



Wooster Street Travel

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DISCOVER ITALY: SICILIAN REGION
Escorted by Yolanda of Wooster Street Travel
June 27th – Jul 8th, 2018: (11 days and 10 nights)

Contact Yolanda for Pricing

TRAVEL DAY 1 – JUNE 27 (Wed): DEPART USA

Bus to JFK Airport will depart from Wooster Street Travel office at TBD by a private deluxe motorcoach. If you cannot make it to the office by that time, you will have to have your own transportation to the airport. Our flight # (TBD) with Alitalia to Rome will depart at TIME pm US time and arrive in Rome TIME AM Italian time the following Day

DAY 2 – June 28th (Thurs): ARRIVE IN PALERMO TRANSFER TO CEFALU

We will take a connection flight to Sicily, landing at the airport in Palermo - Welcome to the Sicily, the largest island in the Mediterranean and a melting pot of culture, cuisine, history and the arts. We will board our motor coach and head to - the salty fishing town of Cefalù, tucked beneath a towering cliff, where we'll check into our hotel for the next 3 nights. Your afternoon is free to wander through old Cefalù. **Enjoy a delicious Welcome Dinner at the hotel (B/D)**

DAY 3 – June 29th (Fri): CEFALU /PALERMO / CEFALU

Today, after breakfast, we are joined by our **Local Guide** and the exciting, energetic city of Palermo. We will visit the ornate Piazza Bellini, the CATHEDRAL, and the Arab-Norman PALATINE CHAPEL in the Royal Palace. Then drive up to the hill-top town of Monreale for a panoramic view of the Conca d'Oro and a visit to the 12th-century NORMAN CATHEDRAL, renowned for its Arab-flare and most famous for its 50,000 square feet of precious byzantine mosaics. **Lunch is included in Palermo. Dinner on own. (B/L)**

DAY 4 – June 30th (Sat): CEFALU

FREE DAY - Sleep in late, then either treat yourself to some of Sicily's oldest Byzantine art inside the Norman cathedral, scramble up "la Rocca" to admire spectacular views from the cliff-top ruins above the town, or plant yourself on one of Sicily's best beaches. **Lunch on your own. Dinner will be at Local Restaurant . (B/D)**

Day 5 – July 1st (Sun) CEFALU/ ERICE/ PALERMO

Today, after breakfast, we board our motorcoach for a visit to the historic town of Erice, situated at the top of Mount Erice and overlooking the town of Trapani. There we will be joined by our **Local Guide** for a wonderful walking tour of the town. **Lunch will be on your own.** We will then board our motorcoach to enjoy a breathtaking view of the “salt-pans” of Trapani — a coastal wetland and nature reserve where sea salt has been harvested for nearly 3,000 years. Here we will learn about the history and process of salt harvesting. Shortly after, we will return to Hotel . **Lunch will be on your own. Dinner at Hotel restaurant. (B/D)**

Day 6 – July 2 (Mon) : PALERMO

FREE DAY: Enjoy the new sites or revisit some place you saw already. Lunch and Dinner is on your own (B)

Day 7 – JULY 3 (TUE): PALERMO – AGRIGENTO – SIRACUSA

This morning, bright and early after breakfast, we will journey to our destination for the next 2 nights. Along the way we will stop in Agrigento, a town built on a hillside facing the sea which is famous for its magnificent Valley of the Temples. There, we will be joined by our **Local Guide** for a tour of the Valley including the Temples of Castor, Pollus, Zeus, Concord, and Hercules. We will also see the Tomb of Theron and the Porta Aurea. **Lunch on your own.** Location for lunch will be determined during the course of the day. After lunch, our destination – hotel in Siracusa, the city of Archimedes, the Greek mathematician, who was slain by the Romans and the place where Plato taught as well! Our 2-night stay begins in Siracusa. **This evening Dinner will be included at the HOTEL. (B/D)**

DAY 8 – JULY 4 (WESD): SIRACUSA

Today we enjoy Syracuse with our **Local Guide**. Syracuse is birthplace of the mathematician Archimedes and once a powerful Greek port whose fleet was feared throughout the Mediterranean. It attracted visitors such as the philosopher Plato and, later, the Apostle Paul, who converted its citizens to Christianity. We will visit the Neapolis Archaeological Park dated 5th-century BC which host the sparkling white Greek Theater, the Garden of Paradise, the Ear of Dionysus, the Altar of Hieron II, the Roman Amphitheater, and the Cordmakers' Cave. **Lunch will be on own/ Dinner is at the hotel (B/D)**

DAY 9 – JULY 5 (THUR)SIRACUSA – CATANIA - GIARDINI NAXOS (TAORMINA)

Today, after breakfast, we depart for the Giardini Naxos. En route, we will visit Catania, considered a major cultural, artistic and political hub with great shopping and people watching. We will be joined by a **Local Guide** for a brief walking tour of this beautiful city. You will then have free time to browse the boutiques or stop in at a local café. **Lunch will be on your own in Catania.** Later that day, we will arrive in Giardini Naxos and get settled into our hotel for the next 4 nights. **Dinner is at the hotel or a local restaurant. (B/D)**

Day 10 – JULY 6 (FRI) : GIARDINI NAXOS – EXCURSION TO MT. ETNA

Today, after breakfast, we will enjoy the scenic drive through orchards, vineyards, and forests up to the western slope of epic Mount Etna, Europe's highest active volcano. From your vantage point at 6,500 feet, observe an unreal landscape of extinct craters and rivers of solidified lava with **Local Guide**. **Lunch will be included at a Local Winery.** After lunch, we will return to Giardini Naxos where the balance of your day will be free. **Dinner will be on your own. (B/L)**

Day 11 – JULY 7 (SAT): GIARDINI NAXOS - TAORMINA – GIARDINI NAXOS

Today, after breakfast, we will be joined by our **Local Guide** and board our motorcoach to visit Taormina - a beautiful, cliff-hanging, old world resort town. Here we will enjoy a wonderful walking-tour of this tantalizing town – Taormina. **Lunch will be on your own. Tonight, we enjoy our FAREWELL DINNER of beautiful Sicily, savoring all of the beautiful memories created at a local restaurant! (B/D)**

OPTIONAL TOUR: Ancient Greek Ampitheater – still used today for open-air performances

DAY 12 – JULY 8 (SUN): TAORMINA – DEPART FOR THE USA

This morning, bright and early, we bid “ARRIVEDERCI to SICILY” as we transfer to the airport in Catania with a connecting flight in Rome for our return flight home. **Departure from Catania is (TBD and in Rome is TBD (Italian time) on flight # TBD (Alitalia Airlines) and arrives TBD (US Time) at JFK.**

We should arrive back in Hamden at the Wooster Street Travel parking area by TBD.

Please join me for a wonderful 11-day tour of Sicily Italy. A summary of the itinerary follows:

- 3 nights Cefalu**
- 2 nights Palermo**
- 2 nights Siracusa**
- 3 nights Giardini Naxos (Taormina)**

TOUR FEATURES INCLUDE:

- Bus from Hamden to the airport round trip.
- Round Trip coach airfare via Alitalia Airlines (transfers included).
- 10 nights accommodations at First Class hotels or similar with private bath or shower.
- Buffet breakfast daily (depending upon hotel's service)
- 2 lunches including wine (1/4 bottle pp) and mineral water (1/2 bottle pp) and coffee. **1** in Palermo, and **1** at Mt Etna
- 7 dinners at local restaurants or hotels including wine (1/4 Bottle pp) and (1/2 bottle mineral water pp) and coffee as described above: **2** in Cefalu (1 of which is the Welcome Dinner); **1** Palermo
- **2** in Siracusa; **2** in Giardini Naxos.
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as outlined in itinerary.
- Professional English Speaking Local Guide for the entire trip
 - Palermo, Erice, Trapani, Agrigento, Caltagirone, Siracusa, Taormina – Mt. Etna and Catania
- Private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Portage of one (1) piece of luggage per person entire trip. Must be no more than 28 inches and can not exceed 50 pounds

NOT INCLUDED

- Gratuity for the maids
- Gratuity for waiters (\$1 per person per meal – lunch or dinner when with group)
- Gratuity for bus driver, tour escort, or local guides.
 - Breakdown of gratuity will be provided.
- Optional Tours will be at own expense and must be 25 persons minimum.

This tour will be escorted by YOLANDA.

For further information, please call Yolanda @ 203-281-5888.

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\$500.00 non-refundable deposit plus Insurance (see below for price) per person is required with reservation. Credit Cards cannot be accepted for this tour.

Please return this reservation form along with your non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 + insurance -payable by check to Wooster Street

Name: _____ Roommate:

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

The balance due by March 17th, 2018. After final payment is made, there will be no refunds under any conditions (100% penalty applies). In case of illness, medical documentation will be needed to support the claim which will be submitted to the insurance company.

Wooster Street Travel strongly suggests to our clients to purchase travel protection and trip cancellation insurance. The amount will be either **\$250.00 pp/double or \$275.00 pp/single.**

Signature _____ Date _____