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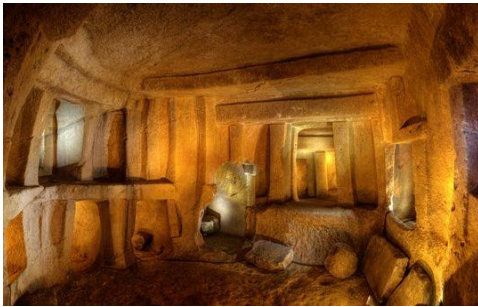
- ★ **Referent:** Ernesto Travel
 - 🚗 **Tour name:** Combi Sicily Malta (Exclusive)
 - 📅 **Program:** Valletta \ Catania
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PROGRAM

Day 1: Welcome to Malta.

Upon arrival at the airport, you will be greeted by one of our staff members who will guide you to the best options for reaching the hotel, or you have the option to pre-book your transfer with us in advance.. Depending on arrivals, there's a possibility to organize a brunch in a typical bar where fresh pastizzi (local street food) are baked, served with what the Maltese love. Free time in La Valletta for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2: Rabat, and Mdina.

After breakfast, we head to Rabat, a charming city rich in history and culture. Here, among the ancient streets, we visit the Church of St. Paul and its impressive catacombs. In Rabat, we take a lunch break in a typical local trattoria, where we enjoy authentic Maltese dishes accompanied by a good local wine. Refreshed, our tour continues towards the historic Mdina, Malta's ancient capital and right from the entrance, you will feel like you're catapulted into the Game of Thrones series. As we stroll through its medieval streets, we are enchanted by the St. Paul's Cathedral and the Mdina Museum, two jewels nestled in the city. The afternoon is sweetened by a tasting in a café or a pastry shop in Mdina, where we savor local specialties like the delicious "Sinizza". Overnight stay in a hotel.

Day 3: Ghar Dalam and the fishing village of Marsaxlokk

After breakfast at the hotel, the day begins with a visit to Malta's prehistory. Our first destination is the Ghar Dalam Cave, a fascinating archaeological site that offers a unique glimpse into prehistoric life on the island. As we explore the depths of this cave, we are captivated by the stories of Malta's earliest human settlements and the fossil finds that testify to a bygone era. After this journey into antiquity, we head to the picturesque fishing village of Marsaxlokk. Here, the traditional colorful boats, known as 'luzzu', adorn the seascape, creating a perfect setting for a fresh fish lunch. We enjoy the delicious flavors of the Mediterranean in one of the charming waterfront trattorias, where freshly caught fish is always the star of the menu. The afternoon is free to explore Marsaxlokk at one's leisure. Walk along the waterfront, visit the local market known for its handicrafts and souvenirs, or simply relax and enjoy the serene view of the harbor. The day concludes with a return to La Valletta, where the evening is free for personal activities or rest in the hotel. Overnight stay in a hotel.

Day 4: Visit to La Valletta and Transfer to Sicily.

After breakfast, we immerse ourselves in the millennia-old history of La Valletta. Built on a peninsula flanked by two magnificent natural harbors, this Mediterranean gem is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our guided tour begins at the Upper Barrakka Gardens, a green oasis offering breathtaking panoramic views of the Grand Harbour and the Three Cities: Senglea, Vittoriosa, and Cospicua. This place is perfect for capturing memories with the sea and ancient fortifications as a backdrop. We then proceed to St. John's Co-Cathedral, a masterpiece of Maltese Baroque architecture. Inside, its frescoed ceilings, side chapels, and marble mosaic floor tell stories of knights and heroes. However, the real jewel is inside: Caravaggio's "The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist," housed in one of the side chapels. As we walk along the cobblestone streets, we head towards Fort Saint Elmo, a crucial fortress during the Siege of Malta in 1565 (major locations in Game of Thrones). Its



War Museum tells stories of battles and resilience. Free lunch in the heart of La Valletta. Later, transfer to the port (luggage left at the hotel will be collected by our staff) and the journey continues by taking one of the modern hydrofoils connecting Malta with Sicily, equipped with all necessary amenities for a comfortable trip, including bars, souvenir shops, and a "club class" area. Subsequently, transfer to our next hotel in Syracuse. Welcome cocktail with Sicilian appetizers, overnight stay in the hotel.

Day 5: Noto, Marzamemi, and Syracuse

After breakfast, we depart for Noto, one of the pearls of Sicilian Baroque and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We are fascinated by the beauty of its historic limestone buildings, which shine under the sun. Strolling through the streets of Noto, we get lost among baroque palaces and churches, admiring masterpieces like the Cathedral of San Nicolò and Palazzo Ducezio. After the morning visit to Noto, we head towards Marzamemi, one of Sicily's most charming seaside villages. Here, we enjoy lunch in one of the local seafront restaurants, where dishes made with fresh fish are a real treat. Marzamemi is famous for its tuna fisheries and seafood products, making it the ideal place to savor the true essence of Sicilian seafood cuisine. In the afternoon, we return to Syracuse to visit its famous archaeological area. Here, we discover the Greek Theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre, and the Ear of Dionysius, witnesses to the greatness of Greek and Roman civilization. This visit allows us to immerse ourselves in ancient history, uncovering the secrets of Syracuse. The day concludes with a return to Ortigia, the historic heart of Syracuse. Here, we take a stroll through the narrow streets and charming squares, enjoying the sunset on the waterfront directly at the Fonte Aretusa. Overnight stay in the hotel.

Day 6: Caltagirone, Piazza Armerina, and Agrigento

After breakfast, we depart for Caltagirone, famous for its ceramics tradition. Here, we embark on a little train that takes us into the heart of the city, allowing us to admire the colorful ceramic artworks that adorn the streets and buildings. One of the highlights is the visit to the famous Scala di Santa Maria del Monte, an imposing staircase of 142 steps, each decorated with different majolica tiles, illustrating the evolution of Caltagirone ceramics over the centuries. We then proceed to a ceramics workshop, where we can see craftsmen at work, skillfully creating unique and historical artifacts. After a coffee break to refresh ourselves, the journey continues to Piazza Armerina. We visit the Villa Romana del Casale, famous for its extraordinary Roman mosaics, considered among the most well-preserved and extensive of their kind in the Roman world. These mosaics, rich in scenes of daily and mythological life, offer a fascinating glimpse into life in ancient Rome.

For lunch, we head to a nearby Agriturismo, where we are treated to a meal with high-quality local dishes, accompanied by local wine. The breathtaking view of Piazza Armerina adds a magical touch to the culinary experience. Finally, we resume our journey to Agrigento. Upon arrival, we settle into the hotel, where we can relax before enjoying dinner and spending the night.

Day 7: Valley of the Temples and Monreale

After breakfast, we depart for the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, an archaeological site that is a true treasure of ancient Greece. Here, some of the best-preserved Greek temples in the world await us, allowing us to immerse ourselves in the history and charm of ancient Greek civilization. The visit through these majestic ruins will be like a journey back in time. For lunch, we stop along the Agrigento seafront, where we can enjoy breathtaking sea views while savoring typical Sicilian dishes. In the afternoon, we continue to Palermo, with an important stop in Monreale, known for its extraordinary Cathedral, located on the Mountain of the Kings. This UNESCO World Heritage monument is famous for its Byzantine and Norman mosaics, covering an area of 6,340 square meters. These bright gold-finished mosaics depict biblical stories with timeless mastery. The day concludes in Palermo, where we settle into a selected hotel. Overnight stay in the hotel.

Day 8: Palermo

After breakfast, we dedicate the entire day to discovering Palermo, a city rich in history, culture, and traditions. Palermo, with its vibrant streets and colorful markets, represents a crossroad of Mediterranean, Arab, and Norman cultures, visible in its architecture and urban fabric. For lunch, we delve into the heart of Palermo, visiting one of its most vibrant markets. Here, we immerse ourselves in Sicilian street food culture, tasting



delights like "pane con la meusa" (spleen sandwich), "pani cunzato" (seasoned bread), and the famous arancine, fried stuffed rice balls, a classic of Palermitan cuisine. In the afternoon, we visit the Teatro Massimo, one of Europe's largest opera houses, known for its imposing architecture and exceptional acoustics. We explore the majestic interiors of this cultural symbol of Palermo, appreciating its history and artistic importance. Afterward, we take some free time to explore the city streets. Strolling through Palermo, we discover hidden corners, historic squares, and ancient buildings, each with its own story to tell. Overnight stay in the hotel.

Day 9: 1 Option Segesta, Marsala and Erice

After breakfast, we will depart for Segesta, one of the most imposing archaeological sites in Sicily. Here, you will be greeted by the majestic presence of the Temple of Segesta, an exceptional example of ancient Greek architecture, still in remarkable condition. This Doric temple, erected in the 5th century BC, stands alone in a naturally beautiful setting. You will also have the opportunity to visit the Ancient Theater of Segesta, carved into the rock and offering a breathtaking view of the surrounding landscape. Next, we will head towards Marsala, a journey that will take us through the fascinating Marsala Salt Pans. This unique scenery offers breathtaking views with its evaporation ponds and windmills, creating an almost surreal landscape, especially enchanting at sunset when the golden reflections of the sun light up the saltwater. Once in Marsala, we will continue to the jetty for Mothia, an ancient Phoenician city located on an island in the Stagnone lagoon. Mothia is an archaeological site of extraordinary importance, where you can walk among the ruins of this ancient civilization and visit the small but rich museum that houses unique artifacts, including the famous "Mothia Youth," a marble statue depicting a young Phoenician nobleman. After visiting Mothia, we will enjoy a light lunch in one of Marsala's famous wineries. Here you will have the opportunity to taste a variety of local wines, including the unmistakable Marsala wine, a fortified wine renowned worldwide for its unique flavor and rich history. The tasting will be accompanied by a selection of local products, which may include typical cheeses, cured meats, and other Sicilian specialties, offering an authentic taste of the region's flavors. This experience in the winery will not only allow you to appreciate Marsala wine in its various expressions, from dry to sweet, but will also give you the opportunity to learn about the history and production process of this wine, which has played a crucial role in the economy and culture of Sicily. In the afternoon we will depart for Erice, a medieval town located atop a mountain offering spectacular panoramic views. Its cobbled streets, ancient walls, and mystical atmosphere will transport you back in time. We will explore the historic center, admiring historic buildings like the Castle of Venus, which dominates the town with its imposing presence. There will be an opportunity to delight in a tasting of typical Erice sweets, Sicilian pastry delicacies made with almonds and pistachio, perfectly accompanied by a good coffee or tea. We will conclude the day with a return to Palermo. Overnight stay in the hotel.

Da 9: 2° Option The Essence of the Sicani

After breakfast, we will venture into the heart of Sicily for an extraordinary experience through places less beaten by mass tourism. Our first stop will be Lercara Friddi, where we will visit the Mother Church, which houses a unique collection of a thousand nativity scenes in its crypt. Lercara Friddi is also famous for being the birthplace of the family of Frank Sinatra, the famous American singer and actor. From Lercara Friddi, we will head to Prizzi, a town with a long history dating back to 258 BC. Walking through its narrow and winding streets, it will feel like stepping back in time. From Prizzi, the view over the heart of Sicily is simply breathtaking. Our journey continues towards Palazzo Adriano, a small town founded in the 15th century by Albanian exiles. Here, the meeting of cultures has given rise to a unique place: you can visit a Greek-Byzantine rite church, a witness to the ancient Albanian traditions still present in the town. Palazzo Adriano is also known for being the set of the Oscar-winning film "Cinema Paradiso", a gem that attracts visitors from all over the world. Continuing our journey, we will make a brief stop at Santo Stefano Quisquina. Here, a walk in the woods near the Monte Cammarata nature reserve will take us to the Hermitage of "Santa Rosalia alla Quisquina", a place of peace and spirituality immersed in nature. The hermitage, with its internal rooms and cells open to the public, offers a unique and contemplative experience. Arriving in Cammarata, known as



the city of "a mountain of excellences" thanks to its world-renowned culinary delights, we will stop for a traditional lunch. Here, we will have the opportunity to taste high-quality local cheeses, fresh vegetables, roasted meats, homemade pasta with seasonal ingredients, and typical desserts. Cammarata, with its fascinating history dating back to Norman times, will amaze you with its unique urban landscape, intimate courtyards, and stairs of the Arab quarter. In the late afternoon, return to the hotel. Overnight stay in the hotel.

Day 10: Cefalù and Taormina

After breakfast, our day begins with a visit to Cefalù, a charming seaside town known for its golden beaches and rich historical and cultural heritage. Walking through the narrow medieval streets, we face the majestic Cathedral of Cefalù, an example of Norman architecture with magnificent Byzantine mosaics. The town also offers beautiful sea views, enjoyed while strolling along the promenade or climbing the Rocca, a hill offering a breathtaking panorama of the city and sea. For lunch, we stop at one of the local restaurants in Cefalù, where we can taste dishes made with fresh fish and other Sicilian specialties, enjoying the sea view and the relaxed atmosphere of the town. In the afternoon, we depart for Taormina, one of Sicily's most fascinating destinations. In Taormina, we visit the famous Ancient Theatre, a well-preserved Greco-Roman amphitheater offering a spectacular view of the Ionian Sea and Mount Etna. After visiting the theater, we explore the streets and squares of Taormina, immersing ourselves in its characteristic mix of Greek, Roman, Arab, and Norman influences. In the evening, we settle into a selected hotel in Taormina. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 11: The Incredible Etna

After breakfast, we set off to discover the imposing Etna. Our route winds through characteristic Etna villages, gradually climbing until reaching an altitude of 2,000 meters. But the real adventure begins from here (optional): we will board the cable car that will take us to about 2,600 meters of altitude, in a lunar environment, where the panorama seems taken from another world. The journey continues special off-road vehicles, which will take us to an altitude of almost 3,000 meters. Here, expert alpine guides will introduce us to the fascinating volcanic activity of Etna, unveiling the mysteries and secrets of one of the most active volcanoes on the planet. After the volcanic exploration, a lunch awaits us at a cozy Farmhouse, with breathtaking views of the volcano. Here, we will have the opportunity to taste a selection of local wines and delight the palate with typical culinary specialties of the Etna area. Return to Taormina, overnight stay in hotel.

Day 12: Arrivederci Sicilia

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and end of services.

Depending on departure times, there is a possibility of a stop of a few hours directly in Catania.



PRE-TOUR included Services:

- ✓ Customized bus service based on group size, available from the second to the penultimate day of the tour.
- ✓ Transfer from the accommodation to Valletta Port.
- ✓ Hydrofoil transfer from Valletta Port to Pozzallo.
- ✓ Transfer to the accommodation in Syracuse.
- ✓ Professional English-speaking tour guide in Malta.
- ✓ Personal listening devices (whisperers) available throughout the journey.
- ✓ Tourist tax in Valletta.
- ✓ 3 nights in [AX the Saint John hotel 4*](#) or similar in Valletta with bed and breakfast.
- ✓ Street food tasting (Pastizzi and tea) in Valletta.
- ✓ Traditional lunch in Rabat with a selection of local wines.
- ✓ Tasting of Sinizza in Mdina.
- ✓ Seafood lunch in Marsaxlokk (Beverage not included).
- ✓ Welcome cocktail in Syracuse.
- ✓ Parking and insurance
- ✓ Accommodation and meals for staff

Entrance to sites and museums:

- ✓ Entrance to the Hal Saflieni Hypogeum.
- ✓ Entrance to the Mdina Museum.



MAIN-TOUR included Services:

- ✓ Customized bus service based on group size, available from the second to the penultimate day of the tour.
- ✓ Professional English-speaking tour guide in Sicily.
- ✓ Personal listening devices (whisperers) available throughout the journey.
- ✓ Tourist tax in all locations.
- ✓ Local Guides at: Syracuse, Piazza Armerina, Agrigento, Palermo\Monreale, Sicani Experience, Taormina
- ✓ 2 nights in [Hotel Roma 4*](#) or similar in Syracuse.
- ✓ 1 night in [Baia di Ulisse hotel](#) or similar 4* in Agrigento.
- ✓ 3 nights in [Hotel Palazzo Sitano 4*](#) or similar in Palermo.
- ✓ 2 nights in [Villa Diodoro hotel](#) 4* or similar in Taormina.
- ✓ Welcome cocktail in Syracuse.
- ✓ Lunch in Marzamemi (Beverage not included).
- ✓ Lunch in Piazza Armerina (Beverage not included).
- ✓ Lunch at a farmhouse in Agrigento (Beverage not included)
- ✓ Street food tasting in Palermo (Beverage not included).
- ✓ Lunch in Cammarata (1\2 Water and 1\4 Wine included).
- ✓ Lunch in Cefalù (Beverage not included).
- ✓ Lunch with wine tasting at a farmhouse on Mount Etna (wine tasting and 1\2water included).
- ✓ All parking and highway fees, as well as driver accommodation and meals
- ✓ Taxes and travel organizer liability insurance with Europe Assistance

Entrance to sites and museums:

- ✓ Entrance to the archaeological area of Syracuse.
- ✓ Entrance to Syracuse Cathedral.
- ✓ Entrance to the archaeological area of Agrigento.
- ✓ Entrance to Piazza Armerina.
- ✓ Entrance to Monreale Cathedral + cloister.
- ✓ Entrance to Martorana.
- ✓ Entrance to the Sanctuary of Santa Rosalia.
- ✓ Entrance to the Greek Theater of Taormina.
- ✓ Entrance to Palermo Cathedral.



Prices for transfers:

- From the airport to the first accommodation in Valletta for 1 to 3 passengers: **€16.00** per person.
 - From the airport to the first accommodation in Valletta for 4 to 7 passengers: **€11.00** per person.
 - From the airport to the first accommodation in Valletta for 8 to 16 passengers: **€9.00** per person.
 - From the airport to the first accommodation in Valletta for 17 to 27 passengers: **€7.00** per person.
 - From the airport to the first accommodation in Valletta for 28 to 54 passengers: **€4.00** per person.
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- From Catania airport to the first accommodation in Syracuse for 1 to 3 passengers: **€132.00** per car.
 - From Catania airport to the first accommodation in Syracuse for 4 to 7 passengers: **€162.00** per Minivan.
 - From Catania airport to the first accommodation in Syracuse for 8 to 16 passengers: **€202.00** per Minibus.
 - From Catania airport to the first accommodation in Syracuse for 17 to 27 passengers: **€347.00** per Minibus.
 - From Catania airport to the first accommodation in Syracuse for 28 to 54 passengers: **€419.00** per Bus.
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- From the last accommodation to Catania airport for 1 to 3 passengers: **€134.00** per car.
 - From the last accommodation to Catania airport for 4 to 7 passengers: **€166.00** per Minivan.
 - From the last accommodation to Catania airport for 8 to 16 passengers: **€268.00** per Minibus.
 - From the last accommodation to Catania airport for 17 to 27 passengers: **€378.00** per Minibus.
 - From the last accommodation to Catania airport for 28 to 54 passengers: **€469.00** per Bus.





Price:

Up to 6 People (FIT)	PRE-TOUR € 799.00	MAIN-TOUR € 1,863.00
Between 6 to 8 People (FIT)	PRE-TOUR € 641.00	MAIN-TOUR € 1,620.00
Between 9 to 10 People	PRE-TOUR € 591.00	MAIN-TOUR € 1,499.00
Between 11 to 15 People	PRE-TOUR € 568.00	MAIN-TOUR € 1,414.00
Between 16 to 20 People	PRE-TOUR € 537.00	MAIN-TOUR € 1,269.00
Between 21 to 25 People	PRE-TOUR € 519.00	MAIN-TOUR € 1,249.00
Between 26 to 30 People	PRE-TOUR € 495.00	MAIN-TOUR € 1,177.00
Between 31 to 35 People	PRE-TOUR € 469.00	MAIN-TOUR € 1,119.00
Between 36 to 40 People	PRE-TOUR € 452.00	MAIN-TOUR € 1,069.00
Between 41 to 45 People	PRE-TOUR € 438.00	MAIN-TOUR € 1,048.00
Between 46 to 50 People	PRE-TOUR € 419.00	MAIN-TOUR € 1,031.00



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Supplements and reductions PRE-TOUR

- ✓ Half-Board supplement: **€ 114.00** per person
3 Dinners in a typical trattoria in Valletta with 3 courses (drinks excluded).
- ✓ Single Supplement: **€ 89.00**
- ✓ Double as Single Use (DUS) Supplement: **€ 159.00**
- ✓ Reduction for 3rd bed: **-20%**

Price for Tour Leader:

- ✓ Up to 18 paying people: **€ 528.00**
- ✓ Above 19 paying people: **Free**

Supplements and reductions MAIN-TOUR

- ✓ Half-Board supplement: **€ 280.00** per person.
2 dinners in trattorias (3 courses, drinks excluded) in Syracuse.
1 dinner in hotel in Agrigento (3 courses, drinks excluded).
3 dinners in typical restaurants in Palermo (3 courses, drinks excluded).
2 dinners in trattorias in Taormina (3 courses, drinks excluded).
- ✓ Single Supplement: **€ 129.00**
- ✓ Double as Single Use (DUS) Supplement: **€ 159.00**
- ✓ Reduction for 3rd bed: **-20%**

Price for Tour Leader:

- ✓ Up to 18 paying people **€ 1,388.00**
- ✓ Above 19 paying people: **Free**

Price does not include:

- ✓ Etna Full experience Tour (Cableway and Jeeps) **€ 78.00** (price 2024)
- ✓ Tips and extras in general
- ✓ Everything not expressly described in "Price includes"

General conditions

See www.great-sicily.com/terms-conditions

