

# Abercrombie & Kent



## SPLENDOURS OF SICILY

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## Journey Highlights

Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea and its position at the crossroads of the Mediterranean between Europe and Africa gives it an astonishing diversity. It has lush mountains and sun-drenched plains, Greek temples and Norman churches, important archaeological sites, sandy beaches and a snow-capped volcano plus bustling Palermo and stylish Syracuse. With all these attractions Sicily is Europe in miniature



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## Itinerary

### Day 1: Arrive Palermo.

Arrival transfer to your hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure.

*Grand Hotel Villa Igiea (Deluxe Room)*

### Day 2: Palermo - Monreale.

Your full day tour starts off in old Palermo. Visit the 12th century San Cataldo Church with its Moorish-style architecture and the colourful Ballaro Market. The 12th century Palazzo dei Normanni is another highlight, famous for its Arab-Norman-Byzantine style. Continue on to the Palazzo Abatellis, designed in the 15th century and home to the regional art gallery, and then Monreale, on the outskirts of Palermo, to see the stunning cathedral and cloisters (B). *Grand Hotel Villa Igiea (Deluxe Room)*

### Day 3: Palermo - Agrigento.

Explore the west of Sicily with your guide. Start off at Segesta, one of the finest surviving Greek temples in Sicily, and the beautiful village of Erice where an almond sweet making demonstration is arranged. The route continues along a lagoon bordered by salt marshes with incredible views before arriving at the wine producing region of Marsala. Visit the historic Florio Cellar for a tasting. (B).

*Villa Athena (Deluxe Room)*

### Day 4: Agrigento.

This morning visit the fascinating Valley of the Temples, one of the most significant archaeological sites in Sicily (B).

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### Day 5: Agrigento - Ragusa.

Journey to the lesser visited southeastern corner of the island. Piazza Armerina is a graceful old town set in forested countryside, where a tour of the site of Villa Romana del Casale is included. Marvel at the stunning mosaics depicting scenes of mythology, hunting and domestic life (B).

*Donnafugata Golf Resort & Spa (Deluxe Room)*

### Day 6: Ragusa - Modica - Ragusa.

Further explore the southeast today marveling at the dramatic, honey-coloured Baroque facades so typical of the area. Visit the atmospheric city of Ragusa for a guided walking tour exploring the ancient and more tranquil part of the city. Continue to the delightful Baroque village of Modica, where a chocolate-making demonstration and tasting is included. Enjoy some Sicilian wines to finish (B).

*Donnafugata Golf Resort & Spa (Deluxe Room)*

**Day 7: Ragusa – Syracuse –Taormina.**

Travelling northwards, discover the timeless attractions of Syracuse. The city's Greek Theatre is one of the most important anywhere. Other highlights include 'Dionyssos' Ear', a cave with amazing acoustic qualities, and the Roman Theatre. Afterwards visit the charming neighbourhood of Ortygia, a tiny island connected to the city and an important World Heritage site. Continue to your hotel in Taormina (B).

*Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo (Superior Room with Seaview & Balcony)*

**Day 8: Taormina.**

A morning guided walking tour of Taormina to include the Greek Theatre which offers splendid views of Mount Etna. Drive up to the tiny hamlet of Castelmola for a glass of wine while you enjoy the view. Return to your hotel with the rest of the day at leisure (B).

*Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo (Superior Room with Seaview & Balcony)*

**Day 9: Depart Taormina**

Transfer from Taormina to Catania Airport today for onward flight (B).

*Price:*

Twin Share Per Person: From \$9,260

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