



## The Godfather Tour and Inspector Montalbano Tour (8 days / 7 nights)



### 1° DAY: Catania – Sant’Alessio Siculo

Arrival at **Catania**. Transfer by private luxury coach to Hotel in Catania - Taormina Area. Welcome cocktail and accommodation in the hotel, dinner and overnight stay

### 2° DAY: Taormina - Forza d’Agrò.

After the breakfast, departure toward **Taormina**, the pearl of the Ionian sea. Meeting with the tourist guide that will show to the participants its Greek-Roman, Byzantine and Saracen architecture. Visit of the main monuments such as the Cathedral, the Greek theatre. At the station of the town it took place the meeting between Michael Corleone , Robert De Niro , and Kay, the protagonists of the saga of “The Godfather” Lunch in a traditional Sicilian restaurant in the near town of **Forza d’Agro** (Messina) that offers a breath -taking landscape.

In the afternoon, a walk through the streets of the medieval town. We will visit the Convent of St. Augustine with its cloister and the squares of SS Annunziata and of the Holy Trinity, where some other scenes of the famous Saga of Francis Ford Coppola were shot. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

### 3° DAY: Santa Teresa – Sant'Alessio siculo

Breakfast in the hotel and visit of the town of Santa Teresa di Riva. The participants will admire the old Saracen Towers “of Varna, of Baglio and of Catalmo”, dating back to the 9th and 11th centuries. They tell the history of the Roman Empire until its decline and fall. The “Paradiso terrestre” (earthly paradise) and other frescos by Nino Uchino can be appreciated in the Misserio Church. Lunch in a typical restaurant. In the afternoon, a guided visit of Sant Alessio Siculo and its main monuments such as the castle of Saracen origins, formed by two concentric and overlapped great towers. It was renovated at the beginning of the 19th century by the English. The “Quartiere di mezzo” is a populated ancient area with buildings belonging to the 17th and 18th century. An important building is the famous “Casa delle decime”, Villa Genovese (17th century). Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

### 4° DAY: Savoca – Giardini Naxos

Breakfast in the hotel and guided visit of the Saracen old town of the **Savoca**. It is placed at 300 metres above the level of the sea. The participants will visit “Bar Vitelli”, which is still a functioning structure and that was portrayed in the movie “The Godfather” as the place where Michael Corleone asked Apollonia’s father for the hand of his daughter. The walls of the town are very important too, dating back to the old medieval times with pointed arches made of local stones. The main church (1400) dedicated to Virgin Mary; the “Castle Pentefur o Saraceno” (1100) ancient location of the Pentefur’s community that founded **Savoca**. During the visit, the participants can enjoy the degustation of some Sicilian products. Several important religious sites will be visited in the afternoon like S. Michele Church (1400), with its beautiful gothic portals and its frescos. The Friars Capuchin monastery (1600) hosts in its crypt some mummified bodies of old important notable people and Via Crucis Calvario, a path covered by the friars of the monastery and it was curved in the rock.

In the afternoon we will take a walk along the seafront of **Giardini Naxos**. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

### 5° Giorno: Scicli – Punta Secca – Ragusa Ibla – Modica

After the breakfast, we will reach **Scicli**. During the guided tour we will walk along Via Mormino Perna, one of the most charming streets of Sicily. We will be able to admire a lot of churches and elegant palazzos; they are evidences of the late Baroque age. In the series, Montalbano Inspector often drives his Fiat Tipo along this street.

Here we will be able to appreciate **Palazzo Comunale and Palazzo Iacono**, in the series they used as **Vigata and Montelusa police headquarters**.

Then, we will reach **Punta Secca**, a small maritime hamlet of Santa Croce Camerina, where the inspector’s seaside house is located. Here we can appreciate both a charming beach and the blue sea water where the inspector goes for his walks and takes his refreshing baths.

Not far from Punta Secca there is the **Neogothic style Donnafugata Castle** in the series

it's the house of Don Balduccio Sinagra, head of one of the two local Mafia families.

Then we will reach **Ragusa Ibla**, (in the series it's the town of Vigata) where we can admire the splendid Cattedrale San Giorgio and its square, also known in the series as The Mother Church of Vigata and its square. We will take a lunch in The Rusticana restaurant, in the series. It's San Calogero Restaurant.

In the afternoon, visit of **Modica**, a very important Sicilian baroque city. Here we can indituate some places of **Vigata**. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

#### **6° DAY: Mount Etna ad The Riviera die Ciclopicy,**

Breakfast at hotel and departure to Nicolosi. We will reach the "Rifugio Sapienza, a guard house at the base of Mount Etna, the starting point for a guided trip to the "Crateri Silvestri".

We could take the cable car to reach the main craters. Lunch at the restaurant "Crateri Silvestri".

In the first afternoon we will reach a farm located in Zafferana Etnea, where we will have a tasting of locally-grown products such as honey, wine, oil and pistachio.

In the afternoon we will reach the "Riviera dei Ciclopi"; one of the most popular sicilian seaside destination. Visit of **Acicastello**, **Acitrezza** and **Acireale**.

Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay

#### **7° Day: Departure : Syracuse and Noto.**

Breakfast at hotel, departure to **Siracusa**, one of the most important cities of the Magna Grecia. Visit of the archaeological Park of Neapolis that hosts the majority of classic monuments of the Greek Syracuse such as the Ara of Ierone II and the Greek theatre, one of the biggest in the world, and Dionisio's ear, an artificial cave carved in the limestone. Then we will reach Ortigia Island to admire the significant traces of the Greek civilization in Sicily such as the Apollo Temple and the Fonte Aretusa. Lunch in a restaurant.

In the afternoon departure to **Noto**. Guided visit of the masterpiece of Sicilian Baroque, dubbed "Ston Garden" for its architectural beauties. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

#### **8: Departure**

Breakfast at hotel, transfer to **Catania Airport** or at place to be specified. End of our services.

*The itinerary can be modified for technical reasons operational and can be modified according to customer needs. Schedule can be also modified if requested.*

**Quotation on request**

**Single room supplement on request**

### ***The Price includes***

- Flights (available on request for formed groups)
- Welcome of our courier at meeting point
- Displacement by *Private Luxury Coach*/Minivan
- Guided tours
- Accommodation: twin-bedroom in 4 stars hotel
- Welcome Cocktail
- Full board service
- Lunches in restaurants
- Tasting
- Travel, medical and baggage insurance;

### **The Price doesn't include:**

- City Tax
- Tips, extras and personal shopping
- Entrance tickets
- Porterage services
- All not specifically mentioned under "price includes"

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