

Durgan Travel Service *presents...*

9 Days/7 Nights

WESTERN SICILY

*Featuring Agrigento, Palermo, Sciacca, Erice,
Selinunte, Piazza Armerina, Marsala,
Cefalu and Castelbuono*

DEPARTURES:

March & November ^{at} **\$TBA***

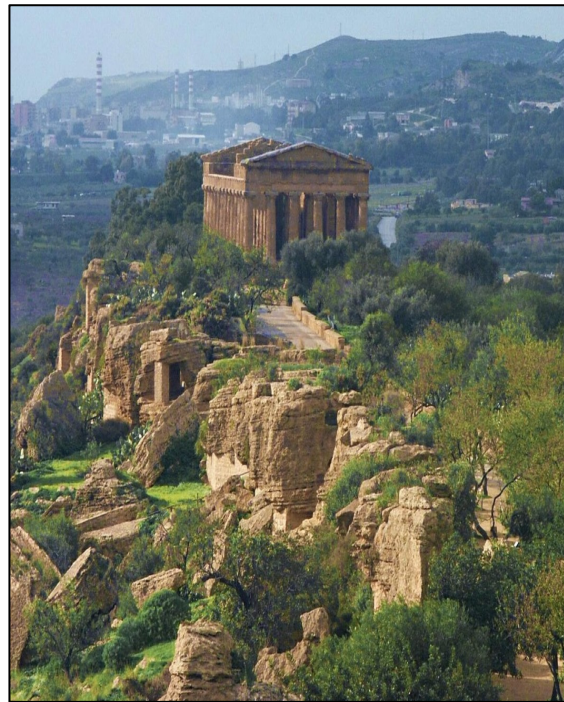
April & October ^{at} **\$TBA***

Early May ^{at} **\$TBA***

*The above rates are for payment by credit card. See Res Form for discount cash and check rates. Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and include \$TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (subject to change).

**Valid
Passport
Required!!**

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OUR WESTERN SICILY TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON~ROME: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic Alitalia flight to Sicily (*via Rome*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in-flight.

DAY 2 – PALERMO~AGRIGENTO: *Benvenuti in Sicilia!* Arrival at the airport in Palermo where we will be met by our Tour Escort who will assist with our transfer. After boarding our private motorcoach, we will depart for Agrigento with a stop en route to change currency and have a light lunch. Arriving in Agrigento, we will check-in at the first-class *Grand Hotel Mose* (or similar). The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to familiarize ourselves with our surroundings. This evening, we will all gather for a "Welcome Drink" and dinner at our hotel. Overnight. (L, D) *Hotel website: www.iashotels.com*

DAY 3 – AGRIGENTO & THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES: Breakfast at our hotel. Morning guided sightseeing in and around the modern city of Agrigento, which sits atop Monte Camico, including the scenic Via Atenea and the Church of Maria dei Greci. Return to our hotel for lunch. This afternoon, we will visit the awe-inspiring Valley of the Temples, the most captivating of the Sicilian Greek ruins and the most unique grouping outside of Greece! Among the many Greek remains are the temples of Concord, Hercules, Juno, Zeus, Hera, and Castor and Pollux. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 4 – AGRIGENTO AREA: 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 lunch at our hotel, we will visit Piazza Armerina, where we will be able to walk through the impressive 3rd century Roman Villa which was 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. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 5 – SCIACCA & SELINUNTE: Breakfast at our hotel. Depart for a morning guided tour of Sciacca on the southern coast. In Roman times, it was called *Thermae Selinutinae*, a name evocative of the thermal springs nearby. In one of the most famous of the underground thermal caves, called *Antro del Fazzello*, Sicilians can find traces of their ancestors dating back to the Sicilian Neolithic period (5000 BCE). Noontime stop at a nearby restaurant for lunch followed by a stop in the abandoned Greek city of Selinunte to see its wonderful Archaeological Park. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 6 – AGRIGENTO~MARSALA~ERICE~SEGESTA~PALERMO: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will head west along the southern coast road to Marsala to see the Duomo, the Church of St. Peter, the Church of St. Mary of the Grotto and much more. Following a stop for lunch, we will visit Erice, the Medieval town on the summit of Monte San Giuliano. On our excursion, we will see a number of churches, convents and other landmarks which date from the Middle Ages, as well as the famous Norman Castle and its Duomo. Our next stop is in Segesta to visit the inspiring Doric temple (*built in 424 BCE*) and the Greek theater. Lastly, we arrive in Palermo for check-in at the 4-star *Hotel San Paolo Palace* (or similar), located on the Gulf of Palermo. Dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D) *Hotel website: www.sanpaolopalace.it/*

DAY 7 – PALERMO & MONREALE: Breakfast at our hotel. Full-day of guided sightseeing first in Palermo where we will see many of the city's most historic Norman and Moorish landmarks including the Royal Palace, the Palatina Chapel and the Cathedral. We will stop along our route for our midday meal. In the afternoon, we will visit Monreale, famous for its cathedral with its stunning Byzantine Mosaics and the figure of Christ Pantocrator, and its Cloister. Return to our hotel in Palermo for dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 8 – CEFALU & CASTELBUONO: Breakfast at our hotel. Today's excursion takes us first to the beautiful seaside resort of Cefalu, with its white-sand beaches, sheer rock cliff (*known as the Rocca*) and winding streets. Its magnificent Duomo dominates the landscape of what is still, essentially, a quaint fishing village. After our tour of Cefalu, we will stop for lunch in a restaurant along our way. In the afternoon, we will visit picturesque Castelbuono which owes its origins to the *Ventimiglia* or Gentlemen of the County of Geraci. The center of the town, Piazza Margherita, is in the shadow of the 14th century Matrice Vecchia (*Old Church Cathedral*) and its beautiful 16th century fountain. Return to our hotel in Palermo for dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 9 – PALERMO~ROME~BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the airport in Palermo to board our Alitalia flight to Boston (*via Rome*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in-flight. (BB)

OUR TOUR OF WESTERN SICILY 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 Alitalia flights Boston-Rome-Palermo and return with full meal and beverage service aloft.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Services of a 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 meals! Substantial buffet breakfast (BB) each morning, lunch (L) daily, and dinner (D) each evening.
- ❖ Wine and mineral water is included with both lunch and dinner.
- ❖ "Welcome Cocktail" our first night in Arigento.
- ❖ All meal and room taxes, and gratuities to bellmen.
- ❖ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag.

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

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