

# Sicily & Malta

April 13<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018



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Taormina • Siracusa • Mount Etna • Palermo • Agrigento • Valletta • Gozo • Mdina

# Itinerary

**Day 1 April 13<sup>rd</sup> - Depart home city, overnight flight to Sicily**

**Day 2 April 14<sup>th</sup> - Sicily**

Upon arrival we will head to the charming hillside town of Taormina. See the picturesque 13<sup>th</sup> century Duomo, the ancient Greek Theatre and enjoy fantastic views of the Gulf and of Mount Etna. Welcome dinner. Overnight at the Hotel Monte Tauro or similar. (D)

**Day 3 April 15<sup>th</sup> - Siracusa**

Travel along the coast on a full day tour to Siracusa. The port was once a powerful Greek Fortress feared throughout the Mediterranean Old World. Overnight at the Hotel Monte Tauro or similar. (B)

**Day 4 April 16<sup>th</sup> – Mount Etna**

Excursion to Mount Etna – Europe’s largest active volcano. Also enjoy a half-day Sicilian cooking class with dinner to follow. Overnight at the Hotel Monte Tauro or similar. (B, D)

**Day 5 April 17<sup>th</sup> – Cefalù • Palermo**

Leisurely explore the charming town of Cefalù. Experience the Norman Basilica and then proceed along the Northern Coast to Palermo. Overnight at the elegant Centrale Palace Hotel. (B)

**Day 6 April 18<sup>th</sup> - Palermo**

Guided tour of Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Visit the Cathedral, Church of St. John of the Hermits, the Norman Palace, the Palatine and the hilltop Monreale Abbey. Remainder of the afternoon and evening free in Palermo. Overnight – Centrale Palace Hotel. (B)

**Day 7 April 19<sup>th</sup> – Segesta • Agrigento**

Travel to Segesta (5<sup>th</sup> century Greek Doric Temple). Continue south to Agrigento for a guided tour of the Valley of the Temples. Evening free. Overnight at the romantic 18<sup>th</sup> century boutique Hotel Baglio della Luna. (B)

**Day 8 April 20<sup>th</sup> – Ragusa • Pozzallo**

Travel east along the Mediterranean Coast with a stop at a local winery. Sample wines and great Sicilian food. Transfer to the Port o Pozzallo. (B, WT) (WT=Wine Tasting)

Arrive Valletta, Malta.

Overnight at the Grand Hotel Excelsior, which overlooks the Marsamxett Harbour.

**Day 9 April 21<sup>st</sup> - Valletta**

Begin the day with a walking tour of Malta’s capital, Valletta. Visit St. John’s Cathedral, the Lascaris War rooms and Casa Rocca Piccola. Complete the afternoon watching the saluting of the battery at the Upper Barrakka Gardens. Overnight at the Grand Hotel Excelsior. (B)

**Day 10 April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Blue Grotto and Hagar Qim Temple**

Set on a hilltop overlooking the sea and the islet of Filfa is the Hagar Temple. Visit Mnajdra, a second remarkable temple site. Visit the Blue Grotto, where several caverns mirror the brilliant phosphorescent colours of the underwater flora. Enjoy some leisurely time in the fishing village of Marsaxlokk. Overnight at the Grand Hotel Excelsior. (B)

**Day 11 April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Gozo (Malta’s Sister Island)**

Ferry to Gozo. Upon Arrival, the group will board jeeps (drivers provided) and discover the most scenic views of Malta’s sister Island. Visit the Basilica of Ta Pinu, the ‘little Azure Window’ and more. Enjoy a wine tasting at Tal-Massar with authentic finger foods. Lunch at Ta’ Rikardu where you will enjoy a milking and cheese making experience. Overnight at the Grand Hotel Excelsior. (B, L, WT)

Please visit our website for the complete itinerary.  
[www.furtherafieldtravel.ca](http://www.furtherafieldtravel.ca)

## Day 12 April 24<sup>th</sup> – Diar il Bniét – Farm Tour and Tasting

Today we visit a family run farm in Dingli, Malta. The farm is set in an idyllic valley. Experience the real life of some of the Maltese people. Evening at leisure. Overnight at the Grand Hotel Excelsior. (B, T) (T = Tasting)

## Day 13 April 25<sup>th</sup> – Mdina – Naxxar

Visit the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady (The Mosta Dome), Palazzo Parisio & Garden and participate in the making of Limoncello This evening you will enjoy an evening walking tour in Mdina. Dinner will be served at Bacchus, which is set within the fortifications of Mdina, a beautiful historical building consisting of 2 chambers which date back to the times of the Romans on the island. Overnight at the Grand Hotel Excelsior. (B, D)

## Day 14 April 26<sup>th</sup> – Malta – Home City

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

## Inclusions

Airfare – return economy flights from Toronto  
Round trip transfers included

12 Nights Deluxe Accommodation

16 Meals, Welcome and Farewell Dinners included

2 Wine Tastings, 1 Food Tasting

Fees to Signature Experiences and Itinerary Inclusions

Professional English Speaking Local Guides

2 Ferry Transfers (Sicily to Malta, Malta to Gozo)

Customary gratuities for local guides

Services of Further Afield Travel and Tours' Tour Leader

## Signature Experiences

- Sicilian Cooking Class – 18<sup>th</sup> century villa in Viagrande
- Local Wine Tastings in Picturesque Ragusa (Sicily) and at the Tal-Massar Family Winery (Malta)
- Valley of the Temples – Remains of 7 Temples, largest archaeological site in the world - UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Diar il Bniét – visit a local Maltese family for a tour and tasting
- Gozo, Island Jeep Tour
- Lescaris War Rooms – tour the fascinating underground complex of tunnels and chambers that housed the War Headquarters during WWII

## Itinerary Inclusions

### Sicily

Taormina  
Ancient Greek Theatre  
Siracusa  
Mount Etna  
Cefalù  
Palermo city tour  
Palermo Cathedral  
Norman Palace  
Monreale Abbey  
Segesta  
Greek Doric Temple  
Valley of the Temples  
Ragusa  
Ferry Crossing to Malta

### Malta

Church of St. John  
Casa Rocca Piccola  
Saluting of the Battery  
Upper Barrakka Gardens  
Marsaxlokk  
Hagar Qim Temple  
Mnajdra Megalithic Temple Site  
Blue Grotto  
Gozo  
Cheese Making Demonstration  
Mosta Dome  
Palazzo Parisio & Garden  
Limoncello Making Experience  
Walking Tour in Mdina



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## 14 Day Tour Departing April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Tour cost in Canadian Dollars, per person based on Toronto Departures:**

	Occupancy	
	Double	Single
<b>Air Inclusive</b>	\$ 6,850	\$ 7,850
(economy return Toronto, pricing includes all transfers and taxes)		
<b>Land Only</b>	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,750
(pricing includes taxes – price does not include transfers)		
Pricing is based on a minimum of 14 passengers.		

### Upgrade your View in Malta, Grand Hotel Excelsior

#### Sea View Room

\$170 per person based on double / \$340 based on single occupancy

#### Sea Front Room

\$390 per person based on double / \$790 based on single occupancy

Deposit amount: \$750.00 per person

Balance Due: January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Please inquire for rates departing from other cities.

### Further Afield Travel and Tours recommends:

#### Manulife Travel Insurance

#### Cancellation Penalties

120 days – 91 days prior to departure, 10% of total fare

90 days – 69 days prior to departure, 60% of total fare

68 days – 0 days prior to departure 100% of total fare non-refundable

Please note: Should accommodations change, accommodations of a similar status will be substituted.



Greek Theatre - Taormina, Sicily



Ta' Pinu, Gozo



Agrigento, Sicily



Marsaxlokk, Malta



Cooking Class, Sicily



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