

# *In giro* TOURS

A deeper experience of Italy  
*In giro Tour of Sicily 2024*



*Valley of the Temples*



*Cefalù's Old Town*



*Sicily's Agricultural Heart*



*Buon Appetito!*

I'm going home to Italy for a visit and I'd love you to join me as I indulge in an intimate tour of Sicily. Get under the captivating skin of this beautiful region and discover cultural and culinary gems set amongst spectacular landscapes.

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This exclusive 13-day tour will appeal to cultural enthusiasts eager to indulge in a unique journey through the stunning island of Sicily.

An intimate experience awaits, staying in luxurious boutique heritage accommodation and travelling with no more than twelve other people. Every day will offer a new adventure, with behind the scenes access to the best that Sicily has to offer and plenty of free time between activities to truly savour la dolce vita...

This tour will be limited to a small group (max 12) so book early. To make an enquiry or to reserve your place, email [info@ingiro.com.au](mailto:info@ingiro.com.au) or contact Ingrid on 0418 418 288.

[www.ingiro.com.au](http://www.ingiro.com.au)

#### **Tour Dates**

**Sunday 19 May – Friday 31 May 2024**

Experience spring with the wildflowers in bloom and the countryside at its most beautiful.

#### **Cost**

**\$10,950 per person**  
(double occupancy/twin share)

Single Supplement: \$2,500

Deposit: \$2,000 to secure the booking

Price includes all accommodation, private minibus transport, entry fees and most meals. Flights not included.



*Picturesque Ortigia*



*The Fishing Village of Marzamemi*



*Magical Island of Salina*

*"The most amazing trip we have ever been on... our memories will live with us forever"*

(Helen McInroy, Wallan resident, VIC)



# Tour Highlights

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- Stay in boutique, historic farming estates and heritage accommodation in spectacular settings
- Eat in working agriturismo, family run trattorie and refined restaurants that reflect the regional cuisine of the season
- Discover striking hilltop towns, coastal villages and breathtaking countryside
- Explore the ancient fishing port of Cefalu', famous for its Norman cathedral and renowned as one of the most beautiful towns in Italy
- Immerse yourself in Sicilian culture and centuries-old rural life at Susafa, a 200-year-old farmhouse and family-run estate surrounded by undulating hills and wildflowers, our launchpad for exploring the spectacular scenery and tranquil surrounds of the Madonie mountains
- Visit one of the Mediterranean's most mesmerising sites in the Valley of the Temples, the ancient city of Agrigento, boasting the best-preserved Greek Doric temples outside Greece
- Visit the evocative Villa del Tellaro near Noto, featuring an exquisite collection of Roman mosaics
- Stay on the slopes of Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe, and explore this striking and fertile landscape, moulded by molten lava and clothed in orchards and vineyards
- Take a private boat trip to explore the stunning Aeolian archipelago and take a dip in the pristine Tyrrhenian Sea
- Unwind over an aperitivo and a gourmet dinner at the Hotel Signum, in the picturesque village of Malfa on the island of Salina, the lushest of the Aeolian islands
- Visit Siracusa's enchanting old town centre on the quaint island of Ortygia and revel in the magic of traditional Sicilian puppet theatre
- Explore the Baroque charms of the Unesco-listed hilltop towns of Modica, Ragusa and Noto, famed for their lavish architecture and picture-perfect settings
- Learn to cook with the locals and indulge in the fruits of your labour
- Savour freshly caught seafood, artisanal produce, delicious sweets, pastries and Modica's famous chocolate

*"Ingrid's tour is a masterpiece; a personal and profound introduction to the glorious hotels, charming restaurants, family vineyards, picturesque medieval hill towns and country houses..."*

(Maggie Fooke, hotel owner, Fitzroy, VIC)



*La Signora*



*Traditional Cart Maker's Workshop*

## Your Host

Ingrid Gaiotto is a tour operator, entrepreneur, interior designer and hospitality professional originally from Biella in Piemonte, Italy. Together with her family she now lives in Castlemaine in Central Victoria.

Ingrid's passion for Italy inspired In giro Tours, which offers a unique and unforgettable travel experience through the cultural symphony that is Italy, in the company of a local and away from the tourist trail.

Ingrid is fluent in both English and Italian and offers intimate knowledge of the area, its places and people. As host and guide, she is enthusiastically welcoming 'at home' in Italy.



*Ingrid Gaiotto*



*Ingrid's father, Gilberto, Biella*

## Tour Inclusions

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- Private transfers from your hotel in Palermo on the first day of the tour and to your hotel (or other drop-off location) in central Catania on the final day. All land transfers within Sicily are by air-conditioned minibus and private driver
- Small, personalised and private group (max 12 participants)
- 12 nights accommodation in beautiful locations in Sicily, including:  
2 nights at Contrada Susafa near Polizzi Generosa ([susafa.com](http://susafa.com)); 2 nights at A.D.1768 Boutique Hotel in Ragusa Ibla ([1768iblahotel.it](http://1768iblahotel.it)); 3 nights at Baglio Siciliano near Noto ([siciliano.eu](http://siciliano.eu)); 2 nights at 'Tale' Resort overlooking Mount Etna ([talehotel.it](http://talehotel.it)); and 3 nights at Hotel Signum on the Island of Salina in the Aeolian archipelago ([hotelsignum.it](http://hotelsignum.it))
- Escorted by Ingrid Gaiotto, originally from Biella in Piemonte - a welcoming tour guide and host eager to share her intimate knowledge of the area
- Meals include breakfast daily, 10 lunches and 11 dinners (including tips)
- Drinks: all lunches and dinners provided in the itinerary include wine and water as well as coffee/tea and occasionally liqueurs
- Aperitivi (as specified in the itinerary).
- Meet local winemakers and producers, with private cellar visits and tastings of local wines and produce
- Optional cooking class
- Admission to all historical sites, galleries and museums undertaken as a group
- Pre-tour liaison and support
- Free time between planned activities to savour la dolce vita ...

# Terms & Conditions



## Tour Fee Does Not Include:

- Pre-tour accommodation. It is highly recommended that you arrive in Europe 2 or more days prior to commencement of the tour, to allow you to overcome any symptoms resulting from jet lag. This will maximise your enjoyment of the first few days on the tour
- Airfares
- Visas (if applicable – not required for tourism visits to Italy under 90 days)
- Travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature, including phone calls, passport and visas (if applicable), laundry or tips (except for meals, as per itinerary)
- Personal spending money
- Personal transport, excess baggage, security and government taxes
- Meals and beverages not specifically mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional excursions or activities that may be offered but not included in the tour price
- Morning and afternoon tea or drinks in between meals, not specifically mentioned in itine

*“This was a trip we could never have replicated on our own, and is not offered by anyone else that we know of ... We both absolutely loved the tour and will remember it always. It will be the terribly high benchmark that all other future holidays will probably fail to meet. We were confident that we wouldn't regret a single dollar. It was well worth it.”*

Carolyn Davis & David Kerven (In giro Tour of Sicily 2023 participants)

## Tour Payments

- A Deposit of \$2,000 is required to reserve your place on the tour. Deposit is non-refundable (however, may be transferable) and is due at the time of booking
- The balance (including Single Supplement, if payable) must be paid by Friday 19 January 2024. Late payments may incur additional costs

## Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be made in writing to In giro Tours and will be subject to the following cancellation conditions:

The initial deposit is non-refundable, however may be transferable at the discretion of In giro Tours

If you withdraw from the Tour after paying the balance, the entire Tour cost will be forfeited by you (although this may be recoverable through your travel insurance).

## Further Information

Comprehensive information will be provided well before departure with regards to itinerary details and what to bring.



# Booking Form

## In giro Tour of Sicily 2024



To confirm your place on this tour please complete all three pages of this agreement, comprising Booking Form, Fit to Travel Form and Booking Conditions and pay the deposit by EFT (with your surname as the reference).

**Please ensure you first download and save this document and then complete, sign and email to [info@ingiro.com.au](mailto:info@ingiro.com.au)**

### **EFT Bank Details for Payment of Deposit:**

Account Name: IN GIRO TOURS  
BSB: 633 000  
Account: 160 624 698  
Ref: Your Surname

### **Valid Passport:**

Please note that a passport valid for six months beyond the length of your stay, and issued within the last 10 years, is required by all Australian passport holders visiting Italy. A visa is not required for tourism visits to Italy under 90 days.

### **Travel Insurance:**

Comprehensive travel insurance is mandatory for each traveller. You should ensure that you are covered for COVID-19 related situations, pre-tour cancellation, personal accident and sickness, medical expenses, emergency evacuation/repatriation/quarantine and loss of luggage and personal effects. Please note that most travel insurance companies exclude some COVID-19 related circumstances.

A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT IDENTITY PAGE AND INSURANCE POLICY CERTIFICATE MUST BE PROVIDED TO IN GIRO TOURS NO LATER THAN 19 JANUARY 2024.

### **Personal Details:**

Name(s):

Date of Birth:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Mobile:

### **Emergency Contact Details:**

Name:

Relationship to you:

Address:

Telephone (BH):

Telephone (AH):

Mobile:

### **Special Dietary Requirements:**

**Preferred Accommodation (please tick):**

**Twin Share**

**Single**

(NB: A Single Supplement of \$2,500 will apply for single occupancy)



# Fit To Travel Form



**Tour participation requires a reasonable degree of fitness. The ability to confidently climb slopes, steps and navigate uneven terrain, unaided, is essential.**

This document is sent to all tour participants regardless of age. It is a condition of In giro Tours that any traveller booked to travel with us has a certain level of fitness. Please consider any fitness issues you may have before making a tour booking and placing a deposit. It is important that you understand that the tour will require some walking and climbing and will involve getting in and out of a minibus and includes several boat trips.

It is the expectation that upon booking with In giro Tours any issues with your fitness will not impede the enjoyment of the tour for any of the remaining participants and In giro Tours will not be held liable for any activities or sightseeing missed due to the inability of any participant to keep up with the tour group.

I agree to abide by the terms above.

Signed: Date:

This mark denotes your signature

## FITNESS DECLARATION

Can you ascend stairs without assistance? YES NO

Can you comfortably walk moderate distances without assistance? YES NO

Do you suffer from any disabilities/physical constraints? YES NO

If yes, please specify:

Do you have any pre-existing illnesses/medical conditions? YES NO

If so, please advise us of any medical conditions you feel may impede you fully participating in the proposed tour (In giro Tours will not be held responsible for any non-disclosure of pre-existing illnesses/medical conditions)

**Comprehensive travel insurance is mandatory for participation in this tour. In giro Tours must be provided with a copy of your insurance policy with the final payment.**

# Booking Conditions



This agreement includes these Booking Conditions, the Terms and Conditions, the Booking Form and the Fit to Travel Form. If you have not received all of these documents, please arrange to complete them before signing this acknowledgement.

This agreement becomes binding when we confirm your booking in writing and you have paid the deposit.

**Conditions of Travel:** It is recommended that all travellers adopt a sense of adventure, an easygoing outlook and the ability to 'expect the unexpected.' It is the expectation that all travellers will respect their fellow passengers and understand the key to an enjoyable tour is you!

Your tour leader Ingrid Gaiotto will have final say on all matters which affect the safety and wellbeing of you and your fellow travellers. This includes decisions about your ongoing participation in the tour if you fail to comply with her directions.

If you fail to follow directions or interfere with the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, this agreement may be terminated immediately and you can be required to leave the tour immediately, with no right of refund.

**Ability to Travel:** We rely on the information that you provide in the Fit to Travel Form. You agree that we cannot have any knowledge of any other medical issues that you may have and that we may request you to provide a medical certificate prior to accepting your booking if your Fit to Travel Form discloses any matters of concern.

In giro Tours reserves the right to decline any prospective traveller if they are concerned about the traveller's ability to participate in the tour or who may require services and/or facilities that In giro Tours cannot guarantee will be available.

You agree not to hold In giro Tours responsible for any decision made by a third party service provider who may refuse to carry you or provide any service to you.

Additionally, you agree that In giro Tours is not held liable for any damage, injury or loss of any kind arising from any pre-existing medical condition or from your failure to disclose any relevant medical information.

**Deposits and Final Payments:** The following payments must be made to secure your booking:

- \$2,000 initial deposit is payable at the time

of booking to reserve your place on the tour.

- The final payment, being the balance of the price of the tour, is due by 19 January 2024.

Where a payment is not received by the due date, In giro Tours reserves the right to cancel your booking.

**Accepted Forms of Payment:** We only accept direct deposits or bank cheques. These payments must clear by the due date.

**Single Supplement:** The prices quoted are for twin share. Single travellers will incur a single supplement fee of \$2,500.

**Changes to Prices and Itinerary:** Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information we provide to you about our tours, In giro Tours is not responsible for any changes to the itinerary as we are reliant on third party service providers. You acknowledge that the tour costs are subject to international exchange rate fluctuations and these may necessitate increases to the cost of the tour. If we are required to vary your booking for reasons beyond our control, we will notify you as soon as practicable. We will make every effort to minimise inconvenience to you.

**Cancellation:** All cancellations must be made in writing to In giro Tours at 56 Campbell Street, Castlemaine VIC 3450 or [info@ingiro.com.au](mailto:info@ingiro.com.au) and will be subject to the following cancellation penalties from the date the written cancellation is received:

The initial deposit is non-refundable, however may be transferable at the discretion of In giro Tours.

If you withdraw from the Tour after paying the balance, the entire Tour cost will be forfeited by you (although this may be recoverable through your travel insurance).

**Minimum Numbers:** The minimum number for this tour to proceed is 10 people. If this number is not reached, the tour will not proceed and the entire tour costs paid by you will be refunded to you.

In giro Tours does not take responsibility for any additional costs incurred by you for additional costs or travel arrangements made by you.

**Last Minute Bookings:** Bookings made after the date for final payment are subject to availability and will require full payment immediately on receiving confirmation of your booking in writing.

**Travel Insurance:** It is a condition of travel that you hold comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of the tour that adequately protects you for accidents, illness, injury, medical expenses, emergency repatriation, personal liability, death, loss of baggage and personal items, cancellation and curtailment.

You will be requested to provide evidence of travel insurance prior to departure.

**Visas and Immigration:** While In giro Tours may provide you with general information at times, you are solely responsible for ensuring that you comply with all visa, passport, immigration, quarantine, customs, health and other requirements of both Italy and Australia. In giro Tours is not responsible for any liability, expense or loss of any kind arising from your failure to comply with these requirements.

**Passports:** When booking the tour, you must provide your full name as it is recorded on your passport. In giro Tours is not responsible for any liability, expense or loss of any kind as a result of your name being recorded incorrectly. It is your responsibility to carry a valid passport.

**Consular Advice:** Official travel advice is issued by the Australia Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. We recommend that you review the information contained on their website [www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au) both prior to making a booking and prior to your departure.

**General Conditions:** In giro Tours will use its best endeavours to supply the tour in accordance with the itinerary except where such service cannot be supplied or the itinerary is changed due to delays or other causes which are beyond the control of In giro Tours.

You acknowledge that In giro Tours engages third party service providers on your behalf as your agent and is not liable for any failure to provide a service or damage, injury, loss, accident, delay, change or irregularity of any kind suffered by you which is a result of an act of omission of a third party service provider.

You acknowledge that events of force majeure may require the tour to be changed or cancelled to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the travellers. In giro Tours will not be liable for any delay, change or cancellation of the tour due to force majeure.

Force majeure may include acts of God, acts of government, strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances, blockades, wars, insurrections or riots, epidemics, landslides, fires, storms, floods, explosions or other events beyond the control of In giro Tours.

In giro Tours may be required to make substitutions for services described in the itinerary and will use its best endeavours to provide a comparable service.

**You acknowledge that there may be instances where Ingrid Gaiotto is unable to act as tour leader and in that event, every effort will be made to replace her with a tour leader of similar experience.**

In giro Tours does not guarantee exact arrival and departure times and is not liable for any failure to make connections with any other service.

You may incur additional costs as a result of a delay, change or failure to meet the itinerary.

You acknowledge that there are inherent risks in overseas travel and In giro Tours is not liable for any loss including loss of enjoyment, delays or compensation as a result of circumstances which are beyond its control **or to make any refund to you in these circumstances.**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, In giro Tours excludes liability for any and all claim, loss, damage, accident, delay, change or irregularity whether direct, indirect or consequential.

Governing Law: This agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of Victoria, Australia. Each party submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Victoria for determination of any claim or matter arising under this agreement.

**Signed by the traveller:**

Signed:

This mark denotes your signature

Date: