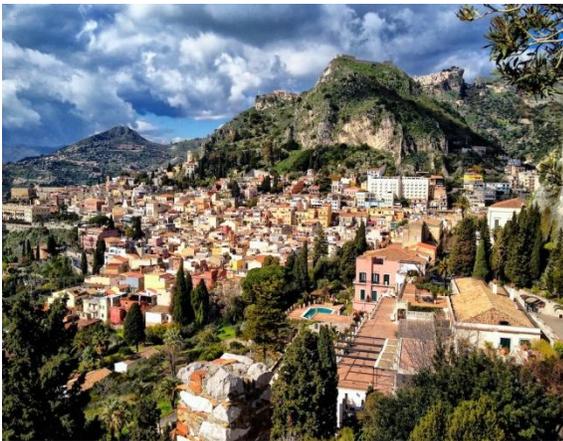


Eileen's Travel Adventures

Presents

9 NIGHTS IN SICILY

Wed, April 19, 2017 - Fri, April 28, 2017



Taormina



Views of Mt. Etna

\$2,489 per person double or triple occupancy - Land Only
Single supplement \$350. Optional 3-night Rome
extension available \$690 per person.

Maximum 7 people

Depart US - Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Day 1 - Wednesday, April 19, 2017

- Arrival at Palermo Airport
- Private transfer to Centrale Palace Hotel or similar with breakfast daily for four nights

Day 2 - Thursday, April 20, 2017

Full day sightseeing with driver/guide of Palermo, Monreale and the port town on the northern coast of Cefalu. Palermo is a mix of Gothic, Norman and Baroque styles along with its Moorish and Arab influences. Among the places we may see are the Massimo Theatre, one of the most famous opera houses in Italy, and the Politeama Theatre (Teatro Politeama). Not only is this beautiful building home to many great musical performances, but the area around it is also the vibrant social centre of the city.

- Our Palermo tour may find us in the vicinity of the Royal Palace which was built by the Arab emirs around the IXth century or the historical palace called Pallazo Steri, which is famous for the beauty of its wooden ceiling. We'll discover this fascinating city at our own pace with our guide checking out the wonderful mosaics in the Cappella Palatina.
- Monreale showcases the Arab-Norman splendor of its cathedral. A short drive east along the northern coast and we'll reach the charming fishing town of Cefalu. Lunch is included.

Day 3 - Friday, April 21, 2017

- Full day sightseeing with our private driver/guide of Erice, Trapani area and Marsala. Erice is a charming little town that rises at the top of the mountain of the same name in a setting with spectacular views. Trapani is a city projecting like a wedge into the sea west of Palermo and is an important commercial, fishing and tourist port. Marsala is well known for

its wine-growing and we'll be stopping for a wine tasting of its sweet wines.

Day 4 - Saturday, April 22, 2017

- Day at leisure in Palermo

Day 5 - Sunday, April 23, 2017

- Check out of our hotel in Palermo and begin our two-day trip to Taormina. We'll drive southward to Agrigento where the Valley of the Temples is located. The remains of this ancient city are scattered over this valley which is unique for its vast views, the rich landscape, setting and monuments. Areas of the ancient town were settled in the 4th to 3rd centuries BC. Its most recent buildings date from the 4th to 5th centuries AD. Many visible vestiges remain of the ancient temple of Zeus and the eight columns out of 24 stand from the Doric Temple of Hercules. The Temple of Concordia is one of the greatest attractions of Sicily.

- We'll stay overnight in Agrigento at the Dioscuri Bay Palace Hotel with breakfast and dinner in the hotel.

Day 6 - Monday, April 24, 2017

- After breakfast we continue en route along the southern part of Sicily to Taormina, one of the prettiest towns in Italy where we will spend four nights at the Hotel Isabella with breakfast daily. The town's star attraction is its Greek-Roman Theatre.

Day 7 - Tuesday, April 25, 2017

- Public group tour of Siracusa with an English-speaking local guide. The meeting point is Tombe Bizantine (Byzantine Tombs), via Pirandello. Meeting time will be 7:30 a.m and return at 7:30 p.m. We'll explore many archaeological wonders, the Greek Theatre built in the 5th century BC and dedicated to the goddess Athena, Altar of Hiron and the Roman Amphitheatre. We'll also spend some time in the town of Ortigia with its maze of narrow streets.

Day 8 - Wednesday, April 26, 2017

- Public group tour of Alcantara and Mt. Etna with an English-speaking local guide. We'll be meeting the guide at 8:00 a.m. This full day includes both a great outdoor excursion into the wonders of nature and an opportunity to enjoy one of Sicily's tourist hotspots. We'll visit the unique Alcantara Gorges (optional descent 5 euros) and then touring into the heart of the island on the way to Mt. Etna which is Europe's highest active volcano which is quite a memorable sight. Time will be allowed for the optional ascent to the main crater by cable car and jeep (optional ascent 60.50 euros).

Day 9 - Thursday, April 27, 2017

- Enjoy a day at leisure in Taormina and our farewell dinner.

Friday, April 28, 2017

- Transfer to Catania Airport for flight back home or continue onto optional trip to Rome.

Included:

All hotels, guides, tours, breakfast daily, two dinners, one lunch, wine tasting, entrance fees to Agrigento Valley of the Temples. Any other entrance fees should be paid on site. AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED.

3-NIGHT ROME EXTENSION: \$690 per person based on 7 people.

- Private transfer Rome Airport to Hotel Miami in Rome.
- Three nights accommodation with breakfast daily.
- Private transfer from hotel to Vatican Museum.
- Four-hour private tour with English-speaking guide of the Vatican Museum and St. Peter's Basilica - entrance fees included.
- Morning tour with private car and English-speaking guide of Rome with the Colosseum - entrance fees to Colosseum included.
- Private transfer from hotel to Rome airport.

Contact me at (781) 925-1612 for more information and to reserve your space on this great trip. \$500 deposit required.

Happy Travels,

Eileen, Travel Addict

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