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Castelmola & Taormina









Founded in the 6th century BC by Greeks from Naples, Taormina was subsequently occupied by the Romans. Today the influences of both civilizations are found in the ruins of the town's Greco-Roman theatre. The beauty of Taormina has been documented by writers for centuries, and the town is one of Sicily's most impressive resorts. It has all of the qualities that attract visitors incredible views, ancient ruins, and an abundance of quaint shops and boutiques. Many of its narrow cobblestone streets are closed to traffic, making the main part of Taormina accessible only on foot. Stroll through this charming resort town perched high on a cliff overlooking the Bay of Naxos. Your guide will introduce you to the Piazza Vittorio Emanuele and the bustling main street of Corso Umberto, which is lined with former mansions with enchanting architecture and balconies that brim with flowers. Stop briefly in the inner courtyard of the medieval Corvaja Palace for a look at a richly painted original Sicilian carretta, or carriage. Also enjoy the panoramic views of the bay and snow-capped Mt Etna in the distance. Follow your guide up the narrow street that leads to the Greco-Roman theatre, Taormina's famous antiquity that dates back to the 2nd and 3rd centuries BC. It still hosts performances today. The theatre's dramatic location is nothing less than breathtaking, with an incredible view of the coast. Next you'll head to Castelmola. This tiny village is strategically located near Taormina and also enjoys splendid panoramic views. The focus of the village is the attractive Piazzetta del Duomo with its fine, intricate paving. Lunch will be served at a local hotel overlooking the beautiful Bay of Naxos.

SPECIAL NOTES

TOUR INCLUDES

DRIVER & GUIDE

88 **FULL DAY TOUR**