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**PHOTO SHOOTING TOUR of the AUTHENTIC SICILY ( Cefalù, The natural Madonie Park and the hidden villages)**



## PHOTO WORKSHOP ADVENTURE

Discover Sicily in an other way.... learn photo shooting techniques..... try local specialties..... make new friends..



An immersion into the culture and beauty of this corner of SICILY

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Sicily is a photographer's delight : skylines, villages , people who inhabit them, landscapes.

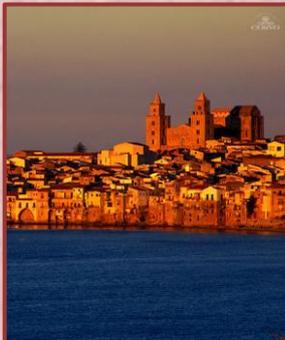
We designed a short photography tour where we will explore the North – central part of Sicily for a couple of days, through your photographic lens, with the aid of professional photographers who will give you the opportunity to learn their technique, in order to improve yours.

Reserve this tour and discover an authentic Sicily. Let villages welcome you into their homes to share recipes and family stories .

Make your own home made pasta with your new friends. We will provide you with an authentic travel experience.

Photographers will show you their favorite themes and they photo shoot them together with you:

- Small villages in the mountains.
- The extraordinary variety of art-forms and colors of Nature beaches with idyllic sunrise and sunset.
- Cultural sights.



Each photo shooting tour's length is about 4 hours (in the morning), so there is plenty of time for you to rest and explore the island in the afternoon.

After the photo shooting tour, there will be a round table (in the late afternoon) where you will talk about the personal work of everybody and about photo retouching. A different approach on Sicily and its nature with a little help.

## PROGRAM

### AUTHENTIC SICILY - 4 DAYS



#### Day 1 Palermo – Cefalù

##### Sunset landscapes in Cefalù

We meet you in Palermo in the early afternoon ( we will pick up you at a convenient point for you) and we depart for **Cefalù** famous for its rich historical centre (the Normand Cathedral and the medieval quarter) as well as for its beautiful beach and blue sea

Check in at the hotel 4\* and meet our photographers . We will discuss “Principles of Photography” as well as our “THE ART OF SEEING”

photographic technique. Now It’s time to visit this ancient city falling in an emerald sea : the “lavatoio medievale” or medieval washing house , the Cathedral with the beautiful byzantine mosaic , the narrow streets . On the beaches we will find beautifully colored fishing boats and a fantastic landscape. Prepare yourself for our first “ photo shooting” of amazing sunrise . In the evening we celebrate our meeting with our “**Welcome Dinner**” at one of our favorite sea food restaurant facing the sea . Overnight at the hotel ( **Dinner included**)

#### Day 2 Cefalù – Madonie Park and cooking class

##### Faces & Places of authentic Sicily

Breakfast at the hotel . Today we leave depart **Cefalù** and go up to the surrounding hills to see the best view of the **Madonie Park** . From there we will proceed to one of the oldest traditional cheese factories and watch the production of old-fashioned ricotta, fresh cheese produced in this area. Our focus today will be street photography, hidden villages , architecture and people photography. In 2 words the “ authentic Sicily”.

Continue to **Polizzi Generosa**

Have a **cooking lesson** at the home of an authentic Sicilian family. The host will demonstrate how to prepare homemade pasta and some special sauces.

##### Lunch with our new friends.

**Polizzi** lies in the Madonie Mountains' Natural Park. This internal region between the Northern Coast and Central Sicily has a wealth of ancient small villages, where many people still live according to the Sicilian traditions.



After lunch , we will discuss on what we are trying to achieve in our photography, subject matters, styles and techniques to capture the authenticity. Back to **Cefalù** and spend more time exploring the beauty and history of this town as well as enjoying the amenities and photo opportunities of our fabulous resort. Dinner on your own. Overnight (**Breakfast and lunch included**)



### Day 3 The Madonie Park : Castelbuono

#### The GREAT BEAUTY and colors of Nature

Breakfast at the hotel. We dedicate this day to nature ! We will go up into the heart of the Park to go to see two incredible botanic jewels of Madonie: **the most ancient oak** of Europe and **the most ancient wood of holly trees** of Europe (some over three hundred years old) at **Piano Pomo** .



Next stop is the medieval town of **Castelbuono** that boasts a castle built by the noble Ventimiglia family in the 14th century, with the museum and the Chapel decorated by the famous Serpotta brothers . A visit to Castelbuono would not be complete without tasting the famous **Fiasconaro's Panettone** .

Then continue for a winery visit at the **Abbazia Santa Anastasia**, a former Benedictine abbey built in the twelfth century in the hills high above the north coast. The medieval abbey or "abbazia" is steeped in a natural and extraordinary landscape .



Move on along the northern coast hunting for breathtaking villages and coastline. Arriving in Cefalù we will continue to talk about photographic technique

After an amazing day, we take a well deserved rest before heading out for an amazing Sicilian "Farewell Dinner". With great fun we will discuss all the highlights of the trip. ( **Breakfast and dinner included** )

### Day 4 Departure

#### Amazing Sunrise in Cefalù

On the last day morning we're up early to photograph the amazing sunrise in **Cefalù**. Our breakfast today will be in Piazza Duomo Square facing the Cathedral with a tasteful granita . Drive back to **Palermo or in another place that you desire**. On the way we will conduct our final discussion and trade contact information. We suggest to extend your stay in Sicily and hope that you will use us for services and make good use of everything you learned on our photo adventure





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### **Accommodation**

Your accommodation is arranged in a charming hotel 4\* in Cefalù. It will be in double rooms, except if you choose a single room, with some extra cost.

### **Food**

Traditional breakfast is served daily. Then, we have arranged to enjoy 2 three-course meals at local restaurants in the villags + a cooking experience. Our meals are accompanied by local wine.

### **Support and inclusion in the price**

Instruction by renowned photographers English speaking; Transport from and to the airport or Sicilian city and the photo shooting locations for the 4 days; hotel accommodation for 3 nights; 3 meals.

### **How many people can join this tour?**

We keep our group sizes low so you have the freedom to move around and get involved with your surroundings, as well as more personal attention from our local guides. This intimate size ensures that your group will not crowd your experience. You can be up to 15 travelers on a trip but the average is 10. Ask for an individual tour or bring your own group for a unique and original week end of photoshooting, cooking, tasting and sightseeing in the heart of Sicily.

Our tours are conducted in English and attract travelers from around the world (with a minimum of 2 people on request we can also organize tours in other area of Sicily).

### **Extra services**

We can arrange additional accommodation and tours at our starting or ending mini tour. Prices and programs are on request and you can contact one of our specialists for more informations for your private party and departures.

For further questions or to reserve this tour **please** contact us at: [sicilybyexperts@gmail.com](mailto:sicilybyexperts@gmail.com) or [isidepa@tiscali.it](mailto:isidepa@tiscali.it)

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