



MAY 10-18, 2024

with optional
PALERMO POST-TOUR

Flavors of Sicily



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Vineyards, Vistas, and the Volcano

Dear University of Michigan Alumni Traveler,

What could be more inspiring than a journey to Sicily highlighted by visits to renowned archaeological sites, delicious cuisine and wine, and a fabulous private villa selected as our home base?

This comprehensive program will provide an intimate, immersive approach to an authentic cultural and culinary experience. We'll converse with winemakers whose vineyards thrive on the flanks of Mount Etna and enjoy their boutique wines paired with savory antipasti.

The beautiful landscapes of Sicily are populated by the spirits of ancient Greeks and the Romans who found paradise on this island. Excellent guides will lead us on many memorable discoveries of Sicily's celebrated past.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly. Be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.


Please reserve by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Yours for Michigan,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rachele Neu'.

Rachele Neu B.S '08, M.A '12
Travel Program Manager

To participate in a University of Michigan trip, all participants must be members of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan. Please call the Alumni Travel team at (855) 764-0064 for more information.

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Your 9-Day Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day 1: En route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive in Catania, Sicily / Giarre (R,D)
Welcome dinner
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo

Day 3: Taormina (B,D)
Guided city walk, ancient Greek Theatre,
Corso Umberto stroll, leisure time
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo

Day 4: Piazza Armerina (B,L,D)
Guided visit to UNESCO World Heritage
Site of Villa Romana del Casale, 4th-century
Roman mosaics
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo

Day 5: Viagrande / Catania (B,L,D)
Outdoor market visit, cooking class,
wine tasting at Benanti winery (winner of
over 80 awards since 1994)
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo

Day 6: Siracusa / Ortigia (B,D)
UNESCO World Heritage Site founded by
Greek Corinthians and Teneans, Roman
amphitheatre, seaside stroll
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo

Day 7: Mount Etna (B,L,D)
Visit to highest active volcano in Europe
and UNESCO World Heritage Site or leisure
time at the hotel, lunch and wine tasting at
Donnafugata winery
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo

Day 8: Taormina (B,L,D)
Cooking class, special farewell luncheon
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo

Day 9: Giarre / Catania / Depart for U.S. (B)
(R = Reception, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Activity Level: Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down hillsides and stairs without assistance.



Greek Theatre, Taormina



Interact

- With your small group (maximum 22 guests), enjoy seven nights in the luxury and elegance of your private villa, Don Arcangelo all'Olmo.
- Work side-by-side in the kitchens of distinguished chefs, learning time-tested techniques and modern twists with ingredients grown in the mineral-rich, volcanic soil of Mount Etna's fertile lowlands.

Partake

- Visit Benanti, a family-owned boutique winery with a strong international focus, and winner of over 80 awards since 1994.
- Stop by Donnafugata for a tasting and lunch.

Discover

- Spend time exploring the coastal towns of Taormina and Siracusa—including a stop at a local outdoor market.
- Visit Sicily's archaeological masterpieces—the ancient theatres of Taormina and Siracusa, and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Villa Romana del Casale mosaics in Piazza Armerina.
- Explore Mount Etna, a natural marvel and UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Day after day, experience the fusion of tradition and modernity, and see for yourself how Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Norman, German, French, and Spanish influences have formed this magnificent island of fertility.

What's Included

- 7 nights accommodations
- A special welcome reception, 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine
- Full services of an Orbridge Travel Director in addition to expert local guides
- All private tours and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times





Your Accommodations (subject to change)

Don Arcangelo all'Olmo, lovingly known as L'Olmo, is a Think Exquisite villa from the award-winning villa company, *The Thinking Traveller*, and it sits serenely between Mount Etna and the Ionian Sea. Once a farm building on a wine-producing estate, the property was painstakingly restored to create the grand villa that exists today.

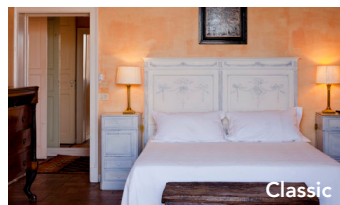
Guests will experience authentic Sicilian hospitality with true personal attention, as the villa is exclusive for our small group.

Classic Double: Impeccably designed for comfort, these rooms are located in Casa all'Olmo—a superbly restored farm house next to the main building.

Deluxe Double: Spacious and bright, these classically appointed rooms are in Casale, the main building.

All rooms include air conditioning, iPod docking station, and en suite bathroom.

Property Amenities: Fine dining that features locally sourced ingredients, complimentary Wi-Fi, large sitting area with open fireplace, televisions in the living area of the main house and in the Casa all'Olmo, outdoor pool and Jacuzzi, colorful gardens, and fitness room. (NOTE: this property does not have an elevator.)



Classic



Deluxe



Lobby



Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

Your Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure's appreciation of food and wine, a local's knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado's ability to gather the beauty of all senses to your discoveries in Sicily.



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Optional Post-Tour Palermo



Enjoy Sicily's fascinating and bustling capital, Palermo. The city, which is over 2,700 years old, is rich in history, culture, art, music, and gourmet cuisine. Also visit the seaside village of Cefalù—home to just 14,000 residents and one of the most popular attractions near Palermo.

Post-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day 9: Depart Taormina / Cefalù /

Arrive in Palermo (L)

Guided panoramic tour of Cefalù: the
Duomo and beaches, evening at leisure
Overnight: Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa

Day 10: Palermo (B,L)

Full-day guided walking city tour, inside
visit to the Norman Palace, local puppet
maker workshop private visit and show,
Ballarò market, *No Mafia Tour*

Overnight: Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa

Day 11: Palermo / Depart for U.S. (B)

What's Included

- Group transfer to Palermo
- 2 nights accommodations at Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa (or similar)
- 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches
- Guided sightseeing of Palermo and Cefalù, including entrance fees
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver, and porters
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times



Monreale Cathedral, Palermo

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Palermo Post-Tour: May 18-20, 2024

Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Classic Double	\$6,899	\$6,395
Deluxe Double	\$7,899	\$7,395
Single (Classic)	\$9,499	\$8,995
Palermo Post-Tour: \$1,495*		
Single Post-Tour: \$1,695		

Reserve by Credit Card:

Call: (866) 639-0079

Reserve by Check:

Made payable to **Orbridge, LLC**

Mail to: Orbridge, P.O. Box 1376

Poulsbo, WA 98370

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

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_____ guests joining program (\$850/person) +

_____ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** _____

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com; and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person for any pre/post-tour. Orbridge accepts payment by check, ACH, wire or major credit card. Final payment is due 90 days prior to the departure date. Reservations made after the final payment due date are due at the time of registration. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

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