



**VALID PASSPORT
REQUIRED**

Passport must be valid for
6 months after return date

Durgan Travel presents...

9 Days/7 Nights

TAORMINA

“THE JEWEL OF SICILY”

September 29-October 7

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October 20-28, 2023

\$3329*

for payment by credit card

\$3269*

for payment by cash or check

*Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE \$600 in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (*subject to change*). Rates based on a minimum of 20 passengers on the departure.
SUBJECT TO 2023 AIR CONFIRMATION

**All
Meals
Included!**



**WINE AND MINERAL WATER INCLUDED WITH
ALL LUNCHEONS AND DINNERS!**

Join your fellow travelers on a wonderful 9-day/7-night tour to Taormina, a world-class resort area situated on the eastern coast of Sicily (“The #1 island destination in Europe” as rated by *Travel & Leisure Magazine’s* readers’ poll). 7 nights of accommodations are included, as well as three meals daily (*buffet breakfast, full luncheon, and buffet dinner*). Full sightseeing is also included, with local English-speaking expert guides and plenty of free time for independent sightseeing, shopping, relaxation, and evening entertainment. Enjoy the wonderful temperatures while the countryside is showing off its beauty.

DAY 1 – BOSTON~CATANIA: Fly Boston to Catania (*via intermediate city*), with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.

DAY 2 – CATANIA~TAORMINA: Upon arrival at the Catania airport, we will meet our Tour Escort and transfer to the Hotel Ariston (or similar) in Taormina. Our first afternoon in Sicily will be for rest and relaxation prior to a “Welcome Drink” and orientation meeting after dinner. Overnight. (D) *Hotel website:* <https://www.hotelaristontaormina.it/>

DAY 3 – TAORMINA: A local expert will conduct a half-day sightseeing tour of Taormina, including visits to all of the major attractions and a complete orientation of the city. The unquestioned highlight of the tour will be a visit to the Greek and Roman Theater, situated on the slope of Monte Tauro. From here, we will experience a breathtaking view of the Sicilian landscape, especially Mt. Etna in the distance. Return to the hotel for lunch, and the rest of the day is at leisure. Dinner and overnight are at the hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 – SIRACUSA: We are off on a full day excursion to Siracusa, a spectacular city along the southeastern coast that has the largest concentration of Greek ruins outside of Greece! At one time, Siracusa was the biggest, wealthiest city in all of Europe. In the “Archaeological Zone”, we will see the ancient amphitheater and colosseum, which date back to the 5th century BC. Enjoy a pizza lunch in Siracusa. We will also see the colorful harbor and the Church of the Weeping Madonna. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 5 – CATANIA~MT. ETNA: This morning, we will enjoy a half-day tour of beautiful Catania, including the Chapel of St. Agatha in the Cathedral of Catania, and the Open Air Market. At noontime, we will partake of a typical vintner’s lunch including a wine tasting. This afternoon’s excursion will take us halfway up Mt. Etna, the largest volcano in all of Europe. This active volcano affords a fascinating sightseeing tour. The topography and flora will change dramatically as we ascend the mountain for a spectacular view of Taormina and surrounding Sicily. Return to Taormina for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 6 – TINDARI~FURNARI: We are off on a full-day excursion to Tindari and Furnari. During today’s tour, we will stop in the ancient city of Tindari for visit to the Sanctuary of the Black Madonna, and then tour the ceramic factory in Furnari to learn how Italian ceramics are made –

start to finish. And to satisfy our culinary desires, we will enjoy a wonderful lunch at a typical Italian restaurant along our way as well as a visit to the beautiful GiVal jewelry factory (if open). Return to our hotel in Taormina for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 7 – TAORMINA: Today will be a free day to rest and relax and enjoy Taormina with all this world-class resort has to offer! Among our possibilities will be an optional tour to Savoca and Forza d'Agro to see the locations used in the filming of *The Godfather* movies including the wedding church and Bar Vitelli. Or perhaps travel on your own to quaint Castelmola, situated above Taormina. Dinner and overnight are at the hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 – MESSINA: Today, we will drive north along the spectacular east coast of Sicily to Messina for a city tour. We will experience a visit to the Duomo to see its fabulous mosaics. The Duomo is also famous for its clock tower, with moving statues that activate with a playing of "Ave Maria" at noontime each day. Enjoy a view across to Calabria on the Italian mainland. We will have time for shopping or individual sightseeing before returning to the hotel for a late lunch and time at leisure. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 – CATANIA~BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we'll transfer to the airport in Catania to board our return flight to Boston (via intermediate city), with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight. (B)

OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT TAORMINA TOUR INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ❖ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Representative.
- ❖ Round-trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-Intermediate City-Catania and return, with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight. The identity of the carrier, which may include the carrier's code-share partner, will be assigned and disclosed at a later date.
- ❖ All transfers and daily sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach.
- ❖ 7 nights the Hotel Ariston (or similar), based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$499 per single. *Limited single availability – may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples same as twin.
- ❖ Porterage of luggage at the hotel.
- ❖ All room and meal taxes and gratuities to bellmen.
- ❖ Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees, where applicable.
- ❖ All meals while on tour -- breakfast (B), lunch (L), and buffet dinner (D) daily. ¼ litre of wine and ½ litre of water with all lunches & dinners.
- ❖ A "Welcome Drink" and orientation meeting.
- ❖ Professional Tour Escort who will accompany our group throughout the tour and expert English-speaking guides, where required.
- ❖ All room and meal taxes and gratuities to bellmen. A small per-night city tax may have to be paid directly to the hotel.
- ❖ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service travel accessory and a complete packet of required travel documents.

A DEPOSIT OF \$450 IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE: We encourage the purchase of the travel protection plan. Trip insurance protects against the unexpected! No one signs up for a trip thinking they are going to have to cancel or have an accident or illness and have to return home early. Do you have children or elderly parents? Trip Mate will get you home if something life threatening happens to an immediate family member, or, will refund you for canceling in advance of departure and or for missed portions of your trip for the same reason or for illness or accident. Trip Mate's travel protection plan covers all of these possibilities. Optional trip insurance is a small price to pay for the peace of mind knowing you and your tour arrangements are insured against the unexpected. We will pay your insurance premium out of your initial deposit and add the cost of your insurance plan to your final bill so that you do not have to pay this additional expense now!

All persons traveling with Durgan Travel are automatically enrolled in Travel Protection Insurance through Trip Mate (1-800-888-7292) if they checked off the "YES" box on the Reservation Form. Please call Trip Mate if you have questions about your insurance or your eligibility. The plan covers trip cancellation or pre- or post-trip interruption, and tour operator/cruise line/airline bankruptcy up to the cost of the trip and travel delay up to \$750 (max. \$150 per day). Emergency evacuation is covered up to \$50,000. Accident or Sickness Medical Expense is covered up to \$25,000. Lost or stolen baggage/personal effects are covered up to \$2500. Baggage delay (24 hours or more) up to \$250 reimbursement, and death or dismemberment benefit \$25,000 max.

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TRIP DEVIATIONS: Any request for tour deviation will be subject to availability at the time of booking. The maximum extension permitted is 10 - 14 days, depending on the airline. A deviation form, along with the surcharge fee of \$150 to change the air (additional \$100 for land arrangements), must be submitted at the time of initial payment, but will be accepted up to 120 days prior to departure. After processing the request, any additional deviation expenses (car rental, train, hotel, etc.) must be paid, in full, to Durgan Travel at the time of reservation. Download form at <http://www.durgantravel.com/forms/Deviation.pdf> or contact Durgan Travel at (800) 234-9959 to request a deviation form.

RESPONSIBILITY: Durgan Travel and their agents, in accepting bookings for this tour, clearly stipulate that they are not liable for faults or defaults of other companies and persons that may be used in the carrying-out of the tour services, also for accidents, baggage losses, delays, or cancellations, strikes, political unrest, riots, and acts of God and war, and changes in schedules. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable, for the comfort or well-being of the passengers, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operator. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw the tour due to insufficient participation or for any reason whatsoever; also, to decline to accept or to retain any person as members of the tour. The airlines and bus lines concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts, omissions, or events during the time the passengers are not onboard. The pass contract in use by the airlines or bus companies concerned constitutes the sole contract between the company and purchase of this tour and/or passengers. The issuance and acceptance of receipt tickets and/or tour membership coupons, along with making the initial deposit, shall be deemed to be consent to and acceptance of the foregoing terms and conditions. Durgan Travel is not responsible for any disruption or cancellation of services due to erroneous identification information provided to Durgan Travel by clients.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL NAMES ARE FILLED IN AS THEY APPEAR ON PASSPORTS. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) requires the following information: You are responsible for filling out this form correctly and completely, and failure to do so will result in the denial of boarding at the airport and/or financial penalties (upwards of \$125). You are responsible for any expenses, inconveniences, or loss of trip stemming from providing incomplete or incorrect information. Additionally, airlines are refusing to do "name changes" if information is not provided properly in the first place, resulting in the passenger losing their seat. Any missing or outdated information **MUST** be provided to Durgan Travel no later than 75 days prior to departure. Plan to renew your passport in time to submit all pertinent information by 75 days prior to departure. Your passport must be good for a minimum of six (6) months after your return date.



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Single, add \$499 Twin Triple, same rate as twin

We offer Trip Mate Travel Protection to insure your trip (see policy inclusions on previous page).

Please choose YES or NO below:

YES, insure my trip with Trip Mate Travel Protection! Trip Mate Travel Protection Insurance **will be added** to the package at \$319 pp twin/\$369 single. (See policy inclusions on Page 2.) The insurance premium is paid out of your deposit and is non-refundable.

NO, I do not wish to include the premium for **Trip Mate Travel Protection**. I realize that I am **NOT** covered by **Travel Protection Insurance**.

Count me/us in! Please find enclosed a deposit of \$450 per person for ___ person(s) due as soon as possible, as space is limited and available on a first- come, first-served basis. Make your check payable to **DURGAN TRAVEL SERVICE**. I/we understand that the balance is due 75 days prior to tour departure and that full refunds, minus a \$25.00 service fee and the cost of insurance, will be returned to passengers if cancellation is given up to 90 days prior to tour departure date. Between 89 – 76 days prior to departure, the full deposit is non-refundable. Between 75 – 60 days prior to departure, 25% of the total tour price is forfeited. Between 59 – 45 days prior to departure, 50% of the total tour price is forfeited. Between 44 – 36 days prior to departure, 75% of the total tour price is forfeited. 35 days or less prior to departure, no refund.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & COMPLETELY!

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

Name (as it appears on passport): _____ M F

Passport #: _____ Place of Issue: _____ Citizenship: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Best Phone #: _____ HOME CELL WORK Alt. Phone #: _____ HOME CELL WORK

Date of birth: _____ E-mail: _____

In Case of Emergency, Notify: _____ Phone # _____

Roommate #1: Name (as it appears on passport): _____ M F

Passport #: _____ Place of Issue: _____ Citizenship: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Best Phone #: _____ HOME CELL WORK Alt. Phone #: _____ HOME CELL WORK

Date of birth: _____ E-mail: _____

Roommate #2: Name (as it appears on passport): _____ M F

Passport #: _____ Place of Issue: _____ Citizenship: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Best Phone #: _____ HOME CELL WORK Alt. Phone #: _____ HOME CELL WORK

Date of birth: _____ E-mail: _____

Credit Card #: (if depositing on card): _____ VISA MC DIS Exp. Date: _____

Name (as it appears on credit card): _____ Signature: _____

****Please Note: Payment by cash or check is discounted.****

I have read and understand the policies listed on this flyer. Prices on this flyer were effective on the date listed below. At the time you purchase your tour, prices may be higher because of an increase in carrier charges. Any rate changes would be advised at time of final billing. I understand that the airline tickets or air tours I am purchasing are subject to supplemental price increases after the date of purchase due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or government. I acknowledge that I may be charged additional sums by Durgan Travel to offset increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, fluctuation in foreign exchange markets or any combination thereof. Prices on this flyer were effective on the date listed below. At the time you purchase your tour, prices may be higher because of an increase in carrier charges. Any rate changes would be advised at time of final billing. I hereby consent to any post-purchase price increases and authorize Durgan Travel to charge my credit card for such additional amounts. Additionally, I have provided all information as accurately as possible and with the understanding that I may be subject to a cancellation or change penalties of at least \$125 if they are incorrect.

Signature: _____ Date: _____