



ITINERARY AND REGISTRATION FORM

Palermo (3 nights) | Agrigento (1 night) | Siracusa (2 nights) | Taormina (3 nights)

Sunday, May 17: Program Begins in Palermo, Sicily: Welcome Drink and Dinner.

Participants should plan to arrive at **Palermo Airport** (PMO) by 2:00 PM. Private drivers will meet participants and take them to our historic hotel, located in the heart of Palermo. In the early evening, the group will gather for a **Welcome Drink**, followed by a short walk to a local Sicilian restaurant to enjoy a **Welcome Dinner**.

Private transportation from the airport to hotel included. **Welcome Drink and Dinner included.**

Monday, May 18: Private Guided Walking Tour of Palermo Highlights.

Today's program features a private guided walking tour through many of Palermo's most important cultural landmarks. This 2,700-year-old Sicilian capital brims with history, art, architecture, and cuisine. In the morning, we'll explore highlights including **Piazza Pretoria** with its striking fountain adorned by nymph statues, the **Palazzo dei Normanni** (the oldest royal residence in Europe), the dazzling **Cappella Palatina** (chapel) decorated with golden mosaics, and the 12th-century **Cathedral of Palermo**.

At midday, we'll pause at a traditional Sicilian market, where you'll have the chance to enjoy lunch on your own with traditional street food specialties. In the afternoon, we'll visit the exquisite Baroque-style church, **Chiesa di San Domenico**, followed by a private tour of Palermo's famed **Teatro Massimo**, the city's grand opera house. The rest of the afternoon and evening will be yours to spend at leisure.

Moderate Walking: 3 - 4 miles throughout the day.

Tuesday, May 19: Monreale Cathedral and Catacombe dei Cappuccini.

In the morning, we'll depart by private bus for the majestic hilltop town of **Monreale**. Upon arrival, our tour guide will lead us through the magnificent **Monreale Cathedral** - one of the greatest surviving examples of Norman architecture. Inside, glittering golden mosaics illustrate scenes from the Old and New Testaments as well as the lives of the Saints. Afterward, you'll have free time to stroll through this charming historic town and enjoy lunch at your leisure.

In the afternoon, we'll return to Palermo to visit the **Catacombe dei Cappuccini**, where art, faith, and the human form converge in catacombs dating back to the 16th century. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening in Palermo at your leisure.

Moderate Walking: 2 - 3 miles throughout the day with some hills and stairs. Private Bus: 30 minutes each way.

Wednesday, May 20: Departure to Agrigento. Wine Tasting/Lunch. Valley of the Temples. Dinner.

In the morning, we'll depart by private bus toward the historic city of **Agrigento**. Along the way, we'll stop at a local winery, where we'll enjoy a **guided wine tasting** paired with regional specialties!

In the afternoon, we arrive in Agrigento to explore the **Valley of the Temples**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Home to the largest and best-preserved collection of ancient Greek architecture outside of Greece, the site showcases seven remarkable temples dating back to the 5th century BC. A private guided tour will bring this extraordinary archeological wonder to life.

Afterward, we'll settle into our nearby boutique hotel in Agrigento, nestled amid beautiful surroundings. You'll have time to relax at this charming property before gathering in the evening for a special **dinner** in its picturesque setting.

Moderate Walking: 2 - 3 miles throughout the day. Private Bus: 3 hrs. drive in total. **Light Lunch and Dinner included.**

Thursday, May 21: Departure to Siracusa (Ortigia). Piazza Armerina. Lunch at Local Agriturismo.

Today we'll travel by private bus through scenic hills, mountains, and valleys to reach **Piazza Armerina**, a charming medieval town in the center of Sicily. The town is renowned for the nearby **Villa Romana del Casale**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for its ornate Roman mosaics. Following a guided tour of the villa, we'll enjoy a delicious **lunch** at a local **agriturismo** (farmhouse), complete with an olive oil tasting.



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In the afternoon, we'll continue to the captivating city of **Siracusa**. After checking in at our hotel in **Ortigia**, located in the historic center of Siracusa, the evening will be yours to spend at leisure.

Light Walking: 1 - 2 miles throughout the day. Private Bus: 3 hrs. drive in total. **Lunch included.**

Friday, May 22: Walking Tour of Siracusa and Old Town. Puppet Theater Performance.

This morning we'll learn more about **Ortigia**, the charming fishing island at the heart of Siracusa. We'll explore the vibrant local market, visit the centuries-old **Cathedral of Siracusa**, and admire the stunning architecture of **Piazza del Duomo**. The rest of the morning is yours to wander at leisure through Siracusa, discovering its captivating blend of Greek, Roman, medieval, and Baroque influences.

In the afternoon, we'll experience a live performance of Sicily's traditional **puppet theater**, a colorful and engaging show that transcends language barriers. The evening will be yours to spend at leisure.

Moderate Walking: 2-3 miles throughout the day.

Saturday, May 23: Depart to Taormina. Caravaggio and the Basilica of Santa Maria del Sepolcro. Guided Walking Tour of Taormina and Antico Teatro Greco.

This morning we'll enjoy a guided tour of the **Basilica of Saint Lucy at the Tomb**. This remarkable church features a columned portico, a Norman portal, and the 18th-century chapel known as the *Sepolcro*. This chapel houses a revered sculpture of Saint Lucy and marks the site where she is believed to have been martyred in 304 AD. Inside, you'll also find **Caravaggio's** masterpiece *The Burial of Saint Lucy*, and beneath the church lie extensive catacombs - the largest outside of Rome. After a short lunch on your own, we'll make our way to Taormina via private bus.

Nestled on a hillside above the Ionian Sea, **Taormina** is Sicily's most famous seaside town. Founded by Greeks in 358 BC, it is celebrated for its breathtaking views of Mount Etna, elegant piazzas, and charming medieval streets. On our arrival, we'll enjoy a private guided walking tour through the historical part of town. Many vestiges of a rich and complex past are to be found near the majestic **Greek Theater of Taormina**. In the surroundings, you can admire the ruins of holy and public monuments such as the *Aphrodite's Temple*, the *Roman Thermal Baths*, and the *Odeon*. Enjoy dinner at your leisure.

Moderate Walking: 2-3 miles throughout the day. Private Transportation: 1 hr. 30 mins. drive in total.

Sunday, May 24: Excursion to Mount Etna and Lunch.

In the morning, we'll depart for a special excursion to the incomparable **Mount Etna**. Accompanied by specialized guides with private off-roads vans, we'll drive to the mountainside of the highest active volcano in Europe, experiencing nature, lunar landscapes, and lush forests. There will be a relatively easy walk along a trail at about 6,500 feet above sea level, where we'll pass ancient and recently formed craters, explore a typical lava cave formed from past eruptions, and observe the whole Ionian coastline from above. During the excursion, we'll visit a **local winery** in a beautiful setting with products from the Etna region. Here we will have a tour of the winery followed by a special **wine-paring lunch**. We'll return to Taormina in the afternoon where you can enjoy the remainder of the day and evening at your leisure.

Moderate Walking: 1 -2 miles throughout the day. Private Transportation: 30 minutes each way. **Lunch included.**

Monday, May 25: Day at Leisure. Farewell Dinner.

Enjoy the last day of our wonderful journey strolling the streets of Taormina with its lovely shops and panoramic views on your own. Or consider taking a boat tour around the magnificent **Bay of Taormina**. In the evening, we'll have a **Farewell Sicily Dinner** at a very special location in Taormina.

Dinner included.

Tuesday, May 26: Conclusion of Program.

Hotel check-out and private group transfers from the hotel to **Catania Airport** (CTA).



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REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name 1 (should match passport) _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____

Full Name 2 (should match passport) _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

Primary Cell Phone _____ Primary Email _____

For single person registration (for double occupancy room), I request to share room with: _____

Type of room: *Twin (2 beds)* *Double (1 king/queen)* *Single Room (extra charge)*

Dietary Restrictions _____

Note: The Tour requires a moderate amount of walking by participants, on average, 2 – 3 miles day

Terms and Conditions

Package Includes:

- A dedicated professional Tour Leader (English/Italian bi-lingual) will accompany the group, coordinate all activities and provide 24/7 onsite assistance for the entire experience.
- Historical insight and scientific expertise provided by USD alumnus Professor Kevin Petti.
- 9-night accommodation (Palermo – 3 nights, Agrigento - 1 night, Siracusa – 2 nights, Taormina – 3 nights) at highly comfortable 4-star hotels (double occupancy).
- Welcome Drink reception (on arrival night in Palermo).
- Daily buffet breakfast at hotels with local products.
- 3 Wine and Food Tasting Experiences (Lunch): May 20, May 21, May 24.
- 3 Three-Course Dinners with wine: May 17, May 20, May 25.
- Private guided tours, as described in the Itinerary.
- Entrance tickets to all venues and museums specified in the Itinerary, with skip-the-line reservations if available.
- Private transportation for all intercity travel (Palermo to Agrigento; Agrigento to Siracusa; Siracusa to Taormina).
- Private group transfers (with minimum of 2 program participants/vehicle) from **Palermo Airport (PMO)** to our hotel in Palermo on arrival day.
- Private transfers (with minimum of 6 program participants/vehicle) from our hotel in Taormina to **Catania Airport (CTA)** on departure day.
- City tax at all hotels and tax and tips for all services identified in the Itinerary.

Package Does Not Include:

- Flight tickets to/from Italy
- Travel insurance
- Fees for passports, and, if applicable, visas
- Meals, drinks or personal extras not explicitly stated in the 'Package Includes' section above
- Excursions and any other activities not listed in the Itinerary



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Price & Payments (in US Dollars)

- The price of the Package as described is **\$6,495** per person in a double occupancy room (2 people/room). There are a **minimum** of 18 participants and a **maximum** of 20 participants. Accommodation in a **single room** (1 person/room) has an extra charge of **\$2,495** (limited availability).
- **Deposit and Final Payment:**
 - A **deposit of \$1,500** per person is required to secure participant’s place by **December 15, 2025**. The deposit may be paid by check, Zelle bank transfer or with a credit card – please indicate your preference at the bottom of this page.
 - **Please print (or take photo of) your completed Registration Form (pages 3-4) and email to Michael Tuosto at Exclusively Italian.** Alternatively, please email Michael Tuosto to request this Form be sent in electronic format.
 - **Contact Details (Michael Tuosto):** email: michael@exclusivelyitalian.com – phone: 1-619-208-0902
 - The balance of payment is due on **February 15, 2026**. The balance is **only payable by check or Zelle bank transfer**.
 - **Checks:** Please make checks payable to **“Exclusively Italian”**. Payments are accepted in US dollars only. Mail to:
Michael Tuosto – Exclusively Italian
4080 Goldfinch St. Unit 1
San Diego, CA 92103

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Exclusively Italian LLC reserves the right to cancel this trip for any circumstances beyond its control, including if there are fewer than 18 participants. In this case, a full refund will be provided. No refunds are provided for unused portions or services of the trip for any reason. The trip is sold as a package only. Below is the cancellation/refund policy. Cancellations accepted in writing only.

Payment Due Date	Amount	Cancellation/Refund
December 15, 2025	\$1,500 Deposit/ Participant	Once the tour is confirmed with the minimum number of registered participants, \$1,000 of this payment becomes non-refundable. From January 15, 2026, the entire deposit is non-refundable.
February 15, 2026	\$4,995/Participant	50% of this payment is refundable until March 15, 2026. From March 16, 2026, the entire payment is non-refundable.

Not Included

All items of a personal nature, meals and other services or transportation not specified in the ‘Package Includes’ section.

Travel Insurance

To protect your trip investment, the purchase of Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to cover unforeseen events such as trip cancellation and/or interruption, emergency medical expenses, loss of baggage or trip delay. Need help reviewing insurance plans and fees? Contact USI, USD’s preferred travel insurance provider. USI is ready to serve you, Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 7:00pm (EST). Connect [online](#) or on the phone: 1-800-937-1387.

DISCLAIMER

All arrangements covering accommodation, transportation, tours, transfers and all other services arranged for this trip, are made on the explicit understanding that Exclusively Italian LLC and/or Laura Bianconcini or Dr. Kevin Petti act only as an intermediary and as such admit no liabilities whatsoever for any loss, damage, delay or injury to persons or property arising out of, or in any connection with any act of neglect or default however caused, either directly or indirectly by the principals or persons or their agents or servants, who shall provide such hotel accommodation, transport, tours, transfers or all other services provided. Exclusively Italian LLC reserves the right to change accommodations, activities and services specified in the Itinerary at any time, for any reason, and replace them with others of the same category and/or value.

- I have read, understand, and accept all the above Terms & Conditions.
- I will mail a check (or send a Zelle bank transfer) for \$1,500/participant as a deposit to secure my Registration.
- I request to pay \$1,500/participant by credit card as a deposit to secure my Registration. (Note: if you select this option, you will receive an email from our credit card processor that will allow you to securely enter your credit card details).
- I request a Single Room accommodation for an extra fee of \$2,495.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____