

Tour Code: KSS14



Sicilian Odyssey

featuring Rome, the Amalfi Coast & Sicily

October 4 - 17, 2014

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Saturday, October 4 • Depart

Our journey begins today as we board our transatlantic flights to Rome, Italy. Booking your own flights (cost not included) plan to arrive at the Rome airport no later than 9:00AM. (Note: Anyone needing assistance with flight arrangements should contact Ed-Ventures directly.) **IF**

Sunday, October 5 • Rome



After clearing customs meet your fellow tour participants. Then, board our private coach to begin our tour with the glories of the Caesars, the awe that is St. Peter's and the city that was the birthplace for much of our civilization. Our visit to the

"Eternal City" has just begun as we meet a local guide for a visit to the **Roman Colosseum** and the historic **Forum**, once the center of ancient Rome.

Monday, October 6 • Rome

This morning once again we join our local guide for a tour of **Vatican City and St. Peter's Cathedral**, home of the Roman Catholic Church and the world's largest Christian building. Included in our tour will be visits to the **Vatican Museum** and the **Sistine Chapel**. Our afternoon is free to explore on our own. **B**



Tuesday, October 7 • Rome

Today is an entirely free day to explore on your own. Your tour guide, Karen See and host, Janet Grojean, will be happy to help you plan your day. **B**



Wednesday, October 8 • Sorrento

After breakfast we drive south to **Pompeii for a guided tour of the ancient ruins** where so many lives were claimed when Mount Vesuvius tragically erupted in AD 79. Later, we continue on to the beautiful coastal city of Sorrento. Enjoy the view of

Mt. Vesuvius from the waterfront. **B**

Thursday, October 9 • Sorrento

This morning we travel by hydrofoil to the **Isle of Capri**. Known as the Island of the Wild Boars, the island has lush Mediterranean vegetation and is so beautiful that Tiberius moved the seat of the empire there. Our guide will take us on a tour of the Island including a visit to the church of **San Michele** to view its exquisite tile floor and a ride up the chairlift to the top of Mt. Solarno, the highest point of the island, for an extraordinary view. **B**



Friday, October 10 • Sorrento

Today we see one of Europe's most beautiful coastlines as we make our way along the **Amalfi Coast to Amalfi**, a town which boasts gorgeous views, a magnificent Cathedral, unique pottery and a scenic waterfront. After time to explore on our own we climb the cliffs to **Ravello**, the jewel of the Amalfi Coast. Lunch today is at a private villa overlooking the coast. Cooking for celebrities and dignitaries has become common for **Mama Agata**. After lunch enjoy the time to wander about Ravello before returning to Sorrento. **B,L**

Saturday, October 11 • Palermo

Heading north again we take time to visit a mountain retreat, the **Abbey of Montecassino**. Founded by St. Benedict in 529 the abbey was destroyed by bombs during WWII and now completely rebuilt it sits majestic, often surrounded by clouds. Our late day flight (cost included) takes us from Rome to the beautiful island of Sicily, original home of many American immigrants. **B**



Sunday, October 12 • Palermo



Our day begins with a local guide and a driving tour of Palermo before driving the northern coastline to the seaside medieval village of **Cefalu**. Stroll the Arabic streets of this fresh-faced fishing port. A mighty Norman-Arab-Byzantine cathedral shimmers inside with Byzantine

mosaics. View the Temple of Diana said to be one of the oldest structures still standing in Sicily. We enjoy a relaxing lunch at a beachfront restaurant and some free time before returning to Palermo for the evening. **B,L**

Monday, October 13 • Agrigento

Leaving Palermo, we travel south to a city made famous by "*The Godfather*," **Corleone**. A short visit to the **Anti-Mafia Museum** is followed by a tour and tasting lunch at a local vineyard, **Principe di Corleone**. We then continue to the



southern coastline of Sicily to explore the ancient **Greek ruins of Agrigento**. Here a local guide will join us as we walk thru the **Valley of the Temples** and view some of the best-preserved Greek temples in the world. Later, overnight in view of the illuminated ruins. **B,L**

Tuesday, October 14 • Catania



Our route now takes us east to Piazza Armerina, where we stop for a guided tour of **Villa del Casale**, perhaps the most important surviving documentation of Roman presence in Sicily. Built between the 3rd and 4th century by a patrician family the total surface is

more than 3500 square meters with 40 rooms, almost all of them paved with mosaic floors. For our final days we overnight in Catania on the most easterly shore of Sicily. **B**

Wednesday, October 15 • Catania

Our excursion today takes us via **Lentini and Carlentini**, still the home of relatives of many people from Omaha, to **Siracusa**. (Those wishing to stay the day to visit friends and family may do so.) In Siracusa our local guide accompanies us on visits to the **Greek theatre and Roman colosseum** and other historical sites of the area. After lunch and exploring on our own we return via Lentini and Carlentini to Catania. **B**



Thursday, October 16 • Catania



A special day awaits us as we make our way past the foothills of Mt. Etna to the scenic coastal city of **Taormina**. There will be plenty of time to explore such sites as Giardini Pubblico (Public Garden) and the Greek Theater as well as shop for unique treasures to take home. On our return to Catania we stop in the area of Mt. Etna at Gambino winery for dinner and a tasting of their wines. **B,D**

Friday, October 17 • Return

Sadly it is time to end our Sicilian adventure as we transfer to the airport for our flights home. We are filled, however, with lasting impressions of Italy and the island of Sicily. Arrivederci! **B, IF**

TOUR PRICE: \$3,479* *per person, land only*

\$90 discount when paying by check

***Single Supplement = \$750**

**Price is per person based on a minimum of 20 participants, double occupancy.*

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in the itinerary
- Services of a **professional tour manager** throughout the tour
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour except as indicated below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Air transportation including related taxes and fees
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour guide
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (This insurance is available and recommended.)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

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Abbreviations for meals:

B = Breakfast **L** = Lunch
D = Dinner **IF** = Inflight

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Legal Name: _____

(Nickname): _____

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Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

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Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

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Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate name: _____

Single supplement (\$750): _____ Yes _____ No

Travel Insurance (please check one): Yes, sign me up No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information: Charge my card below Check enclosed

Credit Card Number: _____

Card ID Code: _____ Visa/MC/Disc: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

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