

Ormina Insiders SICILY ITINERARY 6-13 JULY 2024

8 DAYS

Experience the allure of Sicily on this rare opportunity to discover the treasures of Europe in grand style. Sharing our love for travel with cherished companions and celebrating life together is at the heart of this extraordinary experience. Unveiling the splendour of Sicily's landscapes, this villa holiday promises romance, beauty, and cherished memories. Join us on this once-in-a-lifetime escapade & immerse yourself in the enchanting embrace of Sicily's captivating charm.



Taormina



Mt Etna

Highlights & Inclusions

- > 7 nights at the luxury Villa Il Cortile - Brucoli
- > 7 Breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 Dinners
- > All meals catered at villa by private chef
- > Special occasion opening and closing meals
- > Cooking Class hosted at the villa
- > Full day private excursion to Ortigia (Syracuse) with guided walking tour and market visit
- > Full day excursion to Mt Etna with 4-wheel drive experience
- > Farmhouse winery lunch on Mt Etna
- > Excursion to Taormina with walking tour and admission to the Greek Theatre
- > Private boat trip off the coast of Sicily
- > Use of spa at villa available on select days
- > All gratuities included

For kids

- > Hands-on cooking class hosted at villa
- > Pizza night on arrival
- > Special kids dinners prepared by chef
- > All inclusions tailored for children
- > Supervising nanny on villa leisure days

Adults from \$4,350pp AUD (twin share)

Children from \$1,580*pp AUD

Children under 2yrs are FREE

*This cost assumes children are sharing parents' room. Final cost pending number of children.

DAY 1 Syracuse (D)

On arrival at the luxury Villa, relax and unpack. The afternoon is yours to explore the grounds of the villa including a large garden with lawn, a formal Italian garden with many species of local plants all centred around a luxury pool.

The grounds stretch across the estate featuring orange groves, olive groves and farmland. A hidden delight are the villa's ancient caves dating back to the Castellucciana (pre-Greek) civilization.

Join us for an authentic pizza dinner prepared by our private chef. Enjoy the wines of the region while we soak in the beauty of the Sicilian backdrop.

DAY 2 Syracuse (B, L, D)

Today is centred around relaxing and connecting as we enjoy the villa's amenities and grounds. Sleep in and be welcomed in morning with breakfast arranged around the courtyard and you'll have plenty of time to dip in the pool and relax in the garden. The villa's Sauna and Turkish bath will be open for use and spa treatments can be requested.

After a morning relaxing and exploring, we will have our formal Welcome Lunch within the garden of the villa. The special meal will be prepared by our private chef with accompanied wines from the region. The afternoon is yours to savour as we have a relaxed dinner and restful night.

DAY 3 Syracuse - Ortigia - Syracuse (B, D)

After breakfast, we embark on an excursion to Syracuse and the old town of Ortigia – celebrated with a UNESCO World Heritage Listing for its architectural creation of Greek, Roman and Baroque influences. We will meet our guide for a private tour walking tour of the city including a visit to their famous open-air markets to learn about the cuisine of the region. We'll visit the cathedral in Syracuse (Siracusa) which was built by bishop Zosimo in the 7th century over the Temple of Athena (5th century BC). This was a Doric temple with columns that still can be seen incorporated in the walls of the current church.

You'll have the afternoon at leisure to explore, we recommend strolling the pedestrian friendly and shop lined Via Roma, a visit to Duomo di Siracusa and the amazing Piazza's Duomo and Minerva. Afterward, we will head back to the villa for a prepared dinner.

DAY 4 Syracuse (B, L, D)

Today is another villa day where we will once again have the use of the spa and facilities to allow you to relax and connect. Explore the villa with its many archways, vibrant interiors, fireplaces, and fountains, all in a traditional Sicilian style.

We will enjoy a cooking class in the afternoon with a hands-on demonstration suited for all ages. Learn about the incredible cuisine and traditions of Sicily and learn techniques you can take back

home. After the class, we will enjoy the fruits of our labour with a beautiful Sicilian lunch. The evening is yours to relax, enjoy the arranged dinner, and perhaps a late-night swim.

DAY 5 Syracuse - Mt Etna - Syracuse (B, L, D)

After breakfast, we head out on an incredible excursion to Alcantara Gorges and Mt Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe, utilising a four-wheel drive to get close to the incredible lava flows of past eruptions. We will also visit the medieval town of Castiglione di Sicilia overlooking the Alcantara Valley and enjoy a beautiful lunch and wine tasting at a Mt Etna winery before returning to the villa. We will have a prepared dinner and an evening at your leisure.

DAY 6 Syracuse (B, L, D)

Enjoy a full day at Villa Il Cortile – Brucoli. Our chef will prepare your food throughout the day and you will have a selection of local wines to indulge in. You can access the villa's Sauna and Turkish bath throughout the morning and enjoy the pool and views to the sea from the various locations within the garden. Your every desire will be catered to by the villa staff while you sit back and celebrate the beauty of life.

DAY 7 Syracuse - Taormina - Syracuse (B, L, D)

After breakfast we head to Taormina. We will meet our private guide for a tour of the awe-inspiring town of Taormina. Spectacularly perched on the side of a mountain, Taormina is one of Sicily's most popular summer destinations, a chic resort town popular with holidaying high-rollers and those wanting a taste of Sicilian dolce vita. Our tour will include entrance to the iconic Greek Amphitheatre constructed by the Greeks around the third century BC, it is Taormina's premier sight. A perfect horseshoe-shaped theatre, suspended between sea and sky, with Mt Etna looming on the southern horizon. Built in the 3rd century BC, it's the most dramatically situated Greek theatre in the world.

After the tour, we will embark on a private boat along the famous coastline. Onboard we will enjoy prosecco, a light lunch and ample time to jump into sea and explore the many sea caves. On return to the villa we will cheers goodbye with a lavish celebratory closing dinner, set to be a night to remember.

DAY 8 Syracuse (B)

Enjoy one last breakfast and morning swim before we head out for our onward journey.