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# Sample Itinerary: 1 Week in Sicily- Siracusa and Taormina

## *Here's the Plan:*

### DAY 1

\* arrival day  
(if coming  
from USA,  
late morning  
arrival)

\* **SLEEP:** Algila Ortigia Charme Hotel- 3 nights

\* **GET AROUND:** Rent a car for the first 4 days (approx 45-60 min drive from Catania Airport).

\* **EAT:** Osteria da Seby, Cannoli da Re

\* **MUST SEE:** Work off that jet-lag and start exploring Ortigia (historical center of Siracusa) after you check in. Take it easy!

### DAY 2

\* **EAT:** Lunch with Alessia (below) and Timilia for dinner (pizza).

\* **MUST SEE:** Participate in Alessia's cooking class, where you will first explore the local market, and then make lunch together. Later, explore Siracusa and go swimming here.

### DAY 3

\* **EAT:** Pack some snacks for Vendicari Reserve, go to Contina con Cucina for dinner (located in city of Noto).

\* **MUST SEE:** Explore Vendicari Nature Reserve in the morning, and then check out the city of Noto.

### DAY 4

\* **SLEEP:** Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo- 4 nights

\* **GET AROUND:** Return rental car at airport, and use New Travel Services for transfer to Taormina (approx 1 hour from airport).

\* **EAT:** Dine on the patio at Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo

\* **MUST SEE:** Unpack and relax! Go to the hotel pool for an afternoon dip.

### DAY 5

\* **EAT:** Villa Sant'Andrea

\* **MUST SEE:** Visit the Greek Theater of Taormina and explore Taormina. Then, head to the beach at Villa Sant'Andrea and don't miss the free boat tour, offered to hotel guests (reservations required).

## DAY 6

\* **EAT:** Villa Zuccaro (pizza)

\* **MUST SEE:** Morning tour of Mt. Etna with the company Go-Etna, and relax by the pool in the afternoon.

## DAY 7

\* **EAT:** Vicolo Stretto

\* **MUST SEE:** Last day of R&R- head to the beach, hotel pool and/or spa. At sunset, take a taxi up to Castelmola for spectacular views.

### Trip Highlights:

- **Favorite activity:**  
Cooking class with Alessia
- **Favorite restaurants:**  
Contina con Cucina and Vicolo Stretto
- **Make sure you don't miss:** visiting the Greek theater and seeing the views from Castelmola

For more details, and maps, visit:  
[www.compassroam/destination/sicily/](http://www.compassroam/destination/sicily/)

### This itinerary is great for:

- A combo of city exploration and R&R
- Those looking for a romantic vacation or a family friendly one
- Those that like to walk
- Those that are interested in history

### Bringing little humans?

Build in an extra relaxation day instead of participating in the Mt. Etna tour (small kids are not permitted to participate).

### On a future trip, I'd like to:

- See a performance in the Greek theater
- Visit Ragusa, and Modica and Cefalu
- Explore more of the Western and Northern sides of the island
- Check out the Aeolian islands

### Top history sites (entire island)

- Valley of the Temples
- Parco Archeologico della Neapolis
- Cathedral of Monreale
- Temples of Selinunte

**And much more!**

