






## FROM IBLEAN CANYONS TO BAROQUE CURVES

 self-guided tour

 Racing bike

 400-425 km

●●○ Medium

Duration: 8 days / 7 nights



## DESCRIPTION

An itinerary on this mythical island, between archaeological sites and baroque architecture. You will explore the south-east coastline as well as the hinterland, the Erei mountains and the Val di Noto which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2003. Along the trip you will discover beautiful towns like Caltagirone (famous for the handi craft ceramics), Palazzolo Acreide, Modica, Scicli, Ragusa Iblea and Noto, the most important of the baroque cities in Sicily. Your aim is Syracuse, one of the capitals of the Greek colonies of the Magna Grecia. Along the coast you will see the bird and wildlife sanctuary “Oasi di Vendicari”, the fisherman village Marzamemi and the islands of Capo Passero and Isola delle Correnti. A sporting racing bike tour for cyclist in good physical form.

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## DETAILED ROUTES

### 📍 Day 1: Caltagirone

Individual arrival at Caltagirone, handover of the information material and explanation of the tour.

### 📍 Day 2: Caltagirone – Piazza Armerina – Caltagirone

Circular stage (approx. 97 km)

Starting from Caltagirone you cycle along streets with low traffic until you arrive at Piazza Armerina. Possibility to visit the Villa Romana del Casale, discovered in 1950, unique example of roman pavements decorations of multicoloured mosaics. After the visit return to Caltagirone.

### 📍 Day 3: Caltagirone – Palazzolo Acreide

(approx. 81 - 101 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 plateau with its deep canyons that 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 continuous up and down.

### 📍 Day 4: Palazzolo Acreide – Modica

(approx. 62 km)

After visiting the historical center 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.

### 📍 Day 5: Modica – Noto

(approx. 107 km)

Today's stage is quite easy. You cycle slightly downhill in a beautiful Iblei Canyon to Scicli. After a visit of the center, 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.

### 📍 Day 6: Noto – Siracusa

(approx. 65 km)

You cycle uphill to San Corrado and arrive in Noto Antica, on the Monte Alveria. From Noto Antica continue until you arrive at the view point of the nature reserve Cava Grande del Cassibile (505 mt.), interesting also for the archeological remains. The landscape is dominated by the deepest European Canyon (300 mt) and its steep walls. Return to the road and continue in direction north to Siracusa.

### 📍 Day 7: Visit of the historical center of Siracusa

Visit the fascinating Island Ortigia, the historical and cultural center of the city. The Old Town of Siracusa captivates immediately with more than 3000 years of history and archeological evidence of practically all great

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civilizations of the Mediterranean.

## Day 8 Siracusa

Individual departure or extension of your stay.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Classification:** self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights
- **Distance:** ca. 400-425 km
- **Starting point:** Caltagirone
- **Arrival:**

**By plain:** Catania Airport. On request, we arrange transfers from the airport to the start point of the tour.

- **Accommodation:**

Hotels of the 3\*\*\* or 4\*\*\*\* category, high quality Bed & Breakfast in Caltagirone

**Tourist tax** – if requested – has to be paid on the spot

- **Rental bikes:**

Road bike aluminium with Shimano Ultegra

Road bike carbon with Shimano Ultegra components

- **Transfer:**

Transfer from Catania airport to Caltagirone: 65.00 € for person (min. 2 persons)

Transfer from Syracuse to Catania airport: 50.00 € for person (min. 2 persons)

For arrivals or transfers after 10pm a supplement of € 5 per person is applied.

Reservation necessary, as there are limited places; transfers are payable on the spot: Special rates for more than four participants on request.

## INCLUDED SERVICES

- Accommodation in hotels of the 3\*\*\* or 4\*\*\*\* category, high quality Bed & Breakfast in Caltagirone
- Breakfast buffet or full breakfast
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- Well planned routes
- Detailed documents (maps, places to visit, important telephone numbers), 1 per room
- Telephone service hotline for the entire tour

## NON INCLUDED SERVICES

- Arrival to the starting point of the tour
- Departure at the end of the tour
- Drinks, tourist tax and all extras
- Lunch, Dinner (if not booked halfboard)
- Not mentioned entries
- Rental bikes or helmet
- Travel insurance
- All not expressly mentioned under the item „Included services“

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## STARTING DATES

Available - arrival possible
Not Available
Available for groups from 6 persons and on request

### February

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### April

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### May

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### June

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### July

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### August

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### November

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## PRICES

### Standard

Package price in a double room	from 03/02/2024 to 30/11/2024	800 €
Package price high season	from 06/07/2024 to 31/08/2024	920 €
Single room surcharge		260 €
Half board supplement		250 €

### Additional services

own bike		0 €
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Road bike (aluminium) Sicily CF	140 €
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road bike (carbon) - sicily CF	170 €
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## Additional nights

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