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Mount Etna, Taormina, Sicily



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A TALE OF TWO ISLANDS: SICILY & SARDINIA

SUGGESTED ITINERARY ONLY

10 DAYS & 9 NIGHTS TAORMINA, AGRIGENTO, PALERMO, CAGLIARI & OROSEI

Take the road less traveled on this innovative journey to Sicily and Sardinia, two islands often overlooked by travelers to Italy. Sicily and Sardinia both offer stunning scenery and fascinating history. However, these two islands could not be more different in character and culture. On this journey, experience the highlights of the islands, including the seaside city of Taormina, the volcano of Mount Etna, the Roman ruins of Nora and the mountains of Gennargentu National Park.



JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Delve into Sicilian culture as you visit traditional villages

Tour the historic center of Catania, including Ursino Castle

Hike through the lava fields to marvel at the incredible views from the summit of Mount Etna

See the golden mosaics of Palermo's Monreale Cathedral

Contemplate the passage of time in the ruins of Phoenician Nora

Discover the mountainous landscape of Gennargentu National Park, and Sardinia's rugged landscape

Explore the exquisite grottoes and coves of the Bay of Orosei

COX & KINGS RECOMMENDS

Uncover the secrets of Sicilian cuisine during a private cooking class with a local Chef in Palermo

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Departure Date:

Through March 2020

Note: Prices listed are per person, based on double-occupancy

Price From:
*Two People

\$5,165

Day 1: Arrive Taormina

Upon arrival, you will be welcomed and escorted to your hotel in Taormina. **Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo – 3 nights**

Day 2: Taormina

Visit the traditional Sicilian villages of Savoca and Forza D'Agro. In the afternoon, join your local guide for a walk through Taormina, and learn about the Greek Roman Theater, the lovely Palazzo Corvaja and the lively shopping street of Corso Umberto. **(B, L)**

Day 3: Taormina

After breakfast, depart for Catania, which lies at the foot of Mount Etna, the tallest active volcano in Europe. Explore the historic center of town, including Ursino Castle, the Roman theater and the Baroque churches of Via Crociferi. Then, ascend Mount Etna for incredible views of the surrounding countryside and the Mediterranean. Enjoy lunch and tasting of local wines before

stopping in the small town of Zafferana Etnea, which is famous for its delicious honey. **(B, L)**

Day 4: To Agrigento

Set off to explore central and southern Sicily. Drive to Piazza Armerina, and visit the 4th-century Roman Villa Casale, renowned for its perfectly preserved mosaics. Savor a delightful lunch at a local olive farm, before continuing to Agrigento and the Valley of Temples, which contains some of the best-preserved Greek ruins outside Greece. **Villa Athena – 1 night (B, L)**

Day 5: To Palermo

En route to Palermo, discover Selinunte, an abandoned city that at its peak was home to more than 30,000 people. Then it's on to Segesta's ancient Greek temple, constructed by the Elymians, one of Sicily's three indigenous peoples. **Villa Igiea – 2 nights (B)**



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Orosei, Sardinia

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Day 6: Palermo

Perched on a hilltop overlooking Conca d'Oro valley and the city of Palermo, the Cathedral of Monreale's true treasure lies in its interior, which boasts nearly 700,000 square feet of swirling golden mosaics. After lunch, see the incredible Palazzo Reale, and admire Norman-Byzantine mosaics at the Capella Palatina. (B, L)

Day 7: Cagliari, Sardinia

After a short flight to the Sardinian capital of Cagliari, visit the imposing Tower of San Pancrazio and the Tower of the Elephant, as well as the Santa Maria Cathedral. Enjoy lunch and a wine tasting before continuing to the ancient town of Nora, which boasts expansive Roman baths. *Aquadulci Hotel – 1 night (B, L)*

Day 8: To Orosei

After breakfast this morning, travel to the mountains of Gennargentu National Park.

With the lush forest, beautiful flowers and silvery peaks of the park as your backdrop, visit the little towns of Orgosolo, Fonni and Mamoiada to learn about rural life in Sardinia. Enjoy a special lunch with local shepherds, and then taste unique local wines in a traditional cellar in Orgosolo. *Anticos Palathos Hotel – 2 nights (B, L)*

Day 9: Orosei

In the Gulf of Orosei, visit the picturesque and photogenic *callette* (coves): Cala Luna, Cala Mariolu, Cala Biriola, Cala Sisine and the enchanting Bue Marino grotto. The watery gallery is impressive, with shimmering light playing on the strange shapes and Neolithic petroglyphs within the cave. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Depart Cagliari

Bid farewell to Sardinia today and head to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All hotel accommodations as per the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the itinerary (B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner)
- All transfers and transportation
- Sightseeing as described in itinerary including entrance fees and services of professional local guides

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International air travel
- Airport departure taxes
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage fees
- Personal items and alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to your guides, drivers, porters and hotel service



Valley of the Temples, Agrigento, Sicily

¹ Price per person in US dollars based double occupancy and subject to availability. *Price per person in US dollars based on two people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. **Price per person in US dollars based on four people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. Single Supplements and Solo Traveler rates are available upon request. [†]Internal Air prices are based on economy class and are subject to change until paid in full. Further restrictions may apply. Please contact your Travel Professional or Cox & Kings for more details or visit coxandkingsusa.com.
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