

11-Day Authentic Sicily Adventure with Etna and Food

11 days · 8 stops · 2026-08-24

Embark on an **11-day authentic Sicilian adventure** that perfectly blends **cultural exploration, beach relaxation, volcanic hiking, and local food immersion**. Starting in Palermo and concluding in Catania, this trip offers a smooth, balanced pace with private accommodations and a rental car for flexibility. Experience the charm of historic towns like Cefalù, Taormina, and Syracuse, swim in stunning beaches, hike the majestic Mount Etna, and savor Sicily's rich culinary delights without tourist traps or organized paid activities.

Brussels → Palermo → Cefalù → Mount Etna → Taormina → Syracuse → Catania → Brussels

Brussels, Belgium

DAY 1–1

Palermo, Sicily, Italy

DAY 1–4

Palermo, the vibrant capital of Sicily, is a treasure trove of baroque architecture, bustling markets, and rich local culture and history. It offers a perfect blend of authentic food experiences and stunning cityscapes, making it an ideal starting point for your Sicilian adventure. The lively atmosphere and historical sites provide a captivating introduction to the island's charm.

ARRIVE · FLIGHT

BRU → PMO

5h 34m · Direct

\$106.98

STAY

Centro storico apartment & Loft - Amnesia Holiday Home

Via Collegio Giusino, 43 piano primo, 90134 Palermo · 10.0

ITINERARY

- Day 1 · Arrival and Evening Stroll in Palermo · 1 experiences: Osteria Ballarò
- Day 2 · Explore Palermo's Markets and Historic Sights · 6 experiences: Ballarò Market, Four Corners (Quattro Canti), Piazza & Fontana Pretoria, Palermo Cathedral, Palatine Chapel (Capella Palatina), Trattoria Ai Cascinari
- Day 3 · Cultural Gems and Coastal Relaxation · 3 experiences: Opera Dei Pupi (Rod Marionette Theatre), Mondello Beach, La Cambusa
- Day 4 · Morning at Mt. Pellegrino and Departure to Cefalù · 2 experiences: Mt. Pellegrino (Monte Pellegrino), Bar Touring

Cefalù, Sicily, Italy

DAY 4–6

Cefalù is a charming coastal town in Sicily known for its stunning beaches perfect for swimming and relaxation, and its beautiful Norman cathedral showcasing exquisite architecture. The town offers a genuine local atmosphere with quaint streets, local markets, and authentic Sicilian dining experiences. It's an ideal stop for a mix of beach time, cultural exploration, and savoring local food and wi

ARRIVE · CAR

Palermo → Cefalù

1h 5m

STAY

Palazzo Botta Suites

Via Nicola Botta, 25, 90015 Cefalù · 9.8

ITINERARY

Day 4 · Arrival and Explore Cefalù's Historic Center · 3 experiences: Cefalù Cathedral (Duomo di Cefalù), Medieval Washhouse, Ristorante La Brace
Day 5 · Hike Rocca di Cefalù and Cooking Class · 4 experiences: Rocca di Cefalù, Cloister of Cefalù Cathedral, Cefalù: Cooking Class at a Local's Home, Trattoria La Botte
Day 6 · Packing and Departure to Mount Etna · 1 experiences: Bar Touring

Mount Etna, Sicily, Italy

DAY 6–7

Mount Etna is Europe's highest and most active volcano, offering an unforgettable hiking experience with stunning views of the volcanic landscape and the surrounding Sicilian countryside. The hike up Etna is a perfect blend of adventure and nature, allowing you to witness the raw power of the earth while enjoying the unique flora and fauna. This destination is ideal for those seeking an exciting o

ARRIVE · CAR

Cefalù → Mount Etna

2h 37m

STAY

Mount Etna Chalet

c.da Banda di Maletto sn, 95034 Maletto · 9.7

ITINERARY

Day 6 · Arrival and Relaxing Evening at Mount Etna · 1 experiences: Ristorante La Cantina del Bosco
Day 7 · Summit Excursion and Departure to Taormina

Taormina, Sicily, Italy

DAY 7–9

Taormina is a picturesque hilltop town in Sicily renowned for its breathtaking views of the Ionian Sea and Mount Etna. It offers a delightful mix of baroque architecture, beautiful beaches ideal for swimming, and a relaxed atmosphere perfect for local immersion. The town is also a gateway to exploring nearby natural wonders and savoring authentic Sicilian food and wine experiences.

ARRIVE · CAR

Mount Etna → Taormina

1h 7m

STAY

Corvaja Inn

19 Corso Umberto, 98039 Taormina · 9.6

ITINERARY

Day 7 · Arrival and Leisurely Exploration of Taormina · 3 experiences: Taormina Old Town (Centro Storico), Greek Theatre of Taormina (Teatro Greco), Trattoria Don Ciccio
Day 8 · Beach Day and Baroque Sights in Taormina · 5 experiences: Mazzarò Beach (Lido Mazzarò), Taormina Cable Car (Funivia), Piazza IX Aprile, Corvaja Palace (Palazzo Corvaja), Osteria RossoDiVino
Day 9 · Morning Garden Walk and Evening Departure to Syracuse · 3 experiences: Villa Comunale, Taormina Cathedral (Duomo) and Piazza del Duomo, Bar Turrisi

Syracuse, Sicily, Italy

DAY 9–10

Syracuse is a captivating city known for its rich baroque architecture, vibrant local markets, and beautiful beaches perfect for swimming. It's a fantastic spot to immerse yourself in authentic Sicilian culture while enjoying delicious local food and wine. The city's charming streets and seaside views make it a must-visit destination on your trip.

ARRIVE · CAR

Taormina → Syracuse

1h 21m

STAY

PalazzoRusso Ortigia Suite & Apartments

Via Vittorio Veneto, 26, 96100 Siracusa · 9.8

ITINERARY

Day 9 · Explore Ortigia and Evening Drive to Syracuse · 3 experiences: Ortygia, Ortigia Market, Trattoria La Foglia

Day 10 · Ancient Wonders and Departure to Catania · 3 experiences: Neapolis Archaeological Park (Parco Archeologico della Neapolis), Ear of Dionysius, Caseificio Borderi

Catania, Sicily, Italy

DAY 10–11

Catania is a vibrant city on Sicily's eastern coast, renowned for its baroque architecture, lively markets, and rich cultural scene. It offers a perfect blend of authentic Sicilian life, with plenty of local food and wine experiences, and easy access to beautiful nearby beaches. Including Catania in your itinerary ensures a balanced mix of urban exploration and relaxation before your departure.

ARRIVE · CAR

Syracuse → Catania

45m

STAY

Stesicorea Palace

Piazza Stesicoro,56, 95100 Catania · 7.9

ITINERARY

Day 10 · Arrival and Evening in Catania · 2 experiences: Piazza Duomo, Trattoria Il Mare

Day 11 · Catania Food Scene and Departure · 4 experiences: Via Etnea, Ursino Castle, Villa Bellini, Osteria Antica Marina

Brussels, Belgium

DAY 11–11

ARRIVE · FLIGHT

CTA → BRU

2h 22m · 1 stop

\$50.88