



# Transfer with Sightseeing from Catania to Palermo

Transfer from Catania to Palermo with sightseeing along the way of beautiful sites: Valley of the Temples and Roman Villa of Casale



Location



Days

1



Duration

9h



Category

Transfer with sightseeing



Season

Anytime Round



Tour Type

Private

## TOUR OVERVIEW

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Approximately Travel Time and Unit: Full Day – 230 Miles (360 Kilometers)

Private Vehicle and English Speaking Driver Disposal: full day from h 8AM

Piazza Armerina, English Speaking Local Guide NOT included

Agrigento, English Speaking Local Guide NOT included

Today meet our staff and departure for Piazza Armerina situated deep in the Sicilian hinterland, at 721 metres above sea level, one of Sicily's most frequented tourist spots. However, it is not the town that most people come to see, but the famous Villa Romana del Casale (Admission fee: not included). Built in the middle of the 4th Century AD as a hunting lodge by a Roman patrician (it is not known for sure who the owner was) the Villa is home to some of the best preserved and extensive examples of Roman mosaics spread over around 3500mt. The villa is one of the most luxurious of its kind. It is especially noteworthy for the richness and quality of the mosaics which decorate almost every room; they are the finest mosaics in situ anywhere in the Roman world. These extraordinarily vivid mosaics, probably produced by North African artisans, deal with numerous subjects, ranging from Homeric escapades and mythological scenes to portrayals of daily life, including the famous tableau of girls exercising in their "bikinis".

This afternoon departure for Agrigento to visit the finest of all ancient Greek sites—the complete Doric Temples (Admission fee: not included), one of Sicily's most famous historical attractions. This is one of the most outstanding examples of Greater Greece art and architecture, and is one of the main attractions of Sicily as well as a national monument of Italy. The area was included in the UNESCO Heritage Site list in 1997. Founded as a Greek colony in the 6th century B.C., Agrigento became one of the leading cities in the Mediterranean world. Its supremacy and pride are demonstrated by the remains of the magnificent Doric temples that dominate the ancient town, much of which still lies intact under today's fields and orchards. This splendid archaeological park consists of eight temples (and various other remains) built between about 510 BC and 430 BC: the Temple of Hera, the Temple of Concordia, the Temple of Heracles, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Temple of Castor and Pollux, the Temple of Hephaestos, the Temple of Demeter, and the Temple of Asclepius (the God of Medicine). Apart from this latter, which is to be found on the banks of the Akragas river, all are situated in the same area on rocky crests south of modern day Agrigento (not really in a Valley at all!).

Later onto Palermo.

This transfer tour is operated with English speaking Driver.

We do recommend to hire the local guide at:

-Piazza Armerina, to visit the Roman Villa

-Agrigento, to visit the Valley of the Temples

You will find this extra service on the booking procedure and feel free to add or skip at your convenience.

FULL DAY TRANSFER-TOUR: Full day excursion is approximately 7-10 hours in accordance with the itinerary and route.

PRE-POST TOURS: pre-post tours and packages are available on request.

BAGGAGE HANDLING: One big size and one trolley per person are allowed in this tour.

ADMISSION FEES: The price of this tour does not include Admission Fees.

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## TOUR MAP



WHAT IS INCLUDED?



NOT INCLUDED

