

DURGAN TRAVEL PRESENTS...
12 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS
A SPECIAL ENHANCED
GRAND TOUR OF
SICILY
SEPT. 13 – 24, 2021

\$3289* if group size is 16-19 pass.

*Trip requires a minimum 16 passengers. Prices are for payment by cash/check- See reverse for credit card rates. Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE \$550 in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (*subject to change*). **Subject to 2021 air confirmation.**

DRINKS INCLUDED WITH DINNER!

¼ liter of wine and ½ liter of water per dinner



OUR 12-DAY/10-NIGHT GRAND TOUR OF SICILY ITINERARY:

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

DAY 2 – PALERMO: Upon arrival in Palermo, we will be met by our tour guide who will assist with our transfer to the Hotel San Paolo Palace (or similar). After time to freshen up we will enjoy a welcome cocktail and dinner at the hotel. Overnight. (D) *Hotel website:*

<http://www.sanpaolopalace.it/en/home.html>

DAY 3 – PALERMO~MONREALE: Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for Monreale where we will admire the Duomo, part of a magnificent complex that also comprises a Benedictine abbey and the royal palace, the latter converted into the Archbishop's Seminary in the late-1500s. The church is the product of a blend of artistic styles by the craftsmen employed in the construction. For a brief moment, the elaborate, mostly golden mantle of mosaics is spell-binding. We will also enjoy a walk in one of Palermo's most famous food markets, wandering along the food stalls, and head to a restaurant to enjoy a lunch with typical Palermitan dishes. Continue with the visit of Palermo with the Norman Palace and the Palatine Chapel which are located at the heart of the original town. Once inside, attention is immediately drawn to the fabulous Arabo-Norman interior decoration of blazing gold set off by the marble. The mosaics, exquisitely laid, recount the story of the Old Testament, a selection of the most important episodes in the life of Christ, of St. Peter and St. Paul. Return to your hotel to refresh. Return to your hotel and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 – ERICE~THE SALT ROAD~MARSALA~AGRIGENTO: Breakfast at the hotel. Departure towards Erice, a small charming town enveloped by its medieval atmosphere, cool mountain air, beautiful pine woods, pervading silence, and rich local craft traditions. Visit of a patisserie and tasting of the typical almond pastries. We will then continue along the road than runs from Trapani to Marsala, skirting the lagoon of 'Lo Stagnone', where we will see numerous dazzlingly white salt mountains and windmills. Today we will enjoy lunch in a typical restaurant situated in the salt museum. The salt represents in fact one of the Sicilian economy's historical resources that was already very precious in the days of the Phoenicians. Proceed for Marsala and enjoy a wine tasting in a local winery. Transfer to Agrigento and check in at your hotel, the Grand Hotel Mose (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D) *Hotel website:* <https://www.grandhotelmose.it/>

DAY 5 – AGRIGENTO~PIAZZA ARMERINA~TAORMINA: Breakfast at our hotel. Our first stop this morning is at the impressive National Museum of Archaeology, which houses a huge collection of artifacts from many different periods of habitation of the area. Following that, we will visit Piazza Armerina for lunch at a local farmhouse. Following lunch, we will be able to walk through the impressive 3rd century Roman Villa, excavated in 1955. We will visit its crowning jewel, the famous Roman *Villa of Casale*, a country estate from the 2nd century of the Roman era. Continuing on to the beautiful resort town of Taormina, we will check into *Hotel Ariston* (or similar). Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D) *Hotel website:* <http://www.hotel-ariston.org/en/>

DAY 6 – TAORMINA: After breakfast at the hotel, 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. Lunch is on our own,

and the afternoon is free for independent sightseeing, shopping or a visit to the beautiful local beaches in the Taormina area! Dinner is included at the hotel, and there will be an optional visit to this evening's opera performance at Cine Teatro San Giorgio. A cost of \$30 includes the 9:15 p.m. Opera Show, with drinks included during intermission. The duration of the show is roughly 2 ½ hours. There is no minimum number of passengers required so we can book the opera for just a few members of the group. Check the appropriate box on your reservation form to have this included on your final bill for pre-payment. Overnight at the hotel. (B, D)

DAY 7 – TAORMINA AT LEISURE: After breakfast at the hotel, the day is at leisure to enjoy this spectacular coastal resort town. Lunch and dinner are on your own today. Overnight at the hotel. (B)

DAY 8 – SIRACUSA & NOTO: Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for the visit of Siracusa, also called the 'Perla Bianca' (white stone) for the use of the stone on the construction of magnificent baroque buildings. We will first visit its famous Archaeological Park with the Greek Theater, the Latomie and the Dionisio Ear. Enjoy a pizza lunch in Siracusa before proceeding to Noto, a city known for its Baroque architecture featured in many palaces and religious buildings. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 – TAORMINA AT LEISURE: After breakfast at the hotel, the day is at leisure to enjoy this spectacular coastal resort town. Lunch and dinner are on your own today. Overnight at the hotel. (B)

DAY 10 – CATANIA~MOUNT ETNA: Breakfast in the hotel. Departure for the visit of Catania, a city that over the centuries has faced earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, and subsequently undergone various urban transformations. A city of Baroque stuccoes of UNESCO Heritage and a myriad of unforgettable surroundings. We will walk along the famous 'Mercato della Pescheria' a fish market where the cries of the vendors, the stalls steaming with roasted peppers and tripe sold to passers-by, make this place one of the most emblematic of the city; it's the ideal place to immerse yourself in the local Cantonese culture and be fascinated. Proceed towards Mt. Etna, Europe's highest active volcano. On the way we will stop by a honey laboratory in the town of Zafferana Etnea, famous for the honey producing, and enjoy a lunch with tasting of some of their local products and wonderful wine from Mt. Etna grapes. The coach will then take us to a height of 1900 meters, where we can visit the dormant craters where the remaining of recent lava flows can be seen and from where we can enjoy a breathtaking panorama over the coast. Return to your hotel, dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 11 – TAORMINA AT LEISURE: After breakfast at the hotel, the day is at leisure to enjoy this spectacular coastal resort town. Lunch is on your own today. Return to the hotel for our farewell dinner. Overnight at the hotel. (B, D)

DAY 12 – CATANIA~BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the Catania Airport to board our return flight to Boston (via intermediate city). Meal and beverage service available in flight. (B)

OUR 12-DAY/10-NIGHT ENHANCED GRAND TOUR OF SICILY INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ❖ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Representative.
- ❖ Round-trip flights Boston-intermediate city-Palermo and Catania-intermediate city-Boston with meal and beverage service aloft.
- ❖ 12-nights' accommodations at the hotels described in the itinerary, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$589 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. A small per-night city tax may be payable directly to the hotels.
- ❖ Breakfast (B) daily, four lunches (L) and eight dinners (D) with ½ liter of water and ¼ liter of wine included with dinners.
- ❖ Welcome cocktail our first night in Palermo.
- ❖ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service travel accessory and complete packet of required travel documents.

EARLY BOOKING INCENTIVE: RESERVE YOUR PLACE(S) with just a \$25 per person deposit (normally \$500) if booked by March 24, 2021. We will hold your place on the tour with just a \$25 per person deposit (with only \$10 of that nonrefundable in the event of cancellation) instead of the normal \$500, and will bill you for the remainder of your full deposit six months prior to departure. Upon receipt of the full deposit, standard cancellation penalties will apply and we will book the nonrefundable insurance for you at that time (if selected). If initial deposit is made after the date above, simply pay the \$500 per person deposit. **The balance is due 75 days prior to departure.**

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 request 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 90 days prior to departure. This fee does not cover any additional airfare or taxes that are incurred as a result of your deviation. 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.

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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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.

RESERVATION FORM ON REVERSE. DEPOSIT NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT ON THIS SPECIAL ENHANCED DEPARTURE!

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 STONEHAM MA 02180
 (800) 234-9959
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<https://register.durgantravel.com>

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\$3359 (credit card)/\$3289 (cash/check) if group size is 16-19 passengers

Rates are per person, double occupancy, and INCLUDE \$550 in air taxes, fees & fuel surcharges.

Yes, I wish to add the **evening Opera Show in Taormina**, add \$30 to my invoice

Single, add \$589 (Single rooms subject to availability at time of booking) Twin Triple

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! Insurance will be added to the package at \$289 premium per person twin/\$329 single and will be prepaid from my deposit. (See policy inclusions on Page 2.) The insurance premium is non-refundable and non-transferrable.

NO, I do not wish to include the premium for Trip Mate Travel Protection Insurance.

Please find enclosed a deposit of \$25 (if by March 24, 2021) or \$500 (after March 24) 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**. I/we understand that the balance is due 75 days prior to tour departure and that full refunds, minus a \$25.00 service fee (Just \$10.00 during the "early deposit" period) and the cost of insurance, if selected, 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: ___/___/20__

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

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

Date of birth: ___/___/___ City & State 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: ___/___/20__

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

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

Date of birth: ___/___/___ City & State of birth: _____ E-mail: _____

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

Passport #: _____ Place of Issue: _____ Citizenship: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___/20__

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

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

Date of birth: ___/___/___ City & State 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. 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: _____