

SICILY, ITALY

THE LAND OF ANCIENT HISTORY AND RUGGED NATURAL BEAUTY

OCTOBER 1-9, 2016

FROM **\$2,949** AIR & LAND

9 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS INCLUDING HOTELS, MEALS, DAY TRIPS
AND AIRFARE FROM NEW YORK JFK

**Early-Bird
Special!**

~~\$3,049~~, **\$2,949**

if reserved by April 29, 2016.

**Hurry, at this price
the trip will sell
out quickly.**



Sicily is eventful, exotic, intriguing and fascinating in every aspect. The biggest island in the Mediterranean Sea, Sicily captivates from the start with its legendary tales, art, history and time-honored traditions. On Sicily, travelers can embrace the island's mystique...from the fascinating city of Palermo, the enchanted beauty of Taormina and the majestic ruins of the ancient Greek city of Agrigento, to the charming fishing village of Cefalu, historic ports of Messina, and archeological treasures of Syracuse, plus much more! Come let the magic of Sicily envelop you today!

For more details and reservations contact:
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Reservations can also be made on our online booking engine www.centralholidayswest.com/booking. The group booking code is: B002028

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(3) PALERMO • (4) TAORMINA



TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from New York JFK
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 7 nights (3 nights Palermo, 4 nights Taormina)
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 10 included meals consisting of 7 buffet breakfasts and 3 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: A city tour of Palermo, a city tour of Taormina, a tour of Agrigento and the Valley of Temples. Optional tours available
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Sicily
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport
- **LOCAL TAXES AND SERVICE CHARGES** - Hotel & City taxes and service charges

OPTIONAL MALTA EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- **FERRY** - A ferry ride from Italy to Malta
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 2 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 3 included meals consisting of 2 buffet breakfasts and 1 dinner
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: a city tour of Valletta
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport
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Day 1 Depart USA Depart the USA for Sicily, Italy. Meals and refreshments served on board.

Day 2 Arrive Palermo, Italy Upon arrival in Sicily you will be met by your Central Holidays tour director and transferred to your hotel in Palermo. Palermo's history is marked by outside rulers who rose and fell, from the Phoenicians to the Moors to the Normans to the Spanish and beyond. Today Palermo showcases all of those influences, fused into an ambiance, range of customs, traditions and a culture that is distinctively Sicilian! This evening you will savor a delicious dinner to welcome you to Sicily. (D)

Day 3 Palermo City Tour - Afternoon optional tour to Cefalu After breakfast at your hotel, you will embark on a half day tour of Palermo. Discover Sicily's capital visiting such picturesque attractions as Cappella Palatina and the Benedictine Abbey as well as its colorful markets, winding alleyways, and quaint cafés. Then enjoy a visit of Monreale, known for its olive oil, oranges and almonds as well as its cathedral complex dedicated to Santa Maria Nuova. This afternoon an optional tour to Cefalu is yours for the taking. This popular, coastal town offers the splendors of seaside life with an interesting old town and harbor. Situated between the sea and a large rock, the trendy town retains its charm as a small fishing village while welcoming travelers to enjoy its chic cafés and beach fun. On the attractions side, take some time to explore Cefalu Cathedral, acclaimed for its Byzantine Mosaic of Christ Pantocrator. (B)

Day 4 Palermo - Optional tour to Marsala Start your day with breakfast at your hotel, then enjoy a day at leisure to discover the treasures of Palermo or embark on an optional tour to Marsala, known around the world for its world-class wines including the traditional "Marsala." Peering through Baroque style cloisters, catch a glimpse of the beautiful façade of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Sorrows as you delve into the historic center of this glorious town. Get to know Marsala through her amazing archaeological sites, then savor the succulent flavors of its local cuisine, imbibing in a light lunch and sampling local wines and olive oil at a special tasting event. (B)

Day 5 Palermo-Agrigento-Taormina This morning, power-up with breakfast at your hotel, then depart for Taormina along the Sicilian coast. Stop on route in Agrigento where Sicily's most impressive Greek ruins are found. Known for its amazing archeological finds, here you will participate in a guided tour of the Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, dating back to the 5th century B.C. Celebrate your time in Agrigento, exploring the town's vibrant medieval center from Via Atenea, where you will delight in tantalizing treats from local shops, trattorias and bars. Taormina presents romantic alleyways and rugged mountains that offer you a unique Italian landscape amid a breathtaking ancient backdrop of man-made archaeological finds. Drink in the views of Mount Etna and enjoy perhaps the most stunning vistas ever designed by nature. Tonight you will enjoy an included dinner at your hotel in Taormina. (B,D)

Day 6 Taormina City Tour - Afternoon optional tour to Mount Etna Your day starts with breakfast at your hotel before heading out to explore Taormina on a half day city tour with a visit of the Greek Theater built in the 3rd century BC. This afternoon, keep the adventure going with an optional tour to Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano. Sweeping views from thousands of meters high in the mountain welcome you. A starkly different ambiance from the coastal vistas and azure seas down below, Mt Etna's volcanic rock and black lava sand surround you, offering a distinctive experience beyond the beaches and quaint towns that Sicily is best known for. (B)

Day 7 Taormina - Optional tour to Syracuse Live like a local in Sicily, delving into Taormina at your own pace or venturing on an optional full day tour to Syracuse. In Syracuse, you can visit ancient Greek and Roman ruins on a tour of Parco Archeologico della Neapolis and see attractions including the Ear of Dionysius. Later today you will participate in an unforgettable Godfather tour, where you can relive the renowned Godfather movies as we explore the medieval hilltop towns of Savoca and Forza D'Agro, towns that served as the backdrop for scenes from the famed films. (B)

Day 8 Taormina - Optional tour to Messina Today you have the opportunity to join in an optional tour to Messina with its storied port and history as a trading city. With easy access to Italy, as the closest in proximity to the mainland, Messina is unique in comparison with the smaller villages and towns that dot Sicily. Known as the city that launched a thousand ships as a major port during the Crusades, its extensive history dates back thousands of years. Next, cross the Straits of Messina and head to Reggio Calabria on the Italian mainland, known for its panoramic waterfront promenade. More recently called "the rainbow of Italy" for the changing colors of the seas of its coastline, you can enjoy the unforgettable display of changing shades from cobalt blue, to violet, to turquoise, to grey-blue, to sparkling blue-green, and more throughout the day. Dinner this evening is included at your hotel in Taormina. (B,D)

Day 9 Taormina to USA or extend your stay with an optional Malta extension After breakfast your departure transfer awaits to take you to the airport for your flight home. (B)



OPTIONAL MALTA EXTENSION

Day 9 Taormina/Valetta, Malta Opt to stay an extra few days to explore the magic of Malta. After breakfast you will be transferred to the port for your ferry crossing to Valletta, Malta. Across Malta, rich colors envelop you while the scenery mesmerizes at every turn. Here you will stand in awe at the contrast from the deepest of Mediterranean blue waters to landscapes of honey-colored hues, and the sparkling sun that glistens upon it all. Follow in the historic path of St. Paul, delve into the lives of early Maltese Islanders — dating back approximately 5,500 years via the many monolithic structures they built that still stand on the island today. (B,D)

Day 10 Valletta Breakfast at your hotel is a perfect way to rise and shine before embarking on an exciting half day tour of Valletta. Your tour takes you to explore Malta's capital city, Valletta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's expansive heritage and culture is revealed at every step. Amazing sights abound, from its awe-inspiring fishing village vistas with their color-clad fishing boats bobbing in the water, to acclaimed artist Caravaggio's masterpiece The Beheading of St. John, which you can see in the cathedral. Take some time to discover the Grand Master's Palace and visit the Upper Barrakka Gardens, with beautiful views from Valletta's highest vantage point. This evening is yours to enjoy at leisure and venture along to taste the area's flavorful local cuisine. (B)

Day 11 Valletta to USA After breakfast your departure transfer awaits to take you to the airport for your flight home. (B)

TOUR PRICE

Tour price is **\$2,949** per person, double occupancy
For single occupancy, add \$399.

Fuel surcharges are included in the price. Taxes and other fees are currently \$150 and are not included. Fuel surcharges and taxes are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change.

The price of \$2,949 is an early bird special if the program is reserved with a deposit by April 29, 2016. The price increases by \$100 per person (\$3,049) after this date.

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries at guide's discretion due to local conditions.

OPTIONAL MALTA EXTENSION:

Malta Extension: \$599 Double Occupancy or \$798 Single

HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

Hotels

Plaza Opera Hotel
Miramare Hotel
Excelsior Valletta Hotel

City

Palermo
Taormina
Malta

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PLEASE PRINT— NAMES MUST BE LISTED AS THEY APPEAR ON YOUR PASSPORT

To register for this trip, please complete the form below and e-mail it with a clear copy of your passport information page to Barbara Ann Heegan at baheegan@otsegocc.com or fax to (607) 432-4506. Reservations can also be made on our online booking engine www.centralholidayswest.com/booking. The group booking code is: B002028

Passenger 1: First Name Middle Name Last Name Date of Birth: M / F

Passport#: Country of Issue: Date issued: Expiration date:

Passenger 2: First Name Middle Name Last Name Date of Birth: M / F

Passport#: Country of Issue: Date issued: Expiration date:

Street Address:

City: State: Zip:

Email Address: Home Ph#: Business/Cell Ph#:

Yes Please reserve me in a single room (limited availability)

Notes:

OPTIONALS:

- CEFALU \$69 PER PERSON YES; NO HOW MANY:
MARSALA \$149 PER PERSON (INC LUNCH) YES; NO HOW MANY:
MOUNT ETNA \$69 PER PERSON YES; NO HOW MANY:
SYRACUSE \$139 PER PERSON YES; NO HOW MANY:
MESSINA \$149 PER PERSON YES; NO HOW MANY:

MALTA EXTENSION: DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$599 PER PERSON / SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$798 YES; NO HOW MANY:

A minimum of 15 passengers are required for the optional tours and 20 passengers are required to operate the Malta extension. The Malta extension must be reserved and paid for at the time of registration.

TRAVEL PROTECTION (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED):

I want Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance: Yes No

The policy price is based on the total cost of the tour, including taxes. Insurance premium for trips \$2,001 to \$3,000 per person is: \$219, for trips \$3,001 to \$4,000 per person is: \$269, for trips \$4001 to \$5000 per person is: \$339 (The premium is calculated on base program and any optional tours)

Central Holidays strongly recommends protecting your investment with our optional travel insurance. The premium must be paid with your initial deposit or within 15 days of your initial deposit/payment for your trip to qualify for the preexisting conditions policy. The policy (without preexisting conditions) can be purchased all the way to final payment but not afterwards.

For a full disclosure of coverage, terms and conditions of our travel protection plan please visit: http://www.tripmate.com/wpF497V

PAYMENT METHOD & REQUIREMENTS:

Deposit: \$500 per person at the time of registration, plus any optional tours or optional travel insurance. I am including payment for people.

Reservations are on a first come first served basis. Please sign up early to secure your place.

Final payment is due: 90 days before departure

Checks: Make checks payable to Central Holidays West and send to: Otsego County Chamber of Commerce - 189 Main Street, Suite 201, Oneonta, NY 13820

Credit Card: Discover Visa MasterCard Amex

Credit Card# Security code#: Exp. date:

Name that appears on the card: Signature:

I authorize \$ to be charged to my card (including optional tour/extension and insurance premium if applicable).

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancellations with more than 90 days prior to departure 10% of total cost per person (or a minimum of \$325 per person) is retained

Cancellations between 89 and 46 days prior to departure: 30% of total cost per person is retained

Cancellations between 45 and 31 days prior to departure: 50% of total cost per person is retained

Cancellations between 30 and 15 days prior to departure: 75% of total cost per person is retained

Cancellations 14 days or less prior to departure, or no show: 100% of the package price is retained

Note: A person becoming a single as a result in the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement.

I have read the schedule of activities for the Otsego County Chamber of Commerce - Sicily, Italy program - October 1-9, 2016 and accept the terms and conditions outlined on our website www.centralholidayswest.com/terms

Signature: Date: