# Sicily, the infinite Island

A 7- or 5-days cycling tour in South-east baroque Sicily

*Code tour: ITSIC02C*



Cycling tours in Sicily offer an unforgettable way to explore one of the most beautiful and historic regions of the Mediterranean. In southeastern Sicily, between the rolling hills of the Val di Noto and sunlit coasts, ancient traditions, **stunning Baroque towns**, and breathtaking landscapes come together in perfect harmony. Towns like **Palazzolo Acreide, Ragusa Ibla, and Modica** are cultural treasures: richly decorated churches, cobbled streets climbing rocky hills, historic palaces, and charming squares tell the story of centuries past. Discover hidden details such as **carved masks on balconies, ancient theaters, artisanal workshops, and Modica's famous chocolate** crafted using traditional methods.

Along the coast, charming seaside towns like **Pozzallo and Marzamemi** showcase authentic Sicilian life. Here, fishing traditions, historic tuna fisheries, colorful boats, and lively piazzas define the rhythm of daily life. Further along, **Noto and Syracuse** reveal the elegance of Sicilian Baroque and the legacy of **Greek, Arab, and Norman** civilizations. These towns combine history, architecture, and culture in a way that makes Sicily a unique destination for travelers.

Sicilian food and wine culture is an essential part of any visit. From fresh pasta with tomatoes and basil to generations-old seafood recipes, and from **Trapani-style couscous** with local fish to sweets made with almonds, citrus, and honey, every meal tells a story. The region's wineries produce iconic Sicilian wines, including **Nero d'Avola, Malvasia, and Passito.** Cycling in Sicily is not only about breathtaking scenery—it's about tasting authentic flavors, experiencing local traditions, and enjoying a journey through history and culture under the **warm Mediterranean sun.**

**Highlights of this cycle tour**

- The baroque town of Modica, famous for its chocolate
- Noto, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- The crystal blue Sicilian sea
- Syracuse with its Greek amphitheatre and baroque cathedral
- Ortygia
- Oases of Vendicari
- Isola delle Correnti
- The fishermen's village Marzamemi




**Period:** Daily from January to December 2027 **(5 days)** or Daily from January to October **(7 days)**

**Participants**: minimum 2 (solo traveller on request)

**Level 2,5: moderate**
The route follows mainly less frequented secondary roads. Most of the parts are flat, some have light uphill sections, but still easy to manage. This tour is suitable for all healthy persons with bike practice. Depending on your personal preference and fitness, on day 6 or day 4 you can choose between two different tracks varying in elevation profile and/or distance covered.

**Daily distances between:** 34 km/21 mi and 62 km/38,5 mi
**Total km:** min 232 km/144 miles – max 249 km/154,7 miles for the **7 days tour**
**Total km:** min 150 km/93 miles – max 167 km/103,7 miles for the **5 days tour**

| Program in short for the 7 days tour | Program in short for the 5 days tour |
|---|---|
| **Day 1** Palazzolo Acreide | **Day 1** Palazzolo Acreide |
| **Day 2** Palazzolo Acreide – Ragusa Ibla- Modica (58 km/36 mi) | **Day 2** Palazzolo Acreide – Ragusa Ibla- Modica (50 km/31 mi) |
| **Day 3** Modica – Pozzallo (42 km/26 mi) | **Day 3** Modica – Noto (62 km/38,5 mi) |
| **Day 4** Pozzallo – Marzamemi (57 km/35,4 mi) | **Day 4** Noto – Siracusa (38 km/23,6 mi or 55 km/34 mi) |
| **Day 5** Marzamemi – Noto (34 km/21 mi) | **Day 5** End of the tour |
| **Day 6** Noto – Siracusa (41 km/25 mi or 58 km/ 36 mi) | |
| **Day 7** Departure | |

## Daily Program 7 days

**Day 1: Palazzolo Acreide**
Individual arrival at Palazzolo Acreide, handover of the bikes, the road book, maps and all the information you need to make a success of this tour.

Overnight stay with breakfast in Palazzolo Acreide

**Day 2**: **Palazzolo Acreide – Ragusa Ibla- Modica**
Before leaving **Palazzolo Acreide**, take some time to explore the old town center with its numerous churches. Just above the modern town, on the hill, lies the **ancient Greek city**, where the auditorium of the small theater is exceptionally well preserved. Then, get in the saddle—your cycle tour begins! You will pedal through the stunning landscape of the **Monti Iblei (Hyblaean Mountains)**, a unique region where rugged, wild terrain alternates with lush greenery, framed by traditional dry-stone walls. En route to Modica, make a stop at **Ragusa Ibla**, a breathtaking baroque town perched on a hilltop in the **Val di Noto**. Continuing on, a short climb brings you into **Modica**, which is divided into *Modica Alta* (Upper Modica) and *Modica Bassa* (Lower Modica). Modica showcases some of the finest **Sicilian Baroque architecture**, famous for its grinning masks, putti, and the theatrical flair that defines the island's architectural identity. A prime example is the majestic **Cathedral of St. George (San Giorgio)**.

Overnight stay at Modica
***Distance:*** 58 km / 36 miles
***Ascent/descent:*** + 531m - 868m




**Day 3: Modica – Pozzallo**
Don't leave **Modica** without tasting its world-famous chocolate, crafted using an ancient cold-working technique and infused with traditional spices like hot chili peppers, cinnamon, or vanilla. Once you've indulged your sweet tooth, hop back on your bike for an exhilarating downhill ride through a breathtaking canyon in the **Iblei Mountains**, where dramatic limestone cliffs frame the scenic route. This winding path leads you straight into **Scicli**, a stunning UNESCO World Heritage town nestled in a natural basin. Take your time to stroll through its charming narrow alleys, admire the grand Baroque facades, and soak up the relaxed atmosphere while sipping a glass of fine Sicilian wine on a sunlit terrace.
From Scicli, your journey continues smoothly downhill toward the shimmering Mediterranean coastline. You will finish this stage in the coastal town of **Pozzallo**, where you can kick off your shoes, relax on the sandy beaches, and enjoy a refreshing dip in the crystal-clear sea.

Overnight stay at Pozzallo
***Distance:*** 42 km / 26 miles
***Ascent/descent:*** + 343m – 635m




**Day 4: Pozzallo – Marzamemi**
Today features flat, easy terrain with no uphill or downhill cycling. You will cross typical wetland areas, such as **Pantano Longarini** and **Pantano Cuba**, which serve as popular stopovers for migratory birds traveling between Africa and Europe.
Cycling along the coast brings you to the southernmost point of Sicily: **Isola delle Correnti**. This small, rocky island sits at the same latitude as Tunis and marks the natural dividing line between the Ionian and Mediterranean Seas. Passing through **Portopalo di Capo Passero** and the ancient fishing village of **Marzamemi**, your ride concludes nearby in the village of **San Lorenzo**, where you will stay for the night.

Overnight stay at San Lorenzo
***Distance:*** 57 km / 35,4 miles
***Ascent/descent:*** + 277m – 271m




**Day 5: Marzamemi – Noto**
On a flat road heading north along the coast, you will reach the entrance to the **Oasi di Vendicari** nature preserve and wildlife sanctuary, one of the most representative humid zones in Europe. It is a wonderful, uncontaminated reserve filled with fascinating flora and rare birds. Hundreds of bird species choose this sanctuary every year as a vital resting place along their migratory routes toward their breeding grounds.
After leaving the reserve, continue pedaling toward **Noto**, widely renowned as the capital of Sicilian Baroque. In 2002, Noto and its magnificent historic churches were officially declared a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Overnight stay at Noto
***Distance:*** 34 km / 21 miles
***Ascent/descent:*** + 368m –279m




**Day 6: Noto – Siracusa**
Continuing your journey further north along the coast, you will arrive in **Siracusa (Syracuse)**, once the largest and most powerful city of ancient Greece. A highlight of your visit is the world-renowned **Neapolis Archaeological Park**, home to a massive Greek theater carved directly into the limestone rock, an impressive Roman amphitheater, and the dramatic cavern known as the Ear of Dionysius. Don't miss the chance to cross over to **Ortigia (Ortygia)**, the picturesque island that forms the historical and spiritual heart of Siracusa. Connected to the mainland by three short bridges, Ortigia is a labyrinth of charm. Spend your time wandering through tight-knit medieval lanes, discovering grand Baroque palaces, and admiring landmarks like the grand Cathedral built over an ancient temple of Athena. In the evening, unwind by enjoying an authentic meal in a cozy trattoria or sipping a drink at a sidewalk cafe in the sunlit main square.

**Short route**
Overnight stay at Siracusa
***Distance:*** 41 km / 25,4 miles
***Ascent/descent:*** + 157m –253m




**Long route**
Overnight stay at Siracusa
***Distance:*** 58 km / 36 miles
***Ascent/descent:*** + 600m –698m



**Day 7: Siracusa**
This marks the end of your tour, followed by your individual departure—unless you choose to extend your trip with an extra day to fully explore **Siracusa**.
If you stay, spending time in **Ortigia**, the fascinating historical and cultural heart of the city, is highly recommended. Here, you can admire iconic landmarks such as the majestic **Cathedral of Syracuse**, the ancient **Temple of Apollo**, and the legendary **Arethusa Fountain**. Another highlight not to be missed is the **Neapolis Archaeological Park**, featuring its remarkably well-preserved Greek theater. Finally, make sure to visit the vibrant **local market** to experience the true colors and flavors of the city.

**Hotels: Comfort *** and **** hotel**

## Prices per person 2027 for the 5-day tour:

**Base package (3- or 4-stars hotels)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Comfort package per person in double room | € 580 |
| Single room | € 760 |
| Solo traveller | € 860 |
| Surcharge high season (July and August) | € 75 |
| Extra night in Palazzolo, per person in double room | € 55 |
| Extra night in Palazzolo, per person in single room | € 85 |
| Extra night in Siracusa, per person in double room | € 75 |
| Extra night in Siracusa, per person in single room | € 125 |

**Extra services**

| | |
|---|---|
| Surcharge half board (drinks not included) | € 150 |
| City bike rental with 24 or 27 gears | € 70 |
| Hybrid bikes | € 80 |
| E-bike rental | € 120 |
| Tandem | € 145 |
| Trailer for kids (max. 40 kg) | € 50 |

## Prices per person 2027 for the 7-day tour:

**Comfort package (3- or 4-star hotels)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Comfort package per person in double room | € 775 |
| single room | € 1.035 |
| Solo traveller | € 1.165 |
| Surcharge high season (July and August) | € 120 |
| Extra night in Palazzolo, per person in double room | € 55 |
| Extra night in Palazzolo, per person in single room | € 85 |
| Extra night in Siracusa, per person in double room | € 75 |
| Extra night in Siracusa, per person in single room | € 125 |

**Extra services**

| | |
|---|---|
| Surcharge half board (drinks not included) | € 225 |
| City bike rental with 24 or 27 gears | € 100 |
| Hybrid bikes | € 120 |
| E-bike rental | € 200 |
| Tandem | € 230 |
| Trailer for kids (max. 40 kg) | € 50 |

**Discount children**
0-5 yrs 100%
6-10 yrs 50%
11-13 yrs 25%

**BIKES:** Hybrid, E-bikes, City Bikes
**Rental Inclued:** one pannier (lateral bag), spare inner tube, levers, one pump per group

**Cancellation Policy**
The traveller, who withdraws from the contract, shall be charged for the individual administrative costs, the eventual amount for insurance services or other services already used which were due at the time of signing the contract, cancellation fees charged:

1. **Cancellation between 28 and 14 days before commencement of travel:** 50% of the total travel price;
2. **Cancellation between 13 and 4 days before departure:** 70% of the total travel price;
3. **Cancellation from 4 days before departure or "no-show":** 90% of the total travel price;
4. **Cancellation of the already started trip:** 100% of the total travel price.

| Rate includes | Rate does not include |
|---|---|
| • Accommodation with breakfast for 4 or 6 nights in the chosen category<br>• Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel<br>• Detailed maps<br>• GPS tracks and App<br>• Assistance by telephone | • Transfer to/from airport<br>• Dinner and lunch<br>• Wine tastings, entrance fees, tips<br>• Helmet rental<br>• Paper roadbook on request (7€)<br>• Tourist tax<br>• Anything not mentioned above under "Rate includes" |

**Start/End:** Palazzolo Arceide / Siracusa

ECOLOGICOTOURS

**ECOLOGICO TOURS**
Cantonal 41C /19
6565 San Bernardino
Svizzera/Schweiz/Suisse

info@ecologicotours.com
tel. (0039) 3463254167 – (0041)(0) 79 2457505
www.ecologicotours.com
www.meravigliosaumbria.com