

11-Day Sicily Adventure by Public Transport

11 days · 8 stops · 2026-08-24

Embark on an unforgettable 11-day solo adventure through Sicily, perfectly tailored for a car-free traveler seeking a rich blend of **historic culture**, stunning baroque architecture, and authentic local experiences^{**}. From the vibrant markets and beaches of Palermo to the charming medieval streets of Cefalù, the thrilling volcanic landscapes of Mount Etna, and the breathtaking coastal views of Taormina and Syracuse, this trip offers a seamless journey by public transport. Indulge in Sicily's renowned **food and wine**^{**}, explore ancient sites, and relax on pristine beaches, all while immersing y

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Brussels, Belgium

DAY 1–1

Palermo, Sicily, Italy

DAY 1–4

Palermo, the vibrant capital of Sicily, is a treasure trove of historic culture, stunning baroque architecture, and lively local markets. It's the perfect starting point for your trip, offering easy access to the beautiful Mondello beach and a rich culinary scene to immerse yourself in authentic Sicilian flavors. Exploring Palermo by public transport is convenient, making it ideal for a car-free a

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 Relaxing Evening in Palermo
- Day 2 · Explore Palermo's Markets and Historic Sights · 6 experiences: Ballarò Market, Palermo Cathedral, Piazza & Fontana Pretoria, Palatine Chapel (Capella Palatina), Four Corners (Quattro Canti), Osteria Ballarò
- Day 3 · Palermo Street Food and Beach Time · 3 experiences: Palermo: Street Food and Local Market Tasting Tour, Mondello Beach, Trattoria Ai Cascinari
- Day 4 · Monreale Cathedral and Departure to Cefalù · 2 experiences: Monreale Cathedral (Duomo di Monreale), Ristorante La Galleria

Cefalù, Sicily, Italy

DAY 4–6

Cefalù is a charming coastal town in Sicily known for its beautiful sandy beaches, historic Norman cathedral, and picturesque old town. It's a perfect spot for relaxing beach time and soaking in authentic Sicilian culture. The town offers a laid-back atmosphere with local eateries serving delicious seafood and Sicilian specialties, making it ideal for your local immersion and food experiences.

ARRIVE · CAR

Palermo → Cefalù

1h 5m

STAY

Palazzo Botta Suites

Via Nicola Botta, 25, 90015 Cefalù · 9.8

ITINERARY

Day 4 · Arrival and Explore Historic Cefalù · 3 experiences: Cefalù Cathedral (Duomo di Cefalù), Cloister of Cefalù Cathedral, Ristorante La Brace

Day 5 · Guided Walking Tour and Coastal Relaxation · 3 experiences: Cefalù: History and Legends Guided Walking Tour, Cefalù: Private Boat Tour + Snorkeling & Aperitif (1-8 pax), Trattoria Al Gabbiano

Day 6 · Relax and Prepare for Next Destination · 1 experiences: Bar Gelateria Cefalù

Mount Etna, Sicily, Italy

DAY 6–7

Mount Etna, Europe's highest and most active volcano, offers an unforgettable experience with its thrilling volcanic hikes, dramatic lava landscapes, and breathtaking panoramic views of Sicily and the Ionian Sea. Exploring Etna allows you to immerse yourself in unique natural beauty and enjoy local wines from the surrounding vineyards. It's a must-visit for adventure seekers and nature lovers look

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 Relaxation at Mount Etna · 1 experiences: Ristorante La Cantina del Bosco

Day 7 · Mount Etna Summit Excursion and Travel to Taormina

Taormina, Sicily, Italy

DAY 7–9

Taormina is a stunning coastal town in Sicily known for its breathtaking views of the Ionian Sea and Mount Etna, ancient Greek Theatre, and charming medieval streets. It's a perfect spot for relaxing beach time, exploring local culture, and enjoying authentic Sicilian cuisine. The town's easy access by public transportation makes it a great destination even without a car.

ARRIVE · CAR

Mount Etna → Taormina

1h 7m

STAY

Corvaja Inn

19 Corso Umberto, 98039 Taormina · 9.6

ITINERARY

Day 7 · Arrival and Explore Taormina's Historic Center · 4 experiences: Taormina Old Town (Centro Storico), Piazza IX Aprile, Villa Comunale, Trattoria da Nino

Day 8 · Cultural Sights and Beach Time · 6 experiences: Greek Theatre of Taormina (Teatro Greco), Taormina Cable Car (Funivia), Mazzarò Beach (Lido Mazzarò), Corvaja Palace (Palazzo Corvaja), Taormina Cathedral (Duomo) and Piazza del Duomo, Ristorante La Griglia

Day 9 · Leisurely Morning and Departure to Syracuse · 2 experiences: Castelmola, Bar Turrisi

Syracuse, Sicily, Italy

DAY 9–10

Syracuse, located on Sicily's southeastern coast, is renowned for its rich ancient Greek history and stunning baroque architecture. The historic island of Ortigia offers charming streets, vibrant local markets, and beautiful seaside views,

perfect for local immersion and savoring authentic Sicilian food and wine. Visiting Syracuse enriches your trip with a blend of culture, history, and coastal re

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 Baroque Highlights · 3 experiences: Ortygia, Syracuse Cathedral (Duomo di Siracusa), Caselficio Borderi

Day 10 · Ancient Ruins and Market Experience · 3 experiences: Neapolis Archaeological Park (Parco Archeologico della Neapolis), Ear of Dionysius, Ortigia Market

Catania, Sicily, Italy

DAY 10–12

Catania, located on Sicily's eastern coast, is a vibrant city known for its rich baroque architecture, bustling food markets, and proximity to the majestic Mount Etna. It offers a perfect blend of authentic local experiences, delicious Sicilian cuisine, and easy access to natural wonders. Spending your last day here allows you to explore the lively local food scene and historic sights before your

ARRIVE · CAR

Syracuse → Catania

45m

STAY

Stesicorea Palace

Piazza Stesicoro,56, 95100 Catania · 7.9

ITINERARY

Day 10 · Arrival and Historic Center Exploration · 4 experiences: Piazza Duomo, Via Etnea, Ursino Castle, Osteria Antica Marina

Day 11 · Catania Culture and Markets · 5 experiences: Villa Bellini, Benedictine Monastery of San Nicolò l'Arena (Monastero Benedettini di San Nicolò l'Arena), Monday Fair, Massimo Bellini Opera House (Teatro Massimo Bellini), Trattoria Il Mare

Day 12 · Packing and Departure Preparation · 1 experiences: Caffè del Duomo

Brussels, Belgium

ARRIVE · FLIGHT

CTA → BRU

5h 5m · 1 stop

\$40.61