FEATURING PALERMO & TAORMINA

SICILY

An Exclusive Educational and Travel Experience

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VAT is an additional $295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated) and valid until October 1, 2015. Please contact us for current pricing and information. Single accommodations are an additional $395 (limited availability).
Strategically situated between Europe and Africa, the island of Sicily is a cultural crossroads paved by legendary Mediterranean civilizations. Its breathtaking natural beauty is embellished by man-made creations seemingly untouched by time. Sun-bleached Greek temples stand in peaceful valleys and Roman ruins house spectacular mosaics. Ancient theaters, still valued for their prime acoustics, stand majestically in the midst of lively towns. Cathedrals built in a multitude of styles stand as silent testament to the diversity that has created the Sicily of today. Discover the many treasures of this melting pot of the ancient world.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
- **Groups are limited to 36 travelers** to maximize your travel experience.
- Enjoy a **series of lectures** by local experts to enhance your experience.
- **Sample olive oil** during lunch and a visit to an olive farm in Erice.
- See Taormina’s remarkably-preserved **ancient Greek theater**.
- Immerse yourself in Sicilian traditions of **food and wine** as you sample local delicacies.
- Discover the charming towns of **Segesta** and **Cefalù**.
- Arab-Norman Palermo and the Cathedral Churches of Cefalú and Monreale, the archaeological area of Agrigento and the ancient city of Syracuse are **UNESCO World Heritage sites** featured in this program.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS
- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Campus Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

Accommodations
- **Four nights** in **Palermo** at the deluxe **Mercure Palermo Excelsior**.
- **Four nights** in **Taormina Mare** at the deluxe **Grand Hotel Mazzarò Sea Palace**.

Transportation
- All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

Activities and Events
- **Informative educational programs** presented by local experts will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- **Personal VOX listening device** to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- **Attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.**
- **Gather for a Farewell Reception and Graduation Ceremony followed by a Farewell Dinner.**

Extensive Meal Program
- Enjoy eight breakfasts, five lunches and four dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
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**DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY**

**DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT**
Depart for Palermo, Italy.†
† Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

**DAY 2 ~ PALERMO**
Upon arrival, transfer† to the Hotel Mercure Palermo Excelsior.
Tonight, attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

**DAY 3 ~ PALERMO/MONREALE**
Educational Focus: Sicily — A Country within a Country.
Excursion: Palermo. Visit Palermo’s Cathedral, a harmonious blend of Gothic, Moorish and Norman architecture. See the Palatine Chapel in the Norman Palace and the domes of St. John of the Hermits. Tour the market to see the bounty of the land and sea.
Local Flavor: Lunch is at a Palermo restaurant.
Excursion: Monreale. Visit the Santa Maria la Nova to admire the incredible mosaics and views.

**DAY 4 ~ ERICE/SEGESTA**
Excursion: Erice. Established 3,000 years ago, Erice is one of Sicily’s few cities that likely was founded by the Elymians, one of three indigenous peoples believed to be descendants of Trojan refugees. See Il Duomo, a Romanesque masterpiece, and the town’s two medieval castles.
Local Flavor: Meet the People. Lunch is at a family-owned olive farm. A member of the family will lead a tour and explain the olive oil-making process. Also, enjoy a tasting.
Excursion: Segesta. The abandoned city of Segesta occupies one of the most scenic locales on the Mediterranean shores. See the unfinished Doric temple and an amphitheater carved into the rock of Mount Barbaro.
Educational Focus: The Mafia: Past and Present.

**DAY 5 ~ CEFALU**
Excursion: Cefalù. A former fishing village along the Tyrrhenian coast, Cefalù has grown into one of northern Sicily’s premier seaside resorts. Visit the town’s 12th-century Romanesque cathedral, regarded as one of the greatest churches in southern Europe.
Independent Exploration: The rest of the day is at leisure in Palermo.

**DAY 6 ~ AGRIGRENTO/TAORMINA**
This morning, check out of the hotel and transfer to Taormina.
Excursion: Agrigento. Visit Agrigento’s Valley of the Temples. See the Temple of Hercules, the oldest; the well-preserved Doric Temple of Concord; and the unfinished Temple of Jupiter.
Educational Focus: Sicily and World War II.
Local Flavor: Savor regional specialties during lunch in Agrigento. Continue to the Grand Hotel Mazzarò Sea Palace.

**DAY 7 ~ TAORMINA**
Educational Focus: History of Sicilian Art and Architecture.
Excursion: Taormina. Explore Taormina, situated high atop Monte Tauro, and marvel at spectacular views of the Mediterranean. See the ancient Greek theater that is still in use today.
Cultural Event and Local Flavor: Watch a pizza-making demonstration, then enjoy a pizza lunch.
Independent Exploration: Delight in Taormina’s many treasures during an afternoon at leisure.

**DAY 8 ~ SYRACUSE**
Educational Focus: Syracuse, Queen of All Towns.
Excursion: Syracuse. On the island of Ortygia, explore Syracuse’s medieval and baroque Old Town. Also, discover the ancient Greek and Roman ruins in the Neapolis Archaeological Park.

**DAY 9 ~ TAORMINA**
Independent Exploration: Spend the day at leisure.
Tonight, attend a Farewell Reception, Graduation Ceremony and Farewell Dinner.

**DAY 10 ~ IN TRANSIT**
Transfer to the Catania airport for the return flight to your gateway city.*

*NOTE: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**MERCURE PALERMO EXCELSIOR**
Palermo

Nestled in the heart of the city, this deluxe hotel is ideally close to local shops and other places of interest. Return from sightseeing to relax in the sauna, unwind with a work-out in the fully-equipped fitness center or chat with new friends in the cozy lounge. Savor culinary delights in the hotel’s restaurants, then retire to the comforts of your guest room. Each is tastefully appointed with satellite TV, minibar and other amenities designed to ensure your comfort.

**GRAND HOTEL MAZZARÒ SEA PALACE**
Taormina a Mare

Set on the edge of Basia di Mazzarò, the beautiful Grand Hotel Mazzarò Sea Palace offers impeccable views of the coast. The bay, one of the most treasured areas of Taormina, is the perfect place to enjoy water sports. However, you also may choose to relax on the hotel’s private beach. Amenities include a fitness center, a spa and a sea water pool. Each guest room boats sophisticated finishes and modern conveniences.

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