Tour 5 days/4 nights
with beach holiday in Lampedusa
From June 4th to September 17th
departures every Tuesday (min. 2 pax)

Day 1 - Tuesday: PALERMO (hotel in Palermo)
Arrive independently to the hotel in the charming city of Palermo (optional private transfer on request). In the evening you will meet our tour-leader and your travel companions and enjoy a welcome dinner. Overnight in hotel.

Day 2 - Wednesday: MONREALE - PALERMO – MARSALA (hotel in Marsala)
After breakfast in hotel, the morning will be spent visiting Monreale, its huge Norman Cathedral, proclaimed the Eighth Wonder of the World, and its splendid Cloister in Arab-Norman style: admirable masterpiece of art, sculpture, and semi-precious stones marquetry! Later we will discover the stunning Palermo, one of the richest towns in the Island for its history and art. Palermo stands on a bay at the foot of Mt Pellegrino, a headland described by Goethe as the loveliest he had ever seen. While the Baroque predominates, there is a profusion of different architectural styles reflecting the city’s multicultural past: Punic walls, Art Nouveau villas, noble residences, XVIIth century squares, including an elegant opera house. We will visit the wonderful Arab-Norman Cathedral, the astonishing Martorana Church and the amazing Cappella Palatina, mirable example from an historical and an artistic point of view, of how different cultures, religions and way of thinking apparently incompatible can coexist. Ruggero II in fact employed both Bizantine, Muslim and Latin workers. Along the visiting day we will have a stop for a food surprise in the famous Antica Focacceria San Francesco. Free time for lunch. Continuing our walk we will admire the Teatro Massimo, the debated fountain in Pretoria Square, situated in the ancient Kalsa area and adorned with XVI century sculptures. In the afternoon we will continue to Marsala in whose port Garibaldi landed in 1860. Visit of a prestigious wine cellar and wine tasting. Dinner and overnight in hotel.
Day 3 – Thursday: MARSALA SALT ROAD - SELINUNTE – AGRIGENTO (hotel in Agrigento)

This morning the tour will continue along the charming and well-known Salt Road: the west coast of Sicily with many salt marshes, which have given rise to one of the oldest salt-extracting industries in the world. Between Trapani and Marsala they are now protected, in part because of the interesting birdlife, and also as important sites of industrial archaeology. Departure to Selinunte to visit the largest Archaeological Park in whole Mediterranean and World Heritage Site. Surrounded by a splendid landscape near the African Sea, we will walk among the rests of the ancient Greek city. Free time for lunch. Transfer to Agrigento and visit of the Valley of the Temples stated World Heritage Site, where among hundreds of almond trees, the rests of the ancient Akragas rise. It was defined by Pyndar “the most beautiful city of mortals”. Once one of the most prosperos of the ancient Greek cities on the island, Agrigento presents a remarkable series of Doric Temples of the 5th century. You will see the “Temple of Hera”, the “Temple of Concordia” and the “Temple of Heracles”. Accommodation in hotel, dinner and overnight.

Day 4 - Friday: PIAZZA ARMERINA - RAGUSA (hotel in Catania)

Today we will reach Piazza Armerina where we will admire the splendid polychrome mosaics of the famous Villa Romana del Casale, World Heritage Site. The complex includes some of the most extensive and most beautiful Roman mosaics known. This majestic villa, belonged to a member of the Roman Senatorial aristocracy, hosts prestigious mosaics representing mythological and historical episods and scenes of hunting and entertainments! After free time for lunch, departure to Ragusa Ibla and visit of its historical centre cradle of Sicilian Baroque, with its Cathedral, situated in the beautiful square of the Dome and the “giardino Ibleo”. Used as a location of the extremely popular Police Inspector Montalbano Tv series, it is today stated among the 44 Italian World Heritage Sites. This little precious ancient city hosts more than 50 churches and many baroque architectural treasures. We'll conclude the visiting day with a tasting of local products. Proceed to Catania for dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 5 - Saturday: CATANIA-LAMPEDUSA

Breakfast in hotel and transfer to the airport. Direct flight to Lampedusa. Arrival, transfer, dinner and overnight in hotel.

From Day 6 to Day 11: LAMPEDUSA

Welcome to Lampedusa, one of the most popular destinations for those who love sun, diving and wild nature! You will enjoy your stay on the beautiful Sicily’s southern island, part of Pelagie archipelago with Linosa and the rock of Lampione. This week is dedicated to relax, fun and well-being in a 4*hotel, just a few minutes from the centre, in half board basis. Lampedusa is located 210 km from the Sicilian coasts and only 152 km from the African coasts; it represents a border land between two continents, Africa and Europe, featuring both environmental characteristics. You will spend your holiday immersed in the unspoil ed nature, on enchanting sandy beaches with crystal clear water, discovering many coves and its beau$ful seabeds by swim or simply relax in the sun. Do not miss the “Beach of the Rabbits”, considered the most beautiful in Italy, which overlooks the homonym islet; here the famous singer Domenico Modugno used to spend his holidays. The beach also hosts a Nature Reserve, chosen by the “Caretta Caretta” sea turtle as a safe place to lay eggs. In Lampedusa, nature is at its best, giving you breathtaking views during the whole stay, and also the chance to admire the stunning sunrises and sunsets over the sea.

Day 12 - Saturday: LAMPEDUSA

Breakfast in hotel, check-out. Transfer to the airport and end of our services.

RATE PER PERSON in double room

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THE RATE INCLUDES:

**Sicily**
- Multilingual Tour leader and professional travel guide* (English, Italian or Spanish) for the whole tour (from the evening of the 1st day to the evening of the 4th day), local guides or audio-guides where necessary.
- Gran Comfort bus (from the 2nd day to the 4th).
- Accommodation in charming 4 stars hotels mostly located in the city centre
  - Palermo: Hotel Federico II 4* / Ibis Styles Palermo Cristal 4* or similar
  - Marsala: Hotel Baglio Basile 4* or similar
  - Agrigento: Baia di Ulisse Wellness &SPA 4* or similar
  - Catania: Il Principe Hotel 4*/ Romano House Hotel 4* or similar
- Half board basis in hotels or local restaurants (dinner – 3 main courses fixed menu, beverages not included) to have a taste of Sicilian and Italian cuisine.
- Visit of the main suggestive Unesco World Heritage Sites: Monreale, Palermo, Selinunte, Agrigento, Piazza Armerina, Ragusa.
- Tasting of Sicilian typical products: Palermo (day 2) tasting of local street food; Marsala (day 2): visit of a wine cellar and wine tasting; Ragusa (day 4): tasting of local cheese.
- Private transfer from Catania Hotel to Catania Airport

**Lampedusa**
- Direct flight Catania – Lampedusa (20 kg luggage included)
- 7 nights stay at Hotel Medusa Charme 4* or similar.
- Welcome and transfer from/to the airport.
- Welcome cocktail.
- 1 beach towel.
- Half Board basis, typical Lampedusa menu.
- Special night with local menu and live music.
- Shuttle Bus from/to centre-beaches (scheduled timetable).

THE RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Transfer from Palermo Airport to Hotel in Palermo - transfers in/out - all lunches - beverages - entrance fees at monuments/museums - city taxes (where compulsory) - tips and extras in general - anything not specified under “The rate includes”

SUPPLEMENTS:

- Pre-night in hotel in Palermo (BB treatment): € 72,00 p.p. in double room per night - € 127,00 in single room per night.
- Transfers from Palermo airport to hotel in Palermo : 1/3 pax € 42,00 each way.
- Assistance – Medical Expense Reimbursement – Luggage insurance – Travel Cancellation Expenses Insurance: on request

**PRIVILEGE PACKAGE: € 415,00 P.P.**

Includes: Superior/Deluxe Room – Private transfer in/out - City taxes- All entrance fees as per program

*Possibility of monolingual departures during high season

**Extra fees entrances to be confirmed**
- Monreale Cathedral € 4,00 p.p.
- Monreale Cloister € 6,00 p.p.
- Palermo Cappella Palatina € 10,00 p.p.
- Palermo Martorana Church € 2,00 p.p.
- Palermo Cathedral € 3,00 p.p.
- Selinunte Archeological Park € 6,00 p.p.
- Agrigento Valle dei Templi € 12,00 p.p.
- Piazza Armerina Villa Romana € 10,00 p.p.

**FOR ORGANIZATIONAL REASONS OR DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE THE ITINERARY MAY BE MODIFIED**

On request, the Lampedusa extension may be matched with other tours of Sicily.

**Special GIFT to participants:**
A splendid illustrated book about Sicilian culinary tradition with recipes in English

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