



Emotional Sicily™

TRAVEL BY SENSES

ABOUT US

Emotional Sicily is an Italian Boutique DMC and Tour Operator established in 2018 and nestled in the heart of Sicily.

We craft immersive journeys that weave together the rich tapestry of Sicilian life, connecting travelers with the warmth of its people, the richness of its culture, and the splendor of its natural landscapes.

At Emotional Sicily, we are more than a team; we are a community of people deeply rooted in our region, possessing a profound understanding of its intricacies and charms. This enables us to co-design journeys that transcend mere tourism, offering transformative experiences that unveil the soul of Sicily.

We take pride in supporting sustainable initiatives and local businesses that share our commitment to preserving the beauty and authenticity of Sicily, ensuring that every journey leaves a positive impact on both travelers and the communities they visit.





THE CONCEPT

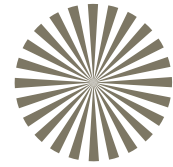
Embark on a tailor-made journey through Sicily, meticulously crafted to align with the passions and curiosities of the discerning traveler. Our themed itineraries delve into the vibrant tapestry of Sicilian life, from indulging in gastronomic delights to exploring the untouched beauty of nature, from immersing oneself in the arts and crafts scene to marveling at the architectural wonders that dot the landscape.

At our core, we believe in curating unique and transformative experiences in collaboration with our esteemed local partners. Our offerings are designed to resonate with travelers who share our values—a love for adventure, a thirst for cultural immersion, an appreciation for life's simple pleasures, and an understanding that true luxury lies in forging deep connections with others while sharing meaningful moments.

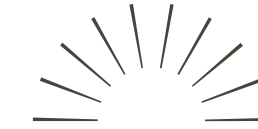
Proud participants in EU initiatives aimed at fostering Slow and Sustainable Tourism in the Mediterranean, we champion the development of trans-border itineraries that celebrate the region's diverse cultural heritage and promote responsible travel practices.



OUR VALUES



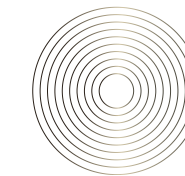
By cultivating synergies, we nurture a vibrant community of individuals who share not only similar interests but also a profound connection to their surroundings and a genuine passion for their pursuits



We actively champion individuals, initiatives, and small enterprises dedicated to preserving nature, culture, and traditions, safeguarding them as cornerstones for future generations



We meticulously craft our journeys with a conscientious, sustainable, and reverent ethos toward the environment, local communities, and cultures seeing travel as a catalyst for social transformation



We aim to rewrite the Sicilian narrative, elevating awareness of the profound richness of our historical, cultural, and human heritage, fostering greater appreciation and preservation efforts



THE COMMUNITY BEHIND EMOTIONAL SICILY

We harbor a profound passion for our land, our culture, and our people, and are immensely proud to extend our warm hospitality to you. As a community deeply rooted in our heritage, we are dedicated to safeguarding and revitalizing customs and traditions on the brink of extinction, embracing our roots while forging ahead toward a promising future.



WHAT WE DO

EXPERIENCES

Immerse yourself in a personalized one-day journey, delving into the essence of Sicily through cultural immersion. Guided by our warm locals and expert guides, uncover hidden treasures and vibrant heritage, letting each moment unfold

EVENTS

At Emotional Sicily, we go beyond event planning to create unforgettable experiences that touch your soul. Whether it's a milestone celebration or corporate gathering, we infuse every moment with emotion and purpose. Your event reflects your vision, fostering connections that endure

JOURNEYS

Experience the world as you envision it with a bespoke itinerary tailored just for you by our team of travel experts. Let us craft and curate your personalized journey, meticulously designed to meet your unique interests, preferences, and desires

PRODUCTION

We create captivating promotional videos and documentaries that highlight the beauty of Sicilian landscapes, the warmth of its people, and the richness of our story. From audiovisual to photography projects, we provide exceptional support for your creative endeavors



WHAT OUR TRAVELERS SAY ABOUT US

I have traveled many, many places and I have never experienced something as special as the day Emotional Sicily planned for us. My husband, my 3-year-old and myself visited Sicily for two weeks and even before we arrived Manila was so helpful with advice and recommendations. She created a perfect one day excursion for us, that was a magical blend of food, music, wonderful people and warmth and hospitality. She is so knowledgeable, and more importantly, passionate about Sicily and what she does. I feel so lucky that we were able to spend time with Manila and with her friends in Sicily. If you want a vacation that feels deeply connected to the land, the people and the culture, Emotional Sicily is the way to achieve it.



Noelle Smith - US



Anine Ekelund - Sweden

We had the most wonderful unique personal exclusive experience while visting Sicily thanks to the great program Manila at Emotional Sicily put together for us. It was diverse and off the beaten tourist track. We felt very well taken care of from the moment we were picked up by our great driver, to the welcoming and professionalism of all the various guides we had. We got a real taste of this beautiful island and all it has to offer. Many thanks Manila for making this trip with our grown daughter so special!

I searched high and low for some really authentic cultural experiences in Sicily and then I found Emotional Sicily. We did three experiences that were incredibly enriching and immersive, and our hosts were so passionate and enthusiastic. The genuine hospitality we experience was unlike anything we've experienced in a long time. Thank you so much for all you do!



Samantha Hardcastle - US



Alok Singh - US

We just returned from a lovely winter vacation in Sicily. We engaged Emotional Sicily to craft some unforgettable experiences. Manila's philosophy of offering unique travel experiences where travelers connect genuinely with the people, culture, food and nature really appealed to us. She has curated a wonderful collection of guides, craftspeople and food producers. The itineraries she created for us in Erice, Noto, Ortigia and Palazzolo Acreide/Buscemi revealed secret places and introduced us to experiences we wouldn't have found on our own, despite all the research we typically do. It's experience makers like Manila and Emotional Sicily who make journeys special and unforgettable. So glad to have worked with her!

AWARDS AND PRESS



TERRES TRAVEL FILM FESTIVAL
Tortosa SPAIN | September 2023
Silver award in the category Rural Destinations for the video "Travel Deeper - Etna and Alcantara Valley"



JAPAN WORLD TOURISM FILM FESTIVAL
Hokkaido JAPAN | March 2024
Gold award in the category Documentaries and Vlogs for the docufilm "To the southwest - People, culture and nature of Belice Valley"



INTERNATIONAL TOURISM FILM FESTIVAL AFRICA
Johannesburg | June 2024
Finalists with the documentary "Travel Deeper - Etna and Alcantara Valley" and the video "Etna Wild Food - Chef Ben Tish in Sicily"

The Financial Times

How I ate my way around Mount Etna
Niki Blasina
August 9, 2023

The Spectator US

Eating my way through Sicily
Amy Rose Everett
January 11, 2024

The Times

25 extraordinary Sicily escapes
Sean Newsom
March 14, 2024



"A new concept of luxury travel where you immerse yourself into the authentic, the unspoiled.
Discover the pleasure of simple things, the treasure of being connected with people,
local culture, and nature through all your senses.
Let us take you by the hand and accompany you through the stories, the places,
and the people that make this land unique."

Manila Di Maira
founder



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