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is a country of diversity, you cannot do it justice in a short spell of time. It is easy to forget that the Island, population of 5 million, only became part of the Italian state in 1860.

We suggest you look out for the ever changing landscape, a feature even on a short trip and it is not every day that you will visit a volcano, Etna; the characteristic hill-top towns rebuilt after the devastating earthquake of 1693 and the affluence of picturesque Taormina.

You might like to try some delicacies, Torroncini (nougat) or Pasta di Mandorla (almond cakes) which are nice to take back home with you. So are some of the local liquors, Limoncello (lemon), Vino alla Mandorla (almond wine) both served well chilled, or an amaro “Averna” (bitter liquor).

If your stay is for a few days, do not forget Sicily was once Magna Grecia; the Greek Temples of Agrigento are a unique experience as are the Roman Mosaics at Piazza Armerina. The archaeological sites of Siracusa include the Greek and Roman Theatres and the Cathedral, a former Temple of Athena in the ancient City of Ortegia. The baroque cities of Noto, Ragusa and Modica are minutes away from Pozzallo. Palermo, the capital is a treasure trove; Erice and Cefalu are within easy reach. Shopping in Catania is an experience.

The Iblei Mountain Range is arguably one of the most picturesque areas of Sicily, with a variety of rivers, valleys, canyons and lakes that bring with them a vast flora and fauna, making the countryside around the baroque towns of the Provincia di Ragusa a paradise for lovers of nature. The cities and towns of the region, many of them UNESCO Heritage Sites, are themselves a treasure trove not only of Sicilian Baroque, but also of world renowned Greek and Roman monuments.

There is only one thing we are certain of; you will enjoy Sicily!
sightseeing day tours

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visiting TAORMINA & MT. ETNA

YOUTHS & SENIORS €85
* + Fuel Surcharge

ADULTS €107
* + Fuel Surcharge

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visiting TAORMINA & MT. ETNA

02.05.12 - 27.06.12 Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday

01.07.12 - 30.09.12 Every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Sunday [except 27.09.12]

DEP. MLA 06:45 ARR. POZ 08:15
DEP. POZ 21:30 ARR. MLA 23:00

Taormina: Sicily’s prime tourist resort was discovered by the British aristocracy in the mid 1800s. Facing Etna and the blue Mediterranean, this peaceful panoramic resort, 206m above sea level was colonized by the Greeks who built a theatre in the Hellenic period – 4B.C. The present Teatro Greco, altered by the Romans, is the venue for classical plays every summer. The main street, the elegant Corso Umberto, with its cafés, restaurants and boutiques is a bustle of nationalities.

Mt. Etna: The largest and most active volcano in Europe. The climb to the crater takes us through picturesque villages and an ever changing landscape. The lower slopes of the volcano are extremely fertile with groves of oranges, lemons and other Mediterranean flora and of course vines which produce Sicily’s best wines. We go through forests of chestnut trees which gradually give way to oak, beech, birch and pine.

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

• TAORMINA: Free time in Taormina to enjoy the unique panoramic view overlooking Giardini Naxos, a former Greek colony, now an international yachting centre. Time for lunch (not included in the price).
• On the way to Mt. Etna we stop to sample some typical Sicilian delicacies, including wines / cheeses / almond sweets and honey; these Sicilian specialities are for sale (no obligation to buy).
• MOUNT ETNA: From the SYLVESTRI CRATER at 2000 metres, we have a panoramic view of this vast base of ETNA and the effects of the most recent eruptions. Souvenir shopping.
• Departure by High Speed Catamaran at 21.30 hrs for Malta.
• Local transport in Malta (Hotel / Harbour / Hotel) only €10.00 extra. VAT included.
• Adults €107.00*.
• Children under 4 years FREE of charge. To pay local transport only.
• Children 4 years till under 14 years €75.00*.
• Youths 14 years till under 25 years €85.00*.
• Senior Citizens 60 years and over €85.00*.
• Above fares include charges, except fuel surcharge.
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visiting SYRACUSE & THE IBLEAN GEMS

INCLUDING A TYPICAL SICILIAN LUNCH IN AN AGRITURISMO
**Every Wednesday & Sunday**

**06:45**  **Departure from Malta**  
**08:15**  **Arrival at Pozzallo Port**

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**
- Departure to Syracuse. SYRACUSE – has come to epitomize Greek culture in Sicily, Magna Grecia. The Duomo, in the old city Ortegia, is a converted Greek temple, one of the oldest places of worship worldwide and equally as unique.
- Departure for a typical Sicilian lunch (set menu) in an agriturismo at ‘La Diga di St. Rosalia’.

**Summer itinerary**  
**(02/05/2012 - 30/09/2012)**

- Departure for Marina di Ragusa passing through the outskirts of Ragusa Ibla with its historic buildings.
- Arrival Marina di Ragusa. Free time in Marina di Ragusa with time for a swim.
- Our last stop is Modica. Il Corso is a typical Sicilian meeting place with cafés and majestic baroque buildings. San Giorgio, surrounded by a flight of 250 steps, is one of the finest examples of Sicilian Baroque.
- Departure for Pozzallo, with a running commentary by the guide.

**21:30**  **Departure from Pozzallo**  
**23:00**  **Arrival Malta**

**Winter itinerary**  
**(03/10/2012 - 28/04/2013)**

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- Departure for Pozzallo, with a running commentary by the guide.

**19:30**  **Departure from Pozzallo**  
**21:00**  **Arrival Malta**

- Local transport in Malta (Hotel/Harbour /Hotel) only €10.00 extra. VAT included.
- Adults €107.00*.
- Children under 4 years FREE of charge. To pay local transport only.
- Children 4 years till under 14 years €75.00*.
- Youths 14 years till under 25 years €85.00*.
- Senior Citizens 60 years and over €85.00*.
- Family plan does not apply.
- The above fares are inclusive of charges except fuel surcharge and a typical Sicilian lunch including wine, water and coffee.
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**winter** | 3rd October 2012 ~ 28th April 2013

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**Modica:** This proud, prosperous and ancient city is one of Sicily’s baroque gems. The main street ‘Il Corso’, is a typical Italian meeting place with cafés and majestic buildings. The church of San Giorgio is an impressive monument, built after the earthquake of 1693, surrounded by a flight of 250 steps to further enhance the scenic beauty of its fine façade.

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**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Arrival at POZZALLO - a typical Sicilian fishing village.
- Met by fully air-conditioned coaches, accompanied by guides.
- On the way to Mt. Etna we stop to sample some typical Sicilian delicacies, including wines / cheeses / almond sweets and honey; these Sicilian specialities are for sale (no obligation to buy).
- Drive up to Sylvester Craters of MT. ETNA having time for lunch *(not included in the price)* and souvenir shopping.
- Depart Mt. Etna for the baroque city of MODICA to enjoy some free time in the city centre.
- Depart Modica for Pozzallo, with a running commentary by the guide.
- Depart for Malta by High Speed Catamaran at 19:30hrs.
- Local Transport Malta (Hotel/Harbour/Hotel) only €10.00 extra. VAT included.
- Adults €107.00*.
- Children under 4 years FREE of charge. To pay local transport only.
- Children 4 years till under 14 years €68.00*.
- **Youths 14 years till under 25 years** €78.00*.
- **Senior Citizens** 60 years and over €78.00*.
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Every Friday & Sunday

- This excursion may also be held on any other day except Tuesday and Saturday with a minimum of 2 Quads.

**06:45  Departure from Malta**

**08:15  Arrival Pozzallo Port**

- Pick-up from the port of Pozzallo
- Arrival at the Quad Centre for briefing and training.

- We start the excursion with the quad bikes by crossing:
  - Cisternazza (country track)
  - Pizzillo (country track)
  - Fontana di Galermo (country track)
  - Panoramic route (the canyon of the river Irminio in the Iblei Mountains)
  - Fiume Irminio (crossing various parts of the river)
  - Cascata del Fiume (spectacular waterfall near Scicli)

- Typical Sicilian lunch *(set menu)* and tasting of Sicilian delicacies.
- We return to Ragusa through country roads.

**Summer Itinerary**

(01/05/2012 – 30/09/2012)
- In the afternoon, transfer to a shopping centre.

**21:30  Departure from Pozzallo**

**23:00  Arrival Malta**

**Winter Itinerary**

(01/10/12 – 30/04/2013)
- Arrival at Pozzallo – free time for coffee and shopping.

- Optional transfer from the promenade to the port €14 [8 seater minibus].

**19:30  Departure from Pozzallo**

**21:00  Arrival Malta**

N.B. A valid driving license is required.

Any damages to Quads are not covered by Insurance.

Personal accident insurance not included.

We suggest that the appropriate footwear and clothing is worn.

**Price : € 158.00**

+ fuel surcharge

per person (sharing quad bike – 2 persons.

Single use of quad bike supplement of €45.00).

Above fares are inclusive of catamaran crossing and a typical Sicilian lunch including wine, water and coffee.

Children 4 years till under 14 years reduction of €20.

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Sicilian FLAVOURS
Every Friday

- This excursion may also be held on any other day with a minimum of 7 participants.

06:45  Departure from Malta
08:15  Arrival Pozzallo Port

You cannot imagine a greater contrast than Marzamemi, Pachino and Modica. Marzamemi, a dreamy fishing village, turned into a tourist resort over the summer months, is well known for its tuna fish, little wonder that the quaint town center in the old port is known as the tonnara. The area around Pachino, in contrast, is typically agricultural; the pomodori di Pachino (tomatoes), are sought all over Sicily as are the grapes from which the Nero D’Avola wine is produced. Contrast this with the affluent Modica, with its café lined main street and the Duomo di San Giorgio, an acknowledged baroque masterpiece. What’s more, you are now in Sicily’s chocolate haven, you will never see so many chocolate shops nor the variety.

- Arrival at Marzamemi where we will visit the village and the Campisi establishment, famous for its’ preserves. Campisi is a leading manufacturer in the sector of fish products: fish eggs, raw tuna (bottarga), red tuna, traditional Sicilian sauces, preserves made from the famous Pachino tomatoes cultivated only in this area of Sicily.
- Transfer to a wine cellar which produces wines from local grapes, particularly the Nero D’Avola and the famous desert wine Moscato di Noto.
- Departure for La Diga di S. Rosalia for a typical lunch (set menu) in an agriturismo including water, wine and coffee.

Summer (01/05/2012 – 30/09/2012)

- Arrival in Modica, a UNESCO “World Heritage Site”, we visit the famous Bonaiuto Chocolate factory and some free time.
- Arrival at a local farm which produces different types of typical cheeses including the Caciocavallo Ragusano.
21:30  Departure from Pozzallo
23:00  Arrival Malta

Price : € 145.00 + fuel surcharge per person inclusive of catamaran crossing and a typical Sicilian lunch including wine, water and coffee.
Children 4 years till under 14 years reduction of € 20.

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Safari
Every Monday

- This excursion may also be held on any other day with a minimum of 6 participants.

**06:45**  Departure from Malta

**08:15**  Arrival Pozzallo Port

- Departure by 4x4 vehicles

- An itinerary full of adventures which include 4x4 off-roading, cave exploration and lunch with typical dishes from the province of Ragusa.

- The first stop is a typical industrial archaeological site. We shall visit some old mines from where at the end of the 800’s and the early 900’s tar was extracted. Tar was exported world-wide to asphalt the roads of big cities. We will venture down caves to approximately 60m.

- Back on our 4x4’s for a ride down to the valley of the river Irminio, which was once used for navigation, however today is merely a torrent surrounded by unspoiled nature. The ride will take us across country paths, muddy patches and flowing streams.

- Once we arrive in Ragusa, we will have lunch *(set menu)* in an old country house which has been converted into a family run agriturismo.

- Back on the 4x4’s for our final destination Ragusa, with a stop of about 1 hour 30 minutes at Ragusa Ibla where we return our 4x4’s.

**Summer itinerary**
*(01/05/2012 – 30/09/2012)*

- Departure for a Shopping Centre in Ragusa.

21:30  Departure from Pozzallo

23:00  Arrival Malta

**Winter itinerary**
*(01/10/12 – 30/04/2013)*

19:30  Departure from Pozzallo

21:00  Arrival Malta

Personal accident insurance not included.
We suggest that the appropriate footwear and clothing is worn.

**Price : € 188.00 + fuel surcharge**
per person inclusive of catamaran crossing and a typical Sicilian lunch including wine, water and coffee.

Children 4 years till under 14 years reduction of € 20.

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