

ACTIVO - HIKING TOUR 2024 - Sicily par excellence - 8 Days

Sicily par excellence

Melting pot of culture, flavours and nature

- **Archaeological highlight: the Valley of the Temples**
- **Full immersion into the flavours of Sicily with many food experiences**
- **Perfect mix of unspoiled nature and great history**

1 Arrival in Sicily

2 Mount Etna

- Today we discover Europe's highest active volcano and its numerous craters
- From the Belvedere viewpoint (1.472 m) hike through orchards, chestnut groves and the volcanic desert to Monte Zoccolaro
- Silvestri craters (1.900 m) with their impressive lava flows dating back to 1983 and 2001
- The day ends with a wine tasting with typical products on the famous Etna Wine Road

Hiking time: 3.0 hours

Difference in altitude: 350m

Level: easy to medium

3 Taormina and Monte Venere

- Panoramic hike along scenic paths up Monte Venere
- From the medieval village of Castelmola, perched precariously on the mountain-top above Taormina, we hike through the unspoiled Mediterranean scrub with breath-taking views from the Straits of Messina to Syracuse and Mount Etna, all of which are framed by the captivating turquoise sea
- In the afternoon visit chic Taormina for a taste of Sicilian dolce vita

Hiking time: 3.0 hours

Difference in altitude: 350m

Level: medium

4 Valley of the Temples and Kolymbetra Gardens

- Drive along the southern coast to the archaeological site of the Valley of the Temples, one of the most outstanding examples of Ancient Greek art and architecture
- Hike through the Archaeological Park and picnic in the Kolymbetra Gardens, an open-air museum surrounded by the scent of almonds and citrus trees
- Late in the afternoon we arrive at our hotel in the charming fishing village of Castellammare del Golfo

The tour includes:

Inclusions

- 3 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast in the Taormina area
- 3 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast in Castellammare del Golfo
- 1 x night accommodation with buffet breakfast in Cefalù
- 1 x welcome drink
- 5 x 3-course dinners with set menu
- 1 x wine tasting accompanied by tasty local products
- 1 x entrance to the Valley of the Temples
- 1 x picnic lunch at the Kolymbetra Gardens
- 1 x picnic lunch with traditional pane cunzato (typical sandwich)
- 1 x tasting of a traditional almond pastry and a glass of Marsala wine
- 1 x street food experience at the food market in Palermo
- 1 x 2-hour guided tour in the Valley of the Temples
- 1 x 2-hour guided tour in Palermo
- 4 x English speaking hiking tour guides

Additional Services:

Single room suppl	149 €
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Prices:

04-28-2024 - 05-17-2024 - 3* or 4* Hotel

p.p. in a twin/double room with all Ground transport INCLUDED from	894 €
per person in a twin/double room from	569 €



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Hiking time: 3.0 hours
Difference in altitude: 200m
Level: easy

5 Zingaro Nature Reserve and Scopello

- Hike along narrow paths through the characteristic dwarf palm groves and past wonderful bathing bays in the Zingaro Nature Reserve, Sicily's first protected area
- In the afternoon discover the narrow streets of the pretty seaside hamlet of Scopello, and taste the local savoury speciality, pane cunzato

Hiking time: 3.5 hours
Difference in altitude: 300m
Level: easy

6 Monte Cofano, Erice and Marsala Wine

- Nature hike on majestic Monte Cofano, which rises up impressively 659 m from the sea and is home to beautiful variegated vegetation
- The next highlight is Erice, located 750m above Trapani, a small jewel surrounded by a mighty medieval wall and with breath-taking views of the Trapani Salt Flats and the Egadi Islands below
- Tasting of traditional almond biscuits and Marsala wine in an old fashioned pastry shop

Hiking time: 2.5 hours
Difference in altitude: 250 m
Level: easy

7 Urban trekking in Palermo and Cefalù

- Discover Palermo with its Byzantine mosaics, Arabesque domes and frescoed cupolas
- Experience freshly cooked authentic street food on Palermo's local market
- In the afternoon continue to medieval Cefalù with its gigantic Norman cathedral and monumental fortress

Hiking time: 2.5 hours
Difference in altitude: negligible
Level: easy

8 Departure

3* or 4* Hotel

Accommodation in a 3* or 4* hotel

