



Discover SICILY

11 to 21 October 2026

*Non-competitive, vintage and classic
car tour from Puglia to Sicily*



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Discover Sicily will be the first in what is intended to be a series of “Discover” events. *Rally the Globe* is well-known for its competitive rallies that range from luxury *Carreras* to demanding *Marathons*, with a full range of events in between. Recently a number of our entrants have asked if we could organise something with the same flair and interest but without the competitive elements, and so we have done exactly that.

The event will start in Lecce in Puglia, a short drive from Brindisi Airport, before passing through the regions of Basilicata and Calabria on our way to the short ferry across the Straits of Messina. Once in Sicily we will drive in a clockwise semicircle to our finish in the northwest of the island in San Vito lo Capo.

Along the way we will:

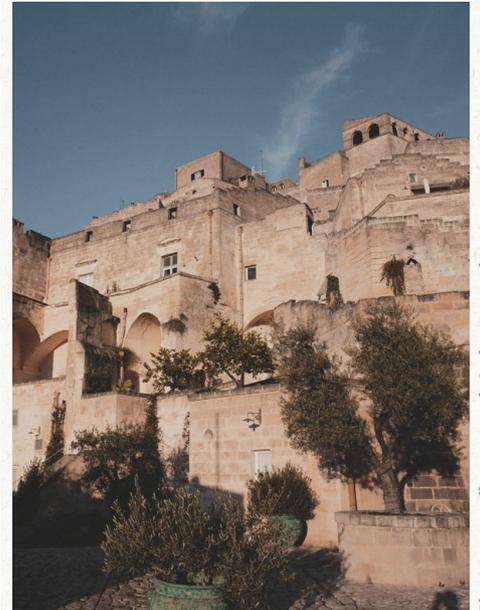
- Visit historic villages
- Visit wineries, olive mills, honey producers and much more
- Drive on interesting, all-asphalt roads, although there may be the odd pothole along the way
- Enjoy three two-night stays in Maratea, Siracusa and the rest day in Taormina
- Stay in top-flight hotels in interesting locations
- Have time to enjoy the journey, travelling at each crews desired pace, but with the conviviality and security that the Rally the Globe team is known to deliver

We hope you can join us on this new adventure.

Discover Sicily will be a relaxed journey through the finest areas of southern Italy and Sicily itself. The all-asphalt route will travel through little-known areas of this less visited part of the world. The lack of competitive elements will allow crews to enjoy all that a specific area or destination has to offer. As usual on Rally the Globe events, great emphasis will be placed on the social elements of the event.


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Route notes

Day 0: Lecce

We will all meet early evening to collect documents, have a pre-dinner drink, and get to know our companions for the ten days to come. Our 18th Century hotel, the Patria Palace, is in the heart of Lecce, known as “The Florence of the South”.

Day 1: Lecce to Matera

From ancient Lecce, we head west towards the Mediterranean and on to the Roman seaport of Porto Cesareo, where there will be time to meander the streets and take a coffee in one of the many harbourside cafeterias. North from there we follow the coast along the Gulf of Taranto, passing through the villages of Torre Colimena, San Pietro in Bevagna - the inland Manduria wine region - and Campomarino. Along the way fabulous food awaits in a variety of seaside fish restaurants. We then head into Basilicata and into the hills for our final suggested stop in historic Montescaglioso, where crews can either have a leisurely wander around the town and a coffee, or go straight to our luxury hotel in Matera, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the oldest, still inhabited cities in the world, famous for its cave dwellings. The Sant’Angelo, a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World group, is an entire neighbourhood converted into a hotel, each room unique in its own way.



Day 2: Matera to Maratea

A short run south takes us to Miglionico, one of Italy’s most beautiful villages famed for its medieval fortress, Malconsiglio. A tour of the castle, as well as the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore - which houses a masterpiece painted by Cima da Conegliano in 1499 - is recommended for those interested in immersing themselves in this rich history. The route west then takes us to Tricarico,



recognisable from afar by its tall Norman tower, where there is time to explore this charming hilltop town. Lunch awaits in a Michelin listed establishment in Castelmezzano, ahead of an afternoon spent traversing the Appennino Lucano Val d'Agri Lagonegrese National Park. As we head southwest towards the Mediterranean coast there are a number of attractive villages with inviting, outdoor cafes before we arrive at our five-star hotel in Maratea, our home for two nights. "The town of 44 churches" is an atmospheric historic town and our hotel, Santavenere, sits amongst maple and pine trees on a clifftop overlooking a wonderful rocky shore.

Day 3: Maratea to Maratea

We return to the dramatic scenery of the National Park and our first suggested stop at the small village of Montesano sulla Marcellana, which overlooks the entire Vallo di Diano. From here, we head east through agricultural countryside to Moliterno, perched around its majestic medieval castle. A leisurely stroll through the maze of cobbled alleys could be followed by lunch in one of the town's many restaurants. A taste of Canestrato, the speciality cheese of the area, is highly recommended. Just a few kilometres away, the Parco Archeologico di Grumentum – sometimes known as Basilicata's 'Little Pompeii' – contains



remains of a theatre, an amphitheatre, Roman baths, temples and a domus villa with mosaic floors. The scenic route home takes us around Lago del Pertusillo and over the hills to an isolated Agriturismo, where we can sample the local produce. The evening is left free for you to explore Maratea at your leisure.

Day 4: Maratea to Capo Vaticano

This morning we head south along La Riviera dei Cedri, or the Citron Coast, a stretch of Calabria's northern Tyrrhenian coastline dotted with seaside villages. This beautiful area takes its name from the ancient cultivation of the *cedro*, a large citrus fruit. The region is the perfect environment for growing the intensely fragrant variety, Cedro Liscio di Diamante, named after one of the area's most beautiful localities. The coastal town is the home of pepperoncino and is also known for its brightly coloured murals, which we will have time to explore. A brief trip inland, among olive groves and vineyards, offers breathtaking views before heading back to the coast where there will be time to stop and seek out a seafood lunch. "The Coast of the Gods" will be a highlight of the day as we drive to Tropea and on to our hotel, The Capovaticano Resort, with fantastic views over the sea to the active volcano, Stromboli, and tomorrow's destination, Sicily.



Day 5: Capo Vaticano to Taormina

We follow the coast south this morning before taking a short stretch of highway to circumnavigate the area's largest industrial port. Soon, however, we are back in beautiful Calabria and the Costa Viola. We suggest a stop in Scilla, a charming fishing town which is the jewel of the Costa and virtually undiscovered by tourists. A few kilometres further on we take the ferry to Sicily, and lunch awaits us in the Yacht Club overlooking the Strait of Messina. After a run along the coast, we head inland to the medieval town of Savoca, world-famous for many scenes in the iconic movie, *The Godfather*. Just a few kilometres away are more spectacular views of the Bay of Taormina, with Etna in the background. Our beachfront hotel La Plage in Taormina is the perfect place to explore this elegant town.

Day 6: Taormina

Taormina promises to be a great base for a rest day, and this will be an entirely free day and evening for you to explore as you wish, or to relax at our hotel. With its nickname of the Pearl of the Ionian Sea, the stunningly preserved Greek-Roman amphitheatre, tiny, photogenic Isola Bella island and historic town centre will give you plenty of opportunities for sightseeing.



Day 7: Taormina to Siracusa

Today's highlight is Mount Etna! At 3,329 metres above sea level, Etna dominates the landscape and is the largest active volcano in Europe. Initially we climb to a wonderful location on the east flank for coffee, before descending to Zafferana Etnea, a small town that amazingly produces 35% of Italy's honey and where we can sample various varieties. Another ascent to the greatest viewing point at Crateri Silvestri and the final descent, on the southern flank, to a winery for lunch. The wine, Etna DOC, is one of Sicily's quite distinct varieties due to the rich volcanic soil and high-altitude vineyards. We then head back to the coast to Siracusa in the very heart of the Plemmirio Marine Reserve, one of the most beautiful protected marine areas in Italy. Our home for two nights is the Hotel Minareto, exquisitely placed on a promontory overlooking Ortigia Island.

Day 8: Siracusa to Siracusa

Our first stop is at the lighthouse of Capo Murro di Porco, on the tip of the Maddalena Peninsula. We then continue along the coast to Avola, once famous as a tuna fishing port, and where there will be time for you to find refreshments and a taste of the local pastries. On our way out of town vineyards abound, many of them growing the





famous grape, Nero d'Avola. The colourful seaside village of Marzamemi is our next destination, where there will be a wine tour followed by a simple lunch of local produce. Recharged, we head inland to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Noto, with its dramatic cathedral and ornate palaces. We then head into "The Grand Canyon of Sicily" with its spectacular views of the river gorge and valley, before heading back to our hotel and a free evening to soak up the atmosphere and view some of the area's cultural landmarks

Day 9: Siracusa to Agrigento

Unusually, we will not get so much as a glimpse of the sea today, but instead, rich agricultural land dotted with olive trees. Coffee can be taken in the small Baroque town of Palazzolo Acreide which promises to be scenic. It is described as one of the most beautiful villages in Italy and a favourite location for film makers, including Franco Zeffirelli. We then head west passing through Monterosso, famed for its mushrooms, before a midday stop in beautiful Caltagirone, famous for its pottery. The 142 step Santa Maria del Monte staircase – with a spectacular view from the top – can help burn off lunch! The afternoon run to the hotel is scenic, although some may choose to shortcut to spend more time at one of the main attractions in Sicily, The Valley of the Temples, an outstanding example of ancient Greek art and architecture. Villa Athena is the only 5-star hotel situated within the



Archaeological Park, which UNESCO has declared a World Heritage Site, and has its own exclusive direct entrance.

Day 10: Agrigento to San Vito lo Capo

On our final morning we head north to pass through the heart of Sicily. Near Sutera we drive through twisty roads that rise and fall along what has been referred to as the Balcony of Sicily. Then, heading northwest, the Sciani Mountains are renowned for cultivated and wild oregano and the simple Pane Cunzato – a crusty roll with oil and oregano – must be tried, possibly in Santo Stefano Quisquina. Passing through Prizzi, rich in natural and historical attractions, we then head towards Corleone which is famous for its mafia connections. The Anti-Mafia Museum, housing powerful exhibits, tells the story of the fight for legality and justice and is said to be sobering and deeply moving for anyone with an interest in understanding modern Sicily. We meet the sea at Castellammare, where you can stop for refreshments, before setting off for San Vito lo Capo where our 10-day adventure touring beautiful, lesser-known parts of Southern Italy and Sicily comes to an end. Our hotel is Baglio La Porta, a charming resort overlooking the sea and an ancient Sicilian "baglio" with modern and elegant design, a fitting location for our final celebrations.

We hope you can join us!

Route details and venues are subject to change.



E ntering

Discover Sicily is open to everyone and there are no eligibility requirements other than an enthusiasm for discovering the world in an old car. It is open to crews of two people so is perfect for couples.

Car eligibility

Ideally your car should be of a model that was produced before 1986 and would therefore be eligible for other *Rally the Globe* events. We love to see vintage and classic cars being used as they were intended - the older the better. However, if you have something a little bit younger that is still a little bit special, please ask us and we'll see if it fits in with the spirit of the event.

Roads and time schedule

The roads we will use will be all tarmac and rough surfaces will be avoided wherever possible, although the volcanic nature of Sicily does offer some interesting undulations at times!

There is no competition on this event. Each day we will

recommend an earliest and latest start time from the hotel and publish approximate times that various sections might take, but the schedule can be as flexible as you want it to be. On the days that we have arranged lunch, or other experiences, these will be available to you during a set time window.

The itinerary has been designed to allow you to drive sensibly and courteously at all times - we're a pretty open-minded bunch when it comes to driving, but aggressive or reckless driving will not be tolerated.

Navigation

You will be provided with a tulip style road book to enable you to follow the route. This form of route definition will be familiar to most people and is very easy to learn as it clearly defines all important junctions and the distances between them. These distances have been measured during our recce trip using a GPS tripmeter and we recommend that you have a similar device in your car.

If you wish to make a diversion to visit something of interest, then you are of course free to do so, and you will also be provided with overview maps to give you a feel of where you are in the world and to help if you go off-piste (intentionally or otherwise). This will be an event where you will be very welcome to "stop and smell the roses" and even do a bit of pruning if you wish to do so.

Hospitality

We have selected a variety of high quality, usually small, boutique style hotels, situated in interesting destinations, details of which are included in the route description section of this brochure.

Bed and breakfast accommodation will be provided for the 11 nights of the rally based on the crew members sharing a room. Although twin-bedded rooms will be available on request, unfortunately single room options are unlikely to be available.

A group dinner is included most evenings, but some evenings are left free for you to explore the local areas and make your own arrangements.

A small number of lunches will be provided along the way, but generally lunch and coffee stops have not been arranged to allow you the flexibility to discover things at your own pace. We will

make some suggestions in the road book of places where you may wish to take breaks along the way which are unlikely to require advanced reservations.

What to take

We would expect you to carry a fire extinguisher, warning triangle, high visibility jackets, a tow rope and a first aid kit. You should also have an oil-resistant ground sheet for hotel car parks. We advise you to have a tripmeter of some description to assist with the simple navigation, we recommend the Monit G-100+ as easy to use and to fit.

It is your responsibility to have the appropriate insurance in place – your usual car insurance should cover you for this event, but please check with your insurer beforehand. We also recommend European breakdown cover so you can rely on this for assistance with any onward recovery in the event of a major breakdown. And don't forget travel insurance to cover you for unexpected issues before or during the event.

You will need to take hard copies of your car registration document (V5 or similar) and driving licence as well as passports and any relevant eVisa or e-travel documentation as required in Italy. Depending on where your driving licence was issued, you may also require an

International Driving Permit.

Unlike competitive *Rally the Globe* events, there will be no formal safety checks of your vehicle before the start. It is your responsibility to ensure that your vehicle is roadworthy, complies with any local legislation and is generally up to the job.

On event support

We will have a well-equipped mechanical assistance truck with us on the event driven by an experienced classic car mechanic. The mechanic will be able to provide advice and support at the hotel each evening and will also try to assist with any vehicle issues along the route. Please be aware that the mechanic is unlikely to be able to provide assistance if you are not on the specified route and major breakdowns or time-consuming repairs will require you to source your own recovery support or book into a local garage. The mechanic will not be available for routine maintenance tasks, so you should be self-sufficient in this regard, and you should carry tools and a few spare parts to allow you to undertake basic repairs yourself.

We will also have a luggage van to transport cases and bags between the hotels during the event.

The small but experienced RtG team will be on hand to

offer assistance if and when it is needed, but note that there will not be any dedicated medical support on this event.

Tolls, parking & ferries

Any toll payments, parking charges at car parks along the route and tickets for the short ferry we will be using to get to Sicily will be paid directly by crews on arrival and are not included in the event fee.

Getting there and back

It is your responsibility to get crew and cars to and from the event. For entrants wishing to fly and ship their cars, there are flights between the UK and Europe to Brindisi which is the nearest airport to the start of the event and back from Palermo at the end. Our normal shipping partner is CARS, and we can supply a list of a number of UK based shippers on request.

Further information

Our regular newsletters will keep you updated, including any relevant travel information you may require, or preparations you need to make. In the meantime, should you require any further information or advice, please do not hesitate to contact *Rally the Globe* via the contact details below.

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