



## Ports & Excursions



### Messina, Italy

Messina has played a major role in European history since its founding as a Greek colony in the 8th century B.C. During the Roman Empire, the city was a major port and commercial center, during the Middle Ages, Messina was the major port of departure for Crusaders. History has also left its scars: a massive earthquake leveled much of the city in 1908 and the World War II campaign for Sicily devastated Messina. Yet Messina emerged from that devastation with some of its historic treasures intact, including the 12th-century Annunziata dei Catalani Church. Messina is also your gateway to the rugged beauty of southeast Sicily, from the seaside resort of Taormina to Mt. Etna.

Between the fall of Rome and the 1861 unification of Italy, the Arabs, the Normans, the Germans, the Spanish and the French ruled Sicily.

### Points of Interest

#### 1 Mt. Etna

Europe's tallest and most active volcano has erupted over 130 times in recorded history. Enjoy views of the summit as well as the town of Catania, buried by an eruption over 300 years ago.

#### 2 Taormina

This has been a coastal resort town since Roman times. You'll find remnants of its Greek and Roman history, a fine medieval quarter and castle ruins, and many modern shops and restaurants.

#### 3 Greek Theater

Built in the 3rd-century B.C, with some alterations made during the Roman era, this ancient theater in Taormina is still perfectly conserved. It's still used today for concerts and classical productions.

#### 4 Corso Umberto

Eager to please, surprise and delight, this main thoroughfare in Taormina is the perfect place for shopping, people watching and much more. Picturesque lanes above and below the Corso are interesting to explore.

#### 5 Messina/Duomo

Marvel at this 12th century cathedral, originally built in Norman times. Then see the world's largest astronomical clock that springs to life every quarter hour and a grand display at noon.

#### 6 San Michele Winery

Perched on the slopes of Mt. Etna, San Michele Winery is a notable producer of Sicilian varietals including the famous Murgo wines. Tour the winery, then, enjoy a sample of its delicious fruit of the vine.

#### 7 Tour sites at guest's discretion

### Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

### Sightseeing & City Tours



Most Popular World Heritage Site

**Mt. Etna & Taormina**  
QME-100 | Messina, Italy | Group Size: 48

You will visit: 8 hours from \$169.95

Explore some of the most exciting sites on the Sicilian coast. You'll start in Taormina, a resort town dating back to ancient Roman times. You'll visit the 3rd century B.C. Greek theater and experience the bustling Corso Umberto. Then, it's off to famous Mt. Etna to see Europe's most active volcano.



**Messina**  
QME-200 | Messina, Italy | Group Size: 48

You will visit: 4 hours from \$79.95

Step through the "door of Sicily" and explore the city's magnificent historic highlights. Your four-hour narrated city drive will take you to some spectacular views of the coast in Ganzirri and Torre Faro and of the city from Cristo Re, you will also visit the 12th century Duomo and the world's largest astronomical clock, the priceless art in the Cathedral Treasury, including a superb golden mantle for the Madonna.



**Taormina**  
QME-205 | Messina, Italy | Group Size: 48

You will visit: 4 hours from \$85.95

Explore historic Taormina, a resort village that dates back to ancient Roman times. Stroll its narrow lanes and view its medieval buildings on a walking tour that travels from the city's gates to the 15th century Palazzo Corvaj, stopping at the 3rd century Greek theater and the bustling Corso Umberto.



**Mt. Etna**  
QME-210 | Messina, Italy | Group Size: 48

You will visit: 5.5 hours from \$89.95

Explore one of the most exciting sites on the Sicilian coast. Travel to Europe's largest and most active volcano on this scenic drive. Visit Crateri Silvestri and enjoy free time to explore the volcanic crater.



Kid-Friendly Most Popular World Heritage Site

**Mt. Etna & Taormina for Families**  
QME-600 | Messina, Italy | Group Size: 48

You will visit:  
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8 hours

from \$149.95

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Special Interests



Off the Beaten Path

**San Michele Estate Vineyards & Wine Tasting**  
QME-310 | Messina, Italy | Group Size: 48

You will visit:

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4 hours

from \$99.95

Sample some of succulent wines of the rich and fertile Mt. Etna region. You'll travel through Mt. Etna National Park en route to Villa San Michele, one of the premium wine producers in southeastern Sicily. Visit the vineyard, tour the winery and enjoy a tasting of fine Sicilian varietals. Before driving back enjoy a stop at the 1992 lava flow to have a closer look at Mt Etna powerful nature.