

2024 Mottola Italian Tours 12-Day Trip to Sicily
Hosted by Vince and Carla Mottola
Saturday, October 19, 2024 – Wednesday, October 30, 2024
Fly in to Palermo (PMO) and fly out of Catania (CTA)

ITINERARY – schedule of events may change to improve travel experience.

Day 1 (Saturday, October 19) **Depart U.S.A. for Palermo (PMO), Italy.**

Day 2 Arrival in Palermo, Italy (Sunday, October 20) Make your way by taxi from the airport to our hotel in the historic center of Palermo. Lodging: **Palermo Hotel** – After everyone has checked in, there will be a **“meet and greet”** cocktail reception with appetizers.

Day 3 Palermo (Monday, October 21) Lodging: **Palermo Hotel**. After enjoying breakfast, we will embark on a half day **walking tour of Palermo** including a “street food experience.” **Free evening.**

Day 4 Palermo (Tuesday, October 22) Lodging: **Palermo Hotel**. In the morning we will travel by bus to **Monreale for a guided tour** of this historical Sicilian town. The highlight will be the **Duomo in Monreale** and the stunning mosaic carved columns. **Free evening.**

Day 5 Palermo (Wednesday, October 23) Lodging: **Palermo Hotel**. **Free day. Group dinner** is scheduled for our last night in Palermo.

Day 6 Palermo - Favara (Thursday, October 24) Lodging: **Favara Hotel**. After checking out, we will travel by bus to Agrigento to visit and tour the Valley of the Temples - an archaeological site that is one of the most outstanding examples of ancient Greek art and architecture of Magna Graecia and is one of the main attractions of Sicily. **Group lunch. Free evening** in **Favara**, an ancient village characterized by a Baroque old town center.

Day 7 Favara (Friday, October 25) Lodging: **Favara Hotel**. **Free day. OPTIONAL TOUR - Val Paradiso Olive Oil Farm Tour** with lunch. www.valparadiso.it **Free evening.**

Day 8 Favara -Taormina (Saturday, October 26) Lodging: **Taormina Hotel** After checking out, we will travel by bus to Taormina with a stop at the **Barone di Villagrande Winery for a tour, tasting and lunch.** www.villagrande.it Free night in Taormina.

Day 9 Taormina (Sunday, October 27) Lodging: **Taormina Hotel**. After breakfast, we gather for a **guided tour of Taormina**. **Free afternoon and evening.**

Day 10 Taormina (Monday, October 28) Lodging: **Taormina Hotel**. **Free Day. OPTIONAL TOUR – Mt Etna Tour by Jeep 4 x 4. Full day including guided tour, nature walk and lunch.**

Day 11 Taormina (Tuesday, October 29) Lodging: **Taormina Hotel**. After a free morning of sightseeing and shopping, join the group for an **“arrivederci” lunch** at a favorite local restaurant. **Free evening** for a memorable final night in Taormina.

Day 12 Taormina (Wednesday, October 30) **Transfer is included and arranged** for you to Catania Airport (CTA) for your **trip back to the U.S.A.**

PLEASE EXPECT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF WALKING DURING GROUP SIGHTSEEING EVENTS

As an Italian American with immigrant parents from Naples, restaurateur **Vince Mottola** has been organizing travel since 2003 that give you an insider's experience of Italy. He arranges luxury hotels in the best locations and plans travel between cities and guided tours to be at a leisurely pace. Excursions are planned in a way so there is a generous amount of free time where Vince encourages you to explore and connect with the locals. Group meals are designed to feature the best of regional cuisine and chef specialties. **Join Vince and experience "la dolce vita."**

Tour Includes:

- ✓ 10 nights hotel accommodations - 4 nights Palermo, 2 nights Favara and 4 nights Taormina
- ✓ Half day guided tour of Palermo with "street food" experience.
- ✓ Guided sightseeing tour to Monreale
- ✓ Guided tour to Agrigento - Valley of the Temples
- ✓ Sicilian winery tour and tasting
- ✓ Guided tour of Taormina
- ✓ Breakfast daily plus four group dinners or lunches
- ✓ Transfer from Taormina Hotel to Catania Airport (CTA)

Tour price: * **\$3995.00*** per person double occupancy

* **\$4695.00*** if traveling alone and not sharing a room

* **Fee may be added if the exchange rate is more than \$1.15 = 1 Euro prior to tour departure***

Projected hotels:

Grand Hotel Wagner (Palermo) www.grandhotelwagner.it

Alba Palace Hotel (Favara) www.albapalace.com

Hotel Villa Schuler (Taormina) www.hotelvillaschuler.com

Limited premium rooms will be options or assigned in the order that the deposits are received plus additional room rates.

Tour does not include - Airfare, Transfer from Palermo Airport to first hotel, City Hotel Taxes and Travel Insurance

Optional tours with additional cost to be determined by number of participants.

Val Paradiso Olive Oil Farm Tour with lunch. www.valparadiso.it

Mt Etna North Full Day Tour - travel by Jeep 4 x 4, nature walk, including lunch.

\$500 reservation deposit along with completed **Reservation Form and Tour Agreement** is required to secure your spot, with balance owed for the tour by **July 1, 2024**. If reservation is cancelled, **the \$500 deposit is not refundable unless the spot is filled**. If Mottola Italian Tours cancels the tour, all money paid to Vince's Enterprises, Inc. will be refunded. All payments must be made by check, no credit cards accepted. Please make checks payable and mail to:

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For more information, e-mail questions to v.mottola@comcast.net or call **253.887.9700** or visit www.mottolaitaliantours.com If you have the time and budget, it is highly recommended to arrive early or stay longer in Italy. We will be happy to help with your additional travel needs.