



## **7 Day Eastern Sicily Culinary Adventure With Orietta Gianjorio May 3-9 2021**

*A culinary and cultural adventure in Sicily promises to be a unique & irresistible combination of cultures wrapped in the magic of the Mediterranean. Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean and one of the most preserved jewels in the world! Come explore the Baroque towns of the Val di Noto including the breathtaking beauty of Ragusa where we promise you will have one of the best culinary experiences of your life. Everywhere you will go you'll be amazed by the warm hospitality of the "Siciliani" with whom you will share some of the most incredible local specialties like the fresh ricotta-filled cannoli pastry, the native Nero d'Avola wines, and unforgettable hands on meals with some local mamas!*



### **Orietta Gianjorio**

Orietta is a 3rd Level - Advanced Sommelier, a Certified Olive Oil Taster and Member of the Italian Registry, a Certified Expert in Honey Sensory Analysis and Member of the Italian Registry, a 2nd Level Chocolate Taster - International Institute Chocolier, as well as an Author and International Judge. Born and raised in Rome, Orietta has dedicated her life to food and food quality. Based in California since 2008, she has an infectious enthusiasm for culinary discovery and the place of food in our lives. Join Orietta for this wonderful adventure in a fabulous region of Italy.

**\$4499 Per person based on double occupancy  
\$999 Single supplement**

## Your Lodging



### **a.d. 1768 Boutique Hotel, Ragusa**

In the heart of one of the iconic cities of Sicilian Baroque – a UNESCO site since 2002 – and overlooking the Piazza Duomo of Ragusa Ibla, is a refined historic residence that redefines the concept of Sicilian hospitality. The muted atmosphere of the ancient patrician houses has been restored — with a renewed and modern spirit — in a.d. 1768.



Boasting 7 rooms and 3 suites, the hotel offers a modern and exclusive concept of hospitality, allowing you to discover this jewel of a city, with its winding and scenic views, it's a great introduction to the history and gastronomic heritage that the island's south east has to offer.



### **Masseria della Volpe, Noto**

This country resort is set on a plateau and offers striking views of the coastline of Southern Syracuse. Locally-owned and family-run this property offers the best of modern Sicilian design in a historical context. The rooms are spacious. The grounds are host to a large swimming pool and outdoor jacuzzi. Massage services are available at the small spa.





### >>> Monday May 3: Welcome to Sicily!

Transfer from Catania Airport to check-in at your first lodging in the striking city of Ragusa, a.d. 1768 Boutique Hotel for the next 2 nights. Meet the group and Orietta and enjoy a welcome dinner at a traditional local osteria. Welcome to Sicily!

**Overnight: a.d. 1768 Boutique Hotel (D)**



### >>> Tuesday May 4: The Aromi Day

Our first stop is the "Aromi Farm". This farm cultivates more than 120 different varieties of autochthon plants and aromatic herbs using old traditional methods of manual cultivation. We will meet the owner Enrico and sample the different varieties of herbs and discover their cooking use. The visit will conclude with a gorgeous lunch at the farm. In the afternoon we enjoy an olive oil tasting at a leading olive oil producer. Back in Ragusa, enjoy a walking tour of old city before dinner where you are free to dine at one of the city's many eateries.

**Overnight: a.d. 1768 Boutique Hotel (B, L)**



### >>> Wednesday May 5: The Vineyard Day

Following check out this morning we visit one of Sicily's vineyards for a tour an in-depth tasting of her famous wines. Then we head to the fishing village of Donnalucata where we will be meeting local host and food expert/ cookbook author Roberta who has devoted her entire life to Sicilian cuisine and is married to talented local chef Antonio. Lunch with Roberta & Antonio. In the afternoon check into the lovely country estate Masseria della Volpe for the next four nights. Dinner at the hotel

**Overnight: Masseria della Volpe (B, L, D)**



### >>> Thursday May 6: The Honey & Chocolate Day

This morning we visit the passionate Agosto on his bee farm for an insider's look at the art of making honey. Lunch on your own back at the hotel if desired. In the early afternoon we head to Modica, the chocolate capital of Sicily and well known for its striking churches We will taste the chocolate made by the Bonajuto family who has been making chocolate since 1880. Cioccolato di Modica is the first chocolate DOP in the world. For dinner get busy in the kitchen with a hands-on cooking class with our friend Katia.

A self-made home cook and expert in all Sicilian cuisine, we guarantee this evening will be a true culinary highlight.

**Overnight at Masseria della Volpe (B, D)**



## >>> Friday May 7: The Syracuse Day

Syracuse is one of Sicily's most famous cities and is steeped in thousands of years of history. This morning we will stroll through the farmer's market and the old quarter of Ortigia then enjoy a short trip around the harbour on a local fishing boat – it's the perfect way to experience the beauty of the old city from the water. After lunch at a local osteria we visit the UNESCO city of Noto including a stop at the famous Caffè Sicilia belonging to Corrado Assenza. If you have any room left, there is the option to dine at the hotel tonight (not included)

**Overnight at Masseria della Volpe (B, L)**

## >>> Sunday May 9: Farewell

Our drivers will shuttle you to Catania Airport for your flight home or onward journey. Arrivederci! **(B)**



## >>> Saturday May 8: The Seafood Day

After a lazy morning we will stop in the beautiful fishing village of Marzamemi and enjoy an amazingly fresh and simple seafood lunch. Famous for its tuna fishing, this picturesque village is heavenly for its simplicity and authenticity. For our last dinner we head to the acclaimed Michelin star restaurant Accursio for a gourmet sensation.

**Overnight at Masseria della Volpe (B, L, D)**



## What's Included

- A truly authentic culinary experience
- 2 nights lodging at boutique hotel a.d. 1768 in Ragusa Ibla
- 4 nights lodging at country retreat Masseria della Volpe
- Peace of mind knowing you are with the most professional travel and tour company in Sicily
- Access to small local producers often not open to the public
- Walking tours of the region's most characteristic towns with certified local guides
- 6 special breakfasts
- 4 memorable lunches
- 4 extraordinary dinners\*
- Group arrival and departure transfers from Catania Airport

### DAILY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Vineyard visit
- Aromi farm experience and visit to a honey farm
- An outstanding cooking class
- Insider's look at making chocolate and granita
- Visits to the UNESCO sites of Noto, Ragusa & Modica
- Dining at 1\* Michelin Restaurant Accursio

*\* Please note wine is extra with some dinners and will be charged locally according to consumption*

## HOW TO BOOK

Complete the "Contact Us" form at [www.southernvisionstravel.com](http://www.southernvisionstravel.com) and request a place on the Eastern Sicily Tour with Orietta Gianjorio. To confirm your place pay a deposit of 25% & send us a signed copy of our participant form. 180 days before the beginning trip date, SV Travel will collect the remaining balance from the customer.

Transactions are conducted in US Dollars. Our preferred method of payment is by wire transfer into the US account of SV Travel. Checks from within the US are also accepted. For payments made by credit card a 4% surcharge is applicable.

### SV TRAVEL LLC TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR APPROVED PARTICIPANTS

#### *What's Included*

Your tour price includes lodging, all breakfasts, selected lunches, and selected dinners (check the above day-by-day for specifics), SV Travel concierge service, taxes, and a fully equipped support vehicle. Gratuities for the food portion of your trip and for your trip leaders are always appreciated but are entirely at your discretion.

#### *Price & Payment*

The price for the trip is \$4499 per person based on double occupancy per room. If a participant needs a private room, they will need to pay a single supplement of \$999 per person. A 25% deposit payment is required at the time of confirmation. The balance payment will be due on or by 3 Nov 2020. Payments can be made using US domestic checks, wire transfers or by credit card, but please note that a 4% surcharge for payments via credit card is applicable.

#### Cancellation Policies

##### *Cancellation by the client*

If you must cancel your trip for any reason whatsoever:

cancellations greater than 180 before departure date: 50% of the deposit refunded;

cancellations from 179 to 90 days before departure date: Full loss of deposit;

cancellations less than 89 days before departure day: 100% penalty.

Please note that no partial refunds will be given for unused trip arrangements.

To cancel your trip you must notify our office in writing. Note: we highly recommend contracting sufficient cancellation insurance.

##### *Replacement*

If you cannot travel as planned, you have the right to send someone in your place, provided that SV Travel is notified within 4 days of the departure date. SV Travel can object to the above replacement if the replacement does not satisfy the requirements for participants. Requirements could include being above 18 years old or having no mobility issues. In such case, the cancellation conditions will apply. The original contract is not affected by replacement, but any resulting additional costs will be charged to the client. SV Travel is not responsible for any possible non-acceptance of the above replacement by any other organizers or agents involved with the tour.

If Orietta Gianjorio, due to unforeseen circumstances cannot participate in this culinary program, SV Travel reserves the right to replace Guest Expert with a reasonable substitute. Participants will not receive any refund due to this substitution.

##### *Cancellation by SV Travel*

SV Travel reserves the right to cancel a group tour in cases where the necessary minimum number of participants has not been reached. In the case of cancellation by SV Travel for this reason, participants will receive a 100% refund of any monies already paid. Participants will be notified in writing no less than 5 months prior to the beginning of the trip.

##### *Exchange rate price adjustment clause*

If the exchange rate between USD and Euro on the due date for your balance payment is more than 1.20 then SV Travel reserves the right to adjust the tour price accordingly for every percentage point above the 1.2 rate.