

**VALID PASSPORT  
REQUIRED!!**  
Passport must be valid for  
3 months after RETURN date!

**Durgan Travel Service**  
*presents...*

**9 Days/7 Nights**

**All  
Meals  
Included!**

# TAORMINA

**“THE JEWEL OF SICILY”**

**Departures:**

**March & November** at  
**\$TBA\***

**April, Early May & October** at  
**\$TBA\***

\*Rates are for payment by credit card. See back for cash/check prices. Rates are per person, twin occupancy and INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (subject to change).



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 at the centrally located 4-star *Hotel Ariston* (or similar) 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~INTERMEDIATE STOP~CATANIA:** Fly Boston to Catania (*via intermediate city*), with full 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 our centrally located first-class hotel 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)

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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 our 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 – TAORMINA~CATANIA~INTERMEDIATE STOP~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 full 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:**

- ❖ Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan International Airport, FREE with a minimum of 35 paying passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- ❖ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- ❖ Round-trip regularly scheduled Boston~Intermediate City~Catania and return, with full 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 at the 4-star *Hotel Ariston* (or similar), based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *Limited 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!
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag and a complete packet of required travel documents.

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

**TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE:** All persons traveling with Durgan Travel Service are automatically enrolled in Travel Protection Insurance through TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE: All persons traveling with Durgan Travel Service 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 ONLY 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.

**We encourage the purchase of the travel protection plan.** You can protect your travel investment at a very affordable group rate – take peace of mind with you when you travel. Cover your vacation investment, your belongings, and most importantly, you. The Durgan Travel Service Travel Protection Plan is your ticket to worry-free travel. Before you purchase travel insurance, we recommend that you carefully review the plan information. Please Note: Plan benefits, limits, and provisions may vary by state jurisdiction. To review full plan details online, go to: [www.tripmate.com/wpTPG02](http://www.tripmate.com/wpTPG02). **This plan is underwritten by:** United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc.\*, 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-888-7292 (\*in CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

**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 the Retail Department of Durgan Travel Service at the time of reservation. Download form from [www.durgantravel.com](http://www.durgantravel.com) or contact Durgan Travel at Toll Free 1-800-234-9959 to request a deviation form.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Durgan Travel Service 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 Service is not responsible for any disruption or cancellation of services due to erroneous identification information provided to Durgan Travel Service by clients.

**TAORMINA/9-DAYS/7-NIGHTS/PROMO/ml/rd**

**March & November \$TBA (credit card)/\$TBA (cash/check)  
April, Early May & October \$TBA (credit card)/\$TBA (cash/check)**

**For more information, please contact:  
DURGAN TRAVEL SERVICE  
125 Main Street ♦ Stoneham, MA 02180  
Tel: (781) 438-2224 ♦ Toll-free: (800) 234-9959  
Website: [www.durgantravel.com](http://www.durgantravel.com)**