



Sicily Tour | 1 – 16 September 2020

Sicily is a land of extremes and contrasts, a magnification of all things Italian. It is also an island of enormous intensity, a concentrated distillation of history, architecture, gastronomic delights & beautiful coastlines. Join us as we take you on a journey of discovery to this beautiful part of the world.

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1 September | Depart Cape Town / Johannesburg - Palermo

We depart Cape Town/Johannesburg for our overnight flight to Palermo, via Doha & Milan.

2 September | Arrive Palermo (4 nights) | D

Upon arrival at the **Palermo Airport**, we will be met & transferred to our hotel.

Dinner & overnight.

3 September | Palermo – Monreale - Palermo | B L

After breakfast, we will start our **walking tour** of the city... starting with a visit to an Arab style **street market**, the medieval and baroque style churches with fascinating Squares and Fountains. We will have the chance to taste the most famous and typical **Sicilian street food**, such as panelle, arancini and cannolo.

Later we will make our way to **Monreale** for a visit of the **Cathedral and the Benedictine Cloister** before returning to Palermo in the afternoon.

Evening at leisure.

4 September | Palermo - Cefalù & Mondello - Palermo | B L

Today will be dedicated to two of the most amazing coastal villages of Northern Sicily.

Our first stop will be in **Cefalù**, one of the best kept examples of **Norman architecture**. Visit the historical centre and see, among other interesting aspects of this town, the public fountains where the ladies of the time used to do the family's laundry. Its **Cathedral is a Unesco World Heritage site**.

Lunch with a sea view will be enjoyed before we proceed to **Mondello** for an afternoon on the beach.

Mondello is a long white sandy beach with the most beautiful turquoise water. Enjoy the **afternoon swimming** in the beautiful warm water & eating gelati !

Return to Palermo in the late afternoon and evening at leisure.

5 September | Palermo – Segesta - Palermo | B L

After breakfast we drive towards **Segesta**, an old Greek settlement. The temple of Segesta, solemnly placed on a hill at the foot of **Mount Barbaro**, is certainly among the most exciting examples of **Greek architecture**.

Completely isolated from the urban world, its white columns stand out among the green of the landscape,.

Its construction dates back to the late 5th century BC, during the alliance with Athens. There are a total of 36 columns.

After our visit, we will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before returning to Palermo.

Evening at leisure.



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6 September | Palermo - Trapani & Erice - Agrigento (2 nights) | B L D

After breakfast we check out of our hotel & transfer to Agrigento, making a stop en route in **Trapani** to visit the **salt mills** and “Museo Del Sale”. We continue to **Erice**, one of the finest **medieval towns** in Sicily originally founded by the Greeks as part of the colonization of Sicily in the 8th century BC. In Erice we will visit a local **pastry shop** to taste some of their specialties made with **almond paste**.

Transfer to our hotel for check-in & dinner.

7 September | Agrigento - Valley of Temples & Scala dei Turchi - Agrigento | B L D

Today we will visit the **Valley of Temples**, one of the most atmospheric sites of the ancient world. Among the ruins of this site is the **Temple of Concord**, one of the best-preserved **Doric temples** in the world. Despite being altered in the 4th century AD when it became a Christian Basilica, the temple was restored to its classical form in 1748. Other key highlights include the **Temple of Hercules**, with 8 remaining columns dating from the 6th century BC, and the 5th century **Temple of Hera**.

After lunch at a local restaurant, we continue to the stunning **Scala dei Turchi** (Turkish Steps). This **white cliff** is located along the stretch of sea between Realmonte and Porto Empedocle (Agrigento) and its rock is made of a soft, **limestone** and a **blinding white marl**. It is a dramatic site to see the turquoise sea & snow-white cliffs.

Dinner at leisure.

8 September | Agrigento - Piazza Armerina & Caltagirone - Siracusa (4 nights) | B L

After breakfast & check-out, we will transfer to Syracuse.

En route we will stop in **Piazza Armerina** to see the **4th Century Villa del Casale** (another World Heritage Site) & all its superb remains of magnificent **mosaics and polychrome floors** of the late **Imperial Age**.

After lunch at a local restaurant we continue to **Caltagirone**, one of the liveliest Baroque towns in central Sicily. It is known as “**The city of Sicilian ceramics**” due to its thousand-year-old tradition. Caltagirone ceramics have been used for centuries to decorate houses, public and private parks, churches, streets and squares.

Dinner at leisure.

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9 September | Siracusa & boat trip | B L

After breakfast we start our tour of the city... discover the **Archaeological Park of the Neapolis** where you can see the monolithic **Greek Theater**, the **sacrificial Altar of Hieron II**, the **Roman Amphitheatre** and important remains. The tour will continue onto the **Island of Ortygia** to see the **Temple of Apollo**, the oldest Doric style temple built in Sicily, the **Cathedral** which is one of the most extraordinary buildings in the World due to the different Architectural styles overlapping one another.

We continue on a **private boat and enjoy a tour of Ortigia Island** from the sea while sipping a glass of Prosecco and tasting some typical Sicilian delicacies.

Return to the hotel in the afternoon.

Dinner at leisure.

10 September | Siracusa - Ragusa & Modica - Siracusa | B L

After breakfast we start our drive along the coast to **Ragusa**.

Ibla, the **historical center of Ragusa**, offers its visitors a dive into the past. You will walk into the tiny **medieval streets** as far as the Cathedral Square. The city symbols are **St. George's Gate**, the Ibleo garden, Pola Square with the beautiful façade of San Giuseppe and the Cathedral Square.

After lunch at a local restaurant, we continue to **Modica**, where we will see the historical centre with the baroque **Basilica of St. George** at the top of a long flight of steps. The town once called the Venice of the South, is the birthplace of the poet Salvatore Quasimodo, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1959.

We will not miss a taste of the delicious **Modica chocolate** and enjoy a private visit to the world-famous Bonajuto chocolate lab for a taste of their latest creations.

Dinner at leisure.

11 September | Siracusa - Noto - Siracusa | B L

Today we make our way to the Capital city of **Sicilian Baroque** style, the village of **Noto**.

The Corso Vittorio Emanuele, with beautiful **baroque buildings**, crosses the full length of the town. A visit to the recently restored Duomo and Palazzo Villadorata, with its extravagant balconies supported by elaborate gargoyles, is a must. Optional visit to the famous Café Sicilia for one of their famous pastries or granitas !

Lunch in Noto before returning to Syracuse for an afternoon of leisure.



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12 September | Siracusa – Catania – Taormina (3 nights) | B L

Today we transfer north to Taormina, stopping en route in **Catania**.

We will explore the **Pescheria food market**, a walk through the soul of Catania, conveyed by the daily hustle and bustle.

Browse, look, smell & melt into the crowd to feel part of a place where **love for food means love for life**.

After the tour, we will enjoy a hands-on **cooking class** and learn the secrets of the **old Sicilian culinary tradition**, followed by lunch with the results of our work.

After lunch, we transfer to our hotel in Taormina.

13 September | Taormina | B

After breakfast, we will enjoy a **walking tour of the city**, including a visit to the **Greek Theatre**.

Afternoon at leisure for shopping & relaxing.

14 September | Taormina - Mount Etna – Taormina | B L D

Today we will visit the **Mount Etna volcano**. We will drive along the slopes of the volcano on a comfortable **jeep**, to enjoy **dramatic views** and visit one of the last villages on the way to the top, stopping to taste some local specialties, like honey and almond cookies. Finally, an easy walk on the edge of a **side crater**, or lava flow, and we to the coach.

We will end the day with a visit to the **Barone di Villagrande Estate**, where the Nicolosi family has been training native vines since the XVII century. We will enjoy a light lunch accompanied by wine tasting, whose flavours have been directly influenced by the fertility of its lava.

Farewell dinner at a local restaurant..

15 September | Depart Taormina | B

After breakfast we will transfer to the **Catania Airport** for our overnight flight home, via Doha.

Information & Costs for Sicily

Per person sharing R 52 000
Single Supplement R 11 000

Based on 15 passengers

Includes:

All accommodation, guided touring & entrance fees.
Meals as indicated, Breakfast **(B)**, Lunch **(L)**, Dinner **(D)**

Excludes:

Airfares on Qatar

South Africa–Doha–Milan–Palermo/Catania–Milan–Doha–
South Africa

Ex Cape Town from R15 100
Ex Johannesburg from R14 900

You will visit all the places included in the itinerary.
However, Titch Global Tours reserves the right to amend the itinerary according to conditions before, or at the time of, travel.

Estimated costings & Itinerary as at September 2019



Travel Information:

VISA & IMMIGRATION

- EU/Schengen & British Citizens do not need visas to visit Sicily which is part of Italy
- South-Africa passport holders require a Schengen Visa

PACKING ESSENTIALS

- Light cotton shirts & shorts
- Long trousers/slacks
- Lightweight but warm jacket for cool evenings
- Sun hat with wide brim
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Slipslops for the beach
- Swimming costume

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT SICILY

- Fresh local ingredients & local seafood, gelatti (ice creams including fior de latte mozerella flavour), canolli (cone shaped with ricotta filling), arancini (fried risotto balls filled with meat or veggies), granita (flavoured ices), panella (flat fried chickpea bread snacks) & various other street food ...
- Local Sicilian wines
- Ancient Greek & Roman history
- Charming & charismatic villages
- Beautiful warm turquoise ocean for swimming

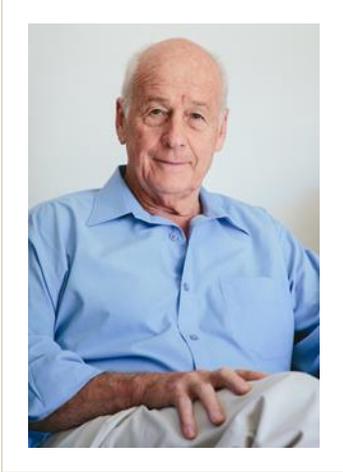
WEATHER IN SEPTEMBER

- September is a very pleasant time to visit Sicily as the weather is still fantastic with temperatures being warm, but not too hot like the middle of Summer. Some days can be humid in certain parts of the island.
- The sea is wonderful for swimming & you can literally swim for hours in the turquoise warm waters.

CURRENCY

- The currency for Sicily is the Euro
- 1 ZAR = 0.06 Euro
- 1 EURO = ZAR16,50

Meet your Tour Leaders



Tour leading is **Michael Johnson's** retirement hobby and he loves assisting his daughter Mandi Aliverti in marketing & leading the tours.

Titch Global Tours has been offering fully-escorted tours to exotic destinations for over 40 years, catering for the “mature traveller”. Michael has been leading these tours for this long too and he still shares his passion for the world with all his travellers.

Michael loves life and seeks at all times to share his love of travel, as well as his travel brand of *joie de vivre*, with his fellow travellers, who become lifelong friends.



Mandi Aliverti was born practically with a suitcase in her hand and a head filled with dreams of adventure. Given that both her parents work in the industry, it's no surprise that Mandi went on to complete her studies in travel and marketing, before jetting off to explore the world. Having been in the travel industry for 30 years, Mandi has travelled extensively around the globe, traveling for business, with her family & leading tour groups. She never misses the opportunity of jumping on a plane to see, or experience something new !

Mandi is married to her Italian husband, Federico and they have 2 children, who love travelling just as much as her ! Mandi promises to share her enthusiasm of travel and all places foreign!

Titch Global Tours Booking Form | Sicily | September 2020

Please complete this booking form and return it with your deposit of R 10,000 and photo-copy of your passport to Travel Concepts.

Name as per passport:				Title:	
Name you wish to be called:		Maiden name (if applicable):			
Address:					
Telephone:		Work -		Cell -	
Home -					
Fax:		Email:			
Nationality:		Id no:			
Passport no		Date of birth:			
Date of issue:		Date of expiry:			
Alt passport no:		Nationality:			
Date of issue:		Date of expiry:			
If you have two passports, which one will you be travelling on:					
Smoking:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Special meal requests:		
Seating request (on flight):					
Please note that we can only request your choice of seating and cannot confirm it.					
Accommodation - I would like to share with:				Single <input type="checkbox"/>	
In the case of passengers travelling alone who wish to share twin accommodation, we endeavour to fulfil these requests. However, should this not be possible, a single room supplement will be payable.					
Name of next of kin /friend:		Relationship:			
Address:		Tel:		Email:	
<p>I enclose my cheque for the deposit of R 10,000 (or will do so, or have done so by eft) to secure a place on the tour. Furthermore I confirm I have read, understood and accept the terms & conditions (as overleaf) of travelling on tour with Titch Global Tours, a division of Travel Concepts. I also note that the balance of the cost of the tour is payable 6 weeks before departure; costed September 2019, based on 15 full paying passengers. Please contact us if you are 85 years or older at time of travel before booking.</p> <p>Signed this.....day of.....2019 Signature</p> <p>Method of payment: tick applicable one</p> <p>Air ticket: Bank transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Credit card <input type="checkbox"/> No. _____ Expiry date: _____ 3 digit code: _____</p> <p>Card type: _____ Bank name: _____</p> <p>Land & Deposit (no credit card): bank transfer <input type="checkbox"/> cheque <input type="checkbox"/></p>					
Bank details:		Name: Travel Concepts Bank: Standard Bank Cape Town Branch Code: 051001		Account no.: 0624830802 Swift Code: SBZAJJ	
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Terms & Conditions | Titch Global Tours

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Accommodation | Comfortable hotels

Airline Clause | The carrier(s) concerned will not be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not aboard the aircraft or conveyance. The passenger ticket in use by the airline concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline(s) concerned and the purchaser of this tour and/or the passengers.

Baggage | On the airline, one piece of luggage per person not exceeding 20 kilograms (on an exceptional basis this may be increased to 23 kilograms) plus one piece of cabin luggage/carry-on, not exceeding a total length of 115cm.

Cancellation | All cancellations must be made in writing. Titch Global Tours reserves the right to claim all or a portion of the fares paid by passenger(s) who cancel(s) reservations. In accordance with standard procedures adopted by tour operators worldwide, Titch Global Tours reserves the right to cancel the tour prior to departure without any further liability to Titch Global Tours, other than making an appropriate refund, at the discretion of Titch Global Tours, of amounts paid to Titch Global Tours in respect of the tour.

Fares/Flights | The tours are generally costed excluding international airfares. Accordingly Titch Global Tours recommends the air carrier, according to the destination of the tour, based on convenience of the flights/connections recommended and competitive pricing.

Gratuities | Tips for personal services are not included. Tips for the guides and drivers are not obligatory, but are customary and are left to the discretion of the travellers; ideally these are collected by the tour leader at the beginning of the tour.

Insurance | Comprehensive insurance cover is strongly recommended and is obtainable through Titch Global Tours, which constitutes an additional expense. Please note if you are 85 years or older at the time of travel to contact us regarding your insurance.

Itinerary | The itinerary is subject to alteration, without notice, where necessary, according to the conditions en route.

Meals | Breakfast, Lunch and/or Dinner daily shall be supplied, as specified in terms of the itinerary and subject to clause 8 above, by the symbol B, L or D.

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Liabilities | Titch Global Tours, its employees, the Tour Operators and/or their agents, in making arrangements for the tour, act as agents only and on condition that they shall not be held liable for injury, damage or any loss arising in respect of their services. Participation in the tour is strictly undertaken at the traveller's own risk. Titch Global Tours warrants that whilst it will use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the services are carried out timeously, and accordingly it cannot warrant such services and cannot be held liable for any claims of whatsoever nature by any person whatsoever, arising directly or indirectly out of, or in consequence of its services.

Not included in tour price | The tour specifically excludes all entertainment not shown in the itinerary, insurance cover, flights/fares, gratuities, meals or food purchased over and above the tour menus, morning and afternoon teas, beverages, wines, spirits, laundry, optional tours, additional portorage, telephone calls or any other incidental expense etc.

Passport and Visas | Travellers will be advised of visa requirements, if any, in relation to the destination(s) of the tour. Travellers are furthermore requested to ensure that their passports are valid for at least 6 months after the end of the tour, and that there are a minimum of 2 (two) blank and consecutive pages in the passport still unused for the purpose of applying for a visa, if required.

Payment | A deposit of R 10 000 is required at the time of booking. The cost of the tour in question will be based on the advertised minimum full-paying passengers. In the event that less than the minimum number of full-paying passengers are on the tour, the tour cost may change, in which event the traveller will be entitled to withdraw from the tour if desired, and will be refunded any monies paid for the tour, provided the payment for the tour has not already been remitted to the destination country/countries in question.

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