

Magna Grecia

(GREATER GREECE)
PREMIUM Spring Tour
Sicily and Greece
May 1 - 15, 2024



THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

2 MEALS PER DAY (Breakfast and Lunch or Dinner)
TRANSPORTATION WITHIN THE COUNTRIES
FLIGHTS TO ATHENS AND TO SANTORINI
ALL EXCURSIONS AS LISTED ON THE ITINERARY
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WINE VISITS WITH TASTING FEES INCLUDED
COOKING CLASSES
GUIDED TOURS WITHIN EACH COUNTRY
HISTORICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL INFORMATION FROM GUIDES, HOSTS AND REGGIE
WINE, FOOD, HISTORY AND LOTS OF FUN!
14 NIGHTS STAY IN ESTATES AND HOTELS

NOT INCLUDED:

1 MEAL EACH DAY (Dinner or Lunch)
FLIGHT TO AND FROM EUROPE (beginning and ending flights)
TRAVEL INSURANCE (I CAN HELP YOU WITH THIS)
PRE AND POST ACCOMODATIONS
MAKING YOUR WAY BACK TO A MAJOR AIRPORT FROM CRETE

**NOTE: PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO
CHANGE SLIGHTLY**

PREMIUM TOUR DETAILS: MAY 1 - MAY 15, 2024

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: 6500 EUROS PER PERSON (approx. \$6900)

SINGLE OCCUPANCY: 7500 EUROS PER PERSON (approx. \$7950)

NOTE: CONVERSION RATES APPLY WHEN YOU PAY!

€ TO \$ IS GENERALLY AROUND 1.06 (THE EURO IS WORTH MORE)



Sicily

DAY 1, Wednesday, May 1 - TRAVEL DAY

- Fly to Catania
- If guests want to stay a night or two prior (Etna Royal View, basic - www.etnaroyalview.com , Relais San Giuliano, more upscale - www.relais-sangiuliano.it)
- Guests provide own transportation to Santoro Country House OR if flying in day of, Santoro Country House will offer an 8 pax van for 130 euros one way
- 2:00 pm - Arrive at Santoro Country House
- 3:00 pm - Reggie Welcomes Guests Poolside -, Etna Spumante welcome drink
- 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Etna DOC Master Class with Ben Spencer at the Santoro House
- 7:30 pm - Dinner at Ruvi, Santoro Country House - unlimited wine to enjoy with our WELCOME DINNER



Catania-Mt. Etna

DAY 2, Thursday, May 2

- 7:45 am - Breakfast
- 8:45 - 10:00am - Drive to Rifugio Sapienza for Mt Etna Hike
- 10:15 am - Cable Car, Jeep 4x4, guided hike to 3000m, 2 hours, (or cable car to 2500m and self guided hike) 1 hour 10 min drive each way (Santoro House to South side of Mt. Etna)
- 12:15 -1:45 pm - Lunch - Mt. Etna at guest's expense
- 1:45 - 3:00 pm Drive to Santoro Country House
- 3:30 -5:30 pm -Cooking Class, 2 hours (those not interested in cooking can do a walking tour from the Country House with a guide)
- 6:00 -7:30 pm - Pietradolce tour and Le Contrade tasting, 5 wines, olive oil and bread
- 8:00 pm - **Pizza Night at Cave Ox** (3 min from Santoro Country House) - Pizza, Beer, Wine, Water, Dessert, Caffe



Taormina

DAY 3 Friday, May 3

- 8:30 am - Breakfast
- 9:30 am - 12:00 pm - Azienda Agricola Luppa, Vineyard walk and tasting , 2-hour tour, taste 4 wines (crostini and salami)
- 12:30 - 3:30pm - Barone di Villagrande short winery tour and wine pairing lunch, 5 courses, 2-2.5 hours - ancient cellar and history
- 3:30 -4:15 pm - Drive to Taormina
- 4:15 - 6:30 pm - Shopping and sightseeing in Taormina
- Dinner in Taormina at guest's expense (rec. - Ristorante Pizzeria Taormina, great views)
- Return to Santoro Country House (45 min drive)



Ortigia

DAY 4, Saturday, May 4

- 7:30 am - Breakfast
- Check out of Santoro Country House
- 9:30 am -4:00 pm Etna Urban Winery wine and ceramics - a day at Etna Urban Winery with a vineyard tour, ceramics class and lunch
- Drive to our NEW HOTEL in Ortigia
- Sightseeing in Ortigia
- Appertivi at Cortile Verga
- 8:00 pm - Dinner at guests expense





Ortigia

DAY 5, Sunday, May 5 GREEK EASTER

- 8:30 am - Breakfast
- 9:30 am - Ortigia walking tour, 2 hours - with tour guide Giusi Murabito
- 12:00 pm - Nepeta Distillery visit with lunch - tour of the botanical garden, tasting of Amaros and bites to enjoy with the tasting.
 - *Make your own Armaro experience after lunch*
- 4:30 pm - Ortigia sunset boat tour with aperitivi on a private catamaran 2 hours during sunset!
- 8:00 pm - Dinner at guest's expense
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Syracusa

DAY 6 Monday, May 6

- 8:00 am - Breakfast
- 9:30 am - 11:00 am Syracuse - Parco Archeologico Neapolis, 1.5 hours with tour guide Giusi Murabito
- 11:15 am - 12:15 am Quick lunch at guest's expense
- 12:30pm - Visit an olive oil farm in the countryside 1 hour away - learn about the oil extraction process and taste olive oil.
- 7:30pm/8:00 pm - Cooking class and dinner at Vistro (www.vistro.it)
- OR **Street food tour** in Syracuse
- Back to Ortiga Residence



Day in Catania

FLIGHT TO GREECE

DAY 7, Tuesday, May 7

- 8:30 am - Breakfast
- 10:00 am - Check out of hotel and drive to Catania in preparation for flight to Greece
- 12:30 pm Lunch at Giusi's Lemon Farm in Acireale - visit the farm
- 5pm - Flight to Athens OR overnight stay in Catania (see note)
- Drive to Athens Estate
- Dinner at guest's expense in Athens

STILL MAPPING OUT THIS DAY... IT WILL LIKELY CHANGE BASED ON THE FLIGHT.



GREECE - ATHENS



DAY 8, Wednesday, May 8

- Breakfast
- Winery Visits in the morning
- Lunch at a winery
- Athens City Tour in the afternoon - Guided Tour
 - Parthenon, Acropolis, and historical site of the old town.
- DINNER - on your own in Athens
- Back to the Villa by 9pm

still mapping this out and confirming plans!



Nemea

DAY 9, Thursday, May 9

- Nemea - winery visits
- Lunch at one of the wineries - or in a small town where they're located
- Visit to historic sites within the region
- Olive grove tour through the region
- Dinner in Athens on your own

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Santorini



DAY 10, Friday, May 10

- Fly to Santorini Isle
- Hotel Check-in
- Lunch at local restaurant nearby
- Visit to Santorini Wine Museum
- Visit to Santorini Volcano Museum
- Shopping and relaxing on Santorini

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Santorini Vineyards



DAY 11, Saturday, May 11

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit to local Santorini Winery - learn about the crowns of vines
- Lunch at a winery or local café
- Hot Springs Visit to Nea Kameni Volcano
- Back to the hotel, dinner on your own

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Crete

DAY 12, Saturday, May 12

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check out with bags packed for ferry ride to Crete
- 1pm Ferry to Crete
- Lunch on the ferry at your own expense
- 4:30pm Check into our hotel
- 6pm Cooking Class Dinner with the group

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Crete Free Day

DAY 12, Sunday, May 13

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Guided tour of Heraklion
- Visit to Palace of Knossos
- Lunch on your own
- Free day in Crete - Beach time!
- 7pm Dinner with the group



Crete Vines and Wines

DAY 14, Sunday, May 14

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Winery visit to local Crete Producer
- Lunch at the winery or local café on your own
- Winery visit in the afternoon
- Farewell Dinner



Crete - Check out of the Hotel

DAY 15, Sunday, May 15

Check out of your hotel or book more nights.

I will provide options for flights and ferries to other destinations

For more information please contact Reggie!

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