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## hyblean cults tour

8 days / 7 nights

PROGRAM: minimum 15 participants

### DAY 1

Arrival of the group at selected hotel, accommodation in private rooms and meeting with our assistant for a brief presentation of the program, who explain the highlights of a journey through the cultural and religious world of the hyblean area. Before dinner, we will have a walk through the old town of Ragusa for a first contact with the city. **Dinner and overnight at the hotel.**

### DAY 2

#### RAGUSA - Marian tour: Virgins and Holy Women - wine tasting

**Breakfast in hotel.** The itinerary begins in Ibla from the Santa Maria delle Scale's Church. Next step is Santa Maria dell'Itria's Church, of ancient origin, definitely Byzantine, with a simple entrance but with majestically Baroque interior. Proceeding, you get to Piazza della Repubblica, dominated by the imposing architecture of the Anime Santissime del Purgatorio's Church built in 1658, it resisted the earthquake of 1693, among the oldest of Ibla. Skirting Purgatory Church, along Via Aquila Sveva we'll discover the Santa Barbara district, with its beautiful church, of which we'll see only the outside and, later, Santa Petronilla's church, now deconsecrated and become a restoration workshop of the university. From here, we will take Via Torrenuova and we arrive at St. Mary of the Spasm's Church. Continuing, we take the San Giorgio uphill and we get the eponymous and monumental Duomo, one of the Sicilian Baroque triumphs.

Walking down Corso XXV Aprile, you get to Piazza Pola where is located St. Joseph's Church. From St. Joseph, we'll get to Saint Francis Immaculate's Church. Nearby, the Annunciation's Church. Next, we will admire St. Thomas' Church. Reached at the Iblei Gardens the first church we will visit is St. James the Apostle's church. The trip to Ibla ends with St. Agatha's Church.

#### Lunch in a restaurant.

In the afternoon we will leave Ragusa Ibla to move to the famous Winery COS (Cantina COS), for a wine tasting and an appetizer.

**Return to Ragusa, dinner and overnight stay.**

### DAY 3

#### Early Christian catacombs of Cava Ispica and the baroque churches of Scicli

**Breakfast at hotel.** In the morning we'll visit the Archaeological Park of Cava Ispica where you can see the monumental Lardereria's catacomb and the Camposanto's hypogeis. **Lunch in a restaurant** and transfer to SCICLI town.

Here we will have a guided tour of the Heritage buildings and of the historic center (among other things location of the "Montalbano" set).

The tour starts from St. Bartolomeo's Church; then we will continue with the visit of the Mother Church dedicated to St. William. Finally, we will move towards Via Mormina Penna, where you will visit San Giovanni Evangelista's church, San Michele Arcangelo's church and Santa Teresa's church. Return to Ragusa.

**Dinner and overnight stay.**

### DAY 4

#### Scicli and Modica's cemeterial itinerary

**Breakfast at hotel** and meeting with our guide. Departure for Scicli town to reach Santa Maria La Nova Valley. Here we enter in St. Mary of Consolation's church, the church cemetery that is the main character of our tour. The route continues to Modica town. Modica's cemetery itinerary starts from Corso Umberto. The first stage of the visit is St. Domenico's church and the adjoining underground crypt, whose seventeenth-century courtyard houses the remains of colanders and a lounge with small cells where the monks are exposed. After the visit of the crypt, from Corso Umberto, we head towards the "stretto de Leva", then going on Via Carlo Papa and via Scala until you get to via Liceo convitto. Here you will visit St. Anna's church, where are kept two mummified bodies recently studied.

**Lunch at restaurant.** Free time for shopping.

Visit at an organic "Modican chocolate" point, with explanation of the different types of chocolate produced. Various types of chocolate tasting + two free chocolate bars and purchasing opportunities.

Dinner in a typical restaurant (trattoria). **Return to Ragusa and overnight stay.**



## DAY 5

### Noto - baroque churches' itinerary

**Breakfast at hotel.** Departure for the visit of Noto town. The tour starts from the visit of San Francesco all'Immacolata's Church and it continues with Santa Chiara's church SS. Salvatore's church and St. Nicholas' cathedral. **Lunch in a restaurant.** After lunch the visit takes from Montevergine's church and continuing with the churches of San Carlo al Corso, San Domenico, Santa Maria del Carmelo, and, finally, Santa Maria of the Arch's church.

**Return to Ragusa for dinner and overnight stay.**

## DAY 6

### Comiso and Santa Croce Camerina - Marian tour: Virgins and Holy Women

**Breakfast at hotel.** Departure to Comiso - The itinerary begins from the parvis of St. Biagio's church, the patron of the city. From San Biagio's we'll move to the nearby Santa Maria delle Stelle's Cathedral, the Mother Church of the town and Minor Basilica. After Santa Maria delle Stelle's church, passing through the central Piazza Fonte Diana, we head up to Via Conte di Torino to find the eighteenth-century St. Joseph's church. From there, you get to Corso Vittorio Emanuele where you will find Maria Santissima Annunziata's Basilica. From there you head to the splendid Saint Francis Immaculate's Church. The tour in Comiso town ends at Santa Maria delle Grazie's church.

**Lunch in a restaurant.** After lunch, the group will move to Santa Croce Camerina town, where he will visit the

baroque St. John the Baptist 's Cathedral. Than we proceed to Marina di Ragusa town. A pleasant walk to admire the beautiful beach and the old boardwalk, full of restaurants and sandwich bars, pizzerias and pubs. **For dinner "PIZZA PARTY". Return to Ragusa and overnight stay.**

## DAY 7

### Ragusa Superiore

**Breakfast at the hotel.** Departure to "Ragusa Superiore" (the upper part of Ragusa city). We head towards the eighteenth-century St. John the Baptist's Cathedral. From the Cathedral we'll go to the nearby Church of the Sorrows of Mary College, completed in 1801. From Corso Italia we head finally to Ecce Homo's Church. Along the way we will admire the three historic bridges of Ragusa city. **Lunch in a restaurant.**

In the afternoon Sicilian cooking lesson at a restaurant edited by a chef, with preparation of typical dishes of the Ragusan tradition "Making focaccia, ravioli and cavatelli" - duration: 3.00 h (focacce - cavatelli and ravioli with pork sauce - Sicilian cannoli - Sicilian cassata etc. etc.).

**Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.**

## DAY 8

**Breakfast at hotel.** Free morning for relax and / or shopping among the craft shops. **Lunch at hotel. End of our services.**

Individual participation fee in twin room hotel 4stars.....	€ 805,00
Supplement in single room hotel 4 stars.....	€ 105,00
Individual participation fee in twin room hotel 3stars sup.....	€ 715,00
Supplement in single room Hotel 3 stars sup.....	€ 70,00

### The price includes

- Accomodations in double.
- Local guide service for the whole itinerary.
- Entrances.
- 7 nights in 3/4 star hotels.
- Full board including drinks (water and local wine).
- Wine and "Modicano's chocolate" tasting.
- Sicilian cooking class 3 h.

### The price does not included

- Flight.
- City tax.
- Visa fees and any cost of entry and exit from Italy.
- Transport (available on request).

### Transport (available on request)

**Full day** (09:00 am / 08:00 pm): minibus 16 seats € 312.00;  
Bus 30 seats € 420.00; Bus 54 seats € 456.00.

**Half day** (09:00 am / 01:00 pm): minibus 16 seats € 225.00;  
Bus 30 seats € 290.00; Bus 54 seats € 335.00.

*Except where provided parking for vehicles over 8 seats. Available quotes for smaller groups or for special requirements.*



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