



TAMPA SISTER CITY TRIP TO SICILY from 8 to 19 - JUNE 2026

JOURNEY TO THE ROOTS

Are you ready for a unique experience in the land where it all began? Join us on an exciting 10-day tour to discover splendid Sicily, the cradle of your roots. Among villages rich in history, authentic traditions, and breathtaking views, you will rediscover the emotions, aromas, and flavors that are part of your family memories. Join us on this extraordinary journey: each stop will be a return to your origins, a step closer to home.

Cost \$ 4,200.00 per person. Deposit \$ 1,500.00 to secure your place and balance to be paid by 90 days before departure.

TO MAKE YOUR PAYMENT

<https://tampasistercities.org/trips/2026-trip-to-agrigento/>

- Air fare not included
- Transfers are included (from Palermo Airport to hotel in Cinisi and from hotel IL PRINCIPE to Catania Airport)
- Expert tour leader is included
- Guides, entrance fees to museums and parks are included.
- Meals listed are included
- Not Included: Single room supplements, gratuities, lunches, and dinners not listed, portorage at the airport.

JUNE 8, MONDAY

Arrival day for all participants at Palermo Airport. Transportation to the Magaggiari Hotel in Cinisi will be provided at 3:00 pm only.

Dinner at Andrea il Pirata restaurant.



JUNE 9, TUESDAY

The day dedicated to Palermo, first honoring its patron saint and protector by visiting Monte Pellegrino and the Sanctuary of Santa Rosalia. Next, we will descend to Palermo and visit the Teatro Massimo, the largest opera house in Italy and the third largest in Europe, an icon of majestic architecture and excellent acoustics. Lunch will be at the CASA DEL BRODO restaurant. We will then move on to the nearby Cathedral, one of the city's most distinctive monuments. In the afternoon, enjoy shopping in the historic center, then return to the hotel.



JUNE 10, WEDNESDAY

After breakfast, visit Castellammare del Golfo; a charming and characteristic town overlooking a natural gulf dominated by its beautiful Arab-Norman castle. In the afternoon, we will meet the mayor's group and depart for

Sciacca to check in to Hotel Torre del Barone.

Dinner will be at La Cambusa restaurant.



JUNE 11, THURSDAY

After breakfast, we will depart for Agrigento City Hall for a Tampa Agrigento Sister City meeting with the city Mayor and city officials, followed by lunch at AKROPOLIS restaurant with entertainment by a local folklore group. Next, we will head to the Valley of the Temples (Agrigento). Here, accompanied by a certified guide, we will enter the archaeological park to visit the Temple of

Concordia, then return to the hotel in Sciacca.



JUNE 12, FRIDAY

After breakfast, we depart from the hotel to Alessandria della Rocca to visit the town.

We will go to the town City Hall to meet with the town Mayor and town officials.

In the afternoon, we will visit the Azienda Agricola Baronina della Pietra Winery, where they continue, on the same soil, with love, devotion, and gratitude, the work begun by their ancestors in 1860, following nature in growing the fruits that this land provides. During the visit, we will enjoy lunch with a tasting of traditional dishes.

Afterwards we will return to the hotel in Sciacca.



JUNE 13, SATURDAY

After breakfast, we will depart for Santo Stefano Quisquina. We will go to the town City Hall to meet with the town Mayor and town officials.

Afterwards, we will visit the evocative Andromeda Theater; a work by the sculptor Lorenzo Reina, then we will head to the Ferranti Dairy Farm, where we will enjoy a tasting of their products.

Afterwards we will return to the hotel in Sciacca.

JUNE 14, SUNDAY

After breakfast, we will check out of Hotel Torre del Barone.

This is free day with location to be organized with the group ending up in Catania to check in at IL PRINCIPE Hotel.



JUNE 15, MONDAY

After breakfast, we will depart for Taormina to visit the "Pearl of the Ionian Sea." Accompanied by a guide, we will visit the famous Greek theater and then explore the narrow streets of the town, a destination and inspiration for writers, painters, and musicians. Next, we will head to the terrace of a famous restaurant, where you can enjoy lunch while enjoying a spectacular view of the gulf.

After lunch there will be free time in the city until 5:30 PM when we return to the Catania hotel.

JUNE 16, TUESDAY

After breakfast, we will travel to the Noto Valley, home to eight cities listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites for



their late Sicilian Baroque style, born from the reconstruction of this entire area after the



destructive earthquake of 1693. Noto Valley includes the cities of Noto, Modica, Syracuse, and Catania (although it is geographically outside the area). Today, we will visit Syracuse, a city founded in 734 BC by Greek colonists from Corinth and described by Cicero as "the greatest and most beautiful of all the Greek cities." We will be accompanied by a certified guide to the Neapolis Archaeological Park, which houses most of Syracuse's ancient monuments that have survived to the present day. The thrill of strolling through a theater where Aeschylus performed his plays 2,500 years ago will make you feel like a citizen of that era. After visiting the park, we will descend to the island of Ortigia for lunch at a typical restaurant in the city market. Next, we will visit the old city of Syracuse, where we will admire its Baroque palaces and churches, and its spectacular settings.

Afterwards, we will return to the hotel.



JUNE 17, WEDNESDAY

After breakfast, we will visit the center of Catania with its characteristic fish market. Next, we will explore the "determining force" of this area:

Mount Etna. We will observe the influence, strength, and vitality of nature. You will see lunar landscapes and landscapes where you will notice how life slowly and forcefully reclaims its place. Lunch will follow at a local restaurant, then return to the hotel.

JUNE 18, THURSDAY

After breakfast, we will visit Modica; Built on multiple levels, it dramatically unfolds vertically, expressing a highly opulent Baroque style. Modica is also the capital of cold-pressed chocolate, an ancient Mexican recipe brought to Sicily by the Spanish and which has preserved its tradition in this city. We will visit a prestigious chocolate factory, enter their laboratory, and discover the secrets of this recipe.



At the end of the visit, we will move to the "Si Può Fare" Onlus cooperative, located 3 kilometers from the city. This high-quality and innovative company supports and promotes social integration and employment for disadvantaged individuals through personal services and activities related to a Social Agriculture program that involves a strong partnership between public/religious and social welfare institutions, private entities, and third-sector organizations.



Here, one of the members will guide us through their fresh produce production and the packaging chain for their preserved foods. We will enjoy a FAREWELL LUNCH in their brand-new restaurant.

Next, we will visit the city of Noto, the capital of this area, named for its extraordinary urban and architectural reconstruction after the earthquake.

The city center is a true Baroque setting, where every architectural detail is designed to create a unique aesthetic experience. At the end of the day, we will return to the hotel.

JUNE 19, FRIDAY

The trip has come to an end.

After breakfast, check out of the Hotel PRINCIPE and transfer to Catania Airport to return home or other locations.

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