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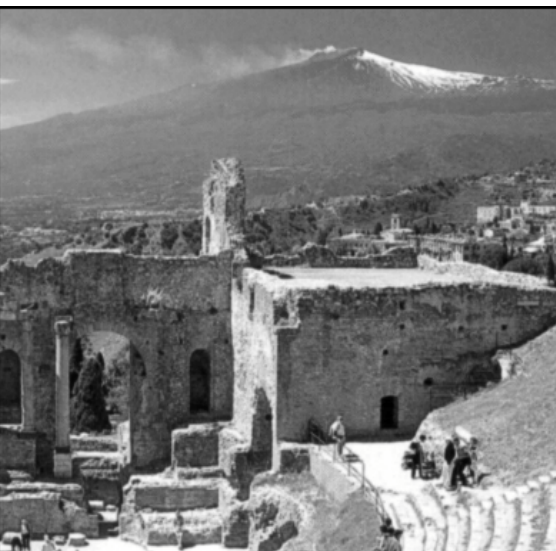
TAORMINA

"THE JEWEL OF SICILY"

2010 DEPARTURE DATES:

October 4 - 12^{at} \$1949*

November 12 - 20^{at} \$1799*



Taormina's Greco-Roman Theater and Mount Etna

All rates are per person, twin occupancy,
plus \$396.85 in air taxes, fees,
and Fuel Surcharges (*subject to change*).

*The above rates are for payment by credit card.
See Res Form (*on back*) for discount cash and check rates.

Join your fellow travelers on a wonderful 9-day/7-night tour to Taormina, a world class resort area situated on the east coast of Sicily (*"The #1 island destination in Europe" as rated by Travel & Leisure Magazine's readers' poll*). We will enjoy regularly scheduled Alitalia flights non-stop from Boston to Rome with a connection to Catania. There will be full meal and beverage service en route, including complimentary beer and wine, as well as free headphones for the movies or stereo. 7-nights at the centrally located 4-star *Hotel Ariston* (www.parchotels.it/uk/hotelAriston.asp) or similar are included, as well as three meals daily (*buffet breakfast, full luncheon, and dinner*). Full sightseeing is also included with a local bilingual expert guide and plenty of free time for individual sightseeing, shopping, rest, relaxation, and evening entertainment. Enjoy the wonderful temperatures while the countryside is showing off its beauty.

DAY 1 - BOSTON-ROME: Depart Boston's Logan Airport late afternoon on an overnight Alitalia flight to Rome, with dinner en route connecting to our flight to Catania. Breakfast also served in-flight. **Alitalia**

DAY 2 - CATANIA-TAORMINA: Upon arrival, we will transfer to the centrally-located 4-star *Hotel Ariston* (or similar) in Taormina (www.parchotels.it/uk/hotelAriston.asp). Our first afternoon in Sicily (*"The #1 island destination in Europe" as rated by Travel & Leisure Magazine's readers' poll*) will be for rest and relaxation prior to a "Welcome Drink" and orientation meeting following dinner. Overnight. (D)

DAY 3 - TAORMINA: A local expert will conduct a half-day sightseeing tour of Taormina, including visits to all of the major attractions and a complete orientation of the city. The unquestioned highlight of the tour will be a visit to the Greek and Roman Theater, situated on the slope of Monte Tauro. From here, we will experience a breathtaking view of the Sicilian landscape, especially Mt. Etna in the distance. Return to the hotel for lunch, and the rest of the day is at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (BB, L, D)

DAY 4 - SIRACUSA: We are off on a full-day excursion to Siracusa, a spectacular city along the southeastern coast that has the largest concentration of Greek ruins outside of Greece! At one time, Siracusa was the biggest, wealthiest city in all of Europe. In the "Archaeological Zone", we will see the ancient amphitheater and colosseum, which date back to the 5th century BC. Pizza lunch in Siracusa. We will also see the colorful harbor and the Church of the Weeping Madonna. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 5 - CATANIA-MT. ETNA: This morning, we will enjoy a half-day tour of beautiful Catania, including St. Agatha's Cathedral and the open air market. At noontime, we will partake of a typical vintner's lunch. This afternoon's excursion will take us halfway up Mt. Etna, the largest volcano in all of Europe. This active volcano affords a fascinating sightseeing tour. The topography and fauna will change dramatically as we ascend the mountain for a spectacular view of Taormina and surrounding Sicily. Before returning to Taormina, we will stop at the Gi. Val Jewelry Factory in Giarre, which is located in a beautiful villa. We will have complimentary cocktails and snacks while we see how local artisans create fine jewelry, which we may choose to purchase at wholesale prices that are 30 - 40% below retail! Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Taormina. (BB, L, D)

DAY 6 - TINADARI-FUNARI: We are off on a full-day excursion to Tindari and Funari. During today's tour, we will stop in the ancient city of Tindari for visit to the Sanctuary of the Black Madonna, and then tour the ceramic factory in Funari to learn how Italian ceramics are made - start to finish. And to satisfy our culinary desires, we will enjoy a wonderful pasta lunch at a typical Italian restaurant along the way followed by a stop in Terma Vigliatore to visit *La Contadina* for a wine tasting. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 7 - TAORMINA: Today will be a free day to rest and relax and enjoy Taormina with all this world-class resort has to offer! Among our possibilities will be an optional tour to Savoca and Forza d'Agro to see the very locations used in the filming of *The Godfather* movies including the wedding church and *Bar Vitelli*. Or perhaps travel on our own to quaint Castelmola, situated above Taormina. Dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 8 - MESSINA: Today we will drive north along the spectacular east coast of Sicily to Messina for a city tour. We will experience a visit to the Duomo to see its fabulous mosaics. The Duomo is also famous for its clock tower, with moving statues that activate with a playing of "Ave Maria" at noontime each day. Enjoy a view across to Calabria on the Italian mainland. We will have time for shopping or individual sightseeing before returning to the hotel for a late lunch and time at leisure. This evening, we will be treated to a local folkloric show with our dinner. (BB, L, D)

DAY 9 - TAORMINA-CATANIA-ROME-BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will depart for the airport for our Alitalia flight to Rome connecting to the U.S.A. and arriving mid-afternoon. (BB)

OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT TAORMINA TOUR INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ❖ Round trip regularly scheduled Alitalia flights Boston-Rome-Catania and return with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in-flight.
- ❖ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- ❖ All transfers and daily sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach, with expert driver.
- ❖ 7-nights at the 4-star *Hotel Ariston* (or similar) based-on twin occupancy. The Single Supplement is an additional \$420 per single. *ONLY 4 singles per tour*. Triples same as twin. Portorage of luggage at the hotel. All room and meal taxes, and gratuities to bellmen.
- ❖ Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.
- ❖ All meals while on tour (*three meals daily including a buffet breakfast (BB), full lunch (L), and dinner(D)*) plus a special folkloric show.
- ❖ "Sicilian Night" at the hotel with a special dinner and entertainment on one evening during our stay.
- ❖ A "Welcome Drink" and orientation meeting.
- ❖ Full-time professional Tour Escort who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- ❖ Expert English-speaking guides where required.
- ❖ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag and complete packet of required travel documents.

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

TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE: All persons traveling with Durgan Travel Service are automatically enrolled in Travel Protection Insurance through Trip Mate (1-800-888-7292), *UNLESS* you "opt out" and check-off the "NO" box below on the Reservation Form. Please *ONLY* call Trip Mate if you have questions about your insurance or your eligibility. The plan covers trip cancellation or pre- or post-trip interruption, and tour operator/cruise line/airline bankruptcy up to the cost of the trip and travel delay up to \$750 (*max. \$150 per day*). Emergency evacuation is covered up to \$50,000. Accident or Sickness Medical Expense is covered up to \$25,000. Lost or stolen baggage/personal effects are covered up to \$2500. Baggage delay (24-hours or more) up to \$250 reimbursement, and death or dismemberment benefit \$25,000 max.. This plan is underwritten by: The United States Fire Insurance Company. **This policy is administered by:** Trip Mate, Inc. (In CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency), 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64114, 1-800-888-7292.

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 or contact Durgan Travel at Toll Free 1-800-234-9959 to request a deviation form.

RESPONSIBILITY: Durgan Travel Service and their agents, in accepting bookings for this tour, clearly stipulate that they are not liable for faults or defaults of other companies and persons that may be used in the carrying-out of the tour services, also for accidents, baggage losses, delays, or cancellations, strikes, political unrest, riots, and acts of God and war, and changes in schedules. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable, for the comfort or well-being of the passengers, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operator. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw the tour due to insufficient participation or for any reason whatsoever; also to decline to accept or to retain any person as members of the tour. The airlines and bus lines concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts, omissions, or events during the time the passengers are not onboard. The pass contract in use by the airlines or bus companies concerned constitutes the sole contract between the company and purchase of this tour and/or passengers. The issuance and acceptance of receipt tickets and/or tour membership coupons, along with making the initial deposit, shall be deemed to and acceptance of the foregoing terms and conditions.

RESERVATION FORM:

TAORMINA – THE JEWEL OF SICILY - 9-DAY/lg/ak

**CUT AND MAIL TO:
DURGAN TRAVEL SERVICE
125 MAIN STREET
STONEHAM, MA 02180
(781) 438-2224
TOLL FREE: 1-800-234-9959**

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERRED DATES OF TRAVEL:

- October 4 – 12, 2010 at \$1949 (credit card)/\$1899 (cash/check)
- November 12 – 20, 2010 at \$1799 (credit card)/\$1749 (cash/check)

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. (*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:

Name: Mr. Mrs. Miss First: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last: _____ Male Female

Passport #: _____ Country of Issue: _____ Exp Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone (*home*): _____ (*business*): _____

Date of birth: _____ Email: _____

Roommate(s): _____ Male Female Passport #: _____ Country of Issue: _____ Exp Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Date of birth: _____ Email: _____

In Case of Emergency, Notify: _____ Phone # _____

Credit Card #: _____ VISA MC DIS Exp. Date: _____

Name (*as it appears on credit card*): _____

****Please Note: Payment by cash or check is discounted.****

Signature: _____ Date: _____