



TRAVELING
IRISH™

LAND JOURNEY



Malta & Sicily

ACTIVE
TRAVEL
for Cultural
Explorers

Islands of the Ancient Mediterranean

Inspiring Moments



- Take in the stately medieval and baroque architecture along the intimate streets of **Valletta**, Malta's compact capital.
- Appreciate the glorious ruins of Sicily's renowned ancient cities of **Agrigento** and **Syracuse**.
- Delve into Roman aristocratic life through the spectacular, world-class **mosaics of Villa Romana del Casale**.
- Behold the intriguing Neolithic temples of **Hagar Qim** and **Ggantija**, older than the Great Pyramids and Stonehenge.
- Feel transported through time within the beautiful and colorful Maltese towns of **Mdina** and **Rabat**.
- Savor the breathtaking scenery and chic ambience of **Taormina**, Sicily's celebrated resort town perched on a hilltop.
- Experience six **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city 🌐
- Day 2** Arrive in Malta and transfer ➡ to hotel in Sliema
- Day 3** Valletta
- Day 4** Mdina | Rabat | Hagar Qim
- Day 5** Ggantija | Victoria | Xwejni Bay
- Day 6** Sliema | Embark ferry | Pozzallo | Piazza Armerina | Taormina
- Day 7** Taormina
- Day 8** Syracuse
- Day 9** Agrigento
- Day 10** Taormina
- Day 11** Transfer ➡ to Catania airport and depart for gateway city 🌐

Flights 🌐 and transfers ➡ provided for AHI FlexAir participants.
Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Included Features



Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **4 nights** in Sliema, Malta, at the first-class AX The Palace.
- **5 nights** in Taormina, Italy, at the first-class Eurostars Monte Tauro.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- All transfers during the Land Program: ferries and deluxe motor coaches.

Extensive Meal Program

- 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **AHI Connects | Local immersion.**
- **Electives** and **free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise** | Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Above: Valletta

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A World of Discovery

AHI Connects | Pizza-Cooking Demo. Get great tips for making tasty Sicilian pizza!

Valletta. Spanning almost 8,000 years, Malta's rich history includes periods of rule by the Phoenicians, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, the Order of St. John and the British, among others. On a guided walk within its majestic capital, gaze over the stunning Grand Harbor from the Upper Barrakka Gardens, step inside the glittering St. John's Co-Cathedral which houses Caravaggio's masterpiece, "The Beheading of John the Baptist," and tour Casa Rocca Piccola, a stately, 16th-century palace.

Mdina, Rabat & Hagar Qim. Stroll through charming Mdina, Malta's ancient walled capital, and admire the regal city gate, the homes of Malta's noble families and St. Paul's Cathedral. Nearby, see Rabat's landmarks and visit Domus Romana, a museum on the site of a Roman house. Head next to the coast and marvel at the impressive Hagar Qim temples, built more than 5,500 years ago with massive stones.

Island of Gozo. On this scenic island, ponder some of the oldest free-standing stone structures in the world at the Neolithic Ggantija Temples. Then, travel up to the picturesque, hilltop Cittadella in Victoria, the island's capital, on a walking tour. Later, see the patchwork pattern of rock-cut salt pans along Gozo's Xwejni Bay, and learn how a local family harvests the sea salt, a tradition that dates to Phoenician and Roman times.

Sicily's Mosaic Masterpieces. In Piazza Armerina, visit the Villa Romana del Casale, a fourth-century villa adorned with some of the world's finest Roman mosaics. Study more than 40 floors impeccably crafted with scenes of wild animals, hunting, myths, female athletes, domestic life and more.

Taormina. See the historic medieval center of this lovely resort town with your guide, and visit its Greek theater, which features stellar views of the sea and Mount Etna.

Syracuse. Visit the Archaeological Park to view remarkable ruins of this onetime Greek colony founded in 734 B.C. Take in the Greek theater; the Latomia del Paradiso, a former limestone quarry; and the Ear of Dionysius, a cave famed for its acoustics. Stop next at a basilica to see Caravaggio's

contd.



Temple of Concordia

"The Burial of St. Lucy" before continuing to Ortygia, Syracuse's atmospheric island old town. Admire its baroque beauty and go inside the splendid Cathedral of Syracuse.

Agrigento's Valley of the Temples. Revel in magnificent Doric temples that attest to the glory of ancient Agrigento, founded by the Greeks in the sixth century. View the Temples of Concordia, Juno, Hercules and others with insights from your guide.

Enrichment

– History of Malta

– Sicilian Culture & Traditions

UNESCO World Heritage

1. **The City of Valletta, Malta**
2. **Megalithic Temples of Malta**
3. **Late Baroque Towns, Val di Noto, Italy**
4. **Villa Romana del Casale, Italy**
5. **Syracuse, Italy**
6. **Archaeological Area of Agrigento, Italy**

Electives | Go further afield

Mount Etna. Relish a thrilling perspective of Europe's highest active volcano on a scenic, winding drive. Walk around the crater, learn about this UNESCO World Heritage site's geology and history, and enjoy lunch after.

{At an additional cost.}

Accommodations

AX The Palace | Sliema



Eurostars Monte Tauro | Taormina



 TripAdvisor



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Ortygia

AHI Travel Expertise

For more than six decades, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.


Travel & Air Coordinators | Help with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

Travel Director | Manages all details to ensure a safe and memorable trip.

Travel information | Prepares you fully for your journey.

Expert local guides and lecturers | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for the destination.

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 **AHI FlexAir** | Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

2026 Departures & Pricing

September 25 – October 5, 2026

Full Price \$5,545

Special Savings \$750

Special Savings Price* **\$4,795**

The Special Savings consist of \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full Savings.

*Special Savings Price is valid if booked by the expiration date on the website and paid in full at booking.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy, includes applicable program taxes and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$1,695 (limited availability).

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Excursions on this program require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on and off motor coaches
- walking on steep inclines/declines and up and down stairs