

DURGAN TRAVEL PRESENTS...

9 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

THE NEW & IMPROVED

GRAND TOUR OF

SICILY

DEPARTURES

FEB./MAR./NOV.

from \$TBA*

APR. & OCT. from \$TBA*

*Rates are for payment by cash/check and a minimum 35 passengers traveling. See reverse for other rates. Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (*subject to change*). Subject to air confirmation.

DRINKS INCLUDED WITH DINNER!

¼ liter of wine and ½ liter of water per dinner



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

DAY 1 – BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~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 Astoria 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.ghshotels.it/astoria/>

DAY 3 – PALERMO~MONREALE: After breakfast, we will tour the capital of Sicily – Palermo! We will visit both the most sacred and the most profane of the 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. Enjoy a walk along one of Palermo's popular food markets and taste the "Panelle," one of Palermo's typical street foods. 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 – ERICE~MARSALA~AGRIGENTO: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we head west to 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 8th 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) *Hotel website:* www.iashotels.com

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 Agrigento area. Next we will visit the 18th century house of the Nobel Prize-winning author, Luigi Pirandello. Following that, we will visit Piazza Armerina, where 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. We will check into *Hotel Ariston* (or similar) in Taormina. Dinner and overnight. (B, 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. Overnight at the hotel. (B, D)

DAY 7 – 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 8 – 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 2,500 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 9 – 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 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 Representative.
- ❖ Round-trip flights Boston-intermediate city-Palermo and Catania-intermediate city-Boston with meal and beverage service aloft. 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 \$TBA 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, 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.

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

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