

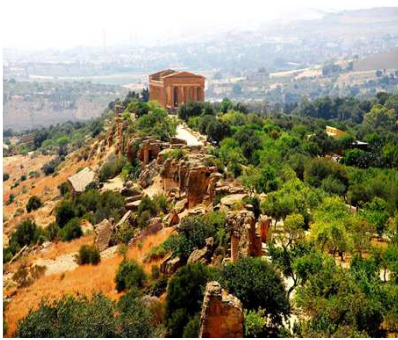

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Temple Valley Wonders


Impressive, ancient ruins string out along a ridge below Agrigento in the Valley of Temples. You will visit many of them, beginning with the Temple of Jupiter (Zeus). Had this now-ruined temple ever been completed, it would have been one of the largest in the ancient world. The entablature was supported by 55-foot-tall columns, between which stood colossal statues. One of these is now on display in the Archeological Museum. Nearby is the Tempio dei Dioscuri—a hex-style temple with only four of its columns remaining. The small rose at the corner of the entablature is a typical decorative feature. Alongside is a sacred area dedicated to Demeter and Persephone—the underground gods—and two sacrificial altars. Dating from the late 6th century BC, the Temple of Hercules is probably the oldest of the Agrigento temples, and is built in the ancient Doric style. Eight of its columns have been restored. To the left you can see the deeply-grooved ruts thought to have been made by ancient wheeled vehicles such as chariots. The deep marking is possibly due to the ruts thought to have been later used as water channels. The Temple of Concord is the largest, most majestic and best-preserved of the Doric temples in Sicily. It has a peristyle of 34 tufa limestone columns, although its original stucco facing has disappeared. And finally, the Tempio di Hera Lacinia (dedicated to Juno, or her Greek equivalent, Hera) has a partially-preserved colonnade. On the eastern side is a sacrificial altar and, behind the temple, an ancient water cistern. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant.

SPECIAL NOTES

TOUR INCLUDES

DRIVER & GUIDE
FULL DAY TOUR