

ATTAVOLA TOUR

Travel in Italy as an Italian



SICILY, ITALY MAY 14-24, 2024

Airfare is not included in trip cost. You'll need to arrange your own flights.

The below is a preliminary itinerary. Full trip details will be provided to confirmed travelers.

Tuesday, May 14: Palermo

Welcome! **There will be only one transfer provided by shuttle from the Palermo Airport to the hotel in Palermo. You must arrive at the Palermo Airport by 12:30 p.m. local time for this service. If you arrive outside of that window or to a different location, you'll need to arrange your own transportation to the hotel** (approximately a 30-40 minute drive time). After you settle in to the hotel in Palermo, where you'll stay for three nights, there will be time to explore prior to a welcome dinner at a phenomenal restaurant at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15: Palermo

Sicily's history offers a window into its culture and cuisine. After breakfast at the hotel, it's time to embark on a guided tour of Palermo, exploring the Norman & Arabic influences that are woven into the city's culture and history. The tour will take you to features throughout the city, including a local market with a stop for a unique street food-style lunch. Afterward, you are free to explore the city and dine on your own.

Thursday, May 16: Palermo

Breakfast at the hotel will be provided before embarking on an exclusive visit to an artisanal ceramic workshop in Palermo, a destination for art lovers that is known for producing rare pieces. Afterward, there will be additional free time to soak in Palermo and lunch on your own. For dinner, savor a modern take on Sicilian dining at a trending restaurant rich with ambiance.

Friday, May 17: Palermo/Calascibetta/Siracusa

Artisan experiences await! After breakfast at the hotel, luggage will be collected and you'll travel to a family-owned sheep's milk cheese producer just outside of Calascibetta to enjoy a visit and tasting lunch. The journey then continues to the historic coastal city of Siracusa, rich with Greek influences, where you'll check in to a 5-star boutique hotel for a two-night stay. After a guided tour of Siracusa, you'll have time on your own to explore the city and enjoy dinner.

Saturday, May 18: Siracusa/Modica/Frigintini/Siracusa

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before traveling as a group to Modica to soak in free time in the morning exploring this city renowned for its architecture. We'll then visit one of the oldest chocolate producers in Italy for a tasting and tour with the sixth-generation artisan confectioners. This sweet theme for the day will continue as the group travels to Frigintini for a unique chocolate lunch. After the day's activities, travel back to the hotel and have a free evening to explore Siracusa.



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Sunday, May 19: Siracusa/Caltagirone/Niscemi

Unwind in hillside splendor at a unique resort winery. After breakfast at the hotel, luggage will be collected and you'll travel to Caltagirone, a city known for its stunning pottery, with time to explore before lunch. The journey will then continue to Niscemi for a an overnight at a one-of-a-kind boutique hotel/resort winery. Located in a restored 18th century manor house, the *baglio*, or fortified estate, is situated atop a hill with stunning views and grape vines that line the hillside. Here, you'll enjoy a visit to the winery and a tasting dinner before an overnight stay at the estate.

Monday, May 20: Niscemi/Castelvetrano/Trapani

Travel seemingly back in time to Castelvetrano, a city that dates back to the 12th and 13th centuries. It is here that a tasting lunch and visit at a special bakery awaits, where you'll learn about the typical *pane nero* of Castelvetrano. Afterward, you'll travel to the seaside city of Trapani and check in to a modern hotel for a four-night stay, prior to enjoying a group dinner.

Tuesday, May 21: Trapani/Erice/Trapani

A hands-on cooking adventure awaits, but first you'll travel to the medieval village of Erice, a city with ancient origins that offers breathtaking views and a storied architectural footprint. You'll enjoy free time in this hilltop city with plenty to explore, but you'd be amiss if you didn't stop into a bakery or two along the way. Later in the day, get ready to roll up your sleeves and work with a professional chef for a hands-on cooking class dinner, centered around preparing a traditional Sicilian meal.

Wednesday, May 22: Trapani/Marsala/Trapani

Marsala is a city renowned for its wine that sits on the westernmost tip of Sicily. We'll venture here to marvel at the sight of the bright white salt flats, which will be explained with a visit to the museum. From there, you'll head to a winery for a visit and tasting lunch. Guests will then be transported back to the hotel to enjoy the evening in Trapani on their own.

Thursday, May 23: Trapani/Fulgatore/Palermo

The last full day will take you to a Sicilian olive oil producer for a visit with the producer and a tasting lunch. After this experience, we'll travel back to Palermo, closer to the airport, to stay the night. You'll have free time prior to a final group dinner.

Friday, May 24: Palermo

It's been a magnificent trip, but your time in Sicily with the Food Tour has come to a close. Breakfast will be available at the hotel prior to check-out. **There will be a single transfer time by shuttle to the Palermo Airport offered on this morning at a time that is to be determined.**



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SERVICES INCLUDED

❖ Attavola Staff

Dedicated concierge service, for the whole trip for any need/support.

❖ Transportation

Private van transfer with a single, pre-determined transfer time will be available from/to the Palermo Airport for you to use if you wish. Transportation between destinations listed on the itinerary will be provided for the whole trip, including parking, gas, tolls.

❖ Accommodation 4/5 stars hotels reservations.

For each check in and check out, we provide you with luggage service:

- At check-in, you will find your luggage delivered directly in your room.
- At check-out, your luggage will be collected in the bus.

❖ Meals 12 meals, between lunches and dinners + **1 tasting**

- **6 meals at typical restaurants**, representative of the region.
- **5 tasting lunches/dinners with artisanal producers:**
 - Cheese producer in Calascibetta: *Visit, explanation, and a tasting lunch.*
 - Wine producer in Niscemi: *Visit, explanation, and a tasting dinner.*
 - Wine producer in Marsala: *Visit, explanation, and a tasting lunch.*
 - Olive oil producer in Trapani: *Visit, explanation, and a tasting lunch.*
 - Bakery in Castelvetrano: *Visit, explanation, and a tasting lunch.*
- **1 tasting with artisan producers:**
 - Chocolate producer in Modica: *Visit, explanation, and a tasting lunch.*
- **Half day dedicated on the cooking class with dinner.**

For each provided meal on the itinerary: You will have 3 or 4 courses. Beverages (water and wine) are included. The menus and wine pairings are curated in advance.

❖ Guided tours

3 guided tours of the city, with English speaking tour guides:
Salt Flats in Marsala, Siracusa, and Palermo

❖ Other activities

Visit to Tre Erre Ceramics in Palermo



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The price includes:

Transfer by private van for the whole tour, with a single pre-determined time available from/to the airport. All the hotels are **** and ***** stars located in the most beautiful locations. Inclusive in the trip are 12 meals among lunches and dinners. In particular you will visit traditional restaurants where you will sample typical dishes of the region and meet local food/wine producers. English speaking guides are at your disposal for walking tours in all the principal places. During all tours, English/Italian speaking staff will support you for any requests. All the guests will receive the "Attavola bag" with a welcome letter, the itinerary, all the information about the producers and the cities that you will visit during the tour, food suggestions that you can consult during your free time, and a questionnaire to evaluate the trip. Our intention is to make your trip an unforgettable experience with sightseeing stops, lunches/dinners, and visits to producers. In short, we are offering you an exclusive culinary view of Italy that you wouldn't get on most tours!

The price does not include:

Airfare, travel insurance, personal expenses, entrance to museums and everything not expressly mentioned under "The price includes." You are responsible for meals that are not planned as a part of the itinerary.

Meals:

It is our goal to provide a unique dining experience that highlights the regional specialties. Therefore, we will work with the restaurants to plan a menu for each meal. If anyone has any particular food allergies, there will be an opportunity to inform us.

Reservation List Form:

Upon completing payment, we will provide you a Food Tour Reservation Form to fill out and return with further detailed information: passport information, emergency contacts, and food allergies. It is our goal to accommodate to the best of our ability.

Changes of Hotels or Venues:

We reserve the right to change a hotel or other venues on the trip. If for some reason a change needs to be made, the level of service and quality will be equal to what has been agreed upon in the itinerary. It is our goal not to change a hotel or venue unless, for some unforeseen event, it becomes necessary. We will advise the group of the change as soon as a problem should arise.

Details of Itinerary:

After Dorothy Lane Market has received payment, final arrangements for the group and tour can be made. An updated itinerary with the names of all the hotels, restaurants, and stops will be provided.



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Deadline to confirm your reservation and make payment: January 14, 2024.

Refund Policy:

We will confirm with all travelers on January 15, 2024 that booking requirements have been met so everyone can begin to book their airfare independently (not included).

Through **January 13, 2024**, a refund of 75% of the full payment will be given to anyone who decides to cancel their reservation. At this time, DLM Food Tour/Attavola has already made arrangements to book the tour and will have already made non-refundable deposits for hotels, bus, restaurants, etc. Therefore, we cannot give a full refund.

From **January 14, 2024**, through **February 13, 2024**, a refund of 50% of the full payment will be given to anyone who decides to cancel their reservation. We are assuming that by this point, if someone needs to cancel the tour, it would be for a fairly serious reason. At this point, almost the entire tour is committed and we cannot refund more than that.

From **February 14, 2024**, through **May 13, 2024**, there are no refunds available. We will have committed to all the businesses involved in this tour to pay for a certain number of rooms, food, and seats in a vehicle. Therefore, after **February 14, 2024**, we cannot offer any refund.

For trip questions, please contact FoodTour@DorothyLane.com and we'll be happy to assist.

