

Escape to Sicily

23 February - 1 March 2027

\$2179 per person

Airfare additional



2026 Season 2027 Season

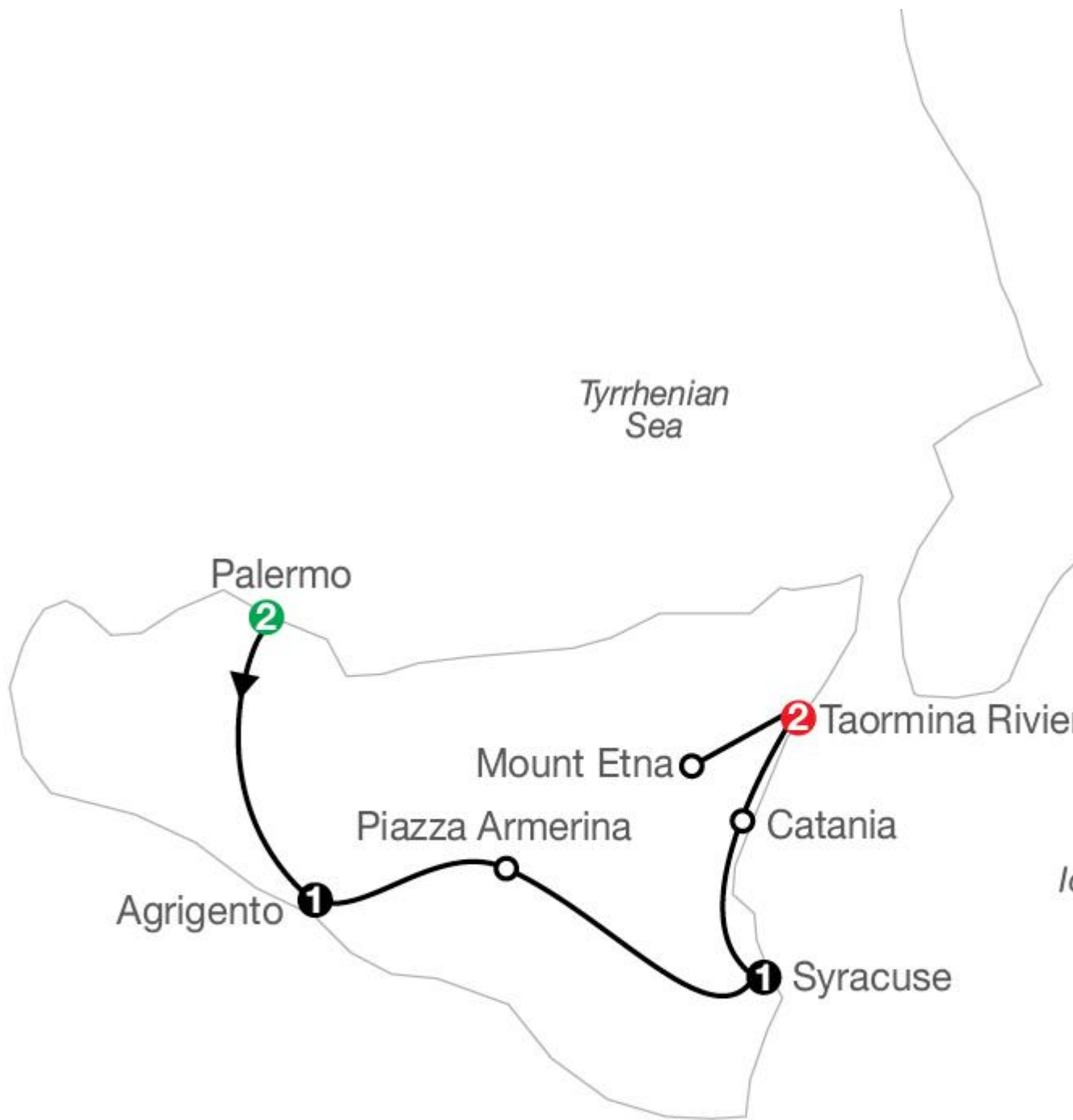
TOUR: KIJX

7 Day Tour from Palermo to Taormina Riviera

Escape to Sicily for seven days of beauty, cuisine, and history—without the crowds you'd find in the high season. Begin in Palermo and meet your Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel. Spend the following day on a guided sightseeing tour of Palermo's ornate Piazza Bellini and Capo Market. See the stunning baroque features of the Church of the Immacolata and visit the historic Palermo Cathedral. Enjoy the panoramic view of the Conca d'Oro in Monreale and visit the 12th-century Norman Cathedral with its treasured byzantine mosaics.

Walk through the 24-centuries-old Valley of the Temples with your Local Guide in Agrigento, visit Piazza Armerina's Villa Romana del Casale to admire the world's largest collection of Roman mosaics. In Syracuse, the birthplace of mathematician Archimedes, you'll take a guided visit to the archaeological site of the 5th-century-BC Greek Theater, Garden of Paradise, Ear of Dionysus, Altar of Hieron II, Roman Amphitheater, and the Cordmaker's Cave. Visit Catania en route to the spectacular Taormina Riviera, your base for a fascinating excursion to Mount Etna—the largest active volcano in Europe. Explore Taormina and complete your Sicilian Escape with a fabulous farewell dinner at a local restaurant. You'll treasure the time spent exploring Sicily's famous sights and stunning scenery—without the crowds of the busy travel season on this spectacular guided tour of Sicily!





- 1** = Overnights
- 2** = Start City
- 2** = End City

Itinerary

ARRIVE IN PALERMO, ITALY



- Welcome to Palermo! At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome dinner at the hotel.

dinner

PALERMO



- **Sicilian Specialties**

Your introduction to Palermo starts this morning with a guided sightseeing tour of Palermo's highlights, including a visit to the cathedral. Take a scenic drive to Monreale for a panoramic view of the Conca d'Oro and a visit to the Norman Cathedral. This afternoon and evening, enjoy free time to see more of Palermo.

breakfast

HISTORIC FAITH The story of the splendid Monreale cathedral starts when the Arabs took control of Palermo. They transformed the cathedral into a mosque and banished

the Bishop of Palermo from town. Not wishing to venture too far from his beloved cathedral, the bishop settled in a small village in the hills overlooking Palermo, the site of modern-day Monreale. There, he built a modest church to keep the flame of local Christian worship alive. Today the cathedral is known for its stunning mosaics that cover an area of over 64.500sq ft.

PALERMO–AGRIGENTO



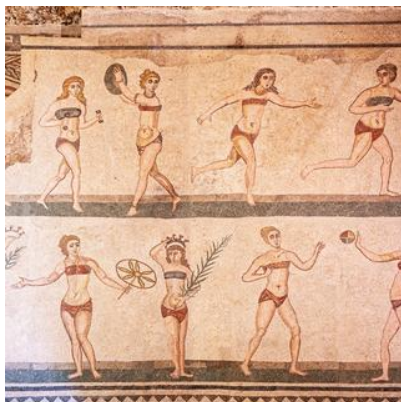
o **Timeless Temples**

This morning, depart Palermo and drive to Agrigento, location of a real cultural treasure, the UNESCO nominated Valley of the Temples. Join your Local Guide for a walk through this remarkable archaeological site to see the beautiful Greek temples.
87 mi / 140 km

breakfast dinner

ANCIENT ARCHAEOLOGY The ruins of Akragas remain Sicily's most amazing archaeological site. The impressively well-preserved Tempio della Concordia sits in a spectacular setting upon a ridge where it served as a beacon for homecoming sailors and today draws enthralled visitors to revel in the remarkable Valley of the Temples.

AGRIGENTO–PIAZZA ARMERINA–SYRACUSE



- **Ancient Artistry In Sicily**

Travel through Central Sicily and stop in Piazza Armerina for a guided visit of the Villa Romana del Casale, housing one of the largest and richest collections of Roman

mosaics, including the famous “Ancient Bikini Girls.”



Enjoy lunch with regional specialties at a local restaurant before continuing to Syracuse. Enjoy an evening at leisure.

162 mi / 260 km

breakfast lunch

ART & ARCHITECTURE Explore the extraordinary example of Roman power in one of the most luxurious villas of its kind in the Italian countryside. Marvel at the magnificently preserved mosaics that embellish the Villa Romana del Casale, designed and installed by African mosaic workers and the strength of the Roman influence and power throughout the Mediterranean region.

SYRACUSE–CATANIA–TAORMINA RIVIERA



- **Coastal Treasures**

This morning, join your Local Guide for a visit to Syracuse’s Archaeological Park featuring the Greek Theater, the Roman Amphitheater, the Ear of Dionysus, and the

Cordmakers' Cave. Continue to the bustling city of Catania and enjoy free time, admire the main square, Piazza del Duomo, browse the stores along Via Etnea, and try some of the delicious local specialties such as arancini and cannoli. Later, drive to the Taormina Riviera for free time this evening. 75 mi / 120 km

breakfast

LOCAL TASTES Sicily's love affair with food goes back a long way. Cooking traditions originating from the Greeks, Arabs, and Normans blend with those from Spain and North Africa resulting in a fabulous melting pot of flavors and unique dishes. Celebrate this feast of cultures and take time to sample some of Sicily's most famous street food. While we include select excursions and must-see sights on your trip, you may wish to explore other options to enhance your free time. Below is a selection of excursions that may be available for purchase on your tour. Optional excursions are available for purchase on our MyGlobus site 90 days prior to the tour start date.

TAORMINA RIVIERA



- **The Pearl of the Mediterranean**

Come face to face with Europe's tallest active stratovolcano with a guided excursion to Mount Etna. Enjoy a scenic drive en route to a panoramic viewpoint from where you can observe the extinct craters and solidified lava flows. This afternoon, after an orientation walk, spend some free time exploring the breathtaking town of Taormina. Later, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

breakfast dinner

NATURAL WONDER Mount Etna, Europe's tallest volcano and one of the most active in the world. Learn how in 1669, an eruption that lasted 112 days developed a record long stream of lava that destroyed the city of Catania.

TAORMINA RIVIERA



- **Safe travels until we meet again!**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (The nearest airport is Catania.)

breakfast

High altitudes may be challenging for some guests. The ascent to Mount Etna reaches an elevation of 6,500 ft. (1,981 m).

HIGHLIGHTS

UNESCO World Heritage Sites



World Heritage Sites are designated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for having cultural, historical, scientific or other form of significance. The sites are judged to contain cultural and natural heritage around the world considered to be of outstanding value to humanity.

The following UNESCO World Heritage Sites can be seen or visited on this vacation:

- Arab-Norman cathedral of Monreale

- Archeological area of Agrigento
- Mount Etna
- Syracuse
- Villa Romana del Casale (Piazza Armerina)