



ORMINA TOURS



TAUCK



BACKROADS



GLOBUS

ITINERARY				
Duration	10 days	10 days	7 days	10 days
Hotel Class	5 star only	4 & 5 star	mainly 4 star	3 & 4 star
# 1 night stays	0 NO 1 NIGHT STAYS	1	4	3
Maximum size	10 SMALLEST GROUP	24 or 44*	18	50+ (no set limit)
Minimum size	2 PEACE OF MIND	10	4	35
PRICE				
Twin share pp	\$4,990	\$6,590 or \$7,860	\$3,229	\$2,231
Per day	\$499 BEST VALUE TOUR	\$659 or \$786*	\$461	\$223
INCLUSIONS				
Airport Transfers:	✓	✓	x	x
Hotels:				
Palermo	Villa Igiea 5* (3N)	Hotel Wagner 5* (2N)	Piazza Borza 4* (1N)	Piazza Borza 4* (2N)
Sciacca/Agrigento	Verdura 5* (2N)	Verdura 5* (2N)	Foresteria Baglio 4* (2N)	Hotel Mose 3* (1N)
Marsala			Baglio Oneto 5* (1N)	Best Western 4* (1N)
Ragusa		Poggio del Sole 4* (1N) 10km outside	B&B (1N)	Poggio del Sole 4* (2N) 10km outside
Ortigia	Ortea Palace 5* (2N)	Des Etrangers 5* (2N)		
Syracuse				Mercure 4* (1N)
Taormina	N H Taormina 5* (2N)	N H Taormina 5* (2N)		
Gardini Naxos				Hilton 4* (2N)
Catania			Katane Palace 4* (1N)	
Half day guided tours	7	6	7	6
Leisure time (half days)**	6	5	1	5
Average meals per day	1.1	2.0	1.6	1.6
SUMMARY	Highest quality hotels, No 1N stays, smallest group sizes, smallest minimum departure, same sightseeing but more leisure time (better constructed) = Best value for price.	Price is 55% more than Ormina but with 24 group size, inferior hotels & similar non-meal inclusions.	Comparable price on per day basis but with vastly inferior hotels, larger groups, no overnight in Taormina, mostly 1N stays & minimal leisure time.	Lowest price but feature inexpensive hotels outside centres, mainly 1N stays and very big group sizes.
Also note:	Less meals but part of our philosophy. Erice/ Marsala can be done pre tour.	Villa Romana del Casale not included. Includes a 1N stay.	Full days on Day 1 & 10 means guests must book pre/post nights & transfers that increase price. Shortest tour on the market.	No overnights in Taormina or Ortigia.

*Tauck "Small Group" Departures vary. \$786 pp p/d with a max of 24 OR \$695 pp p/d with a max of 44. *Includes day of arrival, excludes departure day. Comparison prices are twin share (not single). Information based off 2018 published tours.

WHY SICILY?

Diversity

Sicily boasts the most diversity of any European region. Geography: beautiful beaches, mountains, volcanoes, agriculture, wineries & olive oil estates. Culture: Influenced by many conquerors over time with Greek and Roman Temples, Norman Cathedrals & Arab influences in its architecture and cuisine.

History

Sicily has played a significant role in European history throughout the Byzantine, Norman and Arab occupations. Its strategic Mediterranean location and agricultural assets has fuelled conquering pursuits. Palermo was the centre of Europe in ~800AD and was 10 times the population of Paris & London.

Food/Wine

Sicily's fresh produce blended with Greek, Spanish, French and Arab influences delivers distinct flavours. World attention in Sicily wine is definitely growing.



Cefalù



Ragaleali Estate



Valley of the Temples



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ORMINA DIFFERENCE

Point of difference:

- Best value at \$499 pp twin per day
- Best hotels – all 5 star
- Smallest group size – 10 max
- No one night stays
- More leisure time & well paced

Aeolian Island Extension:

Optional 4 day extension to the UNESCO-protected Aeolian Islands, (Vulcano, Lipari, Salina, Panarea, Stromboli, Filicudi and Alicudi) each are a little piece of paradise. Our package can be tailored and includes:

- 3 Nights in 4 or 5* hotel
- Transfer to and from the Milazzo Port
- Island inclusions to be tailored for guests

Ragaleali Estate Extension:

Experience the true Sicily at Tasca d'Almerita family's enchanting Ragaleali Estate, producers of top-rated Sicilian wine. The all inclusive package allows guests to relax in this rural oasis amongst vineyards, almond trees and olive groves. The package can be tailored and includes:

- 3 Nights at the winery Estate
- Full Board
- Dinner in the family's dining room
- Cooking Class
- Arrival and Departure Transfers



Ragaleali Estate

SICILY TRAVELLER

THE PIONEER

Likes to explore cities and regions that are undiscovered or starting to trend. They feel a thrill from seeing a place that hasn't yet been touched by the crowds.

> Interests:

Heritage Sites, Small Towns, Leisure Time

THE DISCOVERER

Want to see and experience everything the world has to offer. They love the diversity and unfamiliarity of travel. They just can't sit still.

> Interests:

City Sightseeing, Nature

THE INDULGER

Loves the finer pleasures in life. They relax with long lunches, wine tasting, local dinners and beautiful hotels.

> Interests:

Wine Tasting, 5* Amenities



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