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Absolutely Unique! Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica & Malta

**FEATURING... VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES, MT ETNA, IBLA,
MADDALENA ISLANDS, AJACCIO, VALLETTA, GOZO ISLAND AND BLUE GROTTO**



An exclusive and carefully prepared itinerary of 4 magnificent islands in the Mediterranean Sea, capturing the scenic highlights, character and charm of **Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica & Malta**. Each country is unique... having its own language, historical background and its traditional cuisine

**A WELL-BALANCED 23 NIGHT ALL-INCLUSIVE HOLIDAY PACKAGE...
INCLUDING RETURN EUROPE FLIGHTS, 2 INTERNAL FLIGHTS, MOSTLY 2 NIGHT-STAYS, MOSTLY
4 STAR HOTELS, SUPERB BUFFET BREAKFAST DAILY, MOST DINNERS, MANY LUNCHESES, AND ALL
'MUST DO' SIGHTSEEING... WITH NO OPTIONAL TOURS NECESSARY AND NO HIDDEN EXTRAS!**

Please refer to the detailed list of inclusions on the back page...

Only 2 tours... 15 May and 18 September 2020

(from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane & Perth)

Tour price: \$10,690pp (*twin share*) **Single supplement \$1,696**

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TOUR ITINERARY: STARTING 14 MAY & 17 SEPTEMBER 2020

Day 1 Fri Depart Australia

Depart Australia on Qatar Airway's flight to Doha. Sydney's departure is mid-afternoon. O/n Inflight

Day 2 Sat Arrive in Paris – Ajaccio (Corsica) – At leisure

Connect with early morning flight to Paris, where we arrive early in the morning and later connect with flight to Ajaccio. Arrive early afternoon and transferred to our hotel, with the rest of the day at leisure. O/n Hotel Du Golfe Ajaccio

Day 3 Sun Ajaccio – Walking Tour – Sartene – Bonifacio

This morning we join a guided walking tour of Ajaccio, the hometown of Napoleon Bonaparte's. See the Monument to Napoleon I, also visit his former House (now a museum) and the Place Bonaparte 16th-century Notre-Dame Cathedral. Then visit Cupulatta, a natural and unique site devoted to breeding, studying and protecting 130 species and over 2,000 land tortoises and turtles from all over the world. Later travel south and visit the picturesque medieval hilltop town of Sartene. Continue to Bonifacio where we overnight, where we can later take a short taxi ride to the 9th-century citadel, promontory overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. O/n Hotel Santa Teresa Bonifacio (B,D)

Day 4 Mon Bonifacio – Santa Teresa Gallura – Palau area

This morning we join a mini cruise and discover the caves and the magnificent white limestone cliffs of Bonifacio. See the tall, rugged and weathered cliffs, and many with overhanging residential buildings. Later take a short ferry crossing to Santa Teresa Gallura in Sardinia, and drive east to our resort hotel overlooking Cala Granu Bay, where we have 2 nights. O/n Grand Hotel Porto Cervo (B,D)

Day 5 Tue Palau area – La Maddalena Archipelago Cruise Excursion

A short drive to Palau to board a cruise of the pristine emerald/turquoise water of the magnificent Costa Smeralda and discover the famous La Maddalena Archipelago, consisting of seven main islands, numerous small islets, beaches, cliffs, ravines, pink and white sand all characterise this area of rare beauty, history and culture. We visit the islands of Spargi, Budelli and Caprera with opportunity to swim and included lunch onboard. O/n Grand Hotel Porto Cervo (B,L,D)

Day 6 Wed Palau – Castelsardo – Alghero

Later we continue to Castelsardo, the extraordinary small town which developed around the castle set on a rock overlooking the sea. Here we begin our guided walking tour through the narrow streets of the old district, Cathedral and Castel. Then onto Alghero and join a guided walking tour of the unique medieval 'old town' with strong presence of its past Spanish rule and with its Catalan language. O/n Hotel Anedras Alghero (B,D)

Day 7 Thu Alghero – Nuraghe Santu Antine – Cagliari

Firstly visit Capo Caccia where the rugged coastal views await, and visit the Neptune's Caves by boat. Then travel south to the famous 'Nuraghe' of Santu Antine, for our guided walking tour of one of the largest and best preserved "Nuraghe" on the island. A distinctive culture of the Nuragic civilization dating to the 15th-13th centuries BC. Dinner will be served in our hotel restaurant. Late afternoon we arrive in Cagliari, Sardinia's capital. O/n Hotel Italia (B,L,D)

Day 8 Fri Cagliari – Cagliari walking tour – At leisure

This morning we enjoy a guided visit to San Benedetto's Market and discover some truly Sardinian gastronomic traditions and is one of Italy's biggest markets. Then continue with a city tour including the Cagliari Museum, the old 'Castello district', the Royal Palace, Cathedral, towers and ramparts. The afternoon is at leisure and suggest visiting the popular Marina area that is full of shops, restaurants and rolling promenades. O/n Hotel Italia (B,D)

Day 9 Sat Cagliari – Catania – At leisure

This morning we are transferred to Cagliari airport for the mid-morning flight to Catania. Arrive in the early afternoon, and transferred to our centrally located hotel. Late afternoon is at leisure to discover Catania. Tonight you join your tour director for a welcome drink and dinner. O/n Hotel Il Principe in Catania (B,D)

Day 10 Sun Catania – Syracuse – Ragusa

Today we visit Syracuse and visit the archaeological area "Neapolis" including the famous Latomie, the Dyionisios "Ear" and UNESCO Listed island of Ortigia, and the Cathedral. Later we travel to Modica, another UNESCO Listed town recognised Baroque art in Europe. Then onto Ragusa and the enchanting historical centre of 'Ibla', and the other seven cities in the Val di Noto. Tonight we experience 'Ibla' by night. Dinner is in our hotel. O/n Hotel Poggio Del Sole (B,D)

Day 11 Mon Ragusa – Piazza Armerina – Agrigento

Firstly we visit Piazza Armerina and visit the worldwide known UNESCO Listed Villa Romana del Casale, of preserved mosaics depicting mythological themes and hunting scenes. Lunch will be in a local restaurant with a special menu chosen to give the opportunity to taste the local specialities. Later visit Agrigento, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley of the Temples, another UNESCO Listed site, where we enjoy a guided tour of the Valley, including the Temple of Concordia, which is in almost perfectly preserved condition, Juno and Heracles Dinner is also included. O/n Hotel Dioscuri Bay Palace (B,L,D)



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Day 12 Tue Agrigento – Monreale – Palermo (street food experience)

This morning we visit Monreale and its Cathedral, one of the most beautiful monuments of the world housing very fine mosaics representing a complete cycle of the Old and New Testaments and the Benedictine Cloister. Later onto Palermo, with the opportunity to taste Palermo's famous street food, one of the most renowned all over the world. We also wandering around its historical centre, one of the largest of Europe and visit the Cathedral and Palazzo Mirto and Piazza Marina. Dinner is included. O/n Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa Palermo (B,D)

Day 13 Wed Palermo – Erice – Marsala – Salt Route Excursion

(Visit of a winery, wine tasting & light lunch.) This morning we visit the medieval hilltop town of Erice, overlooking the city of Trapani and the Egadi Islands. There's time to explore its tiny and characteristic streets, winding lanes and, inner courtyards. Continue to Marsala, a city on the western coast famous for its production of sweet Sicilian wine. We stop at a prestigious winery for a guided tour of the historic Wine Cellars and tasting of wines (white, red and Marsala) with local food pairings. Down to Trapani area for a panoramic tour of the salt windmills and basins, which are still in use. Return to Palermo. Dinner tonight is at your own choice and expense. O/n Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa Palermo (B,LL)

Day 14 Thu Palermo – Cefalu – Nebrodi Park – Taormina

Firstly visit the charming medieval coastal town of Cefalu, with a short guided walking tour. Then drive through "Nebrodi" Park, with a stop at the Miraglia Forest for an included lunch with a typical menu of local delicacies. Continue via Cesarò, Randazzo and visit the Etna Park surrounded by beautiful landscapes. Today ends on the hilltop town of Taormina, where our hotel near the historic centre. Included dinner tonight will be served in our hotel restaurant. O/n Hotel Villa Diodoro (B,L,D)

Day 15 Fri Taormina – Mt Etna Excursion – At leisure

After a buffet breakfast this morning is an included excursion to Mount Etna, the highest active Volcano in Europe. Weather conditions permitting, we will reach a height of 1800 metres to visit the Sylvester Craters where you can enjoy a spectacular panorama view over the Ionian Sea. Lunch at



Mdina, Malta

your own expense. The afternoon is at leisure in Taormina, where you can wander the tiny streets and maybe visit the Greek-Roman Theatre. Our farewell dinner is included tonight. O/n Hotel Villa Diodoro (B,D)

Day 16 Sat Taormina – At Leisure – Malta

Today is at leisure and maybe relax by the hotel's pool, further explore the town, or visit Isola Bella Island below and swim in the Ionian Sea. Also consider joining a 'Godfather' film sites tour. Later take the mid-evening airport transfer for the short late-evening flight to Malta. Upon arrival we are transferred to our centrally located harbour-side hotel, for 6 nights. O/n Preluna Hotel Sliema (B,D)

Day 17 Sun Malta – At leisure

The entire day is at leisure and maybe enjoy the hotel's facilities, including a private beach, pool, hot tub, etc. Also explore the popular Sliema area, harbour-side bars or take a ferry or bus to Valletta. Dinner is included in our hotel restaurant. O/n Preluna Hotel Sliema (B,D)

Day 18 Mon Malta – Valletta & Malta Experience

Today we enjoy a full day private excursion to the Ancient Temples and the UNESCO Listed city of Valletta, with its magnificent architecture, St. John's Cathedral, Barrakka Gardens and the fortified Grand Harbour. Later we see the award winning 'Malta Experience', which is a multi vision and audio experience. The rest of the day is at leisure. Dinner is included in our hotel restaurant. O/n Preluna Hotel Sliema (B,D)

Day 19 Tue Malta – Three Cities – Harbour Cruise

Today's excursion takes us to Cospicua, Birgu and Senglea, where

the Knights of St. John first settled in this area in 1532. Explore the old historical centre which is known as the Collacchio where they built their Palazzos and Auberges, and is a maze of narrow streets and quaint alleys. Later we join a pleasant 90 minute Grand Harbour Cruise and waterfront. Dinner is included in our hotel restaurant. O/n Preluna Hotel Sliema (B,D)

Day 20 Wed Malta – Gozo Island Excursion

A wonderful private day tour to Gozo Island, the 2nd largest island in the Malta archipelago. Discover the charm and character of Gozo and its stunning bays and caves. Our tour includes Ggantija Temples, Dwejra Bay/Inland Sea, Xlendi Bay, Ta Pinu Shrine and Victoria. Dinner is included in our hotel restaurant. O/n Preluna Hotel Sliema (B,D)

Day 21 Thu Malta – Mdina – Blue Grotto Excursion

Today we visit the impressive inland hilltop city of Mdina built on a plateau in the centre of the island. Discover the city's old Baroque buildings and magnificent bastion walls that dominate the rural skyline. Explore the quaint alleys, narrow streets, ancient buildings and magnificent far reaching views. Later visit the magnificent Blue Grotto caves and join a boat trip to further explore the incredible beauty of this natural wonder O/n Preluna Hotel Sliema (B,D).

Day 22 Fri Malta – Inflight

We have a private airport transfer for our mid-morning flight to Doha. Arrive in the mid-afternoon and later connect with an late afternoon flight to Australia. O/n Inflight

Day 23 Sat Arrive in Australia

Arrival into Australia does vary, Sydney is late afternoon.

SICILY MAP



MALTA MAP



TOUR INCLUSIONS...

- Return economy airfares & taxes.
- 3 internal flights & taxes.
- Selection of superior standard 3 & 4 star hotels.
- 41 meals (19 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 17 dinners).
- Private airport/hotel transfers in Malta, Catania, Cagliari, and Ajaccio.
- All 'must do' guided sightseeing tours as per itinerary.
- Malta entry fees & services: Hagar Qim & Mnajdra Temples, Tarxien Temples, St. John's Co. Cathedral, Mosta Dome, St. Pauls Grotto, 90 minute harbour cruise, Malta Experience Show, Blue Grotto cruise, Ghar Dalam Cave, Ggantija Temples and ferry to/from Gozo Island.
- Sicily tour includes Mt Etna excursion and Ibla by Night.
- Sicily entry fees & services: Neapolis € 10,00 + Dome € 2,00; Piazza Armerina Villa Romana del Casale € 10,00; Valley of Temples € 10,00; Palermo Palatine Chapel 8,50; Monreale Cloister € 6,00 + Dome € 4,00; Segesta Doric Temple € 6,00 + € 3,50 fee.
- Sardinia entry fees & services: Cagliari Museum, Chia mini cruise, Nora entry; Nuraghe' of Santu Antine; La Maddalena Archipelago cruise; Santa Teresa Gallura to Bonifacio ferry.
- Corsica entry fees & services: cruise the cliffs of Bonifacio; Cupulatta turtles; Notre-Dame Cathedral; and Napoleon Museum.

NOT INCLUDED...

- Entry fees not listed above.
- Tours and excursions not listed above.
- Gratuities for tour directors and drivers.
- Gratuities for local guides and driver, telephone calls, laundry, drinks, tips, and items of a personal nature.

CORSICA AND SARDINIA MAP



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