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EXPERT-LED CULTURAL TOURS

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TOURS AND EXPERIENCES



## We're not just guides, but specialists

Our skills have been acquired after years of advanced studies, academic research and practical experiences. We aim to provide a historical context of Sicily's artistic treasures and monuments resulting in unique experiences inaccessible to other visitors.



## Smaller is better

We love to share our expertise. To best convey our passion and love for our island and create an intimate and interactive dialogue with our guests, we prefer leading small groups of travelers with a maximum of 10 people. Our shared cultural exchanges facilitate reciprocal personal growth and further enrich your time with us.



## Uncover "Our" Sicily

Discover the dynamic daily life of Sicily, her hidden gems, her diverse landscapes and stunning scenery so often missed if only traveling on the well-trodden paths. Our guides will take you to these lesser-known places and introduce you to the locals to give you an authentic and joyful Sicilian experience.



## Make your holiday wishes come true

Tell us all about yourselves. Share your hopes and expectations. Explain what would thrill and amaze you. Chat to us and together we will uncover the Sicily which suits you best. We will guide you towards the planning of your trip from start to finish, going along with your wishes, always suggesting the best destinations for you.



## Arrive as guests, leave as friends

Our guides are passionate and knowledgeable, always eager to pique your intellectual curiosities but also personable and equally eager to share the warmth and hospitality of Sicily and us Sicilians.

It would be our privilege to host you!



# WALDI MAZARA

TOURS FROM  
PALERMO

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The north-western coast of Sicily has been always influenced by the Tyrrhenian Sea, which constitutes its wide and blue horizon. Several poets and artists admired and celebrated the unique charm of this place from the 9th century until the 18th century, when it became the set for the sketches of the so-called “**Grand Tour**” travellers. This part of the island was a perfect Romantic scenery since it showed ancient sites and their remains that occupied crucial topographical positions. Furthermore, this area is characterized by several traditions that add value to its personality: not only Arabic gardens and mixed architecture of different cultures but also mixed cookery habits that follow ancient Mediterranean recipes shaped by a strong Sicilian taste



## Introductory tour of Palermo and welcome dinner



**Starting Time:** 6:30 pm

- A great way to get in touch with the welcoming atmosphere of Palermo is by joining our local guides, who will share information about the city adding their personal touch. After a pleasant walk in the center of the city, you will be hosted by a passionate local cook at her house, who will prepare for you a delicious dinner and introduce you to the authentic Sicilian cooking. You will sit together around the table and share food, stories and laughter – all the right ingredients for a great evening!

**Duration:** 1.5 h tour + approx . 2 h dinner

Cost of the tour with dinner:

- 2 people: € 225 per person
- 3 people: € 185 per person
- 4 people: € 170 per person
- 5-6 people: € 150 per person



## Palermo (UNESCO) and Monreale (UNESCO)

with street-food tastings at the open-air market - **not available on Sundays**



**Starting Time:** 9:00 or 9:30 am

- Palermo is a big city and has to be experienced a little at a time to uncover its most interesting and hidden glories. If you wish to capture the very essence of the city, we highly suggest taking this introductory guided stroll in the historic center, the beating heart of the city. We will walk along the main street known as "Cassaro", visit the cathedral, the symbol of the city and then reach the Four Corners, the well-known octagonal square where the two major roads cross each other. You will visit the magnificent Piazza Pretoria and the curious narrative of its "Fountain of Shame". Behind here we will go to Piazza Bellini with its two stunning churches: San Cataldo and La Martorana, the result of Arab-Norman and Baroque influences
- Market experience and light-lunch in the one of the oldest and most authentic open-air markets, where you can find more than you can ever imagine, in addition to the usual fruit, vegetables, spices, meat and fish. Discover this colorful and noisy market and immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere among delicious, tempting aromas of the local street-food
- Self-drive or transfer to Monreale
- On this private guided tour of Monreale we will visit the Duomo, which is one of the most sumptuous examples of the so-called Arab-Norman style, whose itinerary has been nominated for recognition as an Unesco World Heritage Site. Built by the Norman king William II, the Church became an important Bishop's site to balance the religious power of the nearby Palermo Cathedral. The magnificence of the golden mosaics, decorating the inside, will leave us absolutely astonished. We will conclude the visit with a pleasant stroll into the elegant Benedictine monastery cloister of the 12th century, enriched by inlaid columns and sculptured capitals

**Duration:** 8h

Cost of the tour with tastings:

- 2 people: € 200 per person
- 3 people: € 150 per person
- 4 people: € 120 per person
- 5-6 people: € 100 per person



## Traditional cooking class in Palermo with grocery shopping at the market - **not available on Sundays**



**Starting Time:** 10:00 am, meet your cook in Piazza Vittorio Emanuele Orlando

▪ Your traditional lesson will start in the colorful and noisy markets of Palermo, where a local chef will help you to choose the best Sicilian ingredients for your cookery class. At his school, you will learn how to make fabulous food such as panelle (chickpea fritters), pasta with sardines and wild fennel, cassata cake, cannoli (filled pastries) and other Palermitan delicacies, by following the secrets and tricks of this accomplished chef. Not only food but also history, anecdotes, and curious stories will accompany this private cooking class, which will start in the colorful and noisy markets of Palermo, where our cook will help you choose the best Sicilian ingredients for your dishes

**Duration:** 4h

**N.B:** It is also available to have a cooking class in the afternoon with dinner, without the market experience

**Cost:**

- 2-3 people: € 150 per person (you will join other participants)
- 4-5 people: € 200 per person
- 6 people: € 140 per person



## Segesta with lunch at a home restaurant



**Starting Time:** 9:30 am

- Self-drive or transfer to Segesta
- Segesta was one of the three cities founded by the Elymians, whose origins, according to the mythical tradition, date back to the Trojans. Mostly integrated with the Greek culture in its architecture, the city developed during Classical times, after which it first became the site of a Muslim community and then of a Norman overlord. With this private archaeological tour you will admire a majestic Doric temple, which is located into wonderful scenery of rocks and vineyards, and then will reach the Acropolis, where a charming ancient theater still stands. From there, you will enjoy a stunning view on the temple below and the marvelous landscape around it. Finally, a short walk will lead you to the remains of the first Muslim mosques built in Sicily and to a Medieval fortress
- Self-drive or transfer to the location of your lunch at olive oil farm
- This is the perfect experience to feel at ease sitting together around the table and enjoying the Sicilian conviviality and warmth. Besides, you will relax in an unique environment -a late 18th century building -while letting yourselves be pampered by your host. You will be greeted with an aperitif on the terrace where you can have a chat with the other guests. You can also have a peek into the kitchen during the various stages of preparation and learn about all the recipes, discovering the history of Sicilian cuisine. Most of the fresh ingredients the owners use come from their organic garden

**Duration:** approx. 5h

**Cost of the tour with lunch:**

- 2 people: € 220 per person
- 3 people: € 185 per person
- 4 people: € 160 per person
- 5-6 people: € 145 per person



## Food tour in the Palermo mountains: cheese & wine



**Starting Time:** 10:00 am

- Self-drive or transfer to Piana degli Albanesi
- Our private food & wine tour features the products of some excellent small family-run farms. The farmers' love for their land, their rediscovery of ancient traditions, and their craftsmanship mean that these products offer an excellent quality, together with being unique. We will start with a visit to a historic farm in Piana degli Albanesi, which has become a film set for many films, to enjoy a delicious cheese-based breakfast prepared by the owners. Here you will have the opportunity to learn how they make the local caciocavallo cheese and the tradition of the biggest Arbëreshë community in Sicily
- Transfer to a local winery
- Visit an olive oil mill and winery, where you will listen to the fascinating story of the owner and their family, and walk among the olive trees to learn about the local olive oil production. Afterwards, we will have the opportunity to try the local olive oil on a fragrant slice of homemade bread and enjoy a light lunch paired with Sicilian wines

**Duration:** approx. 5h

Cost of the food tour:

- 2 people: € 295 per person + € 40 for the guide's lunch
- 3 people: € 235 per person + € 40 for the guide's lunch
- 4 people: € 205 per person + € 40 for the guide's lunch
- 5 people: € 185 per person + € 40 for the guide's lunch
- 6 people: € 175 per person + € 40 for the guide's lunch





## Cefalù with lunch at a manna farm



**Starting Time:** 9:30 am

- Self-drive or transfer to Cefalù
- We will start our private walking tour from the imposing Arab-Norman Duomo (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), which was founded by the Norman King Roger II. It is decorated with the marvelous golden mosaics of Christ Pantocrator (Ruler of All). We'll then proceed with a visit to the Mandralisca Museum, where you will admire the surprising "Portrait of an Unknown Man" by the famous Sicilian painter Antonello da Messina, and the excellent Greek vase representing a tuna fish seller. Last but not least, we'll have a stop at the public Wash House (also known as the medieval Wash House), which is a place where time does not pass
- Transfer to the manna farm
- Later, driving down a beautiful mountain road, we will reach the territory of Pollina, the core of the traditional production of manna. Lunch will be in an organic manna farm where you will experience the way of harvesting manna and the several culinary and pharmaceutical uses of this sap that is collected by cutting the trunk of local manna ashes in the late summer

**Duration:** approx. 6h

**Cost of the food tour:**

- 2 people: € 275 per person
- 3 people: € 210 per person
- 4 people: € 175 per person
- 5 people: € 155 per person
- 6 people: € 140 per person



## Ficuzza hike with lunch at a dairy farm



**Starting Time:** 9:30 am or 10:00 am

- Self-drive or transfer to Ficuzza
- The natural reserve of Ficuzza, with its 7,400 hectares of cork and holly oaks and the mighty peak of Rocca Busambra, is the largest and most beautiful forest in the outskirts of Palermo. The area became a private hunting and fishing reserve for the royal house of Bourbon-Two Sicilies. Here, in 1799, the king Ferdinand built a lavish hunting lodge. In Ficuzza, we will walk a bit through the woods enjoying the beautiful landscapes, and we will visit the impressive stones called "pulpito del re", a prehistorical altar surrounded by local legends.
- Visit to a historic farm in Piana degli Albanesi, which has become a film set for many films, to enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by the owners. Here you will have the opportunity to taste the local caciocavallo cheese, seasonal vegetables from the family garden, the traditional bread "furr me dru", and to learn some words of the Arbëreshë language

**Duration:** approx. 6h

Cost of the food tour:

- 2 people: € 260 per person
- 3 people: € 205 per person
- 4 people: € 175 per person
- 5 people: € 145 per person
- 6 people: € 135 per person



# VALDI MAZARA

TOURS FROM  
TRAPANI

2023

The westernmost area of Sicily will surprise you with its landscape, which shows gentle slopes covered by vineyards, olive trees and wheat fields. The maritime scenery will dazzle you with its blue brightness. This region housed many civilizations, from the Phoenicians with their trade ambitions to the Elymians with their mythical Trojan origins, and is nowadays homeland to an ancient tradition of delicacies such as wine-making, delicious pastry, and fish couscous cooking.



## Erice and Trapani with lunch at the winery



**Starting Time:** 9 or 9:30 am

- Guided walking tour in the old town of Trapani, which has recently been restored in its noble and religious architecture. You will also walk along the 16th-century city walls that run along the sea
- Visit to a local winery, wine-tasting and lunch. You will learn about Erice PDO wines and taste delicious dishes of the Trapanese tradition. This area is windy and hilly, the combination of the soil, the Mediterranean climate and the significant difference between day and night temperatures, provide excellent conditions for growing both native and international varieties
- Self-drive or transfer to Erice
- We will discover the ancient and fortified settlement of Erice, which is closed by huge city walls of Phoenician origins. Its strategic position, which is emphasized by the presence of monumental city gates, gave wealth and prestige to the settlement throughout the centuries, as demonstrated by the several architectural Norman remains. Aragon and Spanish rules spread inside the narrow alleys of the urban layout. We will walk among the shady streets, taste the delicious local pastry (not included in the price) following the monastic tradition, and enjoy an amazing view on the wonderful maritime landscape below

**Duration:** 8h

Cost of the tour with lunch at the winery:

- 2 people: € 265 per person
- 3 people: € 195 per person
- 4 people: € 165 per person
- 5 people: € 135 per person
- 6 people: € 125 per person



## Mozia with salt tasting



**Starting Time:** 9:30 am or 3:30 pm

- Self-drive or transfer to "Imbarcadero Mozia"
- Transfer with ferry to the island (tickets not included in the price)
- On this private guided tour, we will reach the small island of Mozia by boat, that is placed in the middle of a lagoon archipelago. Founded by the Phoenicians at the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC, the ancient florid city thrived on its craft activities, until it was sacked by Dionysius, tyrant of Syracuse, in 397 BC. All the landscape around Mozia is strongly characterized by the historical use of salt pans and windmills all over the centuries. Bathed in the soft colored light of the sunset, this magical scenery will leave you absolutely delighted. The small island also hosts a museum which displays numerous archaeological finds and a famous statue, discovered in the 20th century
- Visit to the saltpans of Mozia and salt experience: you will discover different types of salt, which will emphasize the taste of seasonal fruit and other Sicilian delicacies in a rich and carefully prepared tasting

**Duration:** 4h

Cost of the tour + salt tasting:

- 2 people: € 275 per person
- 3 people: € 185 per person
- 4 people: € 150 per person
- 5 people: € 135 per person
- 6 people: € 125 per person



## Food tour: Marsala with wine and cheese tastings



**Starting Time:** 10:00 am

- Self-drive or transfer to Marsala
- Walking tour in a charming old town center of Marsala and visit to its Archaeological Museum “Baglio Anselmi”, that preserves the wreck of a Punic ship dating back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC and is housed in a former 19th-century winery
- Stop at a wine shop to taste the famous dessert wine of Marsala
- Transfer to a former Sicilian "tufa" quarry, where a visionary shepherd has created his dairy. Among calcarenite blocks, palms, and pomegranate trees, the expert hands of the cheesemakers turn the milk of the Belice sheep into ricotta and pecorino cheese with an infinite variety of aging, aromas, and textures. After learning about the transformation process first hand, we will have a brunch charmed by this unexpected rock oasis

**Duration:** approx. 5h

Cost of the tour with lunch at the dairy farm:

- 2 people: € 260 per person + € 45 for the guide's lunch
- 3 people: € 190 per person + € 45 for the guide's lunch
- 4 people: € 160 per person + € 45 for the guide's lunch
- 5 people: € 145 per person + € 45 for the guide's lunch
- 6 people: € 125 per person + € 45 for the guide's lunch



# VALDI MAZARA

TOURS FROM  
AGRIGENTO

2023

The polis of Akrágas, which is by the sea, was founded by Greek settlers from Rhodes and Gela in 580 BC. It was one of the most monumental ancient Greek cities in Sicily and Magna Graecia. Its temples, which render the surrounding rocky hills strikingly beautiful, were built in order to create a sacred crown visible from a distance to those who approached the city from the sea or the countryside. Despite having been struck by catastrophic human actions, Agrigento still shows traces of its old splendour. Thus, it is a privileged place for studying the features of Greek architecture.



## Valley of the Temples (UNESCO) with lunch at winemakers' manor



**Starting Time:** 9:00 am or 9:30 am

- Self-drive or transfer to Valley of the Temples
- Archaeological guided tour along the rocky crest of Temple Hill. A series of sanctuaries consecrated to the most important tutelary deities have decorated this crest since the late 6th century BC. Starting from the Temple of Juno to the Olympieion, you will be the protagonists of an imaginary trip among the templar Greek architecture that here, as in few other places, has kept its formal perfection intact
- Lunch and wine-tasting with a family of winemakers that produces high quality wines from native and international varieties. The farmhouse is located in Naro in a 13-hectare estate at a 300-400 meters altitude above sea level. The experience begins with a pleasant stroll among the vineyards surrounded by an amazing landscape. You will then enter the tasting room and learn about this area devoted to the cultivation of Nero d'Avola and Grillo. You will taste their wines during a brunch with local specialties and seasonal products

**Duration:** approx. 5h

Cost of the tour with lunch:

- 2 people: € 175 per person
- 3 people: € 145 per person
- 4 people: € 130 per person
- 5-6 people: € 120 per person





## Food tour in Agrigento area: visit to a dairy farm and lunch with winemakers



**Starting Time:** 10:00 am

- Self-drive or transfer to a dairy farm located on the hills of the Caltanissetta province
- The inland of Sicily has one of the most important dairy traditions in Italy. You will visit a family-run dairy farm where they breed goats in order to produce high quality goat cheese. You will have the chance to learn the cheese making process and taste the local cheeses and the delicious Ricotta cheese
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**Duration:** approx. 4h

**Cost of the tour with dairy farm and lunch:**

- 2 people: € 265 per person
- 3 people: € 220 per person
- 4 people: € 200 per person
- 5 people: € 180 per person
- 6 people: € 175 per person



## Pizza making class in the Sicani mountains



**Starting Time:** 10:30 am or 5:00 pm

- Self-drive or transfer to Aragona
- You will join a private cooking class that takes place in a stunning manor, where a fascinating family will show you the importance of the "Famiata Sicana". This expression refers to a moment of conviviality around the wood oven during which everybody shares their own local food and wine. In the Sicilian language, the verb "famiare" means to light a big flame in the oven until its top turns white. That is the sign that the oven is ready to cook. During the cooking lesson, you will make some local specialties and take part into all the steps of pizza making, from the dough to the oven. After the hands-on experience, you will taste the baked products together with other typical dishes and local wine.

**Duration:** approx. 3h

**Cost of the cooking class:**

- 2 people: € 175 per person
- 3-5 people: € 145 per person
- 6 people: € 135 per person



## Sciaccia and Caltabellotta with homely lunch at an olive farm



**Starting Time:** 10:00 am

- Self-drive or transfer to Sciaccia
- This walking tour around the historic center of Sciaccia will let you discover an open-air museum by your five senses. The city offers suggestive views, beautiful facades of noble residences, churches and convents, craft shops and above all a beautiful main square overlooking the Mediterranean Sea enchanted by the colors of the ceramic
- Self-drive or transfer to the olive farm: After a short walk in the olive grove discovering the cultivars of this territory, the Cerasuola, Biancolilla and Nocellara del Belice, you will learn to recognize the characteristics of extra virgin olive oil through a technical tasting guided by Giovanni. Then, you will head to a small vegetable garden to pick the seasonal ingredients and actively participate in the preparation of lunch, a collection of dishes that will bring out the best qualities of the family's green gold. Finally, sitting around a table full of delicacies, you will share the traditional family recipes prepared with love and dedication by the hosts. Enjoy your meal!
- Self-drive or transfer to Caltabellotta, a little town situated on a slope of the mountains. The Arabs erected a fortress, calling it Qal'at al-Ballut, Fortress of oaks. It is mostly famous for the peace treaty in August 31, 1302, between Charles of Valois and Frederick II of Aragon, that ended the bloody war of the Sicilian Vespers. Among the religious buildings stands out the Mother Church, founded by the Normans and remodeled in the 13th century, which preserves some valuable 16th-century statues by the Gagini's school. Below the rockface, there is the church of San Francesco with a late Gothic portal. Following the narrow path and steps we reach the fortress, worth the climb for the stunning views

**Duration:** 8h

Cost of the tour with lunch:

- 2 people: € 260 per person
- 3 people: € 200 per person
- 4 people: € 170 per person
- 5 people: € 155 per person
- 6 people: € 145 per person



# VAL DEMONE

TOURS FROM  
CATANIA

2023

Catania, which is the most important city in eastern Sicily, was founded by Greeks from Chalcis at the foot of Mount Etna in 728 BC. It played a key-role in the long history of the island in spite of having been struck by different natural catastrophes. Since it was rebuilt in the same site more than one time, Catania has kept the tracks of its ancient and medieval past among the sumptuous Baroque façades of its buildings and churches. Therefore, it became a real art and archaeological treasure.



## Introductory tour of Catania (UNESCO) with street-food tastings



**Starting Time:** 9:30 am or 10:00 am

- Guided walking tour in Catania during which you will admire the old town center and its beautiful Baroque façades listed by Unesco, in which the gray volcanic stone is alternated with white limestone with a very striking color effect. You will also discover the traces of the Greek city, the monumental ruins of the Roman buildings, and imagine the appearance of the city in the Middle Ages through the visit of the monuments that were built in that period.
- Visit to the open-air market and tasting of the local Street-food

**Duration:** approx. 3h

**Cost of the tour including tastings:**

- 2 people: € 145 per person
- 3 people: € 110 per person
- 4 people: € 90 per person
- 5-6 people: € 80 per person



## Tour of Catania (UNESCO) and Cyclops Coast with food tastings



**Starting Time:** 9:30 am

- Guided walking tour in Catania during which you will admire the old town center and its beautiful Baroque façades listed by Unesco, in which the gray volcanic stone is alternated with white limestone with a very striking color effect. You will also discover the traces of the Greek city, the monumental ruins of the Roman buildings, and imagine the appearance of the city in the Middle Ages through the visit of the monuments that were built in that period.
- Visit to the open-air markets and tasting of the local Street-food
- Self-drive or transfer to the Cyclops coast
- Pleasant walk in Acitrezza and Aci Castello, ancient fishing villages founded at the end of the 17th century, where you will learn some of the myths and legends belonging to this magical place. You will see the so-called "Faraglioni", the rocks that, according to legend, were thrown into the sea by Polyphemus to hit Odysseus while escaping. You will then taste the delicious granita, a typical, ice-cold, sweet product that was introduced to Sicily centuries ago by the Arabs.

**Duration:** approx. 7/8h

**Cost of the tour:**

- 2 people: € 205 per person
- 3 people: € 150 per person
- 4 people: € 125 per person
- 5-6 people: € 105 per person



## In the kitchen with a family of olive oil producers



**Starting Time:** 10:00 am

- Self-drive or transfer to Randazzo
- A unique experience to discover the magnificent Mount Etna volcano through the tales, toil and gastronomy of a family of olive oil producers. The day will start with a pleasant stroll among olive groves, where you will learn about the PDO Olive Oil “Monte Etna”. You will then head to the adjoining garden to pick fresh vegetables for your private cookery class. In the kitchen, you will experience first-hand the family recipes and traditions, passions and culinary delights made with the unique products of Mount Etna. Step by step, safe in the expert hands of local home cooks, you will prepare exquisite food.
- Finally, you will raise a glass and share the fruits of your labor with the family in an amiable, atmospheric meal together.

**Duration:** approx. 4h

**Cost of the cooking class with lunch:**

- 2-3 people: € 190 per person
- 4-6 people: € 165 per person



## The green gold of Etna families: pistachio and olive oil



**Starting Time:** 10:30 am

- Self-drive or transfer to Bronte
- 10:30 am: Guided tour of a pistachio farm in Bronte with tasting. The town of Bronte is known as the birthplace of pistachio, and it's a shame to leave Sicily without a stop in this rural area that features a lava landscape on which lush pistachio trees take root. A visit to a farm will allow us to discern the stages of the processing of this product, whose nickname is green gold. You will enjoy the excellent products made with pistachio.
- Self-drive or transfer to Randazzo
- Visit an olive farm in the countryside of Randazzo, during which you will have the chance to delve deep into the world of "Mount Etna PDO Olive Oil". After strolling through the olive groves, you will join a guided professional tasting of three different olive oils. Finally, you will have lunch with the owner's family that will share the delicious dishes prepared according to the Sicilian culinary tradition

**Duration:** approx. 5h

**Cost of the food tour:**

- 2 people: € 240 per person
- 3-4 people: € 205 per person
- 5-6 people: € 170 per person



## **Price includes:**

- Personal expert guides from Uncovered Sicily team during your excursions
- All the tastings and meals above mentioned

## **Price doesn't include:**

- Entrance fees
- Lunches and dinners "at leisure"
- Transportation service
- Travel Insurance
- All that is not mentioned in "Price includes"





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