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**9-Day/7-Night**

# **GRAND TOUR of SICILY**

**October 8 - 16, 2010**

**\$1999** for payment by credit card

**\$1949** discount rate for payment by cash or check

**November 6 - 14, 2010**

**\$1799** for payment by credit card

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**The Greco-Roman Theater, Taormina**

All rates are per person, twin occupancy,  
plus \$396.63 in air taxes and fees  
and a Fuel Surcharge (*subject to change*).

## OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT GRAND TOUR OF SICILY ITINERARY:

**DAY 1 - BOSTON-ROME:** Depart Boston's Logan Airport late afternoon on an overnight Alitalia flight to Rome connecting to a flight to Sicily (*"the #1 island destination in Europe" as rated by Travel and Leisure Magazine's readers' poll*). Full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, are available while in-flight.

**DAY 2 - PALERMO:** Upon arrival in Palermo, we will be met by our tour host who will assist with our transfer. Bank stop en route to the first-class *Hotel Mediterraneo* (or similar) in Palermo for check-in. The remainder of the day is at leisure to freshen-up prior to a "Welcome Cocktail" and dinner this evening. (D)

**DAY 3 - PALERMO:** Today, following breakfast, we will depart for in the capital of Sicily - Palermo! We will visit both the most sacred and the most profane of the Arab, Norman and Svevo periods. We will visit the Norman Cathedral, the Norman Palace (*today home of the parliament*), the Cappella Palatina and San Rosario. Following lunch (*on our own*), we will visit the Cathedral of Monreale, site of the Capital of the Monasteries, followed by a walk to the Piazza Politcarno in the heart of the city. Late afternoon return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

**DAY 4 - SEGESTA-MARSALA-SCIACCA-AGRIGENTO:** After breakfast and hotel check-out, we head southwest to Segesta to experience the inspiring Doric temple (*built in 424 BC*) and the Greek theater. Continuing west, we next journey to the westernmost tip of Sicily and Marsala. We will have a panoramic tour of the city (*founded by the Phoenicians in the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC*) to see the Duomo, the Church of St. Peter, the Church of St. Mary of the Grotto and much more. We will stop for our noon meal (*on our own*). And in the afternoon, proceed to Sciacca on the southern coast. Sciacca lies between the mouths of the Platani and Belice rivers. 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 BC). Our last stop today is in Agrigento for check-in, dinner and overnight at the first-class *Grand Hotel Mose* (or similar). (BB, D)

**DAY 5 - VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES-PIAZZA ARMERINA-TAORMINA:** After breakfast, we will head off for the Valley of the Temples, the largest concentration of Greek ruins outside of Greece. We will tour the temples of Vulcan, Zeus, Heracles, Concordia, and Castor and Pollux. We will then depart for Piazza Armerina, where we will be able to walk through the impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> century Roman Villa which was excavated in 1955. Visit its crowning jewel, the famous Roman *Villa of Casale*, a country estate from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century of the Roman era. One of the most outstanding features of the villa is its more than 3500 square yards of ancient mosaic tiling depicting hunting scenes, mythical creatures and natural landscapes among many others! We will enjoy lunch in a typical area restaurant (*on our own*) before continuing-on to Taormina, *"the Jewel of Sicily"* for check-in at the 1<sup>st</sup>-class *Hotel Vello D'Oro* (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

**DAY 6 - TAORMINA:** After breakfast at the hotel, a local expert guide will conduct a half-day sightseeing tour of Taormina, including visits to all of the major attractions (*such as the world famous Greek and Roman theater*) and a complete orientation of the city. Lunch is on our own and the afternoon is free for independent sightseeing, shopping or a visit to the beautiful local beaches in the Taormina area! Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (BB, D)

**DAY 7 - CATANIA-MOUNT ETNA:** At the southern foot of Mount Etna lies Catania. We will have a panoramic tour of this wonderful city known for its straight streets and attractive buildings which date from the reconstruction after the eruption of 1693. We will visit the Duomo (*site of the Chapel of Saint Agatha*) and the open-air market. Lunch is on our own. In the afternoon, we will travel through the many varied vegetable and fruit areas on the slopes of Mount Etna. Arriving at an altitude of 2,500 feet, we will be above the tree line. We will have a perfect view of the three Silvestri Craters and the River of Lava (*a remnant of the 1983-1985 eruption*). Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

**DAY 8 - SIRACUSA:** Following breakfast, we will have a full-day tour of the Siracusa Geological Zone where we will visit the Greek Theater, the Roman Amphitheater, the Altar of Gerone, the Cave of Cordari and the Ear of Dionysius. Continuing-on to the Medieval City, we will see the beautiful architecture of the Baroque Period, constructed at a time of much wealth and prosperity. We will also stop and visit The Cathedral. Return to Taormina for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

**DAY 9 - TAORMINA-CATANIA-ROME-BOSTON:** Following breakfast and hotel check-out, we will be transferred to the Catania Airport to board our Alitalia return flight to Boston (*via Rome*). Full meal and beverage service is available while in-flight. (BB)

**OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT GRAND TOUR OF SICILY INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- ❖ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- ❖ Round trip Alitalia flights Boston-Rome-Palermo and Catania-Rome-Boston with full meal and beverage service aloft.
- ❖ 7-nights accommodations: 2-nights at the *Hotel Mediterraneo* (or similar) in Palermo, 1-night at the first-class *Grand Hotel Mose* (or similar) in Agrigento and 4-nights at the first-class *Hotel Vello D'Oro* (or similar) in Taormina, based-on twin occupancy. The Single Supplement is an additional \$420 per single. *ONLY 4 singles per tour*. 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 and 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 meal and room taxes, and gratuities to bellmen.
- ❖ Substantial buffet breakfast (BB) each morning, and dinner (D) each evening.
- ❖ "Welcome Cocktail" our first night in Palermo.
- ❖ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag and complete packet of required documentation.

**A \$250 DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER.**  
**THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.**

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**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, *should* 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.

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**RESERVATION FORM**

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Single, add \$420 *ONLY 4 singles per tour*     Twin     Triple, same rate as twin

Trip Mate Travel Protection Insurance will be added to the package at \$199 premium per person twin/\$229 single and will be prepaid from my deposit. *Please call DTS for October insurance premium rates. (See policy inclusions above.) The insurance premium is paid out of your initial deposit and is non-refundable*

**NO**, I do not wish to include the premium for Trip Mate Travel Protection Insurance. I realize that I am NOT covered by Travel Protection Insurance.

Please find enclosed a deposit of \$250 per person for \_\_\_ person(s) due as soon as possible, as space is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Make your check payable to **DURGAN TRAVEL SERVICE**. I/we understand that the balance is due 75 days prior to tour departure and that full refunds, minus a \$10.00 service fee and the cost of insurance, will be returned to passengers if cancellation is given up to 90 days prior to tour departure date. Between 89 – 76 days prior to departure, the full deposit is non-refundable. Between 75 – 46 days prior to departure, 25% of the total tour price is forfeited. Between 45 – 36 days prior to departure, 50% of the total tour price is forfeited. Between 35 – 16 days prior to departure, 75% of the total tour price is forfeited. Within 15 days of departure – NO REFUND.

**NOTE: PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL NAMES ARE FILLED-IN AS THEY APPEAR ON PASSPORTS.**

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