## ALAMO WORLD TRAVEL PRESENTS



SICILY 2020

with

Russ Belleci

# OFF THE BEATEN PIAZZA

MAY 15-25, 2020









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#### ITINERARY \*\*

#### FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020 OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO PALERMO, ITALY

#### SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020 ARRIVE IN PALERMO, ITALY

Welcome to Palermo! At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel. (D) (Central Palace Hotel Federico II)

#### SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020 PALERMO

Discover the capital of Sicily with a Local Guide and enjoy a panoramic view of the Conca d'Oro. Visit the 12th-century NORMAN CATHEDRAL in Monreale, famous for its 50,000 square feet of precious byzantine mosaics. Back in Palermo, see the major sites like the ornate Piazza Bellini, Capo Market, the baroque Church of Immacolata, and visit the magnificent PALERMO CATHEDRAL. Globus Local Favorite A lunch with Sicilian specialties like panelle (chickpea fritters), arancini (stuffed rice balls), and cannoli (fried pastry rolls with sweet ricotta cheese) awaits. (B,L) (Central Palace Hotel Federico II)

### MONDAY, MAY 18 2020 PALERMO-ERICE-MOTYA-MARSALA AREA

Join your Tour Director for an orientation of the hilltop town of Erice, ending at the well-known Pasticceria Maria Grammatico to savor the traditional almond biscuits and Marsala wine. Next, visit a traditional SALT MILL. Then, the highlight of the day: A relaxing BOAT RIDE to the island of Motya for a perfect view of the lagoon and visit to the MUSEUM. Later, dinner with local specialties and couscous will be served. (B,D) (Hotel Giardino Ti Costanza Resort)

#### TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020 MARSALA AREA-SCIACCA-AGRIGENTO.

In Sciacca, take pictures from the panoramic viewpoint before continuing to Agrigento. Here, your Local Guide will take you for a spectacular walk through the magnificent VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES. Even travelers who have visited Athens and Delphi are awed by the gigantic yet graceful Greek structures that miraculously survived 24 centuries of tormented history. (B,D) (Grand Hotel Mose)

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020 AGRIGENTO-PIAZZA ARMERINA-CALTAGIRONE-RAGUSA

Drive to Piazza Armerina for your guided visit of the VILLA ROMANA DEL CASALE, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Admire the largest and most complex collection of Roman mosaics in the world, including the famous "Bikini Girls," discovered in 1960. Before arriving in Ragusa, stop in Caltagirone and see the mosaic STAIRCASE OF SANTA MARIA DEL MONTE, covered with different tiles in a beautiful pattern. (B,D) (Poggio Del Sole Resort)

#### THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020 RAGUSA. EXCURSION TO MODICA

Guided sightseeing features a walk through Ragusa's oldest district, the IBLA, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with its beautiful palaces and churches. Walk through the Giardini Iblei, the pleasant public gardens laid out in the 19th century. Visit the iconic baroque ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL. Time on your own to further explore or maybe relax at an outdoor café! In the late afternoon, travel to nearby Modica with its steeply stacked medieval center and spectacular baroque churches. Wander along Corso Umberto I and stop at the famous Dolceria Bonajuto, Sicily's oldest chocolate factory, for a TASTING. End the day with a dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D) (Poggio Del Sole Resort)



#### FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020 RAGUSA-NOTO-SYRACUSE

The baroque town of Noto is renowned for its beautiful historic center that was almost entirely rebuilt in the early 18th century following the 1693 earthquake. Meet your Local Guide for a walk along Corso Vittorio Emanuele to admire the magnificent architecture, and visit SAN NICOLÒ CATHEDRAL. Continue to Syracuse, birthplace of the mathematician Archimedes. Enter the ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE for a guided visit of the 5th century BC sparkling-white Greek Theater, the Garden of Paradise, the Ear of Dionysus, the Altar of Hieron II, the Roman Amphitheater, and the Cordmakers' Cave. Tonight, you may wish to join an optional excursion (Ortigia Island-Greek Ruins and pizza feast, 3 hours, \$60 per person. (B) (Mercure Siracusa Prometeo)

#### SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2020 SYRACUSE-CATANIA-SAVOCA-TAORMINA RIVIERA

In Catania, see St. Agata Cathedral and spend some time on Piazza del Duomo and Via Etnea. In the village of Savoca, see the Church of Santa Lucia, made famous as a location for Michael Corleone's wedding in the movie The Godfather. Globus Local Favorite Enjoy a granita and brioche at Bar Vitelli. Later, arrive at your hotel on the Taormina Riviera. (B) (RG Naxos Hotel)

#### SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020 TAORMINA RIVIERA

In the morning, enjoy some free time OR an exciting optional excursion is available to Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. Later, in hilltop Taormina, visit the ancient GREEK THEATER, dating back to the 3rd century BC. This evening, a farewell dinner will be served at restaurant Villa Antonio, an excellent way to say arrivederci Sicilia! (B,D) (RG Naxos Hotel)

#### DAY 11 TAORMINA RIVIERA

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning (the nearest airport is Catania). (B)

#### **Included Tour Features**

\*OPTIONALAIR: Round trip air from San Francisco to Palermo, returning from Catania back to SFO

\*MEALS: Full breakfast daily; 1 lunch in Palermo; 6 three-course dinners, including dinners at local restaurants in Marsala area, Modica and Taormina

\*HOTELS: 9 Nights first class accommodations

\*Transportation in Sicily-Deluxe motorcoach transportation throughout with wifi plus a boat cruise to the Island of Motya

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- \* Professional Tour Director throughout Sicily

\* Taxes on all included features

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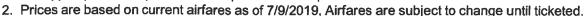
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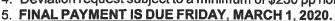
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The cost will be \$1900 per person for the following flights.

We need a minimum of 10 to make a group, but they will hold 32.

Cufthansa 455	Departing	(SFO) San Francisco, CA	Fri May 15 at 02:55 PM
	Arriving	(FRA) Frankfurt, Germany	Sat May 16 at 10:40 AM
Cufthansa 1190	Departing Arriving Code Share: C	(FRA) Frankfurt, Germany (ZRH) Zurich, Switzerland	Sat May 16 at 01:00 PM Sat May 16 at 01:55 PM
Swiss International Airlines 2512	Departing	(ZRH) Zurich, Switzerland	Sat May 16 at 03:35 PM
	Arriving	(PMO) Palermo, Italy	Sat May 16 at 05:30 PM
Cufthansa 1907	Departing Arriving Code Share: Co	(CTA) Catania, Italy (MUC) Munich, Germany	Mon May 25 at 11:50 AM Mon May 25 at 02:00 PM
Cufthansa 458	Departing	(MUC) Munich, Germany	Mon May 25 at 04:20 PM
	Arriving	(SFO) San Francisco, CA	Mon May 25 at 07:00 PM