

SICILY

and SOUTHERN ITALY

May 2 – 15, 2020

Travel with The Royal-tea Club to Sicily, with its idyllic climate, dramatic vistas, and hearty cuisine that embodies all things Italian. Sicily is also rich with its own culture that is distinct from that of mainland Italy. We'll explore some of Sicily's most enticing regions. Discover the cliffside resort town of Taormina, where you'll marvel at sweeping ocean and mountain views, presided over by mighty Mount Etna. Immerse yourself in the long, rich history of Siracusa, once a dominating player in the ancient Mediterranean world. Explore Agrigento, where you'll discover the Valley of the Temples, one of the world's largest and best-preserved sites of Greek ruins, and visit the vibrant capital city of Palermo, where you'll uncover Sicily's Arab, Norman, and Roman heritage amid a rich tapestry of Mediterranean cultures. But that's not all! There is an overnight ferry ride to Naples on the mainland. Some of our mainland travels include touring the old town of Naples, visiting Capri/Anacapri, enjoying the Amalfi Coast, exploring Pompeii, and the San Severo Museum in Naples. We will spend three nights on Ischia, and we will also visit the little island of Procida.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 – Depart USA for Catania, Sicily.

Day 2 – Arrive in Catania and transfer to our hotel where we will have dinner. (D)

Day 3 – We will have a full day excursion to Mount Etna and Taormina, including the Greek Theater. Afterwards, we will have a typical Sicilian dinner in Taormina. We then return to our hotel for the evening. (B, D)

Day 4 – Today we will tour Catania in the morning. Then there will be a cooking class and lunch. Overnight in our Catania hotel. (B, L)

Day 5 – We leave Catania and journey to Siracusa to explore its history. We will then transfer to Agrigento to our hotel where we will have dinner. (B, D)

Day 6 – We leave our hotel to travel to Agrigento where we will visit the Valley of the Temples. In the afternoon we will transfer to our Palermo hotel where we will have dinner. (B, D)

Day 7 – Today we will explore Palermo and Monreale where one of our stops will be the Monreale Cathedral. Lunch will be in a typical fish shop. We will then transfer to the port and board a ferry. Our dinner and on-board accommodations are included. (B, L, D)

Day 8 – We arrive in Naples in the early morning and visit the old town, including breakfast. We will transfer to Sorrento to enjoy an Eno-gastronomic tour and check in to our hotel. (B, L)

Day 9 – This morning we will take the ferry from Sorrento for a full day tour of Capri/Anacapri. One stop will be Augusto's Gardens. We will have dinner at our hotel in Sorrento. (B, D)

Day 10 – Today we will enjoy the glorious Amalfi Coast and visit the excavations of Pompeii. Afterwards we will return to our Sorrento hotel for dinner. (B, D)

Day 11 – After checking out of our Sorrento hotel, we will travel to Naples to visit the San Severo Museum which houses the artifacts found in Pompeii. We will then board a ferry to Ischia and check into our hotel. Dinner will be at our hotel in Ischia. (B, D)

Day 12 – We will spend today touring the island of Ischia. Dinner will be at our hotel in Ischia. (B, D)

Day 13 – After breakfast we will ferry to the little Island of Procida where we will tour while riding in private tuk-tuks. Our lunch will be in a trattoria there before we return to Ischia for some free time. In the evening we will celebrate our successful trip with a grand Farewell dinner with live music and drinks included. (B, L, D)

Day 14 – After checking out, we will ferry to Naples and transfer to the airport for our flight back to the USA.

PRICES

Spring price is \$2595 based on double occupancy. The single supplement is \$550. Group flight is \$1125. You may make your own flight arrangements. Transfers will be your responsibility.

Minimum deposit amount is \$500 per person.

Send reservation form and check payable to Sharon Hart, 105 Frog Pond Hollow, Abbottstown PA 17301; 717-332-5851; email: shalee2@aol.com

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*No credit cards may be used. Checks payable to Sharon Hart only. (Our Italian travel agent does not accept credit cards.)

*Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Consider Travel Guard or TravellInsured.

*All hotels are 4-star.

*Price subject to adjustment if there is a significant change in Euro vs. USD.

*Arrangements have been made by Alex of LexaViaggi Travel Agency in Sorrento

PRICE INCLUDES:

All transportation while in Italy

Eleven nights in hotels

One night in cabin on-board ferry

All entrance fees

One breakfast in Naples; all others in hotels

Seven hotel dinners

One cooking class with lunch

One lunch in fish shop

One Eno-gastronomic tour

One lunch in trattoria

One 3-course dinner in Taormina

One dinner on ferry

One 4-course Farewell restaurant dinner with live music and included drinks

Ten authorized tour guides for Mount Etna/Taormina, Catania, Siracusa, Agrigento, Palermo/Monreale, Naples, Capri/Anacapri, Amalfi/Pompeii, San Severo Museum, and Ischia

Porterage for all hotels (not the overnight ferry)

Services of our English- speaking guide, Denise Bird, each day

Tourist tax

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Gratuities

Drinks with most meals

Travel insurance

Flights: May flights are \$1125 round trip.

RESERVATION FORM

Lead Passenger Information (Please complete ALL information)

Full name (must match passport) _____

Passport Number _____

Issue Date _____ Expiration Date _____

Date of birth (MMDDYY) _____ Room type (please circle one) Twin Double Single

Complete Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____

Emergency Contact Phone _____

Amount of Deposit Included _____

Would you like to be paired with a roommate? _____

Companion Passenger Information (Please complete ALL information)

Full name (must match passport) _____

Passport Number _____

Issue Date _____ Expiration Date _____

Date of birth (MMDDYY) _____ Room type (please circle one) Twin Double Single

Complete Address _____

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Please indicate any Special Requirements you may have, including but not limited to: special dietary requests like food allergies and dietary restrictions (i.e., vegetarian, kosher, vegan), medical, other medical considerations (limited mobility, disabilities, persons with serious medical conditions or requiring specific assistances such as oxygen, dialysis, special medications (such as insulin).

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