

VILLA SANT'ANDREA

A BELMOND HOTEL
TAORMINA MARE

Extraordinary
**SICILIAN
EXPERIENCES**

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We are thrilled to welcome you to Taormina. To help you make the most of your time here, we've compiled a collection of experiences that bring our destination to life. Choose your favourites and we'll take care of everything!

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SECRET NOTO



Start with breakfast at the ancient Palazzo Castelluccio, restored to glory in 2011 by an anonymous Frenchman, a fan of Lampedusa's seminal novel, *The Leopard*. Admire exquisite frescoes and trompe-l'oeil, golden candelabras and ornate urns, and even a leopard-print tiled floor. Next, you're off to the Flower Festival, where the streets are carpeted with tightly packed petals crafted into luxuriant designs. For lunch, you'll be welcomed into a private noble residence, Palazzo Modica, to enjoy an exceptional view of the main street, Via Nicolaci, from the balcony. Savour local

specialities as Alessandro Modica regales you with tales of his ancestors. Your final visual feast is at the private atelier of Catania-born artist Sergio Fiorentino, famous for his haunting faces and landscapes in blue.

The Flower Festival takes place in May, but similar experiences can be arranged throughout the season.

Please talk to the Concierge to personalise your tour. Advance booking required.

Curated Experiences

SAIL TO TIMELESS SICILY



Glide off on an intriguing excursion that blends nautical and palatial pleasures. You'll visit the picturesque fishing village of Acitrezza and stop in a charming boatyard where the Rodolico family, the last master boat builders in the area, have been crafting wooden fishing vessels since 1908. As lunchtime approaches, reach Catania and enjoy a tour of its legendary fish market. Bustling, colourful and atmospheric, it's filled with traditional fishermen, merchants and every type of seafood under the sun.

Continue your visit strolling through the historical centre, noting the baroque aristocratic houses all around. The door of one such residence will open and you'll be invited in for a private lunch, joining Rosalba Cutore and her family to dine in their sumptuous palace.

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A scenic view of a swimming pool with a large rock in the water and people swimming. The pool is surrounded by lush greenery and flowers. In the background, a small boat is visible on the water.

POOL WITH A VIEW

Curated Experiences

ISLAND OF DREAMS



Set sail to wild and wonderful Filicudi, the most unspoilt island in the Aeolian archipelago.

Your adventure will include private visits to some of the extraordinary people who have made their home here. Begin at the restored Aeolian house of Nicola Rinaudo, a former antiques dealer, who cultivates tasty produce in his glorious gardens. He'll welcome you with an indulgent breakfast of coffee and homemade cake. Your second stop is with artist Marina Klemente, who has transformed a mountain cave into a magical

dwelling, twinkling with lights. Admire her artworks, crafted from local found objects such as driftwood, pebbles and coloured glass. Your final visit is with Giuseppe Parella and his wife Zin Mar, from Thailand, who love to cook Sicilian-Asian cuisine. Relax at a shaded table, set with vibrant ceramic dishes, and feast on specialities such as spaghetti and caponata, soya noodles and the freshest fried fish.

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VISIT A LOCAL CLAM FARM



Love clams? Discover how they're harvested on this fascinating excursion to Ganzirri. The small fishing village of Ganzirri is located in northernmost Sicily, near Messina. At this juncture, the Tyrrhenian and Ionian seas meet to form two saltwater lakes. It's here that clams are cultivated and harvested using time-honoured techniques and equipment

aboard wooden fishing boats called "gozzi". Gain an insight into the process before joining a local fisherman in his home for a delicious lunch. Indulge in the tastiest spaghetti with clams (spaghetti alle vongole) overlooking the picturesque Messina Strait.

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PANTALICA TREK



Visit the incredible Necropolis of Pantalica, a rocky outcrop where around 4,000 tombs, dating from the 13th to 7th centuries BC, have been carved into the cliffs. On a relaxing half-day trek to this UNESCO World Heritage Site, gain an insight into how man, over millennia, has adapted to living in this landscape of limestone escarpments and dramatic gorges. Discover vestiges of Byzantine dwellings and chapels also cut into the rocks and prepare to

come across other surprises, such as a water mill for making gunpowder, and an abundance of natural streams, pools, waterfalls, flora and fauna. In warmer weather, many like to take a dip in the Anapo River or just sit on the banks absorbing the magical vistas.

Tours can be adapted to guests' wishes and interests. A reasonable level of fitness/mobility is needed for this rugged walking route.

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CATANIA STREET ART TOUR



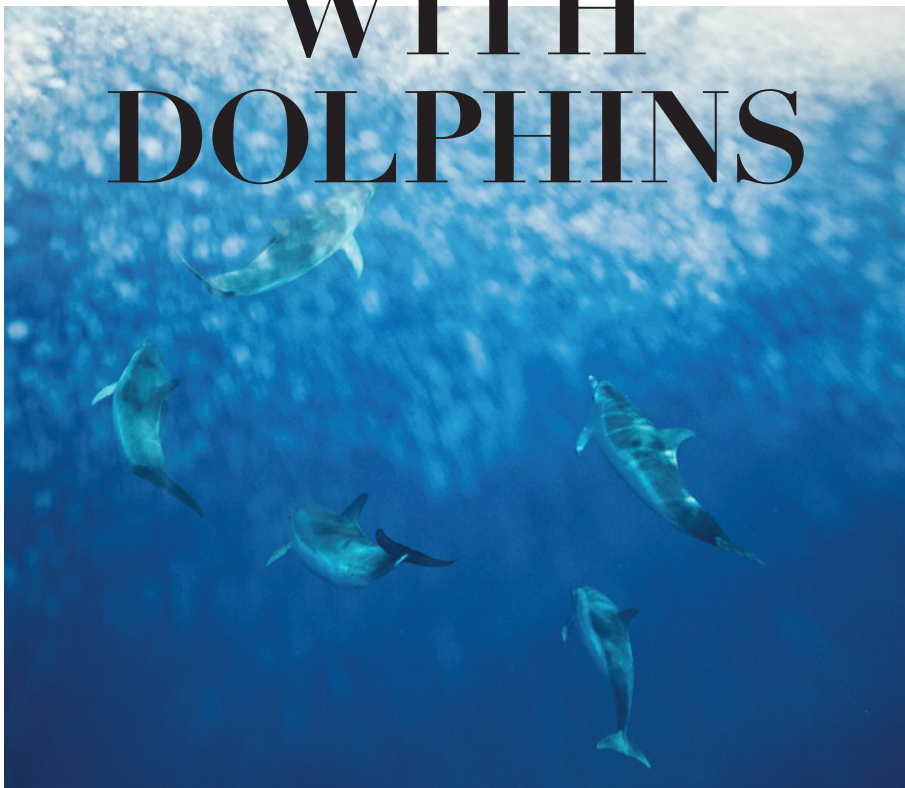
Go off the beaten track in Catania to discover fascinating history and thought-provoking artistic expression. The walk starts in the beating heart of ancient Catania, Piazza Stesicoro, a key site for understanding the events that led to the city's controversial urban renewal plan of the 1950s. After a short visit to the bustling, locally loved Fera 'o Luni market in Piazza Carlo Alberto, you will head into the San Berillo district. Stroll along streets where striking,

vibrant street art reflects the challenges of living in a neglected area and the need to keep local identity alive. Along the way, you will enjoy stops to taste typical Catania delicacies.

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SUNSET SAIL WITH DOLPHINS



Treat yourself to a mesmerising experience in one of the most beautiful bays in the Mediterranean. Sail into the sunset, enjoying a delicious aperitif and gazing enraptured as dolphins dive, jump and play in the waves around you. As you glide to stunning destinations, including Isola Bella, Mermaid Bay, Blue Grotto and Capo Taormina, sip chilled

prosecco or a spritz cocktail, enjoy soft drinks and fruit and linger over tasty Sicilian bruschetta and finger food. Your English-speaking skipper will point out all the highlights.

Please book your 2-hour tour with the Concierge no later than 17:30 the day before the trip.

Treasures of the Land



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TAORMINA AND GREEK THEATRE WALKING TOUR



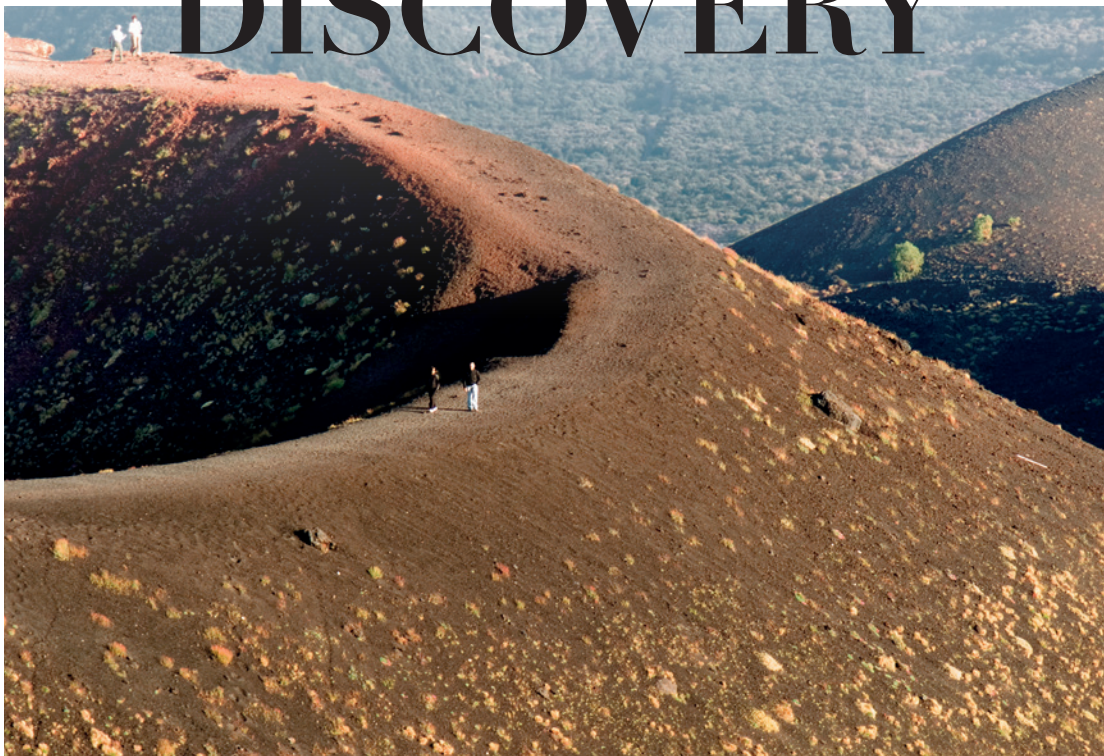
Stride out on a private walk around beautiful Taormina. Stroll down narrow backstreets, past flower-filled balconies to soak up the ambience. Then tour the magnificent Greek Theatre, adjacent to Grand Hotel Timeo. Built in the 3rd century to stage drama and musical productions, the amphitheatre was expanded by the Romans to be used for games and gladiatorial

battles. It's so well preserved that it's still used today as a breathtaking venue for concerts, ballets, opera performances and awards ceremonies.

The walking tour lasts around 3 hours. Please talk to the Concierge to personalise your tour. Advance booking required.

Treasures of The Land

ETNA DISCOVERY



Any visit to Sicily is incomplete without exploring Europe's most impressive volcano. Discover its constantly evolving lava landscapes on an exceptional trek.

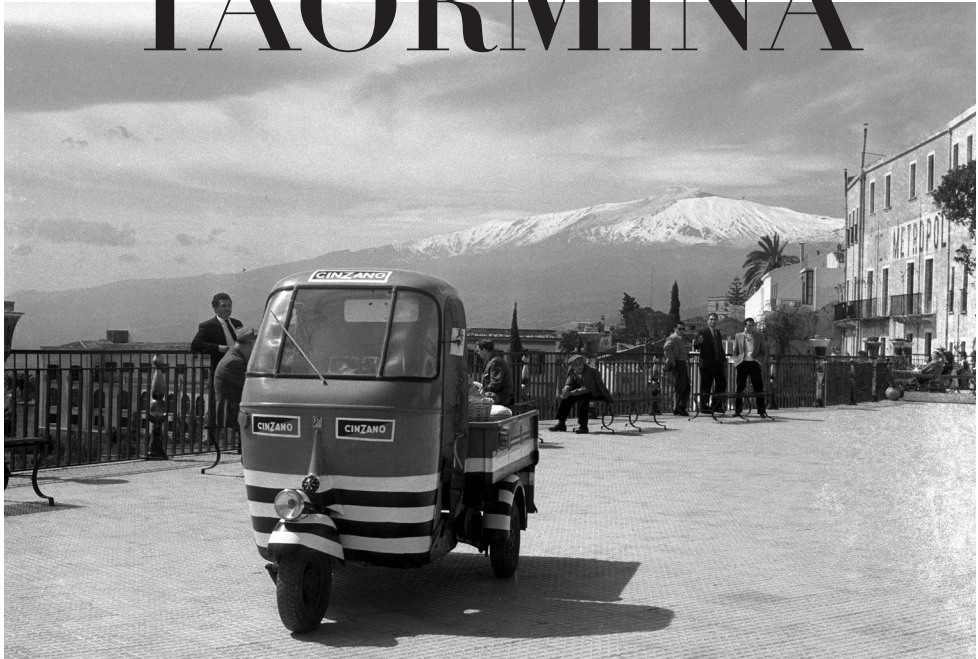
We can arrange a variety of tours – on foot, by Jeep, etc – with different levels of difficulty. You can visit both the northern and southern sides of Etna. In the south, a cable car takes you up to

2,900m. Visit the northern flank for a complete immersion in nature and reach 3,000m. Admire the black, reds and greens of the mountains and, when the clouds clear, gain spectacular views across Sicily.

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Treasures of The Land

APE TOUR OF TAORMINA



Feel like a star of the dolce vita era on this fun and fabulous tour. Starting at Grand Hotel Timeo, guided by an expert driver, take a spin in the world's most glamorous three-wheeler, the Ape Calessino.

You'll begin at the town's lush Botanical Gardens before descending to the sparkling coast and Mazzarò Bay. Perhaps stop for a picnic on Isola Bella beach before heading up to the pretty hilltop village of Castelmola. Gaze at the views and sip a glass of almond wine at Café San

Giorgio, once a regular haunt of Sir Winston Churchill. Return to Taormina for a wander along Corso Umberto I, the bustling main thoroughfare where Orson Welles, DH Lawrence and Truman Capote were known to browse. And for a glorious finale, stop for refreshments at one of Tennessee Williams' favourite watering holes, Wunderbar, admiring the panoramic vistas of the bay and Mount Etna.

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VILLA SANT'ANDREA'S PRIVATE BEACH

Treasures of The Land

SICILY BY FIAT 500



What could be more fun than a jaunt through timeless Sicily in a vintage Fiat 500?

On this tour, you will discover cinematic locations where movie director Francis Ford Coppola filmed some of his milestone works of art. At the same time, unearth a traditional way of life undamaged by time. Visit two beautiful hilltop villages, Forza d'Agrò and Savoca, as you drive

around the winding roads of the Valle d'Agrò area. Pay homage to famous movie locations, including the Church of Santissima Trinità in Forza d'Agrò, and, in Savoca, the Church of Santa Lucia and famous Bar Vitelli. In the petite, iconic car, you'll feel transported back through the decades.

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CATANIA FISH MARKET



Visit Catania's vibrant, historic "pescheria" to discover some of the secrets behind Sicily's famed cuisine.

Storica Catanese, an amazing venue in the heart of the city, which houses – among other cultural treasures – a 19th-century kitchen.

Observe ice-packed stalls overflowing with the freshest seafood, and sample perfectly prepared raw shrimps or sea urchins direct from the market tables. You can then proceed to the Società

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SICILIAN BAROQUE CINEMA TOUR



Sicily has played a starring role in many cinematic masterpieces. Embark on a movie-themed driving tour to discover locations that have lit up the big screen.

Head to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ragusa, the town that saw Marcello Mastroianni acting up in the classic comedy *Divorzio all'Italiana*. Add a decadent twist by combining your tour with a visit to Bonajuto, Modica's famous artisan chocolate factory. Sample opulent Aztec-style confectionery blended with local ingredients such as pistachios, citrus fruits and chilli.

End the day by relaxing over a sunset cocktail or dinner by the sea in Marzamemi, the romantic fishing village where Gabriele Salvatores shot his 1993 drama, *Sud*. Or follow in the footsteps of Inspector Montalbano, the famous Sicilian sleuth created by writer Andrea Camilleri.

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A GLIMPSE OF ISOLA BELLA

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PIAZZA ARMERINA



Venture deep into the Sicilian countryside and more than 700m above sea level for an insight into daily Roman life.

Piazza Armerina is home to the famous Villa Romana del Casale, built in the 4th century as a hunting lodge. Almost covered by a landslide in the 12th century, the Villa was fully excavated in the 20th century and now enjoys UNESCO

World Heritage status. Admire vivid mosaics depicting scenes ranging from mythological stories to everyday activities. One intriguing tableau shows women exercising in bikini-style garments.

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AGRIGENTO AND THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES



Discover one of Sicily's most celebrated archaeological sites on a relaxing morning tour.

Your adventure begins with a scenic journey by road, winding through enchanting landscapes to reach Agrigento on the south coast. Just outside is the astounding Valley of the Temples, an archaeological park overlooking the vivid azure sea. Explore eight majestic Greek structures dedicated to deities including Hera, Concordia, Heracles and Zeus, each standing proud on rocky crests. Wander through and around the

temples, which often tower above clusters of olive trees, before visiting the excellent archaeological museum. The visit is topped off with a delicious Sicilian lunch.

During the peak summer months we recommend taking your tour at dawn or sunset to avoid the high temperatures in Southern Sicily.

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HELICOPTER TOURS



Soar over Sicily on a spectacular helicopter tour, enjoying a bird's-eye view of smoking volcanoes, idyllic islands and captivating sites of interest. Book a lunch stop, hostess service or a guided tour to enhance the experience. This unmissable adventure is the ultimate way to appreciate Sicily's diverse and dramatic landscapes.

Choose from:

- Etna active craters
- Etna active craters and Taormina
- Etna, Stromboli and Vulcano Island
- Agrigento and the Valley of the Temples

Subject to weather conditions. Recommended departure times: from 09:00 to 10:00 or from 18:00 to 19:00. Please ask our Concierge for details.

Coastal Living



Take to the water

Coastal Living

BEACH CABANAS



Relax in your own personal sanctuary beside the cerulean sea. Our six exclusive cabanas offer blissful seclusion on Villa Sant'Andrea's private beach.

Perfect for up to four people, each stylish cabana is furnished with a comfortable sofa, table, tented veranda and two sun loungers. You'll have access to soft drinks from the minibar, a bottle of sparkling wine, chilled fresh fruit, Evian water spray and complimentary WiFi. A dedicated waiter is on hand to cater to every whim.

Why not request a relaxing massage overlooking the bay, or a lunch of local specialities prepared by Chef Agostino D'Angelo?

Cabanas can be rented daily or reserved for your entire stay. Available 08:30-19:00. They can also be hired for a private evening celebration, such as a romantic candlelit dinner with a bespoke menu.

*Please talk to the Concierge to reserve your cabana.
Advance booking required.*

Coastal Living

OPEN-AIR YOGA



Best way to start the day? With a yoga class by the sea at Villa Sant'Andrea. Rise with the sun, when the sea is calm, the bay still asleep and the boats still docked. Stretch, recharge and meditate. Guided by an expert teacher, you will end the session feeling super-relaxed, re-energised and raring to go. Classes

are also available in the gardens of Grand Hotel Timeo for those who desire awe-inspiring views of Mount Etna.

*Please talk to the Concierge to arrange a class.
Advance booking required.*

WATER SPORTS



Passionate about swimming and water sports? The crystal-clear waters off Sicily's coasts couldn't be more inviting.

Snorkelling/diving – Plunge in to discover a teeming underwater world in the Blue Grotto and surrounding bay, or swim in the marine park of Isola Bella, surrounded by a rich variety of flora and fauna. Learn about the area's history by glimpsing archaeological remains from the Greek/Roman period or, for the more experienced, dive down to an ancient shipwreck.

Kayaking – Paddle off on a leisurely kayak tour through the serene coastal waters. You'll be safely led by an expert guide.

Paddle surf – Discover why the sport, also known as SUP, remains perennially popular. Propel yourself through calm waters standing upright on your board. Admire the beautiful scenery while giving your abs a workout and view Taormina from an enchanting new perspective. For ages 10 and up.

Ask the Concierge for details of any of the above activities.

SAIL TO THE AEOLIAN ISLANDS



Each of Sicily's fabled islands is unique. On tailored boat trips, discover white pebble beaches lapped by turquoise waters, volcanic craters and chic whitewashed villages where the jet set hide out.

Lipari and Vulcano – Lipari is the largest of the UNESCO-protected, ruggedly volcanic Aeolian Islands. Dominating Lipari Town, an impressive castle and ancient fortified walls overlook the picturesque harbour. Explore Greek ruins, the cathedral and archaeological museum, or take a break in breathtakingly beautiful coves only accessible by boat. The nearby island of Vulcano was believed by the Romans to be the home of the fire god Vulcan's workshop. Here, you can climb the still smoking craters, explore the therapeutic mud baths and hot springs or swim off the volcanic beaches.

Panarea and Stromboli – For a contrasting Aeolian experience, visit these two enchanting islands off Sicily's north coast. Panarea, the smallest island in the archipelago, draws the international jet set, Hollywood A-listers and superyacht owners in search of tranquil isolation. Discover pretty, whitewashed streets, a handful of restaurants, bars and shops, deserted coves and crystalline waters. The more dramatic Stromboli, home to an active volcano, is where you find the spectacular Sciara del Fuoco, a steep, incandescent lava slope that flows down from the crater into the sizzling sea.

Departure times can be arranged to suit you. Please talk to the Concierge to personalise your tour. Advance booking required.

Wining and Dining



Savour tastes of Sicily

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CINEMA AND CHAMPAGNE ON THE BEACH



Enjoy a cult movie from the comfort of a sun lounger or a private cabana on Villa Sant'Andrea's beach.

Sit back, relax and lose yourself in our featured movies (in Italian with English subtitles) that pay homage to iconic films, which made their mark in the cinema industry. Each film is made all the

more enticing with our own Sicilian-style movie snacks, prepared by Chef Agostino D'Angelo to perfectly complement your chilled Moët & Chandon champagne.

Our cinema evenings take place in June, July and August.

Wining and Dining

CANDLELIT DINNER ON THE BEACH



As evening falls, the private beach at Villa Sant'Andrea takes on a magic of its own. With the sea gently lapping the rocks and a sky full of twinkling stars, it's the perfect setting for a romantic dinner for two. Enjoy a specially

prepared menu, served by your exclusive waiter, as you soak up the uniquely intimate ambience.

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Wining and Dining

PIC-CHIC



Add a touch of “chic” to your picnic. Grand Hotel Timeo’s Executive Chef, Roberto Toro, will elevate your alfresco spread to new heights.

Whether it’s lunch on the grass, on a boat or by the sea, enjoy a mouthwatering menu that ignites the imagination and complements the locale. For example, colourful pastas that echo the picturesque views, accompanied by shrimp,

mozzarella, olives, capers and tomatoes. Tasty skewers, or pies filled with cheeses, meats and seasonal vegetables. And for dessert, perhaps fruit tarts or slices of carrot, apple and chocolate cake. All packed into a beautiful basket with a bottle of sparkling rosé.

Picnics can be fully customised to your tastes and requirements. Please talk to the Concierge to personalise your tour. Advance booking required.



A TASTE OF SICILY

Wining and Dining

UNCOVER THE FLAVOURS OF SICILY



One thing you're sure to notice during your visit is how passionate Sicilians are about cooking.

This culinary excursion will help you discover why. Venture onto the slopes of Mount Etna and visit surprising wineries. Then meet a local woman who strives to keep the island's culinary traditions

alive. She'll guide you through the preparation of tasty Sicilian classics, such as pasta alla Norma, pistachio arancini and decadent cannoli. If you prefer, we can arrange a private cooking class in Taormina, too.

Please talk to the Concierge to personalise your experience. Advance booking required.

Wining and Dining

WINERIES OF ETNA



Combine a fascinating trek on Sicily's majestic volcano with a tasting of exceptional volcanic wines.

Begin with a guided walk through Etna's rugged, moonlike landscapes. Enjoy time at leisure to admire Sicily's unparalleled beauty from a novel perspective. Afterwards, your driver will whizz you off to a boutique winery on the volcano's

lower slopes. Linger over a delectable lunch and a tasting of luscious Etna wines led by an expert vinologist.

Your tour can be arranged at a time to suit you. Please talk to the Concierge to personalise your tour. Advance booking required.

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