

## TRAPANI, ITALY

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Trapani, Concierge Collection - Erice & Cooking Class at Molino Excelsior

ACTIVITY LEVEL: STRENUOUS

The tour will start with a guided visit to **Erice**. You'll explore this medieval town and wander the winding cobbled streets. Visit the **Mother Church** that's stood here for over 700 years, and admire the **Castle of Venus** where the son of Athena, goddess of love, built a temple in his mother's honor. But save some sighs for the gorgeous **Balio Gardens** in all their rainbow bright glory where you will have free time at your leisure. Then, it's on to the **Molino Excelsior** gastronomic center. This 20th-century building is tucked into the countryside, flanked by olive groves and vineyards; a really scenic spot. After a tour of what used to be an old flour mill, you'll meet a professional Sicilian chef for your **cooking demonstration**. There are three dishes on the agenda today – fish couscous, caponata (a Sicilian vegetable dish), and bruschetta alla trapanese (bruschetta topped with pesto). You will **receive a certificate** at the end of the class, and then it's time to **enjoy your creations**.

Please note: Comfortable walking shoes, hat, and sunscreen are recommended. Proper attire that covers shoulders and knees is recommended for both men and women for visits to the religious venue. This tour is not suitable for those with walking difficulties or in a wheelchair because of the many stairs and slopes to climb.

PRICE\$199

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Trapani, Erice

ACTIVITY LEVEL: STRENUOUS

To see the best of Sicily, you have to climb to great heights. And on this trip you'll do exactly that. After a coach drive to the cable station, you'll take the **cable car** up to the top of a mountain. Take in the **viewout** over the **Trapani Salt Pans**, the turquoise sea and all the way to the Egadi Islands – it's breathtaking. While you're up here, you'll explore the medieval town that is **Erice**. Wander the winding cobbled streets, visit the **Mother Church** that's stood there for over 700 years, and admire the **Castle of Venus** where the son of Athena, goddess of love, built a temple in his mother's honor. And save some sighs for the gorgeous **Balio Gardens** in all their rainbow bright glory. Last, but not least, you'll have time to enjoy the atmosphere in Erice's tiny plaza, before you take the cable car back down to your waiting ship.

Please note: The shops are open from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., and closed on Sunday. If the cable car cannot be used for operational reasons, a coach will

be used instead. Knees and shoulders must be covered when visiting any religious sites in Italy and since Erice is 2,467 feet above sea level, and generally chillier than Trapani it is recommended you bring a sweater or light jacket. This tour is not suitable for those with walking difficulties.

PRICE\$99

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Trapani, Marsala and Lite Lunch at Cantine Florio

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

You will meet your guide and board your motor coach for the 1-hour drive to Marsala and spend time in the historical center. **Marsala** is the most western situated city in Sicily and the fifth biggest city in Sicily with 80.000 Inhabitants. You will visit the picturesque city centre and the **Marsala Cathedral**, which was built on the foundations of a preexisting Norman castle, with an organ with 4,317 pipes. Marsala is also famous for the production of excellent Marsala wines and after your walk in the city you will go to the most important winery of the region, the renowned **Florio Winery** to see how fortified wine is made and to taste it for yourself.. After a **light lunch** at the winery you will be driven back to the ship.

Please note: Wear comfortable walking shoes, a hat, and sunscreen. Proper attire that covers shoulders and knees is required for both men and women to enter the Cathedral. This tour is not suitable for those with walking difficulties because of the many stairs and slopes to climb.

PRICE\$189

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Trapani, Trapani Walking Tour with Sicilian Coffee Break

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

Trapani is an attractive old port town, rediscovering its charms after years of neglect. Halfway between Europe and Tunis, it was a rich trading center throughout the early Middle Ages, then, flourished again in the 19th and early 20th centuries as a stronghold of the tuna-canning industry. After that, it went into decline, and became a salty old port. Then, it was selected to host the 2004 America's Cup and received a massive injection of cash – buildings were restored, streets in the historic center pedestrianized – giving the town and its people a new confidence. These days **Trapani is a thoroughly pleasant place** to hang out for a couple of days. You will join your guide for a pleasant walking visit of the historical center of Trapani, with its many churches and palazzos with their ornate façades and elaborate interior, both perfect examples of the Baroque style. At the end of the guided visit, **enjoy a typical Sicilian coffee break** including one

cannolo and one coffee, followed by 45 minute free time. At the conclusion of your tour you can leisurely walk back to the pier with your guide or continue to spend time in town returning to the ship on your own.

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PRICE\$49