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A JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY,  
LANDSCAPES AND TIMELESS  
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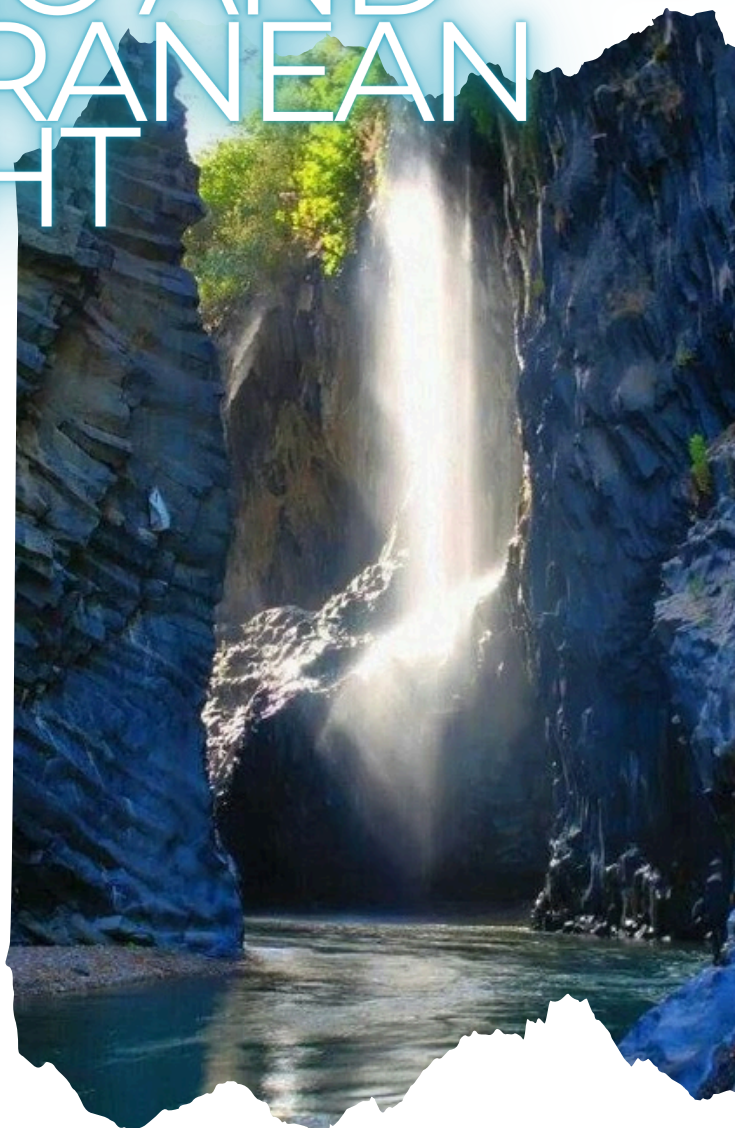
9 DAYS  
INSPIRATIONAL CULTURAL  
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# SICILY EAST: BAROQUE, VOLCANO AND MEDITERRANEAN LIGHT

A JOURNEY ACROSS THE EASTERN SIDE OF SICILY, WHERE ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS, BAROQUE CITIES AND VOLCANIC LANDSCAPES CREATE ONE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN'S MOST FASCINATING CULTURAL MOSAICS. FROM THE VIBRANT ENERGY OF CATANIA TO THE CLASSICAL ELEGANCE OF SIRACUSA, FROM THE GOLDEN BAROQUE TOWNS OF THE VAL DI NOTO TO THE DRAMATIC SLOPES OF MOUNT ETNA, THE JOURNEY CONCLUDES BETWEEN THE REFINED CHARM OF TAORMINA AND THE SEASIDE CALM OF GIARDINI NAXOS.

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## **CATANIA – LAVA AND VITALITY**

THE JOURNEY BEGINS IN CATANIA, A CITY BUILT FROM THE DARK STONE OF MOUNT ETNA. BAROQUE ARCHITECTURE, LIVELY MARKETS AND HISTORIC SQUARES REVEAL A PLACE SHAPED BY BOTH DESTRUCTION AND RENEWAL. THE PRESENCE OF THE VOLCANO GIVES THE CITY A DRAMATIC AND UNMISTAKABLE CHARACTER.

## **SIRACUSA – CLASSICAL HERITAGE**

CONTINUING SOUTH, SIRACUSA UNFOLDS AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CENTERS OF ANCIENT GREEK CIVILIZATION. THE ISLAND OF ORTIGIA FORMS THE HISTORIC HEART OF THE CITY, WHERE NARROW STREETS, ELEGANT PIAZZAS AND SEA VIEWS CREATE A REFINED MEDITERRANEAN ATMOSPHERE.

## **NOTO – THE GOLDEN CITY**

NOTO REPRESENTS THE MOST CELEBRATED EXPRESSION OF SICILIAN BAROQUE ARCHITECTURE. ITS HONEY-COLORED PALACES, SWEEPING STAIRCASES AND HARMONIOUS STREETS CREATE AN URBAN LANDSCAPE THAT FEELS ALMOST THEATRICAL UNDER THE SOUTHERN LIGHT.

## **RAGUSA IBLA – A CITY OF STONE TERRACES**

RAGUSA IBLA RISES ACROSS A SERIES OF TERRACES AND STAIRWAYS, FORMING ONE OF THE MOST PICTURESQUE TOWNS IN SICILY. CHURCHES, GARDENS AND NOBLE PALACES OVERLOOK VALLEYS AND HILLS, CREATING A REMARKABLE SENSE OF DEPTH AND HARMONY.

## **MODICA – TRADITION AND FLAVOR**

NEARBY MODICA IS KNOWN NOT ONLY FOR ITS BAROQUE ARCHITECTURE BUT ALSO FOR ITS HISTORIC CHOCOLATE-MAKING TRADITION, ROOTED IN ANCIENT METHODS INTRODUCED CENTURIES AGO. THE TOWN'S LAYERED STREETS AND STAIRWAYS OFFER ANOTHER UNIQUE EXPRESSION OF SICILIAN HERITAGE.

## **MOUNT ETNA – THE MOUNTAIN OF FIRE**

RETURNING NORTH, THE LANDSCAPE CHANGES DRAMATICALLY ON THE SLOPES OF MOUNT ETNA. LAVA FIELDS, FORESTS AND VOLCANIC CRATERS CREATE A POWERFUL NATURAL ENVIRONMENT THAT HAS SHAPED BOTH THE LAND AND THE CULTURE OF EASTERN SICILY.

## **GOLE DELL'ALCANTARA – WATER AND STONE**

THE GOLE DELL'ALCANTARA REVEAL A SPECTACULAR CANYON CARVED THROUGH ANCIENT LAVA FLOWS BY THE ICY WATERS OF THE ALCANTARA RIVER. THE VERTICAL BASALT WALLS FORM ONE OF SICILY'S MOST STRIKING NATURAL LANDSCAPES.



## TAORMINA – THE TERRACE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

TAORMINA WELCOMES TRAVELERS WITH ONE OF THE MOST ICONIC PANORAMAS IN ITALY. THE ANCIENT GREEK THEATRE OVERLOOKS THE SEA WITH MOUNT ETNA RISING IN THE DISTANCE, WHILE ELEGANT STREETS AND GARDENS GIVE THE TOWN ITS TIMELESS CHARM.

## GIARDINI NAXOS – THE CALM OF THE SEA

AT THE FOOT OF TAORMINA LIES GIARDINI NAXOS, WHERE THE JOURNEY ENDS BY THE MEDITERRANEAN. BEACHES, GENTLE WAVES AND OPEN HORIZONS OFFER A MOMENT OF RELAXATION AFTER DAYS OF DISCOVERY ACROSS SICILY'S CULTURAL AND NATURAL LANDSCAPES.



### BEST TIME TO VISIT

APRIL–JUNE AND SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER, •  
WHEN TEMPERATURES ARE PLEASANT  
AND SICILY'S LANDSCAPES CAN BE  
ENJOYED AT THEIR MOST VIBRANT. •



### IDEAL FOR

- CULTURAL AND HISTORY ENTHUSIASTS
- TRAVELERS INTERESTED IN ARCHITECTURE AND HERITAGE
- VISITORS SEEKING A BALANCED MIX OF CULTURE, NATURE AND SEASIDE RELAXATION



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