

THE TREASURES OF SICILY

FEATURING EXTENDED STAYS IN PALERMO AND TAORMINA

NOVEMBER 4-12, 2017

FROM **\$3,149** AIR & LAND

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

**Early-Bird
Special!**

~~\$3,249~~, **\$3,149**

if reserved by April 29, 2017.

**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, 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: B002186

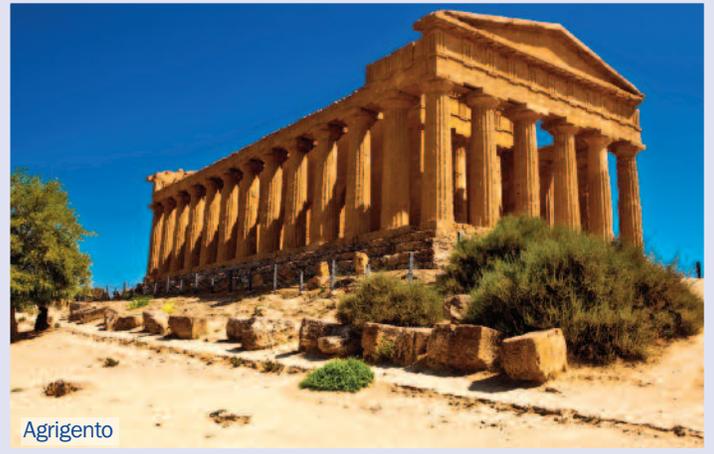
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(3) PALERMO • (4) TAORMINA



Agrigento

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the history and the unique traditions and customs of Palermo • Enjoy Cefalu and its splendors of the seaside life • Explore Marsala's archaeological sites and taste its local wines and olive oils (optional) • Discover Agrigento with its impressive Greek ruins and a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Delve into romantic Taormina and its Greek Theater while drinking in the views of Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano • Explore Syracuse and see the Ear of Dionysius, participate in an unforgettable Godfather tour • Tour the Crusade town of Messina and Reggio Calabria, "the rainbow of Italy" (optional) • Dive into the blue waters, landscapes and history of Malta • Hear of the Knights of St John, and explore Malta's capital city, Valletta, UNESCO World Heritage Site (optional)

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 - Cefalu Tour 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 continue your exploring by visiting Cefalu. 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 Start your day with breakfast at your hotel, then enjoy a day at leisure to discover the treasures of Palermo. Visit Palazzo dei Normanni also known as the Royal Palace of Palermo, once the seat of the Kings, today home to the regional parliament of Sicily. Tour the Capuchin Catacombs or take a bus to Monreale where you can visit its beautiful cathedral and enjoy a stunning view on Palermo. Or you can take an optional tour to Marsala, known around the world for its world-

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 tour to Cefalu, a tour of Agrigento and the Valley of Temples, a city tour of Taormina, a tour to Mount Etna, a tour of Syracuse, a Godfather tour. Optional tours available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy, social systems and interaction with locals
- **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

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

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 Tour/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 - Mount Etna Tour 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 a 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 – Syracuse Tour Today join us for a 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 Today you have the opportunity to explore Taormina or join in an optional tour to Messina. In Taormina you can stroll down Piazza IX Aprile, visit St. Augustine's and the Church of St. Joseph or shop until you drop on the Corso Umberto lined with numerous high end shops and cafés. If more active, take a 20-minute climb to the top of Monte Tauro for a breathtaking panoramic view over Taormina's rooftops, the Teatro Greco and, beyond, to the coast. Today's optional tour will take you 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 5500 years via the many monolithic structures they built that still stand on the island today. (B,D)

Day 10 Valletta - City Tour 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)

B – Breakfast, D – Dinner



TOUR PRICE

Tour price is **\$3,149** per person, double occupancy

For single occupancy, add \$399.

Fuel surcharges of \$536 and taxes of \$150 per person are included in the price and are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change.

The price of \$3,149 is an early bird special if the program is reserved with a deposit by April 29, 2017. The price increases by \$100 per person (\$3,249) 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

REGISTRATION FORM

We strongly recommend registration via our online booking engine www.centralholidayswest.com/booking. Please use booking code: **B002186**

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

PLEASE PRINT, CIRCLE AND CHECK THE APPLICABLE INFORMATION - NAMES MUST BE LISTED AS THEY APPEAR ON YOUR PASSPORT

Please complete the form below (one per passenger) and e-mail it with a **clear copy of your passport** information page to Carol Ricken at Carol@ulsterchamber.org or fax to (845) 338-0968.

Name: Mr. /Mrs. /Ms. : _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ M / F

First/Middle Name Last Name

Passport#: _____ Country of Issue: _____ Expiration date: ____/____/____

Billing/Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Home Phone: _____ Business/Cell Phone: _____

Traveling in a: Single occupancy Double/Twin occupancy with _____

First/Middle Name Last Name

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OPTIONAL TOURS	YES	NO	PRICE	OPTIONAL EXTENSION	YES	PRICE	
DAY 4 MARSALA (INC. LUNCH)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 149.00	MALTA	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 599.00 (Double)	
DAY 8 MESSINA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 149.00		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 798.00 (Single)	
TOTAL			\$	TOTAL			\$

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN:

We strongly recommend protecting your trip with our Optional Travel Protection Plan. The applicable Premium must be paid upon registration.

For a Full disclosure of coverage, please visit: www.centralholidays.com/files/travel-protection.pdf.

Premium Rates are based on the total Tour Cost including taxes and optional tours.

TOUR COST:	from \$3,001 to \$3,500	from \$3,501 to \$4,000	from \$4,001 to \$4,500	from \$4,501 to \$5,000
PREMIUM COST:	\$ 221	\$ 252	\$ 283	\$ 318

YES, I accept travel protection NO, I decline travel protection (not recommended)

PAYMENTS*:

Total Trip Cost**/Deposit: \$ _____ (Deposit of \$500 per person, plus Optional Tours and Optional Extensions are due at time of Registration.)

Optional Tours Total: \$ _____ ** If you are registering within 90 Days of trip departure, Total Trip Cost is due at time of registration.)

Optional Extension Total: \$ _____

Travel Protection: \$ _____

Total (inc. Insurance) \$ _____

*Final Payment is due 90 days prior to trip departure date.

Notes: _____

PAYMENT METHODS:

CHECK:

Make checks payable to Central Holidays West and send to: Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce – 214 Fair Street, Kingston, NY 12401

CREDIT CARD:     Name that appears on the card: _____

Credit Card# _____ Security code#: _____ Exp. date: ____/____/____

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, between 89 and 46 days prior to departure 30% is retained, 45 and 31 days 50% is retained, 30 and 15 days 75% is retained, 14 days or less, or no show 100% of the package price is retained.

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

I have read the schedule of activities for the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce – The Treasures of Sicily program – November 4-12, 2017 and accept the terms and conditions outlined on our website www.centralholidayswest.com/terms and authorize \$ _____ to be charged to my card (including optional tour/extension and insurance premium if applicable).

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

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