

Durgan Travel Service *presents...*

9-Days/7-Nights

WESTERN SICILY

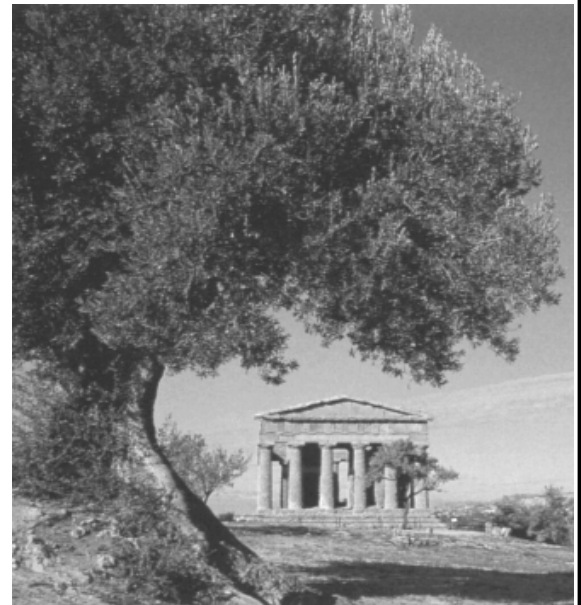
*Featuring: Agrigento, Palermo, Sciacca, Erice, Selinunte,
Piazza Armerina, Marsala, Cefalu and Castelbuono*

October 31 - November 8, 2009

\$1899 for payment by credit card

\$1849 discount rate for payment by cash or check

**Valid
Passport
Required**



Temple of Concordia, Agrigento

All rates are per person, twin occupancy,
plus \$440 in air and departure taxes
and a Fuel Surcharge (*subject to change*).

OUR WESTERN SICILY TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON-ROME: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic Alitalia flight to Sicily (*via Rome*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as complimentary stereo headsets, while aloft.

DAY 2 – PALERMO-AGRIGENTO: *Benvenuti in Sicilia!* Arrival at the airport in Palermo where we will be met by our Tour Escort who will assist with our transfer. After boarding our private motorcoach, we will depart for Agrigento with a stop en route to change currency and have a light lunch. Arriving in Agrigento, we will check-in at the *Grand Hotel Mose* (or similar). The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to familiarize ourselves with our surroundings. This evening, we will all gather for a "Welcome Drink" and dinner at our hotel. Overnight. (L, D)

DAY 3 – AGRIGENTO-VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES: Breakfast at our hotel. Morning guided sightseeing in and around the modern city of Agrigento, which sits atop Monte Camico, including the scenic Via Atenea and the Church of Maria dei Greci. Return to our hotel for lunch. This afternoon, we will visit the awe-inspiring Valley of the Temples, the most captivating of the Sicilian Greek ruins and the most unique grouping outside of Greece! Among the many Greek remains are the temples of Concord, Hercules, Juno, Zeus, Hera, and Castor and Pollux. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 4 – AGRIGENTO AREA: Breakfast at our hotel. Our first stop this morning is at the impressive National Museum of Archaeology, which houses a huge collection of artifacts from many different periods of habitation of the Agrigento area. Next, we will visit the 18th century house of the Nobel Prize winning author, Luigi Pirandello. Following lunch at our hotel, we will visit Piazza Armerina, where we will be able to walk through the impressive 3rd century Roman Villa which was excavated in 1955. We will visit its crowning jewel, the famous Roman *Villa of Casale*, a country estate from the 2nd century of the Roman era. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 5 – SCIACCA-SELINUNTE: Breakfast at our hotel. Depart for a morning guided tour of Sciacca on the southern coast. 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). Noontime stop at a nearby restaurant for lunch followed by a stop in the abandoned Greek city of Selinunte to see its wonderful Archaeological Park. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 6 – AGRIGENTO-MARSALA-ERICE-SEGESTA-PALERMO: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will head west along the southern coast road to Marsala to see the Duomo, the Church of St. Peter, the Church of St. Mary of the Grotto and much more. Following a stop for lunch, we will visit Erice, the Medieval town on the summit of Monte San Giuliano. On our excursion, we will see a number of churches, convents and other landmarks which date from the Middle Ages, as well as the famous Norman Castle and its Duomo. Our next stop is in Segesta to visit the inspiring Doric temple (*built in 424 BC*) and the Greek theater. Lastly, we arrive in Palermo for check-in at the *Hotel Mediterraneo* (or similar). Dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 7 – PALERMO-MONREALE: Breakfast at our hotel. Full-day of guided sightseeing first in Palermo where we will see many of the city's most historic Norman and Moorish landmarks including the Royal Palace, the Palatina Chapel and the Cathedral. We will stop along our route for our midday meal. In the afternoon, we will visit Monreale, famous for its cathedral with its stunning Byzantine Mosaics and the figure of Christ Pantocrator, and its Cloister. Return to our hotel in Palermo for dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 8 – CEFALU-CASTELBUONO: Breakfast at our hotel. Today's excursion takes us first to the beautiful seaside resort of Cefalu, with its white-sand beaches, sheer rock cliff (*known as the Rocca*) and winding streets. Its magnificent Duomo dominates the landscape of what is still, essentially, a quaint fishing village. After our tour of Cefalu, we will stop for lunch in a restaurant along our way. In the afternoon, we will visit picturesque Castelbuono which owes its origins to the *Ventimiglia* or Gentlemen of the County of Geraci. The center of the town, Piazza Margherita, is in the shadow of the 14th century Matrice Vecchia (*Old Church Cathedral*) and its beautiful 16th century fountain. Return to our hotel in Palermo for dinner and overnight. (BB, L, D)

DAY 9 – PALERMO-ROME-BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the airport in Palermo to board our Alitalia flight to Boston (*via Rome*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as complimentary stereo headsets, while aloft. (BB)

OUR TOUR OF WESTERN 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 return with full meal and beverage service aloft.
- ❖ 7-nights accommodations: 4-nights at the *Grand Hotel Mose* (or similar) in Agrigento and 3-nights at the *Hotel Mediterraneo* (or similar) in Palermo 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ All meals! Substantial buffet breakfast (BB) each morning, lunch (L) daily, and dinner (D) each evening.
- ❖ "Welcome Cocktail" our first night in Arigento.
- ❖ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag.

A \$250 DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER.
THE BALANCE IS DUE AUGUST 17, 2009.

TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE: All persons traveling with Durgan Travel Service are automatically enrolled in Travel Protection Insurance through Trip Mate (1-800-555-9095), *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 trip 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 life or dismemberment benefit \$25,000 max..

TRIP DEVIATIONS: Any request for tour deviation will be subject to availability at the time of booking. The *maximum* extension permitted is two weeks. A written request for deviation (your personalized travel itinerary and your telephone number), 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.

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

RESERVATION FORM

WESTERN SICILY - 9-DAY/110/31-11/08/09/lg/ak/\$1899(credit card)/\$1849 (cash/check)

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

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

Smoking Non-smoking

Trip Mate Travel Protection Insurance will be added to the package at \$179 premium per person twin/\$199 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: _____ M. I.: _____ 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. See price schedule on front for details.****

Signature: _____ Date: _____