

Best of Sicily on road bike



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Self guided Best of Sicily on road bike. From February - October
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Self guided cycling Tour Sicily on road bike

The self guided Cycling tour Sicily is a great way to immerse this fantastic Italian island. Combine cycling with archaeology, panoramic medieval villages. Where else you can find isolated beaches and beautiful mountain ranges next to each other? You'll ride some 415 km. This itinerary winds its way among the archaeological sites and Baroque cathedrals. You'll have the chance to explore both the South-Eastern coastline and the hinterland.

Your start will be in Caltagirone which is most of all famous for the handicraft ceramics. From here you cycle the south-east coastline. Here you'll have the chance to explore the South-Eastern coastline and the hinterland. Cycle the Erei mountains range valley and the Val di Noto which has been declared as UNESCO World Heritage since 2003. You'll be visiting Caltagirone, a Baroque town also famous for its colourful ceramics. The town Noto also called "the pearl of Baroque". And finally you'll see Syracuse the cultural capital of Magna Grecia. In addition the mountains and landscapes makes this trip ideal for a great cycling holiday on this beautiful Island. You won't be the first one to discover Sicily the cycle paradise.

Enjoy fitness with visiting archaeological sites and baroque architecture.

- Charming (3* and 4* hotels) where you will be able to relax
- Immerse medieval villages, great climbs and last but not least the delicious culinary specialities of Sicily!
- Cycle the beautiful Val di Noto which has been declared as UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2003.
- Visit the most important of the baroque cities in Sicily, Piazza Armerina, known for the mosaics of the Roman Villa del Casale Around.
- Visit old historical places like Palazzolo Acreide, Modica, Scicli, Ragusa Ibla and Noto.
- Relax on one of the many spectacular beaches.
- Along the coast you will see the bird and wildlife sanctuary "Oasi di Vendicari".
- 415 kilometres of top class cycling.

Itinerary

Day 1

Check in

Check in around 14.00 at your hotel in Caltagirone. There will be a briefing, bike fitting and the tour organizer explains the coming itinerary of this best of Sicily on road bike tour. Airport transfers (on request). Overnight in Caltagirone .

Day 2

Circular stage 96 km

After leaving Caltagirone you cycle over local low traffic roads in centraleast Sicily until you arrive at Piazza Armerina. Possibility to visit the Roman la Villa del Casale, discovered 1950, it's an unique example of roman pavements decorations of multicoloured mosaiques. After your visit return back to Caltagirone (96 km). Overnight in Caltagirone.

Day 3

Caltagirone to Palazzolo Acreide 71 / 92 km

Today's itinerary is various and interesting both from historical as natural point of view. The first stop is Vizzini, a small town in which the writer Giovanni Verga let some of his novels take place. From Vizzini you continue to the limestone plateau with its deep canyons which are called "cave" in this area. One of the most interesting canyons is the Valle dell'Anapo which is surrounded by the villages Ferla, Cassaro and Palazzolo Acreide. This stage is characterized by a continues ups and downs. Overnight in Palazzolo Acreide.

Day 4

Palazzolo Acreide to Modica 62 km

After visiting the historical centre of Palazzolo Acreide you cycle through the beautiful territory of the Monti Iblei, a unique landscape, where rugged and wild areas alternate with pleasant green scenery, characterized by the typical stonewalls. This quite short stage allows you also to visit one of the architectural jewels of the area, Ragusa Ibla another highlight is the descend in trough the valley of the Hyblaeen mountains. Overnight in Modica where you can taste the local chocolate specialities.

Day 5

Modica to Noto 107 km

Today's stage is quite easy. You start slightly downhill in a beautiful Iblei Canyon you arrive in Scicli. After a visit of the centre you continue to the south coast until you arrive at the Isola delle Correnti, which marks the watershed between the Ionian and the Mediterranean Sea, continuing to Portopalo di Capo Passero, the southernmost city of Sicily, the ancient fishing village Marzamemi and the wildlife sanctuary of Vendicari, a wonderful and uncontaminated coast full of interesting plants and rare birds. After this you will continue to the most famous baroque town, Noto. Overnight in Noto.

Day 6

Noto to Siracusa 65 km

You start uphill to San Corrado along one of the most panoramic roads on Sicily island. At the summit of Monte Alveria you arrive in Noto Antica. Here you will find the devastated remains of the earthquake in 1693. From Noto Antica continue over local countryside roads until you arrive at the vista point of the nature reserve Cava Grande del Cassibile (505 mt.) Very interesting also for the archaeological remains. The landscape is dominated by the deepest European Canyon and its steep walls. Return to the coast and continue in direction north to Syracuse.

Day 7

Visiting Siracusa's old town

Visit of the historical old centre of Syracuse. Syracuse or Siracusa in Italian, is well known for its Greek history. The city is a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, you can find lots of historical buildings and the famous Syracusan amphitheatre. Visit of the fascinating Island Ortigia is a must do! In Ortigia you will find Piazza Duomo, one of the most beautiful Italian piazzas where you can find the imposing Syracuse cathedral. Overnight in Syracuse, enjoy local food and the best wines of Sicily in the many restaurants you will find in this beautiful old town.

Day 8

Departure day

Departure day.....Time to say goodbye, a good flight back home or a pleasant stay in Italy. Transfers on request.

Airport

- Catania is the second largest city in Sicily and has the busiest airport on Sicily Island with over more than six million passengers a year. The airport is situated 7 kilometres southwest of Catania next to highway A-19. Every 20 minutes busses leaving to Catania centre. There are regular bus services to the resort towns nearby like Taormina & Giardini Naxos. The bus ride to Palermo takes 2 hours and 30 minutes.
- In Palermo is another important airport called "Falcone-Borsellino". The airport is 32 kilometres away to Palermo's city centre and can easily be reached by highway A29. Buses leaving every half an hour to Palermo Central station or Piazza Castelnuevo. There are busses running frequently to Agrigento, Trapani, Catania or Syracuse.

Booking Information

Add your start date

- All prices are based on double rooms - for bookings & inquiries: send an email to

info@cycleclassictours.com

- Price € 700 Category Standard (3 or 4*-hotels, high quality B&B in Caltagirone)
- High season (July/August) € 110

Extra Information

1. Fill out and submit the online booking request or send an email to info@cycleclassictours.com
2. Once we receive your request we contact our local tour operator if the tour is available.
3. When the tour operator confirms to us. We confirm to you and send you over to our tour operator
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Included

- 7 nights with breakfast in 3 or 4 star hotels, high quality B&B in Caltagirone
- Detailed maps of the route and roadbook with detailed description of the route
- Luggage transport
- Assistance by telephone

Not Included

- Transfer to/from the airport
- Lunches
- Dinners
- Wine tasting, entrance fees, tips
- City tax
- Helmet €15
- single room suppl. € 230
- extra night in Caltagirone € 50
- extra night in Syracuse € 60
- single room supplement extra night Caltagirone € 25
- single room supplement extra night Syracuse € 30
- high season suppl. (July/August) € 110
- half board supplement (drinks excluded) € 190
- supplement for tour with single participant € 120
- road bike rental Shimano Ultegra € 120