

PLACES OF REMEMBRANCE

Sicily 1943: Operation Husky

An important and decisive chapter in the history of the last century was written in Sicily.

Under the code name “Operation Husky” the Anglo-American and Canadian forces (about 200,000 men, 2,800 ships, 3,000 aircrafts, 600 tanks - the most impressive naval operation in history before Normandy) land on a front of about 160 kilometers on the south coasts of Sicily, an event the starts 38 days of very tough battles in almost every corner of Sicily, fortified and well defended by the Italian and German armies. With the assault on Hitler’s “Fortezza Europea” (European Fortress) the end of the Second World War actually begins, the outcome of which will determine the future global geopolitical map.

GUIDED TOUR

CATANIA

- **MUSEUM OF THE LANDING:** Catania hosts one of the largest and most qualified European museums dedicated to World War II. Throughout the exhibition of photographs, films, documents, modeling reconstructions, uniforms and weapons, it focuses on the 38 days of military operations in Sicily. The Museum is a milestone of remembrance, it has been conceived to not forget what has been and to reflect on what we want for the future. It must be a place of analysis and study and at the same time a starting point to project ourselves towards the discovery of the immense open-air museum that Sicily is.

- **AIR-RAID SHELTERS:** In the heart of Catania, built recasting lava scroll tunnels already used in the 1800/1900s as red gravel quarries.

- **MONTE PO’ - TIMPA LEUCATIA (Mount PO’ - LEUCATIA Hill):** Fortified hills, bunkers, casemates, mortar aiming posts, walkways in the trenches of the West Defense of Catania.

- **PONTE DI PRIMOSOLE (PRIMOSOLE Bridge)**

The “battle of Primosole bridge” where Italian, British and German deployments were engaged.

- **COMMONWEALTH CEMETERY - GERMANIC MEMORIAL**

Parks of Remembrance, burials of more than 6,000 soldiers between German and British.

CONTINUATION TOWARDS SIRACUSA and “MESS BREAK”!

- **ORTIGIA:** Air raid shelters in hypogeums excavated into the limestone rock, the hypogeum of Piazza Duomo (Cathedral Square), Saint John’s catacombs, Saint Lucia’s catacombs.

- **PENISOLA DELLA MADDALENA (PENINSULA OF THE MAGDALENE):** The “Emmanuele Russo” anti-ship coastal battery, shooting platforms, undergrounds, casemates, barracks, cliffs overlooking the sea, ancient quarries from the Greek era.

- **CAPOMURRO DI PORCO:** Shooting platforms, underground deposits, shooting direction casemates, military lighthouse, the “Plemmirio” marine protected area.

- **CASSIBILE:** The British airport of “Torre Cuba” (Cuba Tower) where the armistice was signed, the coastal stronghold on the shore of the “Marchesa” (Marquise), the landing area of the 5th British Division.

TOUR INFO - NEWS

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THE INDIVIDUAL SHARE OF PARTICIPATION IS
€ 130,00

THE INDIVIDUAL SHARE OF PARTICIPATION INCLUDES:

- continued assistance of an English speaking escort / guide
- car / minivan with a driver for the entire duration of the trip
- excursions and trekking such as scheduled
- water and “house” wine at meals
- tourist guide service in the places visited
- pick-up and bringing back from / to accommodation structures on the Ionian coast area
- insurance

NOT INCLUDE:

- entrances in museums and places where required
- personal expenses
- tips and extras in general
- portering service

The excursion is guaranteed with a minimum of 7 participants.

