



AWS Wine Cruise Excursion

Sicilian Wine Tour on Mount Etna

May 6, 2020 – Taormina, Italy

Cost: \$169 per person

Experience a private tour and tasting at Benanti, one of Sicily's premier wineries on Wednesday, May 6th. We will depart the Crystal Serenity in the morning for a beautiful drive along the Eastern coast of Sicily.

Upon arrival at Benanti, you will learn about the winery's origins, the history of wine and the unique terroir of the Etna wine region. Take a walk through the scenic Monte Serra vineyard, nestled on an extinct volcanic crater, a true landmark of the area. Here, you will be able to appreciate the beauty of the Etnean nature, walk through the vines, step on the renowned black volcanic soil and learn more about their 100 year old vines and how they are cultivated.



The tour continues in the spectacular lava stone vinification hall, dating back to the 18th century – plus a tour of the historic oak barrel hall where all the red wines are aged. The wine tasting is accompanied by a light brunch of local breads, local olive oil, several kinds of local cheeses, salami, local green and black olives, fresh cherry tomatoes, sun-dried tomatoes in olive oil and a traditional almond pastry. You will experience the best wines from Benanti, including Pietramarina, Nurello Cappuccio, Nerello Mascalese, Rovittello, Serra Della Contessa and Il Musicco.

This tour will be approximately five hours and consists of walking in the vineyards over uneven surfaces. Tour departs at 10:00am and planned return to the ship is at 3:00pm. *(Times are subject to change.)*

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Terms and Conditions: Fares are per person, USD, and subject to availability. Tour must have a minimum of 20 participants to operate. Full payment is due at time of booking. Once full payment is received, the tour is non-refundable. By booking this excursion, you agree to the special terms and conditions for wine cruises. Travel insurance is recommended. Specific sightseeing venues, wines, and wineries, are subject to change without notice. Every effort will be made to provide suitable substitutions. In the event of heavy highway traffic, the overall length of the tour may be extended. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or guests who utilize a wheelchair. Other restrictions may apply. For full terms and conditions contact Expedia CruiseShipCenters, North Bay. CST#2101270-40