



## PROGRAM ITINERARY AND REGISTRATION

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**Palermo** (3 nights) | **Agrigento** (1 night) | **Ragusa** (2 nights) | **Taormina** (3 nights) | **Naples** (3 nights)

### **Sunday, June 2: Program Begins in Palermo, Sicily: Welcome Drink and Dinner.**

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

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

### **Monday, June 3: Full Day Private Guided Walking Tour of Palermo.**

Our program today will be presented through a private guided walking tour of many of the most important cultural sites of Palermo. This 2,700-year-old city is the capital of Sicily, and is rich in history, art, architecture, and cuisine. In the morning, our tour includes important icons of Palermo, such as the **Piazza Pretoria** with its iconic fountain adorned by nymph statues, the **Palazzo dei Normanni** (the Royal Palace of Palermo), the extraordinary **Capella Palatina (Palatine Chapel)** decorated with gold mosaics, and the **Cathedral of Palermo** (which dates to the 12<sup>th</sup> century).

At midday, we'll stop at a typical Sicilian market where you can enjoy lunch on your own with traditional Sicilian Street food. In the afternoon, we'll continue our city tour with a stop at the exquisite Baroque-style church, **Chiesa di San Domenico**, followed by a special tour of the historic **Teatro Massimo**, the Opera House of Palermo. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening at your leisure.

### **Tuesday, June 4: University of Palermo, Palazzo Steri, and Catacombe dei Cappuccini.**

We'll start the day by visiting the **University of Palermo** and its Department of Human Anatomy, where we'll meet Professor Francesco Cappello along with some of his students. We'll discuss Giovanni Filippo Ingrassia, one of Italy's most renowned anatomists. Born five centuries ago in a small town in the center of Sicily, he is remembered as the "New Galen" or the "Sicilian Hippocrates". After a short presentation, we'll have an opportunity to visit the library's archives, which house a collection of historic anatomical texts, as well as its anatomical collection. During a short coffee/pastry break, you'll have an opportunity to interact with the professor and students.

After this visit, we'll head to the Marina District of Palermo for a short walking tour and an opportunity to have lunch on your own. We'll then make our way to **Palazzo Chiaramonte-Steri** for a guided tour of this Gothic-style palace, which once served as the tribunal site for the Roman Catholic *Holy Inquisition*. We'll conclude our day's activities with a guided tour of the **Catacombe dei Cappuccini**, where art, religion and the human form are uniquely intertwined in catacombs that date to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening at your leisure.

### **Wednesday, June 5: Departure to Agrigento. Stops in Monreale and Burgio. Dinner.**

In the morning, we'll depart by private bus to the majestic hilltop town of **Monreale**. We'll have a guided tour of the beautiful **Monreale Cathedral**, one of the greatest extant examples of Norman architecture in the world. Byzantine mosaics adorn the church and depict episodes taken from the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the lives of the Saints. Afterward, you'll have time to walk around this small historic town and have lunch on your own. In the early afternoon, we'll make our way to the small village of **Burgio** for a short stop to visit its small **Museum of Mummies**, which contains mummies dating to the 1800's.

We'll then continue our drive to **Agrigento** and arrive in the late afternoon at our countryside boutique hotel. You'll have some time to relax on your own at this charming property and in the evening, we'll meet for a special group **dinner** in this picturesque setting.

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### Thursday, June 6: Departure to Ragusa. Valley of the Temples and Wine Experience with Lunch.

Today we'll journey through the Sicilian countryside. Our first stop will be at the **Valley of the Temples** in Agrigento, an archeological site that is one of the world's most outstanding examples of ancient Greek art and architecture. We'll have a private guided tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, where the remains of seven temples dating back to the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC are still well-preserved. From here, we'll continue through the countryside and visit a very special **family-run winery** to enjoy a tour and a relaxing wine pairing experience with traditional, local Sicilian products in a picturesque, relaxed setting. Afterward, we'll continue our journey to the captivating town of **Ragusa**, where we will find our charming boutique hotel. Enjoy the evening at your leisure.

**Wine experience with lunch included.**

### Friday, June 7: Walking Tour of Historic Ragusa, Mummies of Comiso and Olive Oil Experience with Lunch in the Countryside.

In the morning, we'll enjoy a private guided walking tour of the historic medieval town of **Ragusa** with its amazing Baroque churches, palaces and convents built with typical local limestone. Following this tour, we'll head to the countryside of **Monti Iblei** famous for its production of olive oil. To enjoy a memorable **lunch** with local products at a traditional **agriturismo** (farmhouse) where the family has been producing olive oil for centuries. This experience includes an overview of the olive oil production process. Afterward, we'll drive to the town of Comiso, where we'll find the **Mummies of Comiso**. The burials date from the medieval period, through the Renaissance and up to modern times. We'll have a guided tour of the site as well as the historic center, a maze of narrow streets dominated by the domes of the Annunziata and Santa Maria delle Stelle churches. We'll return to Ragusa to enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening at leisure.

**Olive Oil experience with Lunch included.**

### Saturday, June 8: Departure to Taormina. Walking Tour of Noto and Archeological Park of Siracusa.

After checking out of our hotel, we'll drive to the charming town of **Noto**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its well-preserved Sicilian Baroque style architecture. We'll have a short, guided walking tour of the city highlights followed by time to walk around on your own. Afterward, we'll make our way to the **Neapolis Archeological Park of Siracusa**. Within this vast ancient location, also designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, we will find the **Greek Theater (Teatro Greco)**, originally constructed in the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC, and the 2nd-century **Roman Amphitheater**. After our tour, we'll drive to the enchanting city of **Taormina**, where our hotel is located on the Sicilian coast with **panoramic views** of the Mediterranean! Enjoy the evening at your leisure.

### Sunday, June 9: Excursion to Mount Etna with Wine Pairing Lunch.

In the morning, we'll depart for a special excursion to the incomparable **Mount Etna**. Accompanied by a specialized guide 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 well-known 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 pairing lunch**. We'll return to Taormina in the afternoon where you can enjoy the remainder of the day and evening at your leisure.

**Wine Pairing Lunch included.**



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**Monday, June 10: Guided Walking Tour of Taormina and Antico Teatro Greco. Dinner.**

In the morning, we'll enjoy a private guided walking tour through the historical part of **Taormina**. The atmosphere is unique around the streets, squares, and monuments of Taormina, which was founded by Greeks in 358 BC. 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 the afternoon at your leisure. In the evening, we'll have a **Farewell Sicily Dinner** at a very special location in **Taormina**.

**Dinner included.**

**Tuesday, June 11: Departure to Naples. Archeological Museum Magna Graecia and Riace Bronzes.**

In the morning, we'll leave the island of Sicily by crossing the Strait of Messina by ferry to the Italian mainland. From here, our private bus will take us to **Reggio Calabria**, where we'll stop to visit the **Museo Archeologico della Magna Graecia**, which includes the stunning, full-sized, ancient Greek sculptures known as the **Riace Bronzes**. These marvels demonstrate amazingly accurate anatomy, and date back to the 4th century BC. They were discovered off the nearby coast by a stroke of luck in 1972 by a snorkeler. After this private guided tour, we'll take a high-speed train from Reggio Calabria to **Naples**. We'll arrive in the early evening at our centrally located hotel which has breathtaking views of the Bay of Napoli. Enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure.

**Wednesday, June 12: University Anatomical Museum, Guided Walking Tour of Naples, and Traditional Neapolitan Pizza Lunch.**

In the morning, we'll visit the **Anatomy Museum of the University of Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli"** with our host Professor Michele Papa, anatomist and curator of the university's anatomical museum. This museum houses Italy's largest and most impressive collection of historic anatomical artifacts, including medical instruments from Pompeii, and a humerus from a skeleton assembled by Vesalius. In Naples, again we will discuss Giovanni Filippo Ingrassia. Naples is the location of Ingrassia's first post as an anatomist after his graduation from Padua, and here he dissected numerous cadavers and published prolifically. Afterward, we'll stop at a local restaurant for a traditional Neapolitan **pizza lunch**. Following lunch, we'll enjoy a private guided walking tour of the historic center including the Cathedral and the **Sansevero Chapel** with its beautiful Veiled Christ. In the underground chamber of the Sansevero Chapel, housed in two glass cases, are the famous **Anatomical Machines**, skeletons of a man and a woman with their arteriovenous system displayed. We'll continue to the monumental district towards the **Teatro San Carlo**, one of the oldest continuously active venues for public opera in the world, and **Piazza del Plebiscito**, the iconic elliptic public 'square' and symbol of Naples. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening at your leisure.

**Pizza Lunch included.**

**Thursday, June 13: Tour of Ancient Pompeii and Naples National Archeological Museum. Dinner.**

In the morning, we'll embark on a half day excursion and private guided tour of **Pompeii**, the Roman city covered by volcanic ash from nearby Vesuvius 2000 years ago. We'll see some of the most interesting sites here, some of which have only been recently discovered. After returning to Naples, we'll visit the **Naples National Archeological Museum**. Considered the most important museum of its kind in Italy, it has an unparalleled collection of Greek, Roman and Renaissance works, including the most significant artifacts from Pompeii and Herculaneum. In the evening, join us for our special **Arrivederci Farewell Dinner**.

**Dinner included.**

**Friday, June 14: Conclusion of Program - Departure from Naples.**

Hotel check-out and private transfers from the hotel to Naples International Airport (NAP).



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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If single registration, 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, 1 - 3 miles day**

**Terms and Conditions**

**Package Includes:**

- A dedicated professional **Tour Leader** (English/Italian bi-lingual) will accompany the group, coordinating all activities and providing **24/7 onsite assistance for the entire experience**.
- Historical insight and scientific expertise provided by **Dr. Kevin Petti**.
- **12-night accommodation** at highly comfortable **4-star hotels** (double occupancy): Palermo – 3 nights, Agrigento – 1 night, Ragusa - 2 nights, Taormina – 3 nights, and Naples – 3 nights).
- **Daily buffet breakfast** at hotels with local products.
- **Welcome Drink** reception on arrival night in Palermo.
- **4 Lunches with wine:** Agrigento countryside, Ragusa countryside, Mt. Etna countryside and Naples.
- **4 Three-Course Dinners with wine:** the evenings of arrival in Palermo and Agrigento and the last evenings in Taormina and Naples.
- **All 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 bus transportation** for all intercity travel (*Gran Turismo* class bus).
- **Train tickets in Business Class** from Reggio Calabria to Naples. **Ferry boat tickets** from Sicily to mainland.
- Private transfers (with minimum of 2 program participants/vehicle) from Palermo Punta Raisi Airport (PMO) to our hotel in Palermo on arrival day.
- Private group transfers (with minimum of 6 program participants/vehicle) from our hotel in Naples to the Naples International Airport (NAP) 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
- Meals, drinks or personal extras not explicitly stated in the 'Package Includes' section above
- Excursions and/or other activities not listed in the Itinerary



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**Price & Payments (in US Dollars)**

- The price of the Package as described is **\$5,975** per person in a shared room accommodation (2 people/room). There is a **minimum** of 18 participants and a **maximum** of 23 participants for this Program. Accommodation in a **single room** (1 person/room) has an extra charge of **\$1,450** (limited availability).
- **Deposit and Final Payment:**
  - A **deposit of \$1,000** per person is required to secure each participant’s place by **November 30, 2023**. The deposit may be paid by check or with a credit card – please indicate your preference at the bottom of this page. Your registration is not complete until your deposit is received.
  - **Please print and email your completed Registration Form (pages 4-5) to Michael Tuosto at Exclusively Italian.** Alternatively, please send an email request to Michael Tuosto for this Form to be provided 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, 2024**. The balance is payable by check only.
  - **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
November 30, 2023	\$1,000 Deposit/ Participant	Once the tour reaches the minimum number of registered participants, \$500 of this payment becomes non-refundable. After November 30, 2023, the entire deposit is non-refundable.
February 15, 2024	\$4,975/Participant	50% of this payment is refundable until March 15, 2024; after March 15, 2024, the full payment is non-refundable.

**Note on Prices**

Prices quoted are based on current external supplier costs and exchange rates. Prices are subject to change if there are significant exchange rate fluctuations, although not to exceed 5% of the Package price.

**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. We would be happy to provide the names of Travel Insurance companies and any information regarding Travel Insurance.

**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 request Single Room accommodation for an extra fee of \$1,450.
- I will mail a check for \$1,000/participant as a deposit to secure my Registration.
- I request to pay \$1,000/participant by credit card as a deposit to secure my Registration (note: you will be contacted for payment)

**Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_