di Palmi, Sant’Elia
Breakfast. Transfer to Taureana of Palmi for the visit of the Archaeological Park of the Ancient Taurian, made usable recently after 17 years of excavations. Lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon transfer to Monte Sant’Elia, a beautiful balcony over the Tyrrhenian Sea. Return to the hotel. Special evening: farewell dinner, delivery of a gift to the Ladies. Dances and overnight.

DAY NINE

Breakfast at hotel, transfer to Lamezia Terme Airport.

Archeological museum of Locri
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**DAY ONE**

**Archeological Park of Scolacium**

**Jasmine Riviera**

Arrival on the **Jasmine Riviera** in the afternoon. Hotel accommodation. Welcome cocktail, dinner and overnight.

**Day Two**

**Penedattili**

**Locri, Gerace, Gioleta Jonica**

Breakfast. Excursion to **Locri Epizephyrii**, visit the archaeological excavations and the Museum. Continue to **Gerace**, the beautiful medieval center. Visit the Cathedral, the Church of St. Francis and a craft shop. Return to the hotel for lunch. In the afternoon transfer to **Gioleta Jonica** to visit the Roman Villa of Naniglio, built at the end of the 1st century B.C. Return to the hotel. Dinner, dancing and overnight.

**Day Three**

**Cathedral of Gerace**

**BYZANTINE - NORMAN ITINERARY**

**DAY FOUR**

**Reggio Calabria, Pentedattilo**

Breakfast. Visit the National Museum of **Reggio Calabria**, which houses the famous Bronze Statues and walk on the picturesque waterfront, described as "the most beautiful kilometer in Italy". Lunch at local restaurant. In the afternoon, visit to **Pentedattilo**, the ghost town with narrow streets. Return to the hotel. Dinner. After dinner, folkloristic show with costumes. Dances and overnight.

**Day Five**

**Casignana, Bova**

Breakfast. Departure for **Casignana**. Visit the famous Villa Romana discovered in 1963 with a large private bath complex, accessible by an arcade, nicely decorated with mosaics stop for a short visit to taste Greek wine called "Nectar of the Gods". Continuation to **Bova** and lunch in a farm. In the afternoon visit the Archaeological Park ArcheoDen. The synagogue, dating from the fourth century AD. C., is the oldest in the West, after that of Ostia Antica, and its discovery has opened new historical scenarios on the presence of Jews in southern Calabria. The mosaic of the most important Jewish symbols: the menorah (candelabrum 7 arms); the shofar (the ram's horn) as well as cedar and palm leaf, is currently housed in the Antiquarium. Return to hotel and dinner. Overnight.

**Day Six**

**Serra San Bruno, Stilo, Crotone**

Breakfast. Visit to a plantation bergamot with tasting tasty liqueur. Departure to **Serra San Bruno** to visit the outside of the Charterhouse, the Museum and the picturesque park. Lunch at the farm. Afternoon drive to **Stilo** and visit the famous Catholic, jewel of Byzantine art. Departure for the area of **Crotone** and arriving in the evening. Accommodation in the hotel. Welcome cocktail. Dinner and overnight.

**Day Seven**

**Capocolonna, Le Castella, Santa Severina**

Breakfast. Transfer to **Capo Colonna** for the visit of the only remaining column of the temple of Hera Lacina. Continue to Isola **Capo Rizzuto** with the suggestive Aragonese Castle in Le Castella. Return to the hotel for lunch. In the afternoon visit of **Santa Severina**, one of the best preserved ancient villages of Calabria and visit of the Old Town. In the evening return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day Eight**

**Rossano, Sibari, Cosenza**

Breakfast. Excursion to **Rossano**, the most important center of the Byzantine civilization in Calabria, where, in the Diocesan Museum, you can see the "Codex purpureus". Continue to **Sybaris**, visit the archaeological excavations and lunch at local restaurant. In the afternoon, departure to **Cosenza** and visit of the old town, the Castle and the Cathedral. Accommodation at the hotel in the evening. Welcome cocktail. Dinner and overnight.

**Day Nine**

**Certosa St. Stephen of Serra S. Bruno**

Breakfast at hotel, transfer to **Lamezia Terme Airport**.
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## HISTORY, WINE & FOOD

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<td>DAY TWO</td>
<td>Calabrian salami</td>
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<td>Truffle of Pizzo Calabro</td>
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<td>Breakfast. Departure to Tropea, one of the most picturesque locations in Calabria. Visit to a company of the famous &quot;red onion&quot; and tasting of typical products. Visit the Cathedral, the historic center and stop on &quot;Facing&quot; beautiful balcony on the Tyrrhenian Sea. Lunch at local restaurant. In the afternoon visit of Pizzo Calabro. Tasting of the famous &quot;Tartufi&quot; ice cream. Visit the Aragonese Castle and the Church of Piedigrotta dug in the tuff. Return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.</td>
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### DAY FOUR

**Ciminà, Locri, Gerace**

Breakfast at hotel. Departure for Ciminà, small medieval village where a local company produces the typical cheese that has received recognition as Slow Food. Tasting of the product. Visit to a farm, whose property is planted with citrus, olives, nuts, prickly pears, vineyards, fruit trees, roses, seasonal pastures, orchards and cereals. The company also owns a small pig farm for the production of its traditional Calabrian salami. Return to the hotel for the lunch. In the afternoon excursion to Locri Epizephyri for the visit of the excavation site. Continue to Gerace, "the medieval town", with a visit of the Cathedral, the Church of San Francesco and a craft shop. Dinner in a Calabrian family with typical products. Return to the hotel and overnight.

### DAY FIVE

**Reggio Calabria - Excursion to Reggio C.**

Visit to the famous Bronze Statues and walk on the picturesque promenade called "the most beautiful kilometer in Italy". Lunch at local restaurant. Along the Ionian coast stop in Bianco. Visit to a company specialized in the production of the nectar of the gods, the precious Greek wine. The company has a vineyard area of 2 hectares, completely flat. In 2007 he made the cellar with appropriate machinery for processing, also realizing the greenhouses just for drying the grapes to have better quality and healthy grapes. Visit to the Vine and the Cellar where the owner of the tasting sessions in which the main protagonist is the Greek wine - served with pastries and dried fruit or aged cheese - and in which surround the floral scents of the period, and the scent Bergamot. Return to the hotel. Dinner. After dinner return.

### DAY SIX

**Mammola, Siderno superiore**

- After the breakfast departure for Mammola. Visit the S. Barbara Museum which every year attracts artists all over the world to participate in exhibitions and cultural initiatives. Continue on to the village of Mammola, where time seems to stand still. Stop at a small company specializing in handcrafted and traditional "soaking" stockfish (cod). Lunch at local restaurant where the cod is cooked in various ways. In the afternoon excursion in Siderno and visit of ancient village dating back to the tenth century, with beautiful ancient buildings (Palace Falletti, De Mola the baroque palace, the palace Englin) and impressive churches such as S. Nicola with paintings of the 17th and 18th centuries, a marble statue of the 500 and wooden artefacts and polychrome marble altars of the eighteenth century. Tasting of local products and "Pizze della Calabria" on the hill.

### DAY SEVEN

**Serra San Bruno, Stilo**

Breakfast. Departure for Serra San Bruno and visit the outside of the Charterhouse, the Museum and the picturesque park. Lunch at the Farm. In the afternoon transfer to Stilo and visit to the famous Catholic, jewel of Byzantine art. Stop at a plantation bergamot and liquor tasting tasty. Return to the hotel. Special evening: farewell dinner, delivery of a gift to the ladies. Dances and overnight.

### DAY EIGHT

**RETURN**

Breakfast. Departure for the return.

### DAY NINE

**Breakfast at hotel, transfer to Lamezia Terme Airport.**

- **Red onion**
NATURE AND CULTURE TOUR

15 DAYS

SICILIA and CALABRA

COD. 14

**DAY ONE**

**DAY TWO**

**DAY THREE**

Departure to Catania or Palermo via Rome.

Catania

Arrival at Catania or Palermo, meeting with our courier and transfer by private luxury coach to hotel. Accommodation in the reserved rooms, welcome cocktail, dinner and overnight stay.

Catania

Breakfast at hotel and guided tour of Catania. Walk along the town centre to visit “Piazza Duomo”, “the fish market “la Pescheria”, the Benedectine Monastery Via Etnea, Villa Bellini, Piazza Stesicoro and its Roman Amphitheatre. Possibility to take a visit of Palazzo Biscari. Lunch at a typical restaurant located in the city centre. In the afternoon, we will start a tour of Catania by a tourist train. Then, there will be some free time for shops. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY FOUR**

Zafferana Etnea, Taormina

Breakfast at hotel and departure to Nicolosi. We will reach the “Rifugio Sapienza”, a guard house at the base of Mount Etna, the starting point for a guided trip to the “Crateri Silvestri”. We could take the cable car to reach the main craters. Lunch at the restaurant “Crateri Silvestri”.

In the first afternoon we will reach a farm located in Zafferana Etnea, where we will have a tasting of locally-grown products such as honey, wine, oil and pistachio. Then, departure to Taormina, the pearl of the Ionian sea to appreciate its Greek-Roman, Byzantine and Saracen architecture. Visit of the main monuments such as the Cathedral, the Greek theatre an Piazza IX Aprile. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY FIVE**

Siracusa, Ortigia, Noto

Breakfast at hotel, departure to Siracusa, one of the most important cities of the Magna Grecia. Visit of the archaeological Park Of Neapolis that hosts the majority of classic monuments of the Greek-Syracuse such as the Ara of Ierone II and the Greek theatre, one of the biggest in the world, and Dionysio’s ear, an artificial cave carved in the limestone. Then we will reach Ortigia Island to admire the significant traces of the Greek civilization in Sicily such as the Apollo Temple and the Fonte Arteusa. Lunch at typical restaurant. In the afternoon departure to Noto. Guided visit of the masterpiece of Sicilian Baroque, dubbed “Stone Garden” for its architectural beauties. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY SIX**

Ragusa, Modica

Breakfast at hotel and departure to Ragusa. The town is divided in two parts; the older Ragusa Ibla, rich in Baroque buildings and the more modern Upper Ragusa. The trip will start from Upper Ragusa. We will visit the Hyblean Archaeological Museum, the Cathedral dedicated to St John the Baptist and the church of St. Maria. This church stands at the top of a flight of 348 steps connecting the two part of the town. Visit of Ragusa Ibla among monos of splendid churches such as Duomo S. Giorgio, Maria delle Grazie, Chiesa Anime del Purgatory. The most important Baroque buildings are Palazzo della Cancelleria, Palazzo Cosentini and Palazzo Bagnagli. Lunch at restaurant. In the evening departure towards Modica, world heritage site and ancient Baroque town with more than one hundred churches. Visit of the cathedral of S. Giorgio, the castle of the Counts and of the Carmine Church, example of late Gothic art. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY SEVEN**

Alcantara’s Naturalistic Area, Castiglione di Sicilia

Breakfast at hotel and departure to Alcantara’s naturalistic area, characterized by the presence of typical volcanic lakes named “Gurne. Lunch at restaurant.

In the afternoon, the group will reach Castiglione di Sicilia to visit, among other monuments, “La Cuba”, a Byzantine church. Return to Catania, dinner at hotel and overnight stay.

**DAY EIGHT**

Riviera dei Ciclopi, Catania

Breakfast at hotel; then we will reach the “Riviera dei Ciclopi”, one of the most popular sicilian seaside destination. Visit of Acicastello, Actrezza, and Acireale. Lunch at typical restaurant. In the afternoon, free time for shops in Catania. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

**DAY NINE**

Messina Calabria

Prima colazione e partenza per la Calabria. Alle ore 12, giunti a Piazza Duomo della città di Messina dove è prevista una sosta per assistere alla cerimonia del cambio delle bandiere. Per il pranzo a tavola con degustazione della mensa. Alloggio a Calabria. In the afternoon, free time for shops in Catania. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.
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TOUR FROM CALABRIA TO SICILY

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**DAY ONE**

**Day 1**

Departure to Lamezia Terme Airport via Rome.

**Day 2**

**Lamezia Terme, Riviera dei Cedri**

Arrival at Lamezia Terme. Meeting with the bus and the guide and transfer in Hotel. Accommodation. Welcome Cocktail.


**Day 3**

**Morano, Castrovillari, Altomonte**

Breakfast and departure to Morano Calabro. Stop to visit the ancient village and continue to Castrovillari, the main town of the Pollino, with interesting Aragonesi Castle and beautiful ancient buildings.

Lunch at local restaurant and in the afternoon visit the medieval center of Altomonte with liquor tasting. Return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

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**DAY FOUR**

**Day 4**

**Camigliatello, Cosenza, Paola**

Breakfast. Excursion to Camigliatello, the most important center of the Sita and time available for shopping. Lunch in the restaurant and in the afternoon departure to Cosenza and visit the Old Town, the Castle and the Cathedral.

Continue to Paola for the visit of the Sanctuary of Saint Francis Chapel, Cloister, Path of Miracles.

Return to hotel, dinner and overnight.

**Day 5**

**Pizzo Calabro, Tropea, Riviera Geisomini**

Breakfast and departure for Pizzo Calabro. Visit of the Aragonesi Castle and the Church of Piedigrotta in the tuff. Possibility to taste the famous “tarallo”, homemade ice cream. Lunch at local restaurant. In the afternoon excursion to Tropea, one of the most suggestive locations of Calabria. Visit the Cathedral, the historic center and stop on “Facing” beautiful balcony on the Tyrrhenian Sea. Visit to a company of the famous “red onion” and tasting of typical products. Transfer to Jasmine Riviera.

Accommodation in the hotel, welcome cocktail, dinner and overnight.

**Day 6**

**Locri, Gerace**

Breakfast. Excursion to Locri Epizephyrii, visit the archaeological site and museum. Continue to Gerace, the medieval citadel, with a visit of the Cathedral, the Church of San Francesco and a craft shop. Return to the hotel for the lunch. In the afternoon meeting with the “housewives Calabrian” for the cooking lesson when will be prepared traditional dishes from Calabria, from appetizers to desserts. Each of the participants will receive recipes with complete description of the dishes and ingredients. After that dinner.

Return in the hotel and overnight.

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**DAY SEVEN**

**Day 7**

**Reggio Calabria, Scilla**

Breakfast. Excursion of the two Seas. Visit the National Museum of Reggio Calabria, which houses the famous Bronze Statues and walk on the picturesque promenade called "the most beautiful kilometer in Italy". Lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon visit of Scilla with the old fishing district of Chianalea and the houses over the sea. Return through the Aspromonte.

Dinner. After dinner folkloristic show with typical costumes. Dances and overnight.

**Day 8**

**Serra San Bruno, Stilo, Crotone**

Breakfast. Visit to a plantation bergamot with tasting tasty liqueur. Departure to Serra San Bruno to visit the outside of the Charterhouse, the Museum and the picturesque park. Lunch at the farm. Afternoon drive to Stilo and visit the famous Catholic, jewel of Byzantine art.

Departure for the area of Crotone and arriving in the evening. Accommodation in the hotel. Welcome cocktail.

Dinner and overnight.

**Day 9**

**Sant’Alessio Siculo**

Breakfast at hotel and departure towards Sicily. Arrival to Piazza Duomo of Messina where at 12 o’clock participants will take part to the perfomance organized by the municipal authority.

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PRICE INCLUDES:
Bus GT for transfers and excursions as in program, English guide for all excursions, Archeologist on board during all excursions, Accommodation in 4 stars hotel and treatment as in program, Welcome cocktail, Meals in local restaurant as in program, ¼ wine and ½ mineral water during meals, Tastings, Farewell dinner, Folkloristic show and delivery of a gift to the ladies, Little exposition of local products and handicraft, 1 free every 25 pax

PRICE DOESN'T INCLUDE:
Enterance fees, City tax, Personal extras, All not specifically mentioned under “price include”
COOKING COURSE ON THE ANCIENT GASTRONOMIC TRADITION

**DAYS:** 1  
**COD.** 15

The course will be given by skilled staff and will be organized in four hours frontal lessons.

The lesson will be divided in different phases: the theoretical part, the practical one, followed by the practice of the “impiattamento”. The last part will be focalized on The Rules of Polite Behavior (Galateo) concerning how to set the table.

The coursists will have the possibility to cook while they’re listening to the explanations. After the course, you can have a traditional lunch:
- Sicilian hors d’oeuvre
- First course
- Second course
- Dessert

THE PERIPLUS OF THE VOLCANO ETNA BY TRAIN

**DAYS:** 1  
**COD.** 16

The “Circumetnea” is a narrow-gauge railway which connects Catania to Riposto, a city near Catania, and circumnavigates the Volcano Etna across several piedmont villages.

The tour starts from the “Catania Borgo” station of the Circumetnea. Its destination is the lake of Gurrida, the only one in Europe created by a lavic barrier. There you can admire some submerged vineyards.

After, you will move to the Medieval village of Randazzo where you can visit the Archaeological and Sicilian "Pupi" museums.

In Monte La Guardia you will have the possibility to taste some local organic products and to have an Etnean lunch.

Then you will follow the seminar on Bio Architecture to improve the knowledge of the surrounding land.

Coming back to Catania by train you will see the north side of Etna.

At the end of the of volcano’s periplus, you will return to "Catania Borgo" station.
DRIVING EXPERIENCE

DAYS: 1

Welcome, registration and staff introduction. Briefing and driving technique, also for guests. Driving position, braking, ideal trajectory, acceleration. Car's technique and use of the paddle shift gearbox. Approach to the sportive driving experience.

Getting ready in the car with an instructor sat next to you. Driving experience on GT or Touring cars for the number of booked laps.

Every driving experience includes:
- chosen laps' number on cars
- one driving simulator session
- technical briefing
- open bar
- final driving certificate
- gift idea

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FASHION NIGHT

DAYS: 1

Fashion night is a fashion parade of clothes, accessories and jewels.

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The spectators will be sat near the swimming pool and during the parade they will have the possibility to taste a local white wine accompanied by local nibbles.

At the end of it, a plate of spaghetti and some delicious sweets! At the end of it, have a plate of spaghetti and taste some delicious sweets!

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8 DAYS

WALKING WITH THE ARCHEOLOGIST

COD. 20

DAY ONE

The Cathedral of Catania

28th December: Arrival at Catania airport and transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay. Meeting with the archeologist and program illustration.

DAY TWO

Duomo of Noto

29th December: Breakfast at the hotel. Morning in Siracusa and guided visit to the historical town with Ortigia area and to the ancient town with the archeological Museum. On the archeological areas, you can see also the ruins of the Greek theatre. Lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon transfer to Noto and guided visit to the historical center and to the baroque cathedral. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY THREE

The "infiorata" od Noto

30th December: Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Catania and guided visit to the historical town with its monuments in lavic stone and its baroque churches and to the villages on the Cyclops Riviera. Lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon transfer to Calabria and arrival to the hotel (Tropea area) for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY FOUR

31st December: Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Pizzo and guided visit to the picturesque little church of Pietradura, built by the seashore and carved in the tufa stone, and of the Aragonite castle, where is the cell in which Giacinto Murat was imprisoned. Little stop in the central square and handmade ice cream “tartufu” tasting. Visit to a ceramics workshop under the guidance of Maestro Antonio. Lunch in hotel. In the afternoon transfer to Tropea and walking through the historical centre, visit of the Romanic Cathedral and of the little church of Santa Maria dell’Isola, basilian sanctuary, with its botanical garden. At sun set panoramic stop to Capo Vaticano, big granite outcrop from which you can admire one of the most beautiful Italian seas. Tasting of typical products. Back to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY FIVE

1st January: Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to ViboValentia and guided visit to the historical center, the S. Leoluca cathedral and to the Archeological Museum, located in the Norman-Swabia castle. Guided visit to Palazzo Murat, an historical residence; the visit will be followed by the New Year Concert. Lunch in hotel. Transfer to Jasmine Riviera for dinner and overnight stay in hotel.

DAY SIX

2nd January: Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Locri, ancient town of Magna Graecia and guided visit to the archeological sites: Marasà, Centocamere and Greco-Roman theatre. Transfer to Gerace and lunch in a local restaurant. Visits to the historical town center, to the magnificent Cathedral, to the Church of San Francesco d’Assisi and to the ruins of the Castle. Tasting of the local liquor Bergamot. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY SEVEN

3rd January: Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Reggio Calabria, visit of the Dome and of the Archeological National Museum. Were you will see the famous BRONZI DI RIACE. Walking along the riverside, named by the famous poet D’Annunzio “the most beautiful Italian kilometer”. Lunch in a local restaurant and transfer to Sicily. Guided visit to Taormina with the Greek – roman theatre. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY EIGHT

4th January: Transfer to Catania airport and departure.

Pizzo Calabro, Vibo Valentia
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