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PALERMO

We start from the capital city of the island, a melting pot of cultures, flavors, colors, sounds, a place where you can visit a street market with Arabic origins, visiting a Baroque church and tasting the most incredible street food.

Palermo was founded by the Phoenicians in the VIII century B.C. but the name is Greek: Panormos means infact "all harbor". The most important monuments, though, date back to the Middle Age, to the time of the Normans: The magnificent Cathedral, the Royal Palace, today's seat of the Sicilian Parliament, with the Palatine Chapel (a masterpiece of golden mosaics by Arabic artists).



Alcamo

The province of Trapani, on the western side of the island, is the largest vineyard in Italy and around the town of Alcamo we can find the first important wine in Sicily, the DOC Alcamo.

In order to understand the importance of the wine production in Sicily, we can just consider that we have "three months of harvest": on the western side, in the province of Trapani, the harvest starts already at the end of august and the vineyards are planted almost at the sea level...we will than finish on Mount Etna, where the harvest starts between September and October.



Marsala

Maybe the most famous Sicilian wine worldwide, a tradition with English origins dating back to the end of the XIX century, when British merchants wanted to bring home the local sweet wine; the ships set out from the port of Mars Allah, Allah's harbor, therefore the name of the "Marsala Wine".

Today the production is strictly protected by the law and to produce the wine, local wineries surrounding the city of Marsala, have to use only the autochthonous white grapes called Grillo, Damaschino, Inzolia, Catarratto.



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Sambuca di Sicilia

The protected area of the Lago Arancio, a water reservoir extremely important also for the irrigation, is since 2002 one of the Sicilian DOC. The range of the wine production goes from the white, to the rosé, up to the red wines. Local grapes from different zones of the island have been planted around the lake and have become more and more popular and known after the terrible earthquake of the year 1968. The reconstruction have been very slow and difficult and lots of villages in the Valle del Belice have been abandoned after the natural disaster. The wine production is today one of the more important income sources helping not only the rebirth, but also a flourishing international market.



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RAGUSA

When we talk about the Baroque Style in the architecture and the daily life we have to know Ragusa: a real blaze of richness, whiteness, noblesse and relaxed rhythms tasting a homemade gelato or a piece of traditional chocolate. The province of Ragusa is today maybe the wealthiest of the island, thanks to the latifundium of the old times and the real estates and land houses made of the local white stone.



Vittoria

We are now on the south eastern coast of Sicily, in the province of Ragusa, one of the most beautiful jewels of our island. The so called Road of Wine goes from the Baroque to the Art Nouveau style and the undisputed king is the Cerasuolo di Vittoria, the only DOCG of the island. The blend of the Frappato and the Nero D'Avola grapes gives the most incredible red wine now known all over the world.



Val di Noto

We are in the province of Siracusa and in the capital city of the Baroque style, thanks to the reconstruction after the earthquake of the year 1693. Geologically we could almost say we are in Africa, and not in Europe anymore...the diversity of the Sicilian soil, the terroir for the agriculture, allows us to offer to our visitors a variety of products of excellence in every corner of the biggest Mediterranean island.

The Moscato di Noto is one of the best Sicilian dessert wines and we can even have a "natural", a "sparkling", and a "fortified" Moscato.

The Moscato grape is known in the entire Mediterranean since the roman times and its name, "muscum", means musk (because of its intense scent and the sweet aroma).



TAORMINA

The pearl of the Ionic Sea (on the eastern coast of Sicily), since the end of the 18th Century a beloved destination for the Grand Tour by the upper-class European men of means. Point of attraction for artists, poets, intellectuals from all over Europe. The incredible location perched on a cliff above the sea, is the perfect place for "the picture" ever: a Greek-Roman Theatre, facing the sea with Mount Etna in the background.

A stroll along the main street and in the alleys can give you a taste of tradition, history and daily life with some of the most beautiful boutiques of the Made in Italy fashion.



Avola

The town of the most famous Sicilian grape, the Nero D'Avola. A charming slice of the southern part of eastern Sicily where modernity and traditions melt together. The tufa stone and the vicinity of the sea give to the white wines produced in the area a high salinity and freshness. The landscape will accompany you with its silver olive trees, the yellow lemon trees, the thin but strong almond trees and the imposing carob trees, the only possible spot of shade in the torrid summer days.



Etna

Mamma Etna, the highest active Volcano in Europe, with its 3.340 Mt. above the sea level, houses some of the most interesting varieties of our island. An island on the island, with the highest vines in Sicily (till 1.000 Mt. on the sea level), a microcosm for the pistachios and wines. The sulfur is an essential ingredient for the flavor of the wines produced and the landscape is unique: hills, valleys of lava storm, brooms with the yellow colors, in great contrast with the black of the very fertile soil, all protected by the smoking summit craters of the giant Aitnà, "the burning one".

