

# SICILIAN EXPERIENCE

## NO. 2

5 days  
4 nights

Experience the World's Most Beautiful Religious Festival

Every country has its own religious holiday, but equal that of Sant'Agata, Catania's patron saint, it is at least an arduous task. A mass mobilization in the city for 3 days and 3 nights in which the faithful gather to celebrate "Aituzza", bringing the rich to shoulder "fercolo" followed by a procession of Candlemas. Officially, the day dedicated to the patron is February 5, but the celebrations start from 3 and are repeated throughout the year.

#### WHO IS SANT'AGATA?

Born in Catania from a rich and noble family, the devoutly religious Agata attracted the passionate interests of the Roman Proconsul Quintianus. Agata refused to be his wife, staunchly defending her honor and her faith. Proconsul's courtship quickly turned to persecution. After enduring the horrific torture of being rolled on hot coals and having her breasts forcibly removed, Agata died on February 5, 251



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CATANIA – Sant'Agata, 5th February celebrations  
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## 1st Day

### ARRIVAL

Meet-and-greet at Catania Fontanarossa Airport.

Transfer to the 4\* hotel in the city center (6 km) and welcome cocktail.

Dinner in a typical winery with wine tasting, while the city starts preparing for the grand Festival.

## 2nd Day

### EXCURSION TO MOUNT ETNA & FIREWORKS IN CATANIA

#### Full day with Team building activities

Mount Etna is the greatest active volcano in Europe and one of the biggest in the world. Etna is in fact 3.329-meter-high and forms the background to practically the whole of the Sicilian landscape, given to the fact that it can be seen at a distance of more than 250 Km.



Our Team building activities for the day include:

- classic activities as tug-of-war, playing darts...
- trekking with “ciaspole” (typical snowshoes)



Lunch in a typical mountain *rifugio*.



CATANIA – Piazza Duomo – ©Luca Aless

After lunch, transfer to **Catania**. The opening day of the festival ends with **amazing fireworks** in **Piazza Duomo**, one of the city’s main square.

Self organized dinner.



3rd Day

## TAORMINA

Full day with Team building activities

– distance from Catania about 50 km, 50 mins. –

As soon as you arrive in Taormina, you will feel the magical, mythical atmosphere spread all around which has enchanted visitors from all over the world, nowadays is one of the most famous tourism localities. This charming area is situated on hilltop of Monte Tauro.

Our **Team building activities** for the day include:

- **Treasure Hunting**

Clues help participants to discover the architecture, culture and traditions of Taormina and Sicily. Walking along Taormina main street, Corso Umberto, and the maze of narrow stair cased streets and small beautiful squares, you will find also Theaters and Gymnasium from the Greek Age, Odeon and Baths from the Roman Age, beautiful buildings in which the Arab and the Norman cultures melt together in a memorable sense of



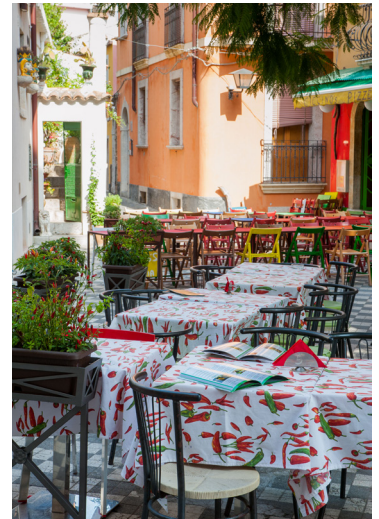
TAORMINA  
- Piazza IX Aprile



TAORMINA - Corso Umberto

beauty, traces of the Byzantine domination and beautiful villas which belonged to the European aristocracy in the XVIII and XIX centuries, all in the context of a small town on top of the hill, overlooking the coastline of the Ionian Sea.

Lunch in a Trattoria.



**Dinner in an old millstone** – where it is possible to organize a **Godfather Show**: big screens will show movie clips from the celebrated 70s cult movie trilogy **Godfather**, while a surround audio system will play music from the original soundtracks.



Godfather show includes a professional master of ceremonies, stage, exclusive performances and artists (more than 20 actors), ensuring a really unforgettable show.

4th Day

CATANIA

## SANT'AGATA CELEBRATIONS

After breakfast, Catania half day guided walking tour to discover the sacred places of the city's patron saint.

**Gala Dinner** in a private hall (10 person for each hall) with a private butler and balcony with a spectacular view of the procession of Sant'Agata.



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CATANIA – City center during the yearly celebration in honor of the Sant'Agata © 2018 Mario Bucolo, PhotoSpotLand.com

5th Day

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RETURN FLIGHT

After breakfast and check out from hotel, transfer to the airport according to your flight schedules.

If you have a late flight we can also arrange optional visits.

Catania's airport (Fontanarossa) is only 6 km from the city center.



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