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TOUR NAME

Erice & Segesta


Drive approximately one hour through the countryside of Sicily on a road that ascends through pine woods with fine views of Trapani and the Egadi Islands. The last stretch of your journey will be on foot from the bus parking area. A great deal of Norman influence is apparent in the town of Erice, where a panoramic hilltop position offers views of Trapani, the sea and the Egadi Islands. Stone buildings, towers and fortifications rest among the lovely English-style gardens scattered throughout the town. After a guided walk through Erice, you will have some free time to explore further on your own before continuing your excursion with another hour-long drive to Segesta. Splendidly situated on the vast green hillside of Monte Barbaro, the archaeological site of Segesta is dominated by a fine Doric temple standing in stark isolation. This strategic location overlooks a vast territory. Only a few traces of the ancient town remain—ruins of square towers, a gate, and a miraculously intact temple. The latter it is a purest Doric-style hexastyle peripteros, and has stood for the last 2,400 years, solemn and imposing, in a deserted landscape that only serves to underscore the grandeur of the structure itself. Scholars still debate the function of the temple and why it was left unfinished. One hypothesis is that it was built as a sacred area in which religious rituals would be performed. Others believe the construction of the temple was never completed because war broke out with neighboring settlements. Finally, enjoy lunch at a restaurant close to the archaeological area.

SPECIAL NOTES

TOUR INCLUDES

DRIVER & GUIDE
FULL DAY TOUR