

# Discovering Western Sicily

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**Day 1 – DEPART** - Today we depart JFK on our overnight flight to Palermo (via Rome) aboard a wide bodied jet. We will be served complimentary beverages, in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

**Day 2 – PALERMO** – Today we arrive Palermo, where you will be met and assisted by your tour director. Transfer by private motorcoach to our hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

**Day 3 – MONREALE/PALERMO** – Morning departure for Monreale, visit its famous Cathedral and Benedictine's Kiosk built by the Normans over an ancient mosque. Continue toward Palermo. Lunch on your own. After lunch the city of Palermo is yours to enjoy visiting the Zisa Castle, the Norman Cathedral, Independence Square, with time for shopping. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 4 – CEFALÙ/SANTO STEFANO DI CAMASTRA** - Departure for Cefalù, boasting one of the most beautiful churches in Sicily. We proceed to the Castelbuono area, where we will enjoy lunch at an Agriturismo farm. Continue toward Santo Stefano di Camastra, to admire the Sicilian ceramic artistry of the Duke of Camastra. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 5 – SEGESTA/TRAPANI/ERICE/SALT PANS** - Departure for Segesta, visit of the temple with its Doric columns and the Greek theater, adorned by a splendid landscaped Mediterranean vegetation. Continue toward the city of Trapani, with the seashore sprinkled by Salt Pans. Lunch on your own. Visit the city, settled by the Carthaginians (circa 249 B.C.) the Romans, the Arabs, and last by the Normans who made the city flourish into an important cultural and industrial center. Continue toward the 13<sup>th</sup> century city of Erice with its medieval Norman Castle, and mother church. Time available for shopping along the city's narrow streets. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 6 – CASTELDACCIA/BAGHERIA** - Morning free. Lunch on your own either at the hotel or in town, Afternoon departure for Casteldaccia to visit the Corvo wine cellars and its famous museum, continuing later toward the city of

Bagheria and marvel over the many 18<sup>th</sup> century palaces and the Guttuso Museum. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 7 – MARSALA/SELINUNTE** - Departure for the city of Marsala, encircled by vineyards, producing the world renowned Marsala wines. Visit the outstanding museums where the wreck of a Punic war ship is displayed together with several maritime relics. Lunch on your own. Continue toward Selinunte. On arrival your guide will walk you

through this majestic masterpiece of the best preserved "Doric" columns left in Europe. Selinunte was founded in 648 B.C. by Diodorus Siculus or according to Thucydides, in 628 B.C. by a group of settlers Megara Hyblare of the eastern coast of the island, north of Siracusa. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 8 – PALERMO FREE DAY** – Free day in Palermo for you to relax or do some last minute shopping. Dinner and

overnight.

**Day 9 – USA** - After breakfast, departure for Palermo Airport for your return to New York, JFK (via Rome).

