



Experience Sicily
Let's experience Sicily together!



Splendid Sicily:
University of Rochester New York Metro Women

Sunday, August 27, 2017 – Monday, September 4, 2017 | (9 days/8 nights)

Experience Sicily in cooperation with **University of Rochester New York Metro Women** presents *Splendid Sicily!* During our adventure, we'll discover off-the-beaten path towns, interact with locals, immerse ourselves in Sicilian culture and history, explore UNESCO World Heritage Sites such as, the Valley of the Temples at Agrigento and Palermo's Arab-Norman gems, and the enchanting towns of Erice, Salemi, and Scopello. We'll stay at a characteristic inn on the Tyrrhenian Sea and relish long meals in traditional trattorias. This experiential tour is designed for a traveler who wants to savor every minute with a cooking class, olive orchard and vineyard tour, a live music performance, intellectual discussions about Sicily's past, present, and future, and so much more!

The total cost per person for 9 days/8 nights is \$3,600* for double occupancy**

Price includes airport transfers, all accommodations, transportation by air-conditioned coach bus, all but 3 meals (see day-by-day descriptions for details), and excursions with English speaking guides. Price does not include airfare or travel insurance.

**If you pay in-full by January 15, 2017, you'll save \$300 per person. If you pay 50% deposit by January 15, 2017, you'll save \$150 per person. (Double occupancy is encouraged.)*

***Single Occupancy Supplement is an additional \$250.00.*

****Save \$100 if you pay in-full, by personal check.*



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This itinerary is subject to change.

Day 1/ Sunday, August 27

- Flight from New York/JFK to Palermo at 7:00pm on Meridiana Flight IG 3993. This is a direct overnight flight. The current approximate price for this roundtrip ticket is \$700.00 (This is not included in your trip cost.)

Meal Included for Today: NA

Accommodations: Overnight Flight

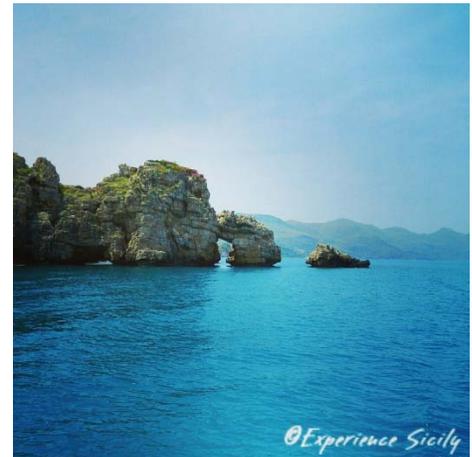


Day 2/Monday, August 28

- Arrival in Palermo at 10:05am
- Private transfer to characteristic seaside inn in Scopello
- After breakfast, you'll have time to rest and explore the village on your own
- Lunch is on your own
- Orientation meeting and dinner as a group

Meals Included for Today: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodations: Characteristic seaside inn in Scopello



Day 3/Tuesday, August 29

- Leisurely boat cruise along the Lo Zingaro nature preserve. We'll have lunch aboard the boat and lots of opportunities to stop and swim in the clear Tyrrhenian Sea
- After we nap, we'll visit Trapani's salt flats and characteristic windmills
- Dinner as a group watching the sunset

Meals Included for Today: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Accommodations: Characteristic seaside inn in Scopello



Day 4/Wednesday, August 30

- During a hands-on cooking lesson, we'll learn the secrets of Western Sicilian cuisine. For lunch, we'll eat the fruits of our labor.
- We'll have a wine tasting and tour of a local vineyard (the same place where we'll have our cooking lesson)
- In the early evening, you'll have time to swim and time on your own.
- We'll enjoy dinner as a group overlooking the sea.

Meals Included for Today: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Characteristic seaside inn in Scopello



Day 5/Thursday, August 31

- Today we'll meet the gods in Agrigento at the UNESCO site Valley of the Temples
- We'll stop for a stroll, a gelato, and a bit of shopping in town famous for its ceramics
- After an olive oil tasting, we'll have dinner as group at in the olive orchard

Meals Included for Today: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Characteristic seaside inn in Scopello

Day 6/Friday, September 1

- This morning will be something special—you'll meet some sheep and eat fresh cheeses made right on the farm!
- Learn about the annual Festa di San Giuseppe (Saint Joseph's Day) with a visit to Salemi, a town known for its extraordinary ritual bread and Feast altars
- Afternoon and evening on your own to enjoy the pool, the sea, or the shady spots of our inn's property... whatever you like
- Dinner is on your own

Meals Included for Today: Breakfast and Lunch

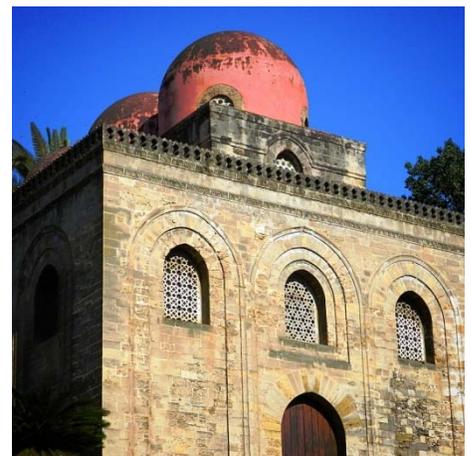
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Day 7/Saturday, September 2

- Early departure to tour the UNESCO Arab-Norman Sites of Palermo with our private, expert guide
- Lunch on your feet, the Palermitano way—street food in a bustling ancient open-air market
- Free time to promenade along with the Palermitani
- Dinner as a group on the marina of Castellammare del Golfo

Meals Included for Today: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Characteristic seaside inn in Scopello



Day 8/Sunday, September 3

- Tour the ancient city of Segesta with its breathtaking temple and fantastic amphitheater
- Visit the land of Venus—the walled-city of Erice, where we'll learn about the divine feminine in Sicily
- Time on your own for shopping and lunch
- Experience a local festival ... more details as they become available
- Final dinner together as a group

Meals Included for Today: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodations: Characteristic seaside inn in Scopello



Day 9/Monday, September 4 (LABOR DAY)

- Departure from *Palermo Airport*.
- Ground transportation to Palermo airport will be provided for the group early in the morning.

Meal Included for Today: Breakfast (if time allows)



Contact Allison Scola today to reserve your place on this exclusive tour!

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Important Notes to Consider

- The tour officially begins with airport transfer on Monday, August 28 to our family-run farmhouse/inn. Our first group event will be in the evening of August 28 at approximately 7:00 PM. Please plan accordingly.
- The trip price is for double occupancy and does not include airfare. There is a single supplement of \$250. If you wish to share a room with someone, we will try to match you with another single on the trip.
- Fly into and out of Palermo airport.
- Flights from the U.S. will depart on Sunday, August 27 and arrive the morning or afternoon of August 28. Please plan accordingly.
- The dates of this tour coordinate with direct flights on Meridiana airlines from New York JFK to Palermo. Please consult their website for the latest fares and schedules.
- Details about our accommodations will be released once you have paid in full. All information will be emailed to you about 30 days before departure.
- Tour price includes costs for all excursions, entertainment and ticket prices, tour transportation, and all but 3 meals (consult day to day description for details). Price does not include airfare, travel insurance, or personal purchases and gifts.
- The meals included in the tour price include 2 glasses of wine and/or soft drinks per meal. If you wish to enjoy additional wine and other alcoholic beverages, you are welcome to purchase them separately from the group's bill.
- Sicily is a large region that requires a lot of driving. It is also very mountainous and, as a result, has many winding roads. We have designed the itinerary to break up the driving as much as possible, but on some days, long drives will be necessary. If you suffer from motion sickness, please bring motion-sickness medication with you.

- You must be in good physical health to enjoy this tour. Although we will not be engaging in physically rigorous excursions, there is a significant amount of walking on various surfaces and types of terrain as well as standing for extended periods of time, especially at archeological sites.
- Gratuities are included, however, at the conclusion of the tour, if you are pleased with the hospitality and service of our local driver/guide, additional recognition at your discretion is appreciated.
- The cost of this tour does not include travel insurance; however, it is highly recommended that you purchase a comprehensive plan to cover the costs of your airfare, tour, loss of luggage, and medical expenses.
- Please inform us in advance regarding any dietary restrictions, food allergies, and other personal concerns.