

CATANIA, ITALY

Catania, Ancient Syracuse

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

The name of Siracusa suggests a warm climate, blue skies, a beautiful bay, and the ancient ruins of a Greek city which was the rival of Athens. You will board your bus and head to **Neapolis Archaeological Park** which was created between 1952 and 1955 and contains many classical monuments. For security reasons you will only have access to the **Greek Theatre** and part of the **Latomia del Paradiso**, one of the ancient stone quarries; the other monuments can be viewed from a distance. This doesn't detract in any way from the powerful fascination of this unique place. The Greek Theatre dated back to 5th century B.C. is one of the largest and best preserved theaters of the ancient world. The **Roman Amphitheater** which is hewn out of the rocks, dates from 2nd century A.D., and the entrance and gangways for animals and gladiators can still be seen. You'll proceed to **Ortigia** and walk about a half a mile to Old Town Ortigia. You will visit **Arethusa Fountain** the legendary cradle of the city. From the nearby platform there is a view of the beautiful Bay of Siracusa, you will proceed to the **Cathedral** built in the 7th century on the foundation of the former Temple of Minerva, using the nine columns which can be seen on the north side.

Please note: This tour has a substantial amount of walking and is not recommended for people with limited mobility or walking issues and the bus does not have wheelchair accessibility.

PRICE\$149

Catania, Classic Taormina

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

See the legendary beauty of Sicily as your excursion begins with a pleasant drive to **Taormina**. Built in the 3rd century B.C., the city was later almost completely renovated by the Romans. It is perched on a terrace overlooking the sea, with a medieval character that will delight you. You will stop near the center of Taormina, where your tour will begin on foot as your guide leads you along cobblestone streets to **Palazzo Corvaja**, a 15th century building adorned with classic double windows. Next, you will stroll to the spectacularly situated **Greco-Roman Theatre** built in the 3rd century B.C. Renowned for its unique acoustical qualities, it is still used for open-air concerts and boasts a beautiful view of **Mount Etna** and **Naxos Bay** below. You will also have **free time** to stroll or shop along the famous **Corso Umberto** before your bus departs to return to your ship.

Please note: As buses are not allowed in Taormina this tour involves a considerable amount of walking. During the summer the Greek Theatre is still used for performances, so Taormina could be very crowded.

PRICE\$119

Catania, Full Day Private CAR with Guide

ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY

Explore at your leisure with a **private vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide**. This exclusive tour will allow you to customize your time ashore and explore the most interesting sites in the comfort and privacy of your own car. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore. **See the iconic sites** of the city, or create your own personal stops to make the experience your own.

Please note: Capacity: 1-2 guests. Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person). This tour includes transport in a private car, driver and English Speaking Guide. Itinerary can be adjusted with tour guide as long as it's in the area and does not exceed the duration of 84 hours. Recommended for physically challenged guests.

PRICE\$1499

Catania, Full Day Private VAN with Guide

ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY

Explore at your leisure with a **private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide**. This exclusive tour will allow you to customize your time ashore and explore the most interesting sites in the comfort and privacy of your own van. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to **design your itinerary ashore**. See the iconic sites of the city, or create your own personal stops to make the experience your own.

Please note: Capacity: 3 - 6 guests. Private vans are ordered per vehicle (not per person). This tour includes transport in a private van, driver and English Speaking Guide. Itinerary can be

adjusted with tour guide as long as it's in the area and does not exceed the duration of 8 hours. Recommended for physically challenged guests.

PRICE\$1599

Catania, Half Day Private CAR with Guide

ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY

Explore at your leisure with a **private vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide**. This exclusive tour will allow you to customize your time ashore and explore the most interesting sites in the comfort and privacy of your own car. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to **design your itinerary ashore**. See the iconic sites of the city, or create your own personal stops to make the experience your own.

Please note: Capacity: 1-2 guests. Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person). This tour includes transport in a private car, driver and English Speaking Guide. Itinerary can be adjusted with tour guide as long as it's in the area and does not exceed the duration of 4 hours. Recommended for physically challenged guests.

PRICE\$999

Catania, Half Day Private VAN with Guide

ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY

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PRICE\$1199

Catania, Taormina & Baron Di Villagrande

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

See the legendary beauty of Sicily as your excursion begins with a pleasant drive to **Taormina**, perched on a terrace overlooking the sea. Your walking tour will begin near the center of Taormina, where your guide will lead you along cobblestone streets to **Palazzo Corvaja**, a 15th century building adorned with classic double windows. Next, you will stroll to the spectacularly situated **Greco-Roman Theatre** built in the 3rd century B.C. Renowned for its unique acoustical qualities, it is still used for open-air concerts and boasts a beautiful view of **Mount Etna** and **Naxos Bay** below. You will have time to stroll or shop along the famous **Corso Umberto** before you depart to the **Barone di Villagrande Estate**, on the slopes of Mount Etna and has belonged to the Nicolosi family since ancient times. Their skill in the production of fine wines is legendary. The red wines are stylish and firm, while the whites are long and structured with a delicate, penetrating aroma. The ancient wine cellars have maintained their historic aspect, with stainless and oak barrels aging side by side. When you arrive at Barone di Villagrande Estate, the owners will show you the old cellar and will introduce you to the **range of the wines produced** in the winery with a tasting, accompanied by a delicious typical Sicilian lunch. On the way back to your yacht you'll have the opportunity to see the lava flows of 1992.

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PRICE\$229

Catania, Taormina & Mt. Etna

ACTIVITY LEVEL: STRENUOUS

See the legendary beauty of Sicily as your excursion begins with a pleasant drive to **Taormina**. Built in the 3rd century B.C., the city is perched on a terrace overlooking the sea, with a medieval character that will delight you. Your tour will begin on foot as your guide leads you along cobblestone streets to **Palazzo Corvaja**, a 15th century building adorned with classic double windows. Next, you will stroll to the spectacularly situated **Greco-Roman Theatre** built in the 3rd century B.C. Renowned for its unique acoustical qualities, it is still used for open-air concerts and boasts a beautiful view of the **UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mount Etna** and **Naxos Bay** below. You will also have time to stroll or shop along the famous **Corso Umberto** before your bus departs for Mount Etna. This very active volcano is the largest in

Europe at 10,723 feet, and has erupted 130 times. Your drive to Mount Etna is along a coastal highway and through a fertile paradise of green vineyards and golden citrus groves, passing through villages such as Santa Venerina and **Zafferana Etnea**. You will see the city of **Catania**, overwhelmed by an eruption 300 years ago, and walk around **Crateri Silvestri** inspecting the lava flow from the eruption of 1983.

Please note: Strenuous uphill walking is involved so this tour is not recommended for guests with heart or respiratory conditions or those with limited mobility. As participants will ascend to an altitude of 6,200 feet, it is recommended guests wear comfortable clothes, flat shoes and bring a jacket.

PRICE^{\$}199