

Salem State Sociology Department *presents...*

International Trip 2018

9 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

# THE GRAND TOUR OF SICILY

**MARCH 10 – 18, 2018**

**\$2159\*** if group size is 16-19 passengers

**\$2059\*** if group size is 20-23 passengers

**\$1999\*** if group size is 24-27 passengers

**\$1939\*** if group size is 28-30 passengers

**MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE IS 30 PASSENGERS –  
BOOK NOW! FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**

\*Rates are for payment by cash/check- see reservation form for credit card rates. Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE \$400.00 in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (*subject to change*).



## OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT GRAND TOUR OF SICILY ITINERARY:

**DAY 1 – BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~PALERMO:** Depart Boston's Logan Airport and connect to New York's JFK for our transatlantic flight to Palermo (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, and stereo headsets available, while in flight.

**DAY 2 – PALERMO:** Upon arrival in Palermo, we will be met by our host, who will help us transfer to the Hotel Astoria Palace (or similar).

After time to freshen up we will enjoy a welcome cocktail and dinner at the hotel. Overnight. (D) Website: <http://www.ghshotels.it/astoria/>

**DAY 3 – PALERMO~MONREALE:** After breakfast, we will tour the capital of Sicily – Palermo! We will visit the highlights of Palermo's Arab, Norman, and Svevo periods. We will visit the Norman Cathedral, the Norman Palace (*today home of the Parliament*), the Cappella Palatina, and San Rosario. After lunch (*on our own*), we will visit the Cathedral of Monreale, site of the Capital of the Monasteries, followed by a walk to the Piazza Politeama in the heart of the city. Late in the afternoon, we will return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 4 – SEGESTA~ERICE~MARSALA~AGRIGENTO:** After breakfast and hotel check-out, we head west to Segesta to experience the inspiring Doric temple (*built in 424 BC*) and the Greek theater. Continuing along, will visit the mountaintop town of Erice and enjoy its spectacular panoramic views prior to travelling to the westernmost tip of Sicily and Marsala. In Marsala we will enjoy a wine tasting and have a panoramic tour of the city (*founded by the Phoenicians in the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC*) to see the Duomo, the Church of St. Peter, the Church of St. Mary of the Grotto, and much more. We will stop for lunch (*on our own*). Later in the afternoon we proceed to Agrigento for hotel check-in, dinner, and overnight at the *Grand Hotel Mose* (or similar). (B, D) Website: [www.iashotels.com](http://www.iashotels.com)

**DAY 5 – AGRIGENTO~PIAZZA ARMERINA~TAORMINA:** Breakfast at our hotel. Our first stop this morning is Agrigento's famed "Valley of the Temples" featuring the remains of seven temples of Greek origin. Following that we will have a vintner's lunch followed by a visit to a cannoli factory/store. Following that, we will visit Piazza Armerina, where we will be able to walk through the impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> century Roman Villa, excavated in 1955. We will visit its crowning jewel, the famous Roman *Villa of Casale*, a country estate from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century of the Roman era. Continue on to check into the *Hotel Ariston* (or similar) in Taormina. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D) Website: <http://www.hotel-ariston.org/en/>

**DAY 6 – TAORMINA:** After breakfast at the hotel, we will attend a cooking class and have lunch, then a local expert guide will conduct a half-day sightseeing tour of Taormina, including visits to all of the major attractions (*such as the world famous Greek and Roman Theater*) and a complete orientation of the city. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

**DAY 7 – CATANIA~MOUNT ETNA:** After breakfast, we travel to the southern foot of Mount Etna in Catania. We will have a panoramic tour of this wonderful city known for its straight streets and attractive buildings which date from the reconstruction after the eruption of 1693. We will visit the Duomo (*site of the Chapel of Saint Agatha*) and the open-air market. Lunch is on our own. In the afternoon, we will travel through the many varied vegetable and fruit areas on the slopes of Mount Etna. Arriving at an altitude of 1,900 feet, we will be above the tree line, where we'll enjoy a perfect view of the three Silvestri Craters and the River of Lava (*a remnant of the 1983-1985 eruption*). Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 8 – SIRACUSA:** After breakfast, we will have a full-day tour of the Siracusa Geological Zone where we will visit the Greek Theater, the Roman Amphitheater, the Altar of Gerone, the Cave of Cordari, and the Ear of Dionysius. Continuing on to the Medieval City, we will see the

beautiful architecture of the Baroque Period, constructed at a time of much wealth and prosperity. We will also stop and visit the cathedral. Return to Taormina for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 9 –CATANIA~INTERMEDIATE CITY~BOSTON:** After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the Catania Airport to board our return flight nonstop from Rome to Boston (*via intermediate city*). Meal and beverage service is available while in flight. (B)

**OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT GRAND TOUR OF SICILY INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- ❖ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Representative.
- ❖ Round-trip flights Boston-intermediate city-Palermo and Catania-intermediate city-Boston with full meal and beverage service aloft. Air from Miami available at slight surcharge- call for details. The identity of the carrier, which may include the carrier's code-share partner, will be assigned and disclosed at a later date.
- ❖ 7-nights' accommodations at the hotels described in the itinerary, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$298 per single. *Limited availability- may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples are available at the twin rate.
- ❖ Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.
- ❖ Expert English-speaking guides as required and professional Tour Escort, who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- ❖ All transfers and sightseeing aboard our private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach.
- ❖ Porterage of luggage at the hotels.
- ❖ All meal and room taxes (for included meals), and gratuities to bellmen.
- ❖ Breakfast (B) and dinner (D) daily and two lunches (L).
- ❖ Welcome cocktail our first night in Palermo.
- ❖ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service travel accessory and complete packet of required travel documents.

**A \$400 DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.**



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**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & COMPLETELY!**

*Please remit a photocopy of the photo page of your passport with your reservation form, if possible, for purposes of clarity.*

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**Passport #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place of Issue:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Citizenship:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Date of birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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