



**SICILY**  
**OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 5**  
**ITINERARY**

**DAY 1 10/ 27 - BOSTON~ROME~CATANIA:** Depart Boston's Logan International Airport for Catania (*via Rome*), with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.

**DAY 2 10/28 - CATANIA~SIRACUSA:** Upon arrival at Catania airport, we will meet our Tour Escort and transfer to our centrally located hotel in Siracusa, Our first afternoon in Sicily will be for rest and relaxation prior to an orientation meeting after dinner. Overnight.

**DAY 3 -10/29 - SIRACUSA:** After breakfast, We are off on a full-day tour of 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 5<sup>th</sup> century BC. We will also see the colorful harbor and the Church of the Weeping Madonna. Return to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

**DAY 4 - 10/30 SIRACUSA:** After breakfast at the hotel, our day will be at leisure to enjoy the city of Siracusa and/or the surrounding area. Tonight, we will have **dinner** included at a local restaurant. Return to our hotel for overnight.

**DAY 5 - 10/31 TAORMINA:** After breakfast and hotel check out, we head north to the famed resort town of Taormina, where we'll have 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. Check in at our hotel, the Ariston (or similar), and the rest of the day is at leisure. **Dinner** will be at a local restaurant this evening. Overnight at the hotel.

**DAY 6 - 11/1 TAORMINA AT LEISURE:** After breakfast, the day is at leisure for you to sightsee on your own, shop, or simply relax in this world-class resort town. However, there is an optional half-day tour to Savoca and Forza d'Agro to see the locations used in the filming of the *Godfather* movies, including the wedding church and Bar Vitelli that we recommend to any film buffs among the group. Dinner will be on your own tonight. Overnight at the hotel.

**DAY 7 -11/2 CATANIA~MT. ETNA:** After breakfast, this morning, we will enjoy a half-day tour of beautiful Catania, including the Chapel of St. Agatha in the Cathedral and the Open Air Market. At noontime, we will partake of a typical **vintner's lunch including a wine tasting**. 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 flora will change dramatically as we ascend the mountain for a spectacular view of Taormina and surrounding Sicily. Return to Taormina for **dinner** and overnight at our hotel.

**DAY 8 - 11/3 MESSINA:** After breakfast, we will check out of our hotel and drive north along the spectacular east coast of Sicily to Messina, our final stop, 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 checking in to our hotel. **Dinner** and overnight at the hotel.

**DAY 9 11/4 - MESSINA:** Today, after **breakfast**, we will have the day free in Messina to relax, sightsee on our own, shop, or just browse. Tonight we will have a special "**farewell dinner**" at a local restaurant in Messina with entertainment included.

**DAY 10 11/5 -CATANIA~ROME~BOSTON:** After **breakfast** and hotel check-out, we'll transfer to the airport in Catania to board our return flight to Boston (*via Rome*), with full meal and beverage service.

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