

Our Itinerary!

Guido Sicily & the Amalfi Coast

April 16-27, 2024 \$4295.00 per person based on 2 to a room Single Supplement \$1100.00 Call us at 1-866-484-6677 or 570-466-1743

April 16... Transportation from Scranton area to the airport. Your flight includes a meal for your journey. Luggage and seat fees are not included.

Meals - Dinner

April 17...Palermo

Upon arrival we will be met by out coach and guide and do a tour of Palermo starting at it's bustling Ballaro street market-al spiced with a whiff of Africa. We will tour the city of Palermo including the Cathedral, Piazza dei Quattro Canti, Piazza Pretoria and visit the Puppet Theatre, a traditional form of Sicilian entertainment that dates back to the 15th century.

Meals - B D - Welcome dinner this evening.

Overnight - Trapani - Palazzo Gallo Art Hotel and Spa - https://www.palazzogatto.it/

April 18... Segesta, Farm Lunch, Erice

Morning drive through western Sicily where you will view the famous Doric Temple of Segesta rising high on a hill, constructed in the 5th century B.C., one of the greatest examples of this style of architecture. Enjoy lunch with an olive oil tasting at a local farm. Continue to the mountaintop Erice, a wonderfully preserved medieval town with breathtaking views and a great historical presence. Walk along the cobbled streets lined with superb examples of Gothic, Baroque and Renaissance architecture, home of the "Ericina" ceramic handicraft art.

Meals: Breakfast & lunch

Overnight: Trapani

April 19... Salt Mines & Valley of Temples

Today we follow the road from Marsala to Trapani that skirts round the edge of the lagoon and the island of Mozia providing fine views of the local saltworks: panels of mirror-like water, held by thin strips of earth, synchronise to form an irregular and multicoloured scene. In places, the profile of a windmill may be discerned, a reminder of times past when they provided the main means of pumping the water and grinding the salt. From the shallow water, the searing temperatures and arid winds was born a tough, but beneficial industry to produce the precious element, so vital to the survival of man.

This afternoon, discover Agrigento's celebrated Valley of the Temples the largest and best preserved temple ruins outside of mainland Greece. Tour this magnificent archaeological park, built between 430 and 510 B.C., all majestically positioned in the same area on rocky crests south of modern day Agrigento

Meals - Breakfast

Overnight: Agrigento - Hotel Foresteria Baglio della Luna- https://www.bagliodellaluna.com/

April 20... Pizza making and Piazza Armerina

Today enjoy making your own Pizza using fresh ingredients in Licata. After tasting your own creation, travel to Piazza Armerina to view the intricate examples of Roman mosaics at the famous Roman Villa del Casale, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. These extraordinarily vivid mosaics deal with numerous subjects, ranging from Homeric escapades and mythological scenes to portrayals of daily life. The Villa itself was rediscovered in the 19th century after being almost completely covered by a landslide.

Meals - Breakfast & lunch

Overnight: Taormina - Hotel Villa Diordo https://www.hotelvilladiodoro.com/ita/camere-albergo-centro-taormina

April 21 ... Noto, Siracuse with its Neapolis & Ortygia

Today, travel to Noto, a wonderful Baroque town, where you will have time to wander around and discover one of the most spectacular urban settlements. Arrive in Siracusa to admire the "Old City," also known as Città Vecchia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, located on the island of Ortigia. After free time for lunch, continue with a visit to the archaeological area of the Neapolis and get a glimpse of Siracusa as it was in ancient times with its Greek theater, the remains of Roman Amphitheater, and the "Ear of Dionysius," an awe-inspiring artificial limestone cave renowned for its outstanding acoustics.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Taormina

April 22 ,... Mt Etna and Wine Tasting with lunch

Begin the day with a visit to the lava-crusted slopes of Mt. Etna, which dominates the scenery and is the most active volcano in Europe! Ascend via cable car and bus to reach the altitude of 9,000 feet; step carefully on the varied layers of lava which have solidified over the centuries. Learn about Etna's impact on the surrounding area and its unique geology.

Ready for an unforgettable afternoon? Join us for a wine tasting and lunch enjoying the breathtaking views of Taormina Bay and Mount Etna while savoring the delicious flavors of our seasonal local products. Each dish is paired with our natural wines and a cozy broom's fire barbecue, you'll be surrounded by the magic atmosphere of our terrace. Experience the unique flavor of traditional Sicilian recipes crafted by chef Carla with a touch of innovation in every bite - that will make this dinner one to remember!

Meals - Breakfast & Lunch

April 23... Taormina

Enjoy a walking tour of Taormina, where you will take a walk on the main Corso, followed by free time to enjoy the city. Perhaps visit the massive Greek Theater, from where you can admire the remarkable panoramas of the city and countryside.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Taormina

April 24 ... Amalfi Coast-Amalfi-Positano

Early morning we will fly from Catania to Naples. Upon arrival we will visit the small towns of the Amalfi Coast – Amalfi and Positano with some free time to explore and shop in each.

Meals; Breakfast & lunch

Overnight: Sorrento –Grand Hotel De La Ville <u>https://www.delavillesorrento.com/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=knowledge-graph</u>

April 25...Isle of Capri and Blue Grotto

After breakfast a full day tour to the enchanting and picturesque Isle of Capri by boat - it will be a highlight! Blue Grotto weather permitting. Here, you'll walk through the narrow lanes of Anacapri, with its chic boutiques and shops offering tastings of the island's famous Limoncello. Then, to La Piazzetta (Piazza Umberto I) where everyone gathers to socialize and to the Gardens of Augustus, towards the top of the island, a natural paradise, from where you can see splendid views of the sea and the famous Faraglioni rock formations, one of the island's natural wonders. After a lovely day in Capri, return to Sorrento.

Meals; Breakfast Overnight: Sorrento

April 26... Free Day in the Amalfi Coast – Farewell dinner!

Enjoy your last day in Italy and the beautiful Amalfi Coast.

Overnight: Sorrento - Meals: Breakfast & Farewell dinner included.

April 27...Flight home.

Back to home via flight and transportation to airport. Meals: Lunch

Transportation from the airport to Scranton/Wilkes Barre included.

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