Flavors of Sicily

Vineyards, Vistas, and the Volcano

MAY 27 - JUNE 4, 2022

with optional
ROME PRE-TOUR &
PALERMO POST-TOUR
Vineyards, Vistas, and the Volcano
Dear W&L Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

What could be more inspiring than a journey to Sicily highlighted by visits to renowned archaeological sites, delicious cuisine and wine, and a fabulous seaside hotel selected as home base?

I’m pleased to invite you to join us on this comprehensive program that will provide an intimate, immersive approach to an authentic cultural and culinary experience. We’ll converse with winemakers whose vineyards thrive on the flanks of Mount Etna and enjoy their boutique wines paired with savory antipasti.

The beautiful landscapes of Sicily are populated by the spirits of ancient Greeks and the Romans who found paradise on this island. Excellent guides will lead us on many memorable discoveries of Sicily’s celebrated past.

We’ll also enjoy Taormina from our deluxe hotel only a few steps from the beach and a scenic gondola ride from the renowned Greek Theatre and pedestrian mall.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly. Be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Reserve today by calling (540) 458-8723, or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Robert Fure, Ph.D.
Director of Lifelong Learning

As we embark on this new world of group travel, the health and well-being of our guests, our team, and the communities we visit remain our top priority. For a detailed listing of the enhanced safety measures and hygiene protocols specific to our tours, please visit orbridge.com/wellness.
Your 9-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: En route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive in Catania, Sicily / Taormina (R,D)
Welcome dinner
Overnight: Mazzarò Sea Palace

Day 3: Taormina (B)
Guided city walk, ancient Greek Theatre, Corso Umberto stroll, leisure time
Overnight: Mazzarò Sea Palace

Day 4: Piazza Armerina (B,L)
Guided visit to UNESCO World Heritage Site of Villa Romana del Casale, 4th-century Roman mosaics
Overnight: Mazzarò Sea Palace

Day 5: Viagrande / Catania (B,L)
Outdoor market visit, cooking class, wine tasting at Benanti winery (winner of over 80 awards since 1994)
Overnight: Mazzarò Sea Palace

Day 6: Siracusa / Ortigia (B,D)
UNESCO World Heritage Site founded by Greek Corinthians and Teneans, Roman amphitheatre, seaside stroll
Overnight: Mazzarò Sea Palace

Day 7: Mount Etna (B,L)
Visit to highest active volcano in Europe and UNESCO World Heritage Site or leisure time at the hotel, lunch and wine tasting at award-winning Planeta winery
Overnight: Mazzarò Sea Palace

Day 8: Taormina (B,L,D)
Cooking class, special farewell luncheon
Overnight: Mazzarò Sea Palace

Day 9: Taormina / Catania / Depart for U.S. (B)
(R = Reception, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Activity Level: Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down hillsides and stairs without assistance.
Interact
• With your small group (maximum 26 guests), enjoy seven nights at the splendid seaside hotel, Mazzarò Sea Palace.
• Work side-by-side in the kitchens of distinguished chefs, learning time-tested techniques and modern twists with ingredients grown in the mineral-rich, volcanic soil of Mount Etna’s fertile lowlands.

Partake
• Visit Benanti, a family-owned boutique winery with a strong international focus, and winner of over 80 awards since 1994.
• Stop by the award-winning Planeta—one of the premier wine estates of Sicily and a veritable fine wine empire—for a tasting and lunch.

Discover
• Spend time exploring the coastal towns of Taormina and Siracusa—including a stop at a local outdoor market.
• Visit Sicily’s archaeological masterpieces—the ancient theatres of Taormina and Siracusa, and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Villa Romana del Casale mosaics in Piazza Armerina.
• Explore Mount Etna, a natural marvel and UNESCO World Heritage Site.
• Day after day, experience the fusion of tradition and modernity, and see for yourself how Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Norman, German, French, and Spanish influences have formed this magnificent island of fertility.

What’s Included
• 7 nights accommodations
• A special welcome reception, 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 3 dinners served with wine
• Full services of an Orbridge Travel Director in addition to expert local guides
• All private tours and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary
• Private motor coach transportation
• Luggage porterage
• Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
• Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Your Accommodations (subject to change)

With spectacular views of one of the most gorgeous bays in the Mediterranean, Mazzarò Sea Palace garners glowing reviews befitting its five stars. Offering sumptuous, contemporary décor, a private beach, full-service spa (additional fees apply), and guest-minded staff, this gem of a property provides an exceptional stay while visiting Sicily.

After fruitful days of exploration, unwind at the hotel’s restaurant or lounge, take a dip in the outdoor pool, or embrace the scenery from the rooftop terrace.

Superior: Impeccably designed for comfort, these rooms feature a balcony or private terrace with a view over the bay.

Junior Suite: These rooms, which feature a private terrace with a view of the bay, are elegantly furnished with bright colors and include a large sitting area.

All rooms provide individual climate control, TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, minibar, safe, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

Your Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure’s appreciation of food and wine, a local’s knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado’s ability to gather the beauty of all senses to your discoveries in Sicily.
Rome’s lively piazzas, intriguing archaeological remnants, and treasure-filled churches offer fans of art, architecture, and history a delightful opportunity to explore the Vatican City and Baroque Rome.

**Pre-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)**

**Day +1:** En Route from U.S.

**Day +2:** Arrive in Rome, Italy (D)
- Leisure time, pizzeria dinner
- Overnight: Hotel Dei Mellini

**Day +3:** Rome (B)
- Guided touring (Sistine Chapel, St. Peter’s Square, Piazza del Popolo, Piazza di Spagna, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona)
- Overnight: Hotel Dei Mellini

**Day +4:** Rome / Flight to Sicily / Main Program Begins (B)

**What’s Included**

- 2 nights accommodations at Hotel Dei Mellini (or similar)
- 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner
- Guided tour with an art historian
- Transportation for included activities and to Rome Fiumicino Airport for the flight to Sicily (airfare not included)
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver, and porters
- Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times
Enjoy Sicily’s fascinating and bustling capital, Palermo. The city, which is over 2,700 years old, is rich in history, culture, art, music, and gourmet cuisine. Also visit the seaside village of Cefalù—home to just 14,000 residents and one of the most popular attractions near Palermo.

Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 9: Depart Taormina / Cefalù / Arrive in Palermo (L)
Guided panoramic tour of Cefalù: the Duomo and beaches, evening at leisure
Overnight: Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa

Day 10: Palermo (B,L)
Full-day guided walking city tour, inside visit to the Norman Palace, local puppet maker workshop private visit and show, Ballarò market, No Mafia Tour
Overnight: Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa

Day 11: Palermo / Depart for U.S. (B)

What’s Included

• Group transfer to Palermo
• 2 nights accommodations at Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa (or similar)
• 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches
• Guided sightseeing of Palermo and Cefalù, including entrance fees
• Luggage porterage
• Gratuities to local guide, driver, and porters
• Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times
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**MAY 27 - JUNE 4, 2022**

**Rome Pre-Tour:** May 25-28, 2022  
**Palermo Post-Tour:** June 4-6, 2022

For more information, please call the Office of Lifelong Learning (540) 458-8723. For the ease of registering online, please visit lifelong.wlu.edu/sicily

Upon submission of your registration form, Orbridge will call you within two business days to confirm your reservation and collect your credit card deposit. If you would prefer to pay your deposit by check, please make payable to Orbridge, LLC and mail to: Office of Lifelong Learning  
Washington and Lee University  
204 West Washington St.  
Lexington, VA 24450

**GUEST INFORMATION:**

**Guest #1 Name:** Mr. / Mrs. / Ms._____________________________________________________________  
**Class Year:** _______________________________

**Guest #2 Name:** Mr. / Mrs. / Ms._____________________________________________________________  
**Class Year:** _______________________________

**Email:** ____________________________________________________________________________________

**City:** ______________________________________________________ **State:** _______ **Zip:** _____________

**Address:** __________________________________________________________________________________

**Home Phone:** ____________________________________ **Alt. Phone:** ______________________________

**DEPOSIT PAYMENT:**  
- [ ] Check  
- [ ] ACH (Automated Clearing House)  
- [ ] Credit Card

**CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:**

**Category Preference:** 1st choice ______________________________________________  2nd choice _______________________________

- # _________ guests joining pre-tour ($500/person) +  
- # _________ guests joining program ($850/person) +  
- # _________ guests joining post-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents, and the COVID-19 Acknowledgement at orbridge.com/wellness; and I/we understand that Orbridge LLC is authorized to take my/our deposit for this program.

**Signature:** ______________________________  
**Date:** ______________________________

**Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment.** To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: $850 per person per program and $500 per person for any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Deposits are payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card, and is due no later than 90 days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program’s scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST##2098750-40 WST##602828994

**Reservations Cancellations and Refunds.** All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge: (a) more than 90 calendar days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full; (b) between 90 and 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded; (c) between 59 and 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded; (d) within 29 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour. In addition to and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST##2098750-40 WST##602828994

**Category Standard Rate Special Rate***

- **Classic Double** $5,399 $4,995
- **Deluxe Double** $6,399 $5,995
- **Single (Classic)** $7,399 $6,995

**Rome Pre-Tour:** $1,495*  
**Single Pre-Tour:** $1,195*

**Palermo Post-Tour:** $1,295*  
**Single Pre-Tour:** $1,495

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What Guests Are Saying...

Never having done any group travel before, I didn’t really have clear expectations—but whatever they were, the trip more than exceeded them. Perfect organization, lodging, scheduling—wonderful leadership, and a great group of participants. The program highlights, for me, were our travel director, the really fun group of folks, the property, and the cooking classes.

~Bruce B., Los Angeles, CA

Even though we knew the itinerary and location, we were awed by everything experienced.

~Charles & Ann S., Winter Park, FL

Given the range of activities and the number of professionals involved, we marvel at how you’re able to offer such a trip so economically for the value! We also loved the personal nature of the small group, which made it very enjoyable for everyone to get to know each other.

~Joyce G., Alexandria, VA