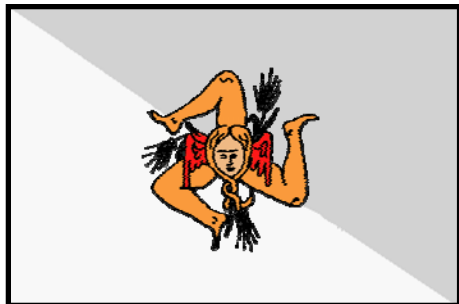


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Sicilian Fantasy

*10 Days
Mar 18-27, 2009
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Includes (*Believe it or not!!!*)

- Round trip airfare from San Francisco
- 3- nights in Taormina
- 5- nights 4 Star Hotel in **Agrigento**
- All Meals (except 3- Lunches)
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours
- Visit the "Valley of Temples"
- Entrance fees not included

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Spring in Sicily

The Italian Cultural Society invites you visit Sicily. Sicily has been called "the Pearl of the Mediterranean" because of her breathtaking natural splendor, and Sicily has been called "the trampled paradise" because all those who landed on its shores coveted this island jewel and wanted it for themselves. And who could blame them for wanting this Mediterranean jewel? Sicily is the largest, and many say the most beautiful island in the Mediterranean Sea, This island is a magnificent contrast of dramatic volcanic mountains and blossom-covered almond and citrus groves. The scenery is breathtaking and the island is steeped in history. There are fantastic Greek temples, Roman theatres and majestic cathedrals and monuments. In Spring, the landscape is lush and the air is fragrant with vivid wildflowers and citrus blossoms. Don't miss Sicily this Spring!

ITINERARY

Day 1, March 18: Departure from San Francisco airport, with your Italian Cultural Society host. The Italian Cultural Society will charter a *private bus to transfer passengers from Sacramento to the San Francisco airport for our departure. (*bus is optional, service cost TBA)

Day 2, March 19: Arrive in Sicily's Catania Airport where we will be met by our private motor coach and taken to Taormina for our three night stay at the Hotel Olimpo which overlooks the Mediterranean. **(D) Hotel Olimpo**

Day 3, March 20: Taormina: After breakfast, enjoy a guided walking tour of Taormina, called the "Paris of Sicily" and thrill to the beauty of the flowered windows. Taormina has been a holiday resort since the days of the Greeks and Romans and sits almost 1000 feet above sea level. You will have the opportunity to visit the Teatro Greco* (the Greco-Roman theater) with its marvelous views. And if that isn't enough...Taormina is full of charming boutiques and wonderful restaurants and pizzerie! Afternoon at leisure. Dinner at your hotel in Taormina. **(B.D) Hotel Olimpo**

Day 4, March 21: Siracusa: After breakfast we head south along the Ionian coast to Siracusa, built on an ancient Greek settlement dating back to 734BC. Siracusa boasts an ancient history in architecture, monuments, geography and geology. We will have a guided tour and then time for shopping and lunch on your own. **(B.D) Hotel Olimpo**

Day 5, March 22: Agrigento: After breakfast we depart for Agrigento. In early Spring, enjoy the lush and green landscape and fragrance of vivid wildflowers and citrus blossoms. The city of Agrigento was founded in 581 BC. The medieval city, which was built on the Greek acropolis, sits on a hill top and has a beautiful Duomo and many winding ancient streets which are vibrant with Sicilian life. For the next five days and nights we will enjoy the hospitality and Sicilian cuisine at the elegant 4 star Hotel Della Valle, Agrigento. **(B.D) Hotel Della Valle**

Day 6, March 23: Agrigento: After breakfast, we will visit the magnificent Valley of the Temples. This is the richest archeological site in Sicily with unenclosed standing temples towering on the Strada Panoramica among fragrant olive and almond trees. See the Temples of Juno, the Temple of Concordia, the Temple of Hercules and the Temple of Jupiter. Visit the fine Archeological Museum which contains the most extensive Greek artifacts in Italy. **(B.L.D) Hotel Della Valle**

Day 7, March 24: Sciacca: After breakfast we visit Sciacca. Lampedusa's famous novel *The Leopard* features Sciacca. This city is famous for its ceramics and we will be able to watch an artisan create a famous Sciacca ceramic clown and there will be time for shopping. Next visit an olive oil and wine shop to sample some of the local delicacies. Then our motor coach will take us to the top of Mount Calogero for breathtaking views of the harbor and to visit the beautiful Basilica. After Lunch we will visit the small seaside village of Licata to visit to the landing beach of our Allied Soldiers during World War II. **(B.L.D) Hotel Della Valle**

Day 8, March 25: Palermo: Join us for a fully guided tour of Sicily's capital city, Palermo to visit the Palazzo dei Normandi, (the Palace of the Normans) the highest point in the old city with its spectacular Palatine Chapel whose mosaics are among the finest in all of Europe. We will travel 8 short kilometers to the small hill town of Monreale to visit the Duomo considered to be one of the finest works of Christian art. Monreale has breathtaking views of the Conca d'ora and the sea. Hotel prepares a picnic lunch to enjoy at the Mondelo beach with leisure time to stroll along the sea. **(B.L.D) Hotel Della Valle**

Day 9, March 26: San Angelo: After breakfast, our guide will take us to San Angelo, a medieval typical Sicilian village situated high on top of a mountain, where you will enjoy meeting the local townspeople and exploring this quaint village. Afternoon at leisure and time to pack. **(B.L.D) Hotel Della Valle**

Day 10, March 27: Departure: Early checkout for our drive back to Catania Airport for our flight home. **(B)**

All Sightseeing subject to changes

*Entrance fees are not paid, and cost approximately 15 euros per person paid on location for the Greco Roman Theater and Museum

Nota Bene: Guest should be able to walk ¼ mile over uneven and cobblestone surfaces, and inclines of 40 to 50 steps. Tours are not recommended for travelers with wheelchairs, walkers or who have mobility problems.



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TOUR CONDITIONS

Tour: Sicilian Fantasy **Departs: March 18, 09**

PRICE: per person, double occupancy \$2799 plus applicable taxes
Single Supplement \$350 pp.

AIRFARE: Airfare is included is based on Economy Class Round Trip from San Francisco, plus tax. Air Rates are subject to change untill tour is paid in full. If the air is cancelled within 90 days of departure, penalties will apply. Name change are subject to penalties within this time period

PASSPORTS: U.S. Citizens must be in possession of a VALID passport , *all other Residence* must check with the country's Consulate they are visiting, for your proper documents to enter that country, this is your responsibility.

VISAS: *No-Visa is required* for U. S. Citizens, all *other Residence* must check with the country's Consulate they are visiting, for your proper documents to enter that country, this is your responsibility.

RESERVATIONS: A deposit of \$200 per person is required when making the reservations. *All payments must be by check, credit cards are not accepted for this tour.* Space is limited and on first come first reserved basis

REVISION FEES: \$40 per revision for any changes *after 15 days of receiving your invoice, including name corrections.* Check your passport to verify your invoice reflects your name as it appears on your Passports.

BALANCE DUE: 65 days prior departure. *All payments must be by check.* If your payments is not received by due date, the reservation is subject to cancellation and deposit will be forfeited.

CANCELLATION: When the cancellation in writing is received after deposit, \$75 per person penalty applies and or all deviation fees if applicable in addition to the following
90 days prior to 61 days, additional \$100 plus Applicable deviation fees
60 days to 46 days .. 65% penalty
45-days or less or NO-SHOW 100% penalty

VALIDITY: Tour is based on a minimum of 25 participants. In the event the minimum numbers of participants do not book this tour, the operator reserves the right to increase the tour price.

INSURANCE: WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND that you take out comprehensive insurance (health, accident, baggage and trip cancellation). Applications will be provided for your convenience.

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Address _____

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\$200 deposit per person due with reservation

I am sharing with _____

Enclosed is my deposit of \$200 per person:

Total \$ _____

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