



**SICILY  
DAILY ITINERARY  
OCTOBER 2-12, 2017**

**DAY ONE - MONDAY OCT 2**

We will depart from **New York's JFK International Airport** on an overnight flight to Catania, Sicily via Rome. We will be served **dinner** soon after boarding.

**DAY TWO - TUESDAY OCT 3**

Shortly before landing in **Rome**, we will be served **breakfast** on the flight.

We will arrive at the Rome **Airport** to connect to our flight to Catania (Follow the "Transit passenger" signs). Upon arrival at Catania Airport, claim your baggage then pass through Customs.

Once outside the Customs area, we will be met by our Durgan Travel Tour Host, Rosa Rizza. When the group has all cleared Customs, we will be led to the motorcoach and meet our driver, Mario Fili. We will enjoy a **light lunch** along the way. He will transport us to our hotel, the **Shalai Resort**, in Linguaglossa where we will check-in for **4 nights**. Please realize that **there are no restrooms** on any motorcoach used throughout the trip. The motorcoach will always make stops.

**PLEASE REFER TO THE ENCLOSED HOTEL SHEET FOR INFORMATION ON THE HOTELS.**

**\*PLEASE NOTE: WINE IS INCLUDED WITH ALL DINNERS AT THE FIRST TWO HOTELS.**

We will have time to relax before **dinner** at the hotel. Overnight.

**DAY THREE - WEDNESDAY OCT 4**

**Breakfast** will be at the hotel this morning. We will depart for the Circumetnea Railway to board our exciting train trip around the base of Mt Etna.

**Please Note: if the older train is in repairs, we will take the regular train.**

We will enjoy **lunch and a wine tasting** at Cantine Cottanera. We will then take a scenic drive up Mt. Etna to enjoy the views. **Dinner** and overnight at the hotel.

**DAY FOUR- THURSDAY OCT 5**

**Breakfast** will be at the hotel this morning. Today we will enjoy a walking tour of Taormina, beginning with a stop at its spectacular Greek theater. **Lunch** is a special treat, our famous "Lemon Lunch" at one of Taormina's best restaurants, Restaurant La Piazzetta, featuring their Lemon Risotto and other lemony Sicilian treats. In the

Afternoon, those who wish to relax at the Shalai Resort may do so or certainly welcome to take a scenic drive to some other sites on the volcano.

**Dinner** in the hotel and overnight.

**DAY FIVE- FRIDAY, OCT 6**

**Breakfast** will be at the hotel this morning. Today, Rosa and Mario have designed a gourmet adventure for us that begins with a visit to a ricotta cheese farm on the slopes of Mt Etna. The owner has both goats and sheep and is also a trained butcher. After a tour of his farm, he will host us for a **Barbecue** -

amazing food with a view! After lunch we will head off for the city of Bronte, world famous for its pistachio production. We'll visit a local organic farm where we will be able to sample a variety of tasty pistachio treats.

**Dinner** and overnight at the hotel.

### **DAY SIX- SATURDAY, OCT 7**

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel. Please check out of the hotel, paying any incidentals you may have incurred. We will proceed to Palazzo Acreide. We will visit the city and head to Mulino di Santa Lucia and have **lunch** in Villa Sgarlata. We will head for our hotel in Brucoli and check-in for **3 nights**. **Dinner** and overnight.

### **DAY SEVEN SUNDAY OCT 8**

**Breakfast** will be at the hotel. Today, we will visit the lovely town of Modica, a Unesco World Heritage Site, known for its gorgeous Baroque buildings and for the fabulous chocolate! We will have **lunch and wine tasting** at the Valle dell Acate Winery. We will return to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

### **DAY EIGHT- MONDAY OCT 9**

**Breakfast** will be at the hotel this morning. We will visit the fishing boats, and shop at the famous Catania fish, meat, and vegetable open market. We will make a **lunch stop**. Later we are in for a treat as we will experience a special **Sicilian Cooking Class for our dinner**. Overnight at the hotel.

### **DAY NINE- TUESDAY OCT 10**

**Breakfast** will be at the hotel this morning. Please check out, paying any incidentals you may have incurred. We will be transferred to the **Catania Airport** to wait for our flight to Rome. We will be met by an Assistant who will transfer us to the motorcoach. We will check into our hotel for **2 nights**. Lunch and dinner are on our own today. Overnight.

### **DAY TEN-WEDNESDAY, OCT 11**

**Breakfast** is at the hotel. We will enjoy a **free day** in this magnificent city. Ask the concierge at the hotel about daytrips or restaurant suggestions. It might be a perfect day to just sit at an outdoor café and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner are on our own. Overnight.

**DAY ELEVEN THURSDAY OCT 12.** **Breakfast** will be at the hotel this morning. Following breakfast, please check out of your room, returning your key & paying any incidental charges that you might have incurred.

An Assistant will help us board the motorcoach to depart for the **Rome Airport** for check-in for our flight to Boston. **Upon arrival at the Rome Airport, please have your passport ready to present to the airline ticket agent.** You will check in your suitcase and proceed to the gate to wait for your flight's departure to Boston.

***PLEASE NOTE: ALL SCHEDULING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***