

Suggested itinerary:

Day 1: Palazzolo Acreide

Arrival at your hotel in Palazzolo Acreide. Check-in and collect bikes, road book and maps.

Day 2: Palazzolo Acreide – Modica 43 – 50 km

Take time to explore the historical Old Town of Palazzolo Acreide. Cycle through the beautiful Monti Iblei region with its unique landscape of typical rural scenery, characterised by the traditional farmhouses and stone walls. On your way to Modica there is a short climb of @ 3 km.

Day 3: Modica – Pozzallo 36 – 40 km

Before leaving Modica you should taste the famous chocolate produced locally, spiced with hot chilli peppers. Cycling downhill through a beautiful Iblei canyon, you arrive at Scicli, an interesting village and well worth a stop – perhaps for lunch and a stroll through the small alleys. Continue down to the coast to Pozzallo.

Day 4: Pozzallo – Marzamemi 59 km

Today the road is flat as you pass through typical wetlands, the "Patano Longarini" and "Patano Cuba", a regular stopover point for the migratory birds flying between Africa and Europe. Cycling along the shore you will reach the southernmost point of Sicily, the island "Isola delle Correnti", which marks the watershed between the Ionian and the Mediterranean Sea. Continuing through Portopalo di Capo Passero and Marzamemi, an ancient fishing village, we finish today in San Lorenzo.

Day 5: Marzamemi – Noto 35 - 47 km

On a flat road heading north along the coast, you reach the entrance to the "Oasi di Vendicari" nature reserve and wildlife sanctuary. Here you will discover a wonderful and uncontaminated coast full of interesting plants and rare birds. Continue to the most famous baroque town of Noto.

Day 6: Noto – Siracusa 37 – 65 km

Follow the coast further north towards Siracusa, capital of ancient Greece. Here there is much to see including a stunning archaeological park including a huge Greek amphitheatre.

Day 7: Siracusa - Catania

Tour ends after breakfast. Extend your stay with additional days if required.

** The itinerary is subject to change – see booking conditions for details*

Optional extensions for additional sightseeing days at extra cost – ask for details:

- Tour of the historical old city of Siracusa - visit the fascinating Ortigia Island, the historical and cultural centre of the city with more than 3000-years of history and archaeology - evidence of practically all great civilizations of the Mediterranean.
- Cycling to the natural preserve "Valle dell'Anapo" - leaving Siracusa on a quiet back road towards Sortino you reach the entrance of the Anapo Valley nature reserve. Here the hills of Pantalica is the site of the oldest European necropolis with more that 5000 tombs in caves.

Prices for additional days: Siracusa B&B accommodation: \$95 per person twin share
Palazzolo Acreide B&B accommodation: \$90 per person twin share

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