


8 Days in Southern Sicily: A Gay Men's Group Adventure



May 30 to June 6, 2027 | 8 Days
Catania to Palermo

Planned and Hosted by Pride Adventures  - [Event Page](#)
Operated on the Ground by G Adventures - [Full Dossier](#)

Trip Host: Kevin Smith

Group Size: Minimum 8 Travelers, Maximum 16 Travelers including host

Welcome to Southern Sicily

Welcome to Southern Sicily with Pride Adventures.

This journey is designed to immerse you in the beauty, history, and culture of one of Italy's most captivating regions, while also creating space for connection, laughter, and shared experiences along the way. From the sunlit coastlines of **Syracuse** to the ancient wonders of **Agriunto** and the vibrant energy of **Palermo**, each stop offers something unique, meaningful, and unforgettable.

This Gay Men's group adventure is thoughtfully planned and hosted by Pride Adventures and operated on the ground by our trusted partner G Adventures. Together, we bring you a seamless travel experience with local expertise, carefully chosen highlights, and the kind of group dynamic that turns a trip into something much more personal.

Whether you are traveling solo, with a partner, or with friends, you will quickly find yourself part of a welcoming and connected group. That is what makes these journeys so special.

Trip Overview ✨

Over eight days, we travel through the heart of **Southern Sicily**, beginning in **Catania** and ending in **Palermo**, with memorable stops along the way in **Syracuse, Ragusa, Agrigento, and Trapani**.

This journey blends **culture, history, coastal beauty, and food** into an experience that allows you to see a lot without feeling rushed. You will wander historic streets, take in ancient ruins, enjoy local flavors, and experience the landscapes that make Sicily so iconic.

Traveling as a small group allows for a more personal and flexible experience, where each destination feels more immersive and each day feels thoughtfully balanced.

What to Expect ☀️

This journey offers a comfortable and engaging sightseeing pace.

Activity Level: Light

Walking: Expect cobblestone streets, uneven terrain, and some stairs

Pace: Active days balanced with time to explore and relax

Most days focus on cultural discovery rather than physical challenge, but you should feel comfortable being on your feet for periods of time.

Weather: Late May and early June typically bring warm sunny days, soft coastal breezes, and pleasant evenings.

Group Size and Travel Style 🤝

This Pride Adventures departure is intentionally small, with a minimum of 8 travelers and a maximum of 16 travelers including your host.

You will be accompanied by both a **G Adventures Chief Experience Officer** and your **Pride Adventures host Kevin**, who will help guide the group, facilitate connections, and create a welcoming and social atmosphere throughout the journey.

Pride Adventures Experience ✨

This departure includes thoughtful touches that enhance the experience beyond a standard tour.

We will come together for a **private Welcome Dinner in Catania** and a **Farewell Dinner in Palermo**, along with shared moments throughout the journey that bring the group together in meaningful ways.

Traveling as a small Gay Men's group creates a space where connections form naturally and the experience becomes about more than just the destinations.

Accommodations 🏨

Accommodations are selected for comfort, location, and local character, helping you stay close to the heart of each destination.

Hotels listed reflect properties typically used on this itinerary, though accommodations may change based on availability. Final hotel details will be shared approximately 60 days prior to departure.

Catania: Best Western Hotel Mediterraneo, or similar

Syracuse: Hotel Gran Bretagna Siracusa, or similar

Agrigento: Colleverde Park Hotel, or similar

Trapani: B and B Hotel Trapani Crystal, or similar

Palermo: B and B Hotel Palermo Quattro Canti, or similar

Accessibility Note: Some properties and historic areas may include stairs, cobblestone streets, and limited elevator access.

Transportation and Travel Flow

This journey includes private vehicle transportation and regional travel between destinations.

Travel days are designed to feel comfortable and scenic, allowing us to experience multiple regions of Southern Sicily while still having time to enjoy each location.

Your G Adventures CEO will handle all logistics so you can relax and enjoy the experience.

Itinerary Overview

This section provides a day by day overview of the journey so you can understand the flow of each day, where you will be staying, and what is included.

Once the trip begins, your CEO will share more detailed daily timing, including departure times, meeting points, and optional activities.

Day 1 | Arrival in Catania

Your journey begins in **Catania**, where you will arrive and settle into your hotel. After some time to relax and refresh, we come together for a **Welcome Meeting**, followed by our **Pride Adventures Welcome Dinner**, creating a warm and social start to the trip.

Transportation: Arrival on your own

Stay: **Best Western Hotel Mediterraneo**, or similar

Meals: **Welcome Dinner**

Day 2 | Catania to Syracuse

We travel to **Syracuse**, a city rich in history and beautifully connected to the sea. Much of our time centers around **Ortigia**, where narrow streets open into sunlit piazzas and coastal views.

A highlight of the day is a hands on **arancini cooking experience**, offering a fun and flavorful introduction to Sicilian cuisine. There will also be time to explore, wander, and take in the atmosphere of this incredible city.

Transportation: Private vehicle from Catania to Syracuse

Stay: **Hotel Gran Bretagna Siracusa**, or similar

Meals: **Breakfast, Lunch**

Day 3 | Syracuse

Today allows for a deeper experience of **Syracuse** at a relaxed pace. You may choose to explore more of Ortigia, visit additional sites, or simply enjoy the rhythm of the city with a long lunch or seaside walk.

This is a great day to either explore independently or spend time with fellow travelers as the group naturally comes together throughout the day.

Transportation: Walking and local exploration

Stay: **Hotel Gran Bretagna Siracusa**, or similar

Meals: **Breakfast**

Day 4 | Syracuse to Ragusa to Agrigento

We journey inland to the stunning baroque town of **Ragusa**, known for its dramatic setting and historic beauty.

From there, we continue to **Villa Romana del Casale**, where intricate Roman mosaics bring ancient history vividly to life. By evening, we arrive in **Agrigento**, preparing for one of the most memorable experiences of the trip.

Transportation: Private vehicle through Ragusa and Villa Romana del Casale to Agrigento

Stay: **Colleverde Park Hotel**, or similar

Meals: **Breakfast**

Day 5 | Agrigento to Trapani

We begin the day with a guided visit to the extraordinary **Valley of the Temples**, one of Sicily's most iconic and awe inspiring sites.

After exploring the ruins, we continue west to the coastal town of **Trapani**, where the landscape shifts to sea views and a more relaxed pace.

Transportation: Private vehicle from Agrigento to Trapani

Stay: **B and B Hotel Trapani Crystal**, or similar

Meals: **Breakfast**

Day 6 | Trapani

Today is a flexible day based in **Trapani**, offering the freedom to explore in a way that feels right for you.

You may choose to visit **Erice**, enjoy the coastline, relax, or explore the town. Many travelers enjoy joining together for shared experiences, and Kevin will help organize optional group activities.

Transportation: Free day

Stay: **B and B Hotel Trapani Crystal**, or similar

Meals: **Breakfast**

Day 7 | Trapani to Monreale to Palermo

We travel toward **Palermo**, stopping at **Monreale Cathedral**, known for its breathtaking mosaics.

After arriving in Palermo, we take time to explore the city before coming together for our **Farewell Dinner**, celebrating the journey and the connections made along the way.

Transportation: Private vehicle from Trapani to Palermo via Monreale

Stay: **B and B Hotel Palermo Quattro Canti**, or similar

Meals: **Breakfast, Farewell Dinner**

Day 8 | Departure from Palermo

The trip concludes after breakfast.

Feel free to book your flight at any time today if you are departing or continuing elsewhere. Ciao for now.

Transportation: Departure on your own

Stay: Not included

Meals: **Breakfast**

Included Experiences and Highlights ✨

Throughout the journey, you will experience a blend of cultural highlights, local traditions, and meaningful moments.

Highlights include the **arancini cooking experience in Syracuse**, visits to **Ragusa** and **Villa Romana del Casale**, a guided exploration of the **Valley of the Temples**, and time in **Monreale Cathedral** and **Palermo**.

Free Time, Optional Activities, and Group Experiences



This journey is designed to balance guided experiences with time to explore.

During free time, you may choose to explore independently, relax, or join optional activities. At the same time, many travelers enjoy experiencing destinations together. Kevin will often help organize group outings, meals, or shared experiences.

You are always welcome to participate as much or as little as you like.

Meals and Dining

This journey includes a mix of shared meals and time to explore Sicily's incredible food scene.

Included Meals:

- 7 breakfasts
- 1 lunch
- 1 Welcome Dinner
- 1 Farewell Dinner

Other meals are open, giving you the flexibility to explore local restaurants, dine with new friends, or enjoy time on your own.

For those who prefer a group experience, Kevin will often help coordinate optional group meals during free time.

Arrival, Joining, and Departure Information

Arrival Airport: Catania

Departure Airport: Palermo

Please plan to arrive in time for the Day 1 welcome meeting.

Pre and Post Trip Options

You are welcome to arrive on Day 1 and join the trip as scheduled.

If you would like more time to explore, we recommend arriving one to two days early in **Catania** or staying one to two days after the trip in **Palermo**. This can help with jet lag and allow additional time to enjoy these vibrant cities.

Luggage and Packing

We recommend packing light and focusing on comfort.

Bring comfortable walking shoes, lightweight clothing, sun protection, and a light layer for evenings. A day bag is helpful for daily outings.

Be prepared for cobblestone streets and occasional stairs when handling luggage.

Health, Insurance, and Entry Requirements

Travel insurance is required and must include at least \$200,000 in combined medical and evacuation coverage.

If you would like help selecting a policy or getting a quote, please contact tripsupport@prideadventures.com. Insurance can also be purchased through WeTravel.

Your passport should be valid for at least six months beyond your travel dates.

Money, Emergency Funds, and Tipping

The local currency is the Euro.

Most places accept credit cards, but it is helpful to have some cash available. You can withdraw euros from ATMs upon arrival or obtain them before your trip.

We recommend carrying the equivalent of \$200 USD for emergencies.

Most base tips for your CEO and drivers are included. If you receive exceptional service, additional tipping is always appreciated.

Safety and Travel Expectations

Sicily is a welcoming destination for travelers, including LGBTQ+ travelers.

As with any destination, remain aware of your surroundings and watch for pickpocketing in busy areas. We recommend exploring with others, especially in the evenings.

Responsible Travel and Planeterra

Pride Adventures supports responsible travel and contributes to Planeterra, helping local communities and sustainable tourism initiatives.

Traveler Connections

To help you feel prepared and connected:

A live pre-trip Zoom call will be held approximately 30 days before departure, giving you the opportunity to meet fellow travelers and review key details.

A private WhatsApp group will be created prior to departure for easy communication before and during the trip.

Emergency Contacts

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Optional Extension | Amalfi Coast Sailing Adventure



June 5 to June 11, 2027 | 7 Days
Naples and the Amalfi Coast

For those looking to continue the journey, we offer an optional extension to the **Amalfi Coast Sailing Adventure**, a completely different but equally unforgettable experience.

This extension takes you from the historic landscapes of Sicily to the stunning coastline of southern Italy, where colorful cliffside villages, crystal clear waters, and relaxed coastal living create a beautiful contrast to the first part of the trip.

You will travel from Palermo to Naples, where the sailing experience begins aboard a small yacht. From there, the days are shaped by the rhythm of the sea, with time to explore iconic destinations such as **Positano, Capri, and the Amalfi Coast**, along with hidden coves and quiet anchor points along the way.

This is a more relaxed and intimate experience, offering a chance to unwind, connect with fellow travelers, and enjoy Italy from a completely different perspective.

Hosting Note

Our goal is to include Kevin as the Pride Adventures host for this sailing extension. To make that possible, we need a minimum of **3 booked cabins** from Pride Adventures travelers.

If fewer than 3 cabins are booked, the sailing experience may still be available, but it would move forward as an **unhosted G Adventures sailing trip** rather than a hosted Pride Adventures extension.

Our goal is to fill the boat with Pride Adventures travelers so the experience feels more private and connected. If we fill the full departure, the boat will be fully ours. If not, the sailing experience may also include a small number of additional travelers joining the same G Adventures departure.

👉 For full details, itinerary, cabin options, pricing, and booking information, please refer to the [Amalfi Coast Sailing Adventure Trip Guide](#).

Final Notes ✨

This Trip Guide provides a comprehensive overview of your journey and Pride Adventures enhancements. The G Adventures dossier remains the official operational reference.

We cannot wait to experience Southern Sicily with you.

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