Day trip to Noto & Modica

Included in the program cost

✓ Guided tour of the Baroque town of Noto, UNESCO world heritage site for its architectural splendor and Sicilian pastry tasting at the Caffé Sicilia, featured on Chef’s Table on Netflix

✓ Traditional Chocolate making demonstration in Modica to learn the ancient Aztec recipe brought to Sicily by the Spanish
✓ Walk through the town of Montalbano and take in the views the opening scenes of iconic detective series from the San Giorgio belvedere
Day trip to Vendicari Marine Reserve & Marzamemi

*Included in the program cost*

- Leisure time at the pristine beach of the Vendicari marine reserve, laying grounds of sea turtles and of other Mediterranean wildlife species
- Bird watching to view one of the largest pink flamingo colonies in Europe

- Visit to the Spanish tuna farm and to the ancient Roman summer estate *Villa Tellaro*, famous for its brilliant mosaics
- Sunset aperitif in the charming fisherman village of Marzamemi
Day trip to Mt Etna & Taormina

*Included in the program cost*

- Hike to the craters of Mt Etna, the tallest active volcano of continental Europe
- Visit the volcanic caves, led by an expert volcanologist, and learn about the mythology and traditional storytelling inspired by the volcano
- Leisure time to take in the narrow streets and majestic views that were the setting of *Godfather* movie scenes and inspired the works of DH Lawrence, Oscar Wilde and many more.
- Guided tour of the Greek-Roman hilltop town of Taormina and of the ancient Theater
Weekend trip to The Aeolian Islands

Optional - Price: € 330

✓ Island hopping across the 3 most iconic islands of the volcanic archipelago: Vulcano, Lipari, Stromboli
✓ Guided hike to the Sciara del Fuoco on Stromboli, to view the regular eruptions and lava flows reach the sea, and to the Vulcano Gran Cratere
✓ Visit to the Aeolian museum of Lipari, famous for its submarine archaeology and volcanology sections and located in old town citadel: the golden palace of Aeolus, god of the winds, as mentioned in the Odyssey
✓ Price includes bus and ferry transfers, hotel accommodation, expert guides for the hikes and Syracuse Academy team leader
Hands-on Workshops and Leisure Activities

Optional
✓ Sicilian Ceramics workshops: Colors, shapes, and myths of Sicily
✓ Cooking Classes with traditional Ortigia street market tour
✓ Watersports
  ○ Kayaking through the papyri of the Ciane river
  ○ Stand-Up Surfing in the Great Harbor
  ○ Snorkeling in the Plemmirio marine reserve
  ○ River trekking in Cavagrande nature reserve: the Grand Canyon of Sicily
✓ Classical Plays Summer
Festival at the *Greek Theater of Siracusa*:
a 5-minute walk from the school premises, the Archaeological Park hosts every year from May to July the largest ancient drama festival worldwide - a unique chance to travel back in time a couple of millennia and relive the enchanting open-air theater experience

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**Weekly On-Campus Activities**

*Included in the program cost*

- ✓ Tandem Language aperitif: *Meet local students*
- ✓ Outdoor Cinema Nights: *Academy Movie Club*