

# GROUP ESCAPE

November 2018–March 2019

BOOK A GROUP DEPARTING  
BEFORE MARCH 31, 2019  
AND RECEIVE \$500 BONUS

## Sicily

from **\$999**

(Land only rates p.p. in dbl / Based on min. 20 pax)



### INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS:

- Accommodation: 6 nights based on 3\*\*\* hotels (3 in Taormina, 1 in Agrigento, 2 in Palermo)
- Meals: 6 breakfasts (Daily dinner supplement available at \$25 p.p.)
- Highlights: Guided city tour of Catania, Taormina and Palermo including admission to Monreale, Tour of Piazza Armerina and Villa del Casale, Tour of the Valley of Temples
- All transfers as per itinerary with the air-conditioned motorcoach
- Services of professional Tour Escort
- Hotel Taxes and Service Charges
- Porterage of one suitcase per person
- 24-hour assistance hot-line
- USTOA \$1 million Travelers Assistance Program

### DAY 1 – USA / CATANIA

Overnight flight to Catania in Sicily.

### DAY 2 – CATANIA / TAORMINA

Arrive in Catania. On the journey to the hotel you will become acquainted with the lively and colourful city of Catania. You will see the Norman-Baroque cathedral with the Elephant Fountain, stroll through the fish market and along picturesque market streets to the Hohenstaufen Castello Ursino, see the Greek theatre with the Roman Odeon and at last reach the unfinished Baroque facade of S. Nicolo. Transfer to the hotel.

### SMALL GROUP BONUS

**Homeric Tours Exclusive**

**1 FREE FOR 15**

COMPETITIVE TRANSATLANTIC AIRFARE AVAILABLE

### DAY 3 – TAORMINA (MT. ETNA EXCURSION)

Excursion to Mt. Etna, Europe's highest active volcano. You will walk to the Silvestri craters and the lava streams of 1983 and 2001 at a height of ca. 1,900 m. (The continued journey to an altitude of ca. 3,000 m with all-terrain vehicles depends on the weather and costs extra.) In the afternoon you will tour Taormina, which is surrounded by an overwhelming setting of rocks, gardens and sea. Taormina's most famous structure is the Greek-Roman theatre, from which one has a spectacular view of the sea and Mt. Etna. (B)

### DAY 4 – TAORMINA

Today is at leisure, to simply relax or enjoy an optional excursion to Lipari and Vulcano. You have the option of visiting the interesting museum of Lipari (located directly on the harbour) or of taking a short stroll through the narrow streets, before you will continue on by boat to Vulcano. Vulcano is inviting for a swim on the black lava beach, warm water springs and baths. (B)

### DAY 5 – TAORMINA / PIAZZA ARMERINA / CALTAGIRONE / AGRIGENTO

You can admire the almost 3,500 m<sup>2</sup> of floor mosaics in the Villa Casale. Continue on to Caltagirone, also known as the 'queen of the mountains' and famous for its pottery production. The Duomo S. Guilano and the 142-step monumental staircase are the main attractions. We also get an inside look at the pottery production during a visit to a pottery workshop. We travel to Agrigento for an overnight. (B)

### DAY 6 – AGRIGENTO (VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES) / PALERMO

Today we start the tour of world-famous Valley of the Temples. The sight of immense ancient monuments set against a Mediterranean backdrop is highly impressive. The Greek poet Pindar called the city 'the most beautiful city of mortals'. The perfectly preserved Temple of Concordia is particularly breath-taking. The archaeological area is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our journey brings us to Palermo for an overnight. (B)

### DAY 7 – PALERMO

The capital of Sicily is a lively harbour city. Sumptuous palaces are set among typically Mediterranean streets' scenes. The Norman Cathedral and the Palace of the Normans are especially worth seeing. The Normans founded the abbey of Monreale in the mountains near Palermo as a symbol of their triumph over Islam. With its cathedral and adjoining cloister, this structure is among Sicily's most important sights. (B)

### DAY 8 – PALERMO / USA

Bid farewell to Sicily and Italy today. (B)

B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner

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