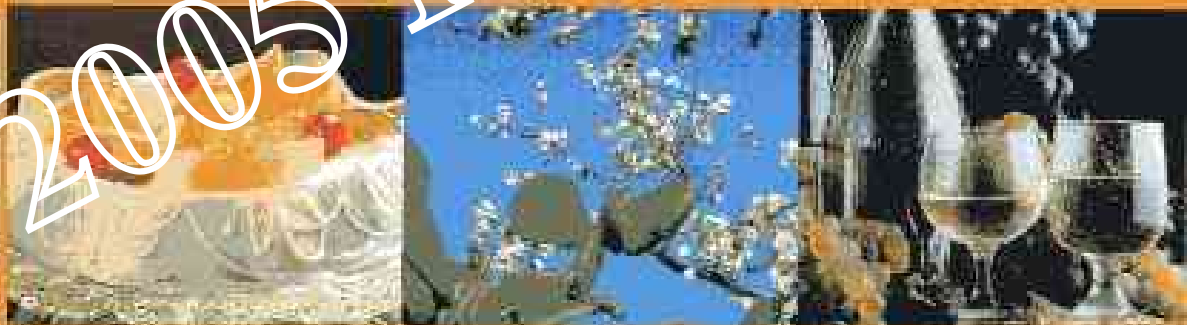
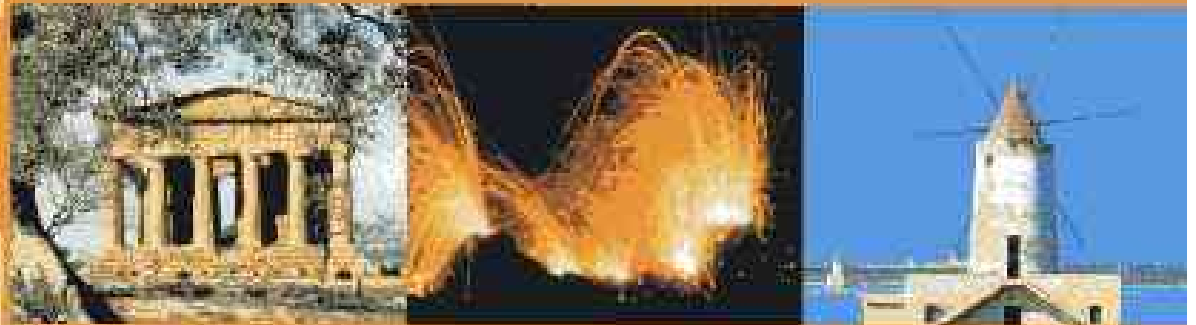


*Mediterranean has got a heart,
this heart is an island called Sicily*

(Ernesto Ferrero)



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Authentic Sicily

Who We Are

Authentic Sicily is a travel companies association, highly specialized in incoming in Southern Italy: Sicily, Calabria, Apulia, Campania, including main Italian art cities such as: Milan, Venice, Florence, Siena, Rome.....

Our team counts over 20 years experience in travel industry.

Our goal is providing a unique life experience that our guests will cherish for the rest of their life.

Our offices are located in the most important cities of Sicily: Taormina, Catania, Agrigento, Trapani, Capo D'orlando, Palermo.

Why chose Authentic Sicily and Wath We Do

We provide the following services :

- Coach itineraries and Bus Services
- Rent a car service throughout Sicily (vehicles belonging our car and van fleet)
- Cruise service : Our own boats count a passenger capacity of 350 seats. Starting point are located in ideal positions (Capo d'Orlando, Milazzo and Naxos) to reach Aeolian islands.
- Accomodations: Classic hotels - Deluxe hotels -Charming hotels - Country houses
- Guided Tour: professional and dynamic staff, authorized touristic guides and tour escorts
- Small Groups – Mini-coach itineraries : 4 - 6 - 8 People “Luxury tour with driver-tour escort ”
- **Tours of Sicily with guarantee departures :**
 - **Grand Tour Sicily**
 - **Culture and Relax**
- Special Interest Holidays : Art, Cultural & Historical Tours
- Culinary and Winery experience :
 - **Cookery classes**
 - **7 Wines in 7 Days Tour** (we are partner of DOC wineries & Professional Sommeliers)
 - **Culinary Tour**
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 - **Theatre Season in Palermo, Catania and Agrigento**
 - **Syracusa's Tragedies**
 - **Agrigento's Folk Festival**
 - **Blues & Wine Soul Festival and more.....**
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- Business Tour
- Diving :
 - **Aeolian Islands**
 - **Pelagie Islands**
 - **Egadi Islands**
- Extensions to :
 - **Southern Italy (Calabria, Apulia, Campania,)**
 - **Northern Italy (Milan, Venice, Florence, Siena, Rome)**
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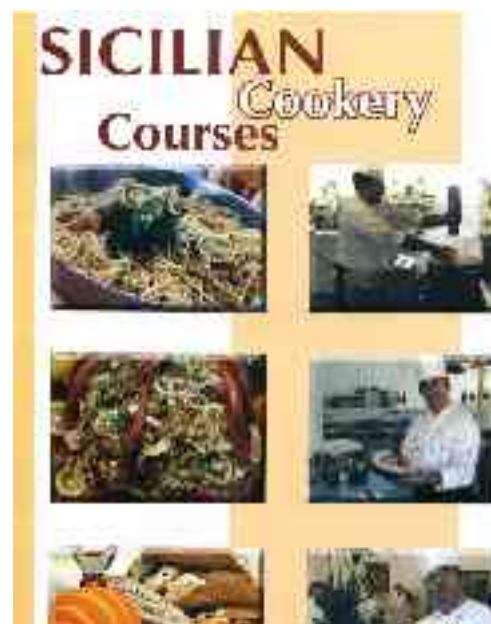
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7 wine in 7 days

1st day saturday : Palermo/Cefalù (km.100)

Arrival in Palermo airport. Optional transfer to "Abbazia S. Anastasia" near Cefalù. Check-in and room assignment. Visit of the winery and first wine tasting. Dinner and overnight.

2nd day sunday : Palermo/Monreale/Menfi (km.230)

Breakfast. The day will be spent discovering Palermo and its magnificent historical places (the cathedral, the Norman palace, the palatine chapel, piazza pretoria). Continue to Monreale for the visit of the Cathedral. Lunch is on your own. Accommodation at "**Baglio S.Vincenzo**". Visit of the winery and second wine tasting. Dinner and overnight

3rd day monday : Marsala/Erice (km.165)

Breakfast. Transfer to Marsala. Visit to a famous winery of DOC area and third wine tasting of the great sweet wine. Lunch is on your own. Proceed to the medieval town of Erice. Tasting of local pastries. Come back to the baglio. Dinner and overnight.

4th day tuesday : Agrigento (km.75)

Breakfast. Transfer to the area of "Terre Sikane". Visit of a local winery and fourth taste of wine. Proceed to Agrigento. Lunch is on your own. Visit of the archaeological area of the Valley of the Temples. Exclusive dinner attended by a professional sommelier "La Sagra del mandorlo". After dinner tour by night of the illuminated Valley of the Temples. Keep on to the theatre "La Posta Vecchia", placed in the historical centre of the city. It will be followed by a folk performance, such as: Sicilian music, stories, songs, dances, cantastorie, where it is possible feeling a magical atmosphere. At the end of the show pastries and dessert wine tasting. Overnight stay in a charming baglio.

5th day wednesday : Butera/Modica/Ragusa (km.100)

Breakfast. Transfer to "Principi di Butera" estate. Visit of the winery and fifth taste of wine. Continue to Modica to enjoy the Modican chocolate, a typical sweet of the area prepared following a Middle-American tradition. Lunch is on your own. Visit of Ragusa Ibla. Accommodation. Here, in a characteristic restaurant a typical dinner will be served. Overnight.

6th day thursday : Noto/Siracusa/Etna (km.160)

Breakfast. Visit of Noto, the capital of Sicilian baroque. Continue to Siracusa to explore the archaeological area. Lunch is on your own. Visit of the island of Ortigia (old section of Siracusa). Transfer to "Tenuta Scammacca del Murgo" located on a privileged position on the south-east slopes of Mount Etna. Visit of the winery and sixth taste of wine. Dinner and Overnight.

7th day friday : Taormina/Etna (km.50)

Breakfast. Excursion to the trendy and romantic Taormina. Visit of the theatre and free time for shopping. Lunch is on your own. Come back to the tenuta. Wine tasting followed by dinner. Overnight.

8th day saturday : Etna/Catania (km.20)

Breakfast. Optional transfer to Catania airport.

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Our tour of Sicily is the result of a combination of unusual components to the classic tour of the island that guarantee to delight and fascinate. We researched and chose carefully unique and authentic gastronomic events such as: pastries and wine tastings and a variety of other locals and d.o.p products (oil, cheese, etc). Participants can also do shopping with our guides. Full board is included. Brunch or tastings can be substituted by lunch for many days. Tour Escort and local guides (minimum 8 participants) Italian and English speaking.

We offer 2 different lodging categories: Comfort: stay at **** hotels - Prestige: stay at ***** / **** de luxe hotels

Program :

1st day saturday - Catania or Taormina (35 km) Arrival to Catania airport, optional transfer to the hotel. Check-in and room assignment. Welcome cocktail and meeting with the tour escort. Free time. Dinner and overnight.

2nd day sunday - Ionic emotions : Etna, Taormina (100 km) Breakfast. The day will be spent discovering the main attractions of Eastern Sicily : Etna Volcano (go up 2000 metres above the level sea until the area of new recent eruptions). Optional excursion by cable car and Jeeps climbing up to the bigger crater, the South-East crater one. Brunch will be served at a typical restaurant that includes tasting of wine and local food of Etna area. Go on to Taormina, nice and romantic city famous in the world for its charming Greek-Roman theatre. Free time to do shopping. Come back to the hotel. Dinner and overnight

3rd day monday - Baroque itinerary: Siracusa, Noto, Catania (280 km) Breakfast. Excursion to Siracusa. Guided tour of the archaeological area and Ortigia 's island (old historical centre of Siracusa). Lunch will be served at a local restaurant. Transfer to Noto the capital of Sicilian baroque. During the afternoon return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight .

4th day tuesday - Archaeological itinerary, Greek and Roman civilisations : Piazza Armerina, Agrigento (75 km) Breakfast. Transfer to Piazza Armerina. Guided visit of the Roman Villa del Casale with its beautiful mosaics. Continue to Agrigento. In the garden of Kolymbetra (a 2000 years hold garden) a traditional brunch of the area "U Schiticchiu Giurgintanu" will be served. Guided visit of the wonderful Valley of the Temples. Accommodation. After dinner tour by night of the illuminated Valley of the Temples. Keep on to the theatre " La Posta Vecchia". It will be followed by a folk performance, such as: Sicilian music, stories, songs, dances, cantastorie, where it is possible feeling a magical atmosphere. At the end of the show pastries and dessert wine tasting. Overnight

5th day - wednesday - The salt and wine streets : Selinunte, Erice, Trapani, Palermo (265 Km) Breakfast. Transfer to a local country estate and tasting of extra-vergin olive oil. Go on to Selinunte (The city map is one of the most complex and articulated into the other Greek Sicilian cities and in the all ancient world). The rest of the day will be spent enjoying local gastronomy experiences: visit of a winery in Marsala(the city of wine), the pastries of Erice (medieval town located at an altitude of 751 metres above sea level), the salt pans of Trapani. Enjoy a traditional brunch. Accommodation at hotel in Palermo. Dinner and overnight.

6th day - thursday - Arabic and Norman dominations in Sicily : Monreale, Palermo (30 Km) Breakfast. Full-day guided tour of Monreale (the main church with its Christ Pantocrator mosaic) and the old centre of Palermo, old city rich in historical and cultural places: the Cathedral, Piazza Pretoria, the Norman Palace. A typical brunch where it will be possible eating the traditional cookery of the city, and also panelled and arancine. Return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

7th day - friday - From West to East Sicily: Cefalù, farewell dinner, Catania (300 Km) Breakfast. Transfer to Eastern Sicily stopping at Cefalù, picturesque town placed on the Northern Sicilian coast famous for its Norman Cathedral. Lunch at a local restaurant and transfer to Catania. Panoramic tour by bus of the city and stop for cookies and rosolio tasting. Accommodation at hotel. Farewell dinner at a typical restaurant followed by a performance. Return to the hotel and overnight.

8th day - saturday : Catania, departure or extension Breakfast.

Optional transfer to the airport or : a) possible diversion to the beach : Taormina or Giardini Naxos seaside. b) short break in Catania for guided shopping tour (fashion, jewellery, antiques, pottery)

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Culture and Relax

Guaranteed departures 2005 : May 14,21,28; Jun 4,11,18,25; Jul 02,09,16,23,30; Aug 06,13,20,27; Sep 03,10,17

Guaranteed departures - 10 days / 9 nights - full board – tasting of local products - cruise around the Aeolian Islands – Organizing some night activities. ****superior hotels - tour escort - optional customized programs (fitness or gourmet) - possible diversion to the beach post tour.

1st day - saturday - Naxos or Catania (50 km.) : Arrival at Catania airport, optional transfer to the hotel (Naxos or Catania). Check-in and room assignment. Free time at leisure. Meeting with our local assistant. Dinner and overnight.

2nd day - sunday - Naxos or Catania : Half board at hotel. Time at leisure to relax or optional individual excursions (on request fitness or gourmet programs).

3rd day -monday - Naxos or Catania : Half board at hotel. At leisure to relax or optional individual excursions (on request fitness or gourmet programs). During the late afternoon meeting with the tour escort and briefing about the tour.

4th day – tuesday – Minicruise around the Aeolian Islands / Catania (km 250) : Breakfast. Transfer to the port of Milazzo. Cruise by private boat toward the Aeolian islands stopping in Lipari and Vulcano. Hostesses, guides and bar service on board. Lunch will be served by a local restaurant enjoying Aeolian typical and local food. Return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

In case of bad weather conditions or uncontrol reasons it's possible selecting some alternative excursions: "Baroque itineray 1" visit of Modica and Ibla, enjoying tastings of traditional local products,such as: sweets and wine - "Baroque itineray 2" visit of Catania, Acireale and Ciclopi 's Riviera where there is the possibility about tastings of the local food.

5th day – wednesday- Etna/Cefalù/Palermo (km 300) :Breakfast. Amazing excursion to Etna Volcano, (you will go up by bus to 2000 metres above sea level to admire new eruptions). Brunch and tasting of local wine (h12.00 am.). During the afternoon, the tour continues to the West Sicily and stopping to Cefalù, picturesque town famous for its main church (Duomo) and its wonderful historical centre. Dinner and overnight. During the excursion to Etna Volcano advice using comfortable shoes and a pullover in spring and autumn.

6th day - thursday – Palermo / Monreale (km. 40) : Breakfast. Full-day guided visit of Palermo (magnificent city rich in historical and cultural places: the Cathedral, Piazza Pretoria, San Giovanni degli Eremiti, ect.) and Monreale with its splendid main church. Stop for lunch. Free time to do shopping. Come back to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

7th day - friday – Erice / Agrigento (km 250) : Breakfast. Transfer to the Erice, medieval town, where it will be served a typical lunch reflecting the Arabic influence on Sicilian cuisine. Tasting of local pastries. Later, the tour continues to Agrigento and exactly to Segesta for a little visit of the temple. Accomodation at hotel and dinner. During the evening panoramic tour by night of the illuminated Valley of the Temples. The visit go on to the theatre "La Posta Vecchia", situated in the old historical part of the city. It will be followed by a folk performance, such as: Sicilian music, stories, songs, cantastorie, dances, where it is possible feeling a magical atmosphere. At the end of the show pastries and dessert wine tasting. Overnight.

8th day – saturday – Agrigento / Piazza Armerina / Naxos or Catania (km 220) : Breakfast. Guided visit of the magnificent archaeological area of the Valley of the Temples. Continue to Piazza Armerina. Visit of the Roman Villa del Casale to admire the wonderful mosaics. Lunch will be served by a local restaurant. Transfer to the hotel in Naxos or Catania area. Dinner and overnight.

9th day – sunday – Taormina / Siracusa / Farewell dinner / Catania : Breakfast. Excursion to the nice and fashion Taormina (the ancient Greek-Roman theatre and the old centre). Lunch at hotel. During the afternoon transfer to Siracusa. Visit of the archaeological area and the island of Ortigia, (historical centre of Siracusa). Go on a charming country house where a farewell dinner will be served and followed by a performance. Return to the hotel and overnight.

10th day – monday - Departure seaside : Breakfast. Optional transfer to the airport or possible stay at the beach.

The program includes : Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach as program; Mini- cruise by private boat around Aeolian islands (1 day) ; Stay in ****superior hotels (room fittings : air conditioning, Tv, mini bar) swimming pool in some hotels; Pre-tour stay 3 days / 2 nights in half board; During the tour full board from the dinner of 3rd day to the breakfast of 10th day with carefully -selcted menus; Drinks are not included; Taste of typical pastries and wines; Farewell dinner includes drinks; Typical lunches with carefully selcted menus; Local guide services in Siracusa, Palermo, Agrigento, Piazza Armerina; Local assistant; Folk show "Agrigento on stage" at the theatre "La posta vecchia" and pastries and dessert wine tasting

The program does not include : Transfers airport/hotel /airport (optional and on request); Wine or different drinks during meals; Porterage service; Entrance fees to the museums and archaeological places; Tips and personal extras; Everything is not included in the itinerary or specifically mentioned in the program; Selected hotels or similar:

East Sicily: Naxos Beach Village **** (Naxos)/ Jolly **** (Catania)

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Tour of the AEOLIAN ISLANDS

1st DAY Arrival at Lipari. Accommodation in hotel dinner and overnight.

2nd DAY Breakfast in hotel. Departure for the island of Salina: visit of a wine cellar where the famous local wine Malvasia is produced. Free lunch. In the afternoon return to the hotel.

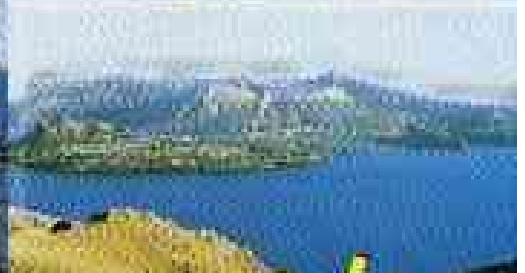
3rd DAY Breakfast in hotel. Departure for the island of Stromboli: visit of the village. Free lunch. During the afternoon return to the hotel.

4th DAY Breakfast in hotel. Departure for the island of Vulcano: visit of the mud baths with their warm waters and walk through the country. Free lunch. Return to the hotel.

5th DAY Breakfast in hotel. Visit of the island of Lipari, its archaeological area and the cathedral. Free lunch. Discover the small and characteristic streets of the historical centre. In the afternoon return to the hotel.

6th DAY Breakfast in hotel. Free day at your leisure. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

7th DAY Breakfast in hotel. End of the services. Transfer on request or departure.



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