



Wines, food & Culture of Sicily

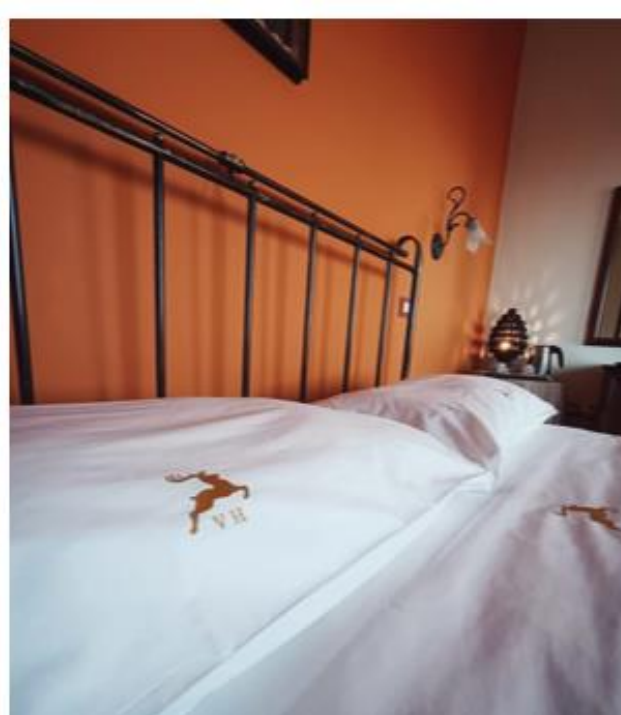
Touring around Sicily's picturesque roads, learning about culture, food, wine, history, would make you fall in love with it.



Arrival

Arrival to Catania Airport
Transfer to the Hotel in
Zafferana Etnea
Check in





Day 1

Zafferana Etnea

You will be welcomed into your room overlooking the sea and then you will discover the square of Zafferana Etnea and its local shops and typical Sicilian dishes for dinner.



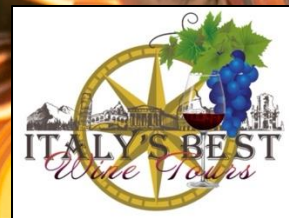
Day 2

Etna

Countryside

Wine tasting

- You will explore the craters and the Sartorius mountains, crossing the road that has transformed over the millennia following continuous volcanic eruptions.
- Afterwards you will explore the taste of the most characteristic local wines of the place, accompanied by the flavor of local gastronomic products.
- Wine tasting.





Day 3

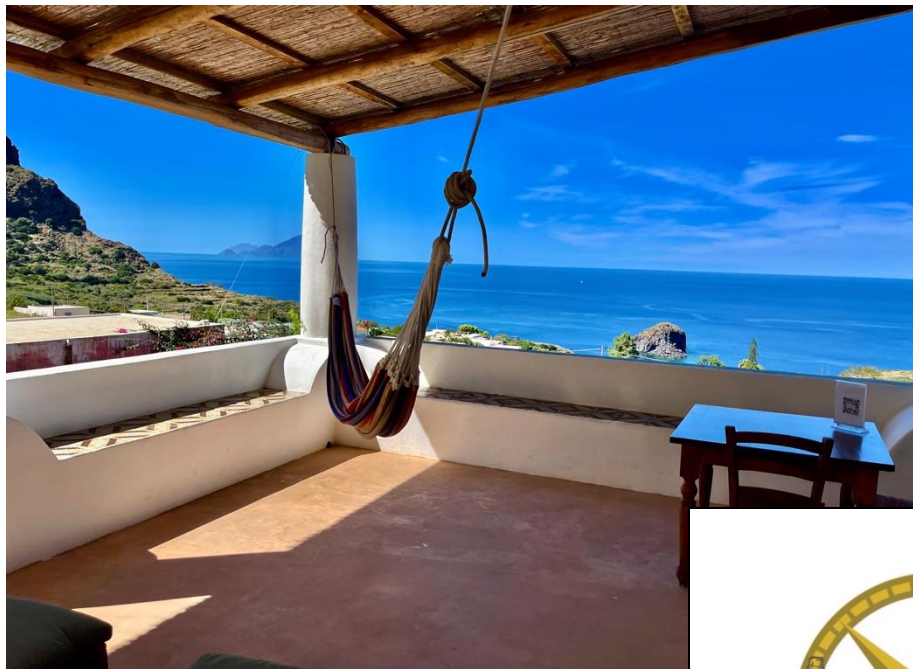
Mini Cruise

Eolie Islands

An explosion of emotions will overwhelm you and will make you enjoy the sea breeze and the splendor of the panorama that will open before your eyes.

Once you arrive on the island you can go shopping and have lunch at a typical local restaurant.

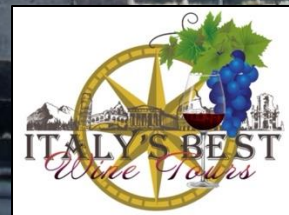




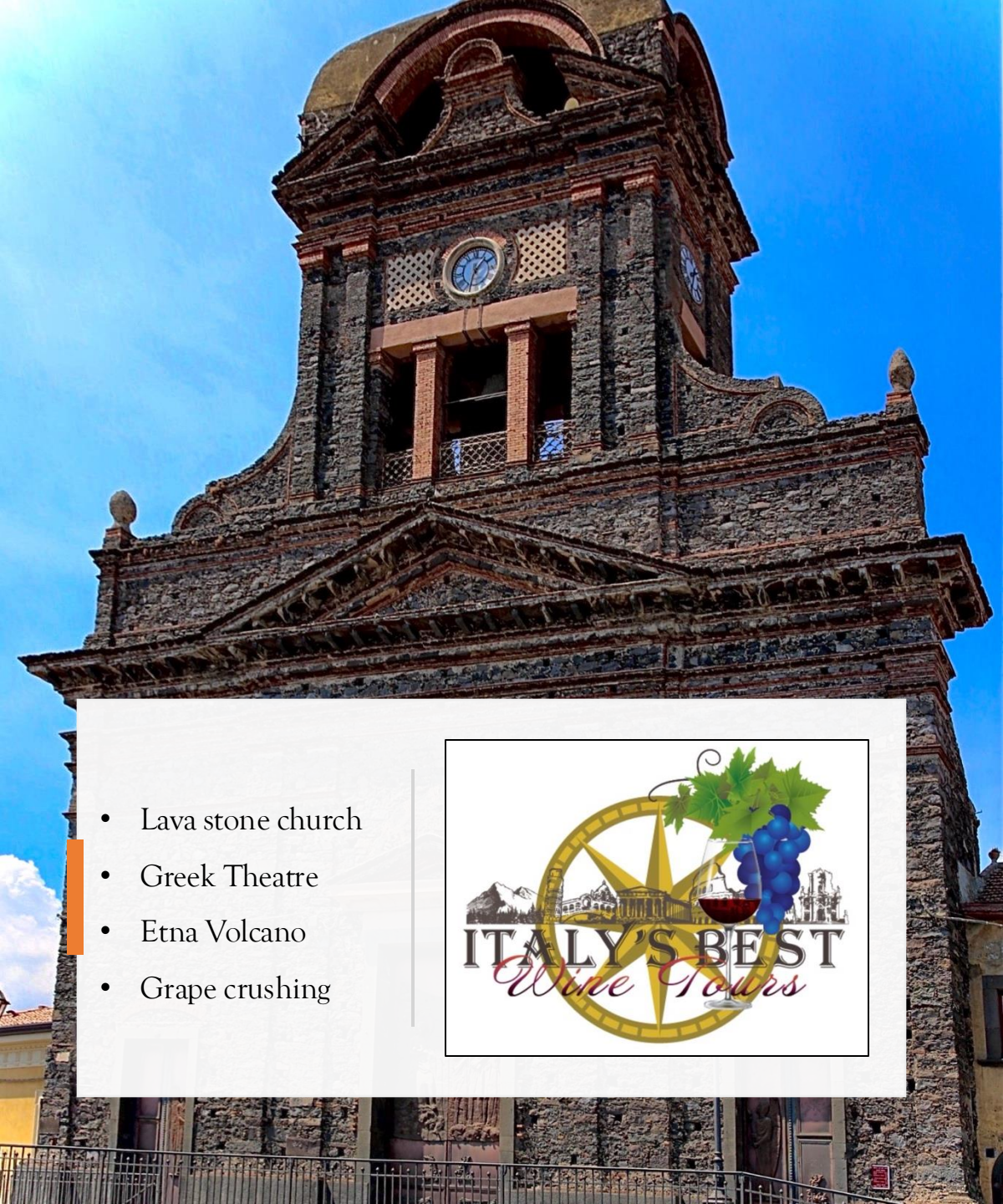
Day 4

Catania

Enjoy an easy walk with a local guide in a city full of unmistakable characteristics: Piazza Duomo, 'U Liotru, the Town Hall, the fish market are just some of the monuments you will see while walking along Via Etnea, perhaps savoring an ice cream or a granita with brioche .







- Lava stone church
- Greek Theatre
- Etna Volcano
- Grape crushing



Day 5

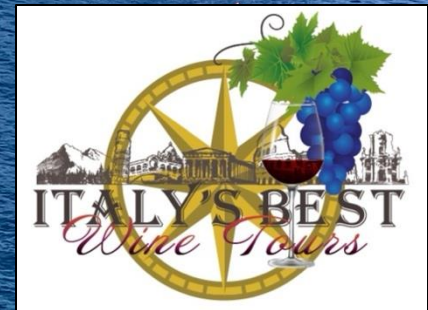
Taormina

You will walk through the alleys and small streets of the most famous town among international stars. You can go shopping, look out from the main square and enjoy the breathtaking view of the Ionian Sea, then you will discover the Greek Theater where cultural events are held daily.



Taormina

Taormina is a beautiful town located on a hilltop on the east coast of Sicily. It lays close to Mount Etna, a magnificent volcano with scenic roads leading to it and cliffs dropping to the sea forming coves with sandy beaches. Taormina is known for the Teatro Antico, which is used up to date.



Day 6

Siracusa

Surrounded by magnificent Baroque palaces, this city was the heart of civil and religious life in Greek times.

It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Described by Cicero as "the greatest Greek city and the most beautiful of them all", it equaled Athens in size during the fifth century BC.



Cooking Class and Lunch afterwards

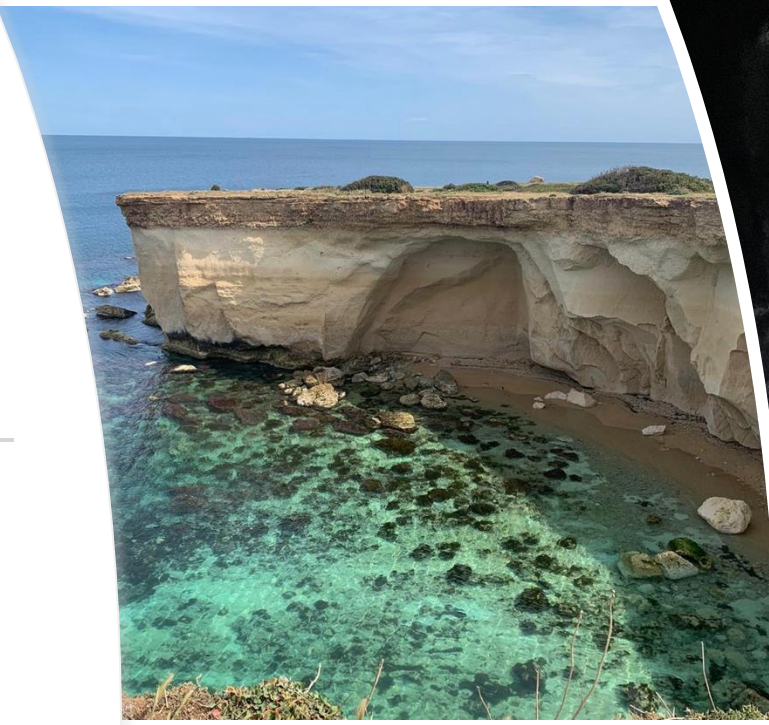
You will explore the food market of Syracuse, together with your chef and together you will select the ingredients necessary for your cooking class. The chef will guide you in the preparation of typical Syracusan dishes.

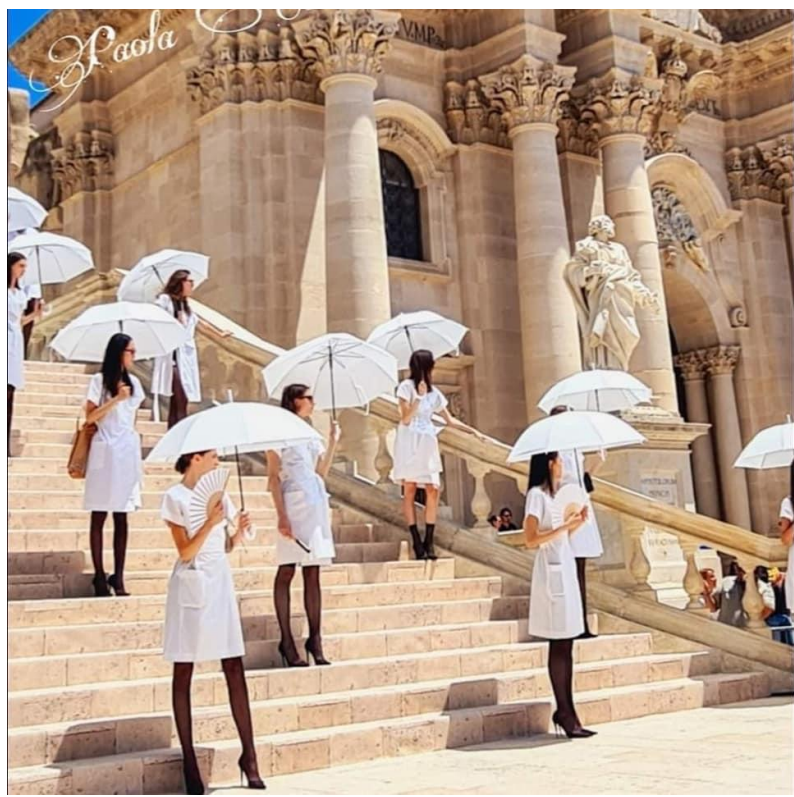


Day 6

Siracusa

In the afternoon you will take a splendid boat excursion to admire the island of Ortigia from a different perspective. After the boat excursion you will have free time to shop and choose the right gifts for you and your friends...





Dolce & Gabbana
Alta Moda
2022 Siracusa
Fashion Show



Day 7

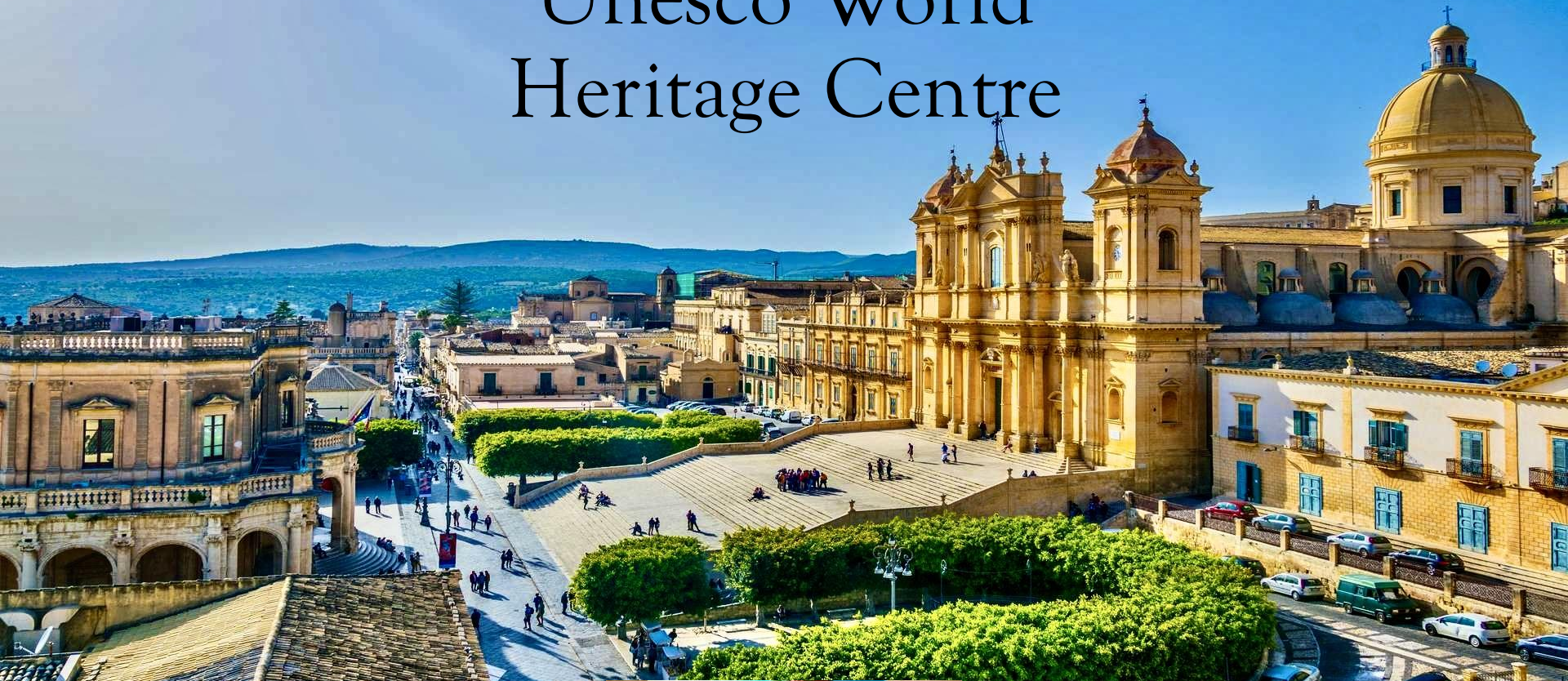
Marzamemi - Noto

You will head towards the magnificent city of Noto, among the baroque monuments, a UNESCO heritage site. While walking you can taste the famous Modica chocolate and Sicilian ice cream.

You will be accompanied to a famous local winery, where you will taste the typical products paired with wines chosen by the experts. After the tour, you will head to Marzamemi, an extraordinary Sicilian fishing village by the sea.



Noto Sightseeing Unesco World Heritage Centre





Lunch at *Ristorante La Cialoma*

Taverna La Cialoma is the first restaurant opened on the square of Marzamemi, realizing the dream of Lina Campisi. The Sicilian cuisine of La Cialoma is a cuisine of memory and creativity at the same time. Founded on knowing how to respect the seasons in the vegetable garden and in the sea in order to have only a raw material of the highest quality and genuineness.





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Day 8

Departure



Breakfast

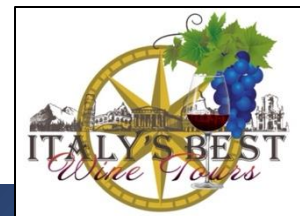
Transfer to Catania airport

About 54 miles

1 hour

Wine Tour Includes

- ✓ All meals – breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- ✓ All wine tastings and cooking classes
- ✓ Accommodation at luxury hotels and historic residencies
- ✓ All ground transportation (chauffeured)
- ✓ Guided tours of monuments



MEET YOUR SOMMELIER

CARMELO MESSINA



A bi-lingual (Italian and English) **Gold Pin Sommelier** of the *Italian Sommelier Association* with an additional Master certification in professional wine tasting in US. He understands how the English, Italian and French systems are used to analyze and describe wines so well that he has led numerous accreditation classes for others seeking their sommelier licenses.

Carmelo has been an in-demand consultant in the wine distribution business for over 10 years and has accompanied Italy's top winemakers to almost every single restaurant in Las Vegas. After soaking in their knowledge and years of experience making wine in every region of Italy, he now wants to share all those delicious insider tips with you.

With first-hand knowledge of the incredible amount of information collected for generations by Italy's best wine-making families, Carmelo is uniquely qualified to guide you through the best of Italian wine culture for an experience you will never forget.



With over 20 years experience working in the hospitality, restaurant and wine distribution business in the U.S., England and Italy, Carmelo Messina knows how to present the very best in epicurean delights. In addition to working for Princess Cruise Lines in both the Caribbean and in the Mediterranean, he has opened and worked inside many of the top restaurants in Las Vegas, including as Head Sommelier at Valentino's inside the Venetian. (Valentino was a Wine Spectator Grand Award restaurant with over 2,000 labels on their wine list – that's a lot of wine to keep track of and Carmelo knew every bottle!)