

Highlights of Southern Italy and Sicily

September 24 - October 6, 2023

visiting: **Rome, Sorrento, Pompeii, Amalfi Coast, Taormina, Palermo, and more!**



St. Peter's Basilica



Positano, Amalfi Coast



Taormina



Valley of the Temples

hosted by:

Fr. Jerry Boland

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Glenview, IL

and

Mary Ann Spina

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Program Cost †

\$4,679.00 per person - double occupancy

† A limited number of single rooms may be available at a supplemental cost of \$1,139.

† Price is based on a minimum of 27 group members.
Space is limited

Deposit Schedule

- \$500 per person due with reservation
- An additional \$1200 per person is due by March 1, 2023
- Final payment is due by June 1, 2023

Program Highlights

- Round trip air transportation from Chicago, including taxes and fees in effect as of November, 2022
- 11 nights accommodations in first class (3 & 4 star) hotels
- Breakfast daily and 6 dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Professional tour manager to accompany the group in Europe
- European transportation via private motorcoach
- Comprehensive sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary, including applicable entrance fees
- Masses to be scheduled during the tour
- Porterage of one suitcase per person at European hotels

RESERVATION FORM

Please make your check payable to Trans World Travel, Inc. and return to:

Fr. Boland and Mary Ann Spina Sicily Tour, c/o Trans World Travel, Inc., 734 Central Avenue, Highland Park, IL 60035

* Couples living at the same address may use the same form. Individuals living at separate addresses should use two forms.

Enclosed is my (our) completed reservation form for the Italy & Sicily tour departing on September 24, 2023 and a deposit check in the amount of \$500 per person. I understand that the completed form and deposit indicates my (our) acceptance of the General Conditions and Cancellation Policies stated on the back of this form and in the accompanying tour brochure and the understanding that there can be future increases by the air carrier for fuel and/or government related taxes. All payments must be made by check. We strongly recommend that all passengers consider optional travel protection insurance that can include pre-existing conditions. You will receive information about the NTA Travel Protection Plan in your welcome packet.

NAME(S) AS SHOWN ON YOUR PASSPORT(S): PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Name 1. _____ Birth Date: _____

Name 2. _____ Birth Date: _____

First name(s) as you would like them to appear on your name tag(s): 1. _____ 2. _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Roommate: _____ Bedding preference (*not guaranteed*): ____one bed ____two beds

_____ I do not yet have a roommate. Please notify me if anyone is looking for a roommate for this trip.

_____ If available, I prefer a single room at the supplemental cost listed in the tour brochure.

Airline Seating Request (*not guaranteed*): ____Window ____Aisle

Dietary restrictions (if applicable) (*not guaranteed*): _____

E-mail address: _____ Signature: _____

Important: Please send a copy of the photo page of your passport to Trans World Travel!

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Sunday, September 24, 2023 - Chicago Departure: This afternoon we will depart from Chicago O'Hare Airport en route to Europe. Meals and beverages will be served as appropriate during the overnight flight.

Monday, September 25 - Rome: After arrival in Rome this afternoon, we will meet our professional tour manager and proceed to our waiting motor coach. During the drive to our hotel, our tour manager will share information about our tour and details of today's schedule. We will enjoy dinner and overnight at our Rome hotel. *Welcome to Italy!* (D)

Tuesday, September 26 - Rome (Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's Basilica): We begin our day with a tour of the Vatican State – its Museums, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica and Square. The afternoon and evening are free to continue exploring the treasures of the Eternal City. (B)

Wednesday, September 27 - Rome (Papal Audience & Classical Tour): This morning we will participate in the Papal Audience, which will be requested for our entire group. Following free time for lunch we will enjoy a tour of Classical Rome, during which we will see the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Capitoline and Palatine Hills. Overnight in Rome. (B)

Thursday, September 28 - Rome / Pompeii / Herculaneum / Sorrento Area: This morning we will depart Rome and head south for a tour of the ruins of Pompeii, the sumptuous town that was buried in 79 A.D. by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. We will walk through the ancient streets and see the baths, forums and villas built by the prosperous Romans. Later, we visit Herculaneum, a popular resort of the 1st century, where the homes of the ordinary townspeople were spectacularly preserved by the mud from the eruption of Vesuvius. We will continue to the Sorrentine Peninsula in the early evening for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Friday, September 29 - Sorrento Area (Amalfi Coast Excursion): Today we will take one of the most dramatic and spectacular drives in the whole of Italy. The road clings to the rocky peninsula as it passes through the famous villages of Positano and Amalfi, perched precariously on the cliff face. We will spend time in Amalfi to experience the unique atmosphere of this once powerful maritime city state, before returning to our hotel for free time and overnight. (B)

Saturday, September 30 - Sorrento Area / Taormina: This morning we depart the Sorrentine Peninsula and continue the journey south, through Calabria and onto the Straits of Messina. Although one of the poorest, this is also one of the most spectacular parts of Italy. We will drive to Messina to board our ferry and sail to Sicily. Strategically poised between Europe and Africa, this mystical land is a treasure

trove of the countless civilizations which have influenced its development and exploited its riches. We drive to the chic resort of Taormina, perched above the Mediterranean Sea on Monte Tauro for dinner and overnight (B, D)

Sunday, October 1 - Taormina: Favored by its climate, Taormina is famous for bougainvillea, cacti and exotic garden terraces, but also for the historic legacy of its ancient ruins. No wonder that Sir Winston Churchill made this a favorite vacation spot. During our walking tour, we will visit the Greek and Roman outdoor theater, enjoy the panoramic views of Mt. Etna and Taormina's beautiful coastline and stroll through the alleys and squares of the atmospheric old town. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy the Public Gardens, visit the local shops and boutiques or just relax in a sidewalk café and watch the world go by. Overnight Taormina. (B)

Monday, October 2 - Taormina (Siracusa Excursion): This morning we drive to Siracusa, birthplace of the mathematician Archimedes. It attracted visitors such as the philosopher Plato and later the Apostle Paul. Here we will visit the 5th century B.C. Greek Theater that could seat up to 16,000 people, the Altar of Hieron II, and the Roman Amphitheater. We return to Taormina for an evening at leisure. (B)

Tuesday, October 3 - Taormina / Piazza Armerina / Agrigento: Today we will drive to the town of Piazza Armerina where we will visit the well preserved mosaics of the Villa Romana del Casale, which was probably a Roman emperor's country mansion. In the afternoon we continue to Agrigento, perched above the Mediterranean, for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Wednesday, October 4 - Agrigento / Monreale / Palermo: We begin the day with a walk through the breathtaking Valley of Temples to view some of the finest Greek ruins in the world. Then we drive north to Monreale for a visit to the beautiful Norman Cathedral with its breathtaking mosaics and the Benedictine Cloister, before continuing on to Palermo, the island's capital city, for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Thursday, October 5 - Palermo (Erice Excursion): This morning we will enjoy a mini tour of Palermo, before driving to the hilltop town of Erice, one of the oldest inhabited places on the whole island of Sicily. Wandering the narrow alleys and small piazzas is like taking a step back in time. We will return to Palermo for our Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

Friday, October 6 - Palermo Departure: Early this morning we will transfer to the Palermo airport to begin our journey home. We will arrive in Chicago late this afternoon. *Welcome Home!*

B - Breakfast, D - Dinner

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Trans World Travel, Inc. (TWT)

CANCELLATIONS per person: All requests for cancellations must be submitted in writing and acknowledged by TWT. A \$250.00 administrative fee will be assessed for any cancellation for any reason. In addition, all acknowledged cancellations will be subject to the following terms:

1) Cancellations postmarked within 180 days of tour departure, penalty equals 10% of tour cost per person.†

2) Cancellations postmarked within 120 days of tour departure, penalty equals 25% of tour cost per person.†

3) Cancellations postmarked within 90 days of tour departure, penalty equals 50% of tour cost per person.†

4) Cancellations postmarked within 45 days of departure, penalty equals 100% of tour cost per person.†

†Additionally, unless a replacement is found, a cancelling tour member will also be charged for the single supplement fee of one's non-cancelling roommate. TWT shall process such refunds, subject to the above terms offset by applicable penalties as soon as reasonably practicable.

PARTIAL OR COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL AFTER TOUR BEGINS: Once the tour is in progress, no refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

CANCELLATION BY TWT: TWT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants, in which case a full refund will be given less any charges of fees assessed by hotels, motor coach companies, airlines or other third party vendors. TWT shall be excused from the performance of its obligations under this Agreement to the extent that such performance is prevented by a fire or other casualty, strike, pandemic, Act of God, other cause beyond the control of the Parties. TWT also has the right to withdraw your membership at any time if your actions impose upon or disturb the other members of the tour. All additional costs to send a tour member home will be borne by the tour member.

INSURANCE: An optional insurance plan is available. We strongly urge all tour members to have insurance in the event of illness or death occurring prior to departure or during the tour. Please note that all insurance policies will be subject to all terms and conditions applicable to the respective insurance policies and participants should review all terms and conditions. Such policies may not cover pre-existing conditions unless enrollment for the insurance is done within a specified number of days of TWT registering you for the tour.

DEVIATIONS: Deviations from the group itinerary will be quoted separately upon receipt of a detailed written request. Changes are subject to a TWT deviation fee of \$200 per person plus any other travel related fees from airlines, hotels, etc.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip in Economy Class. Individual seating requests cannot be guaranteed due to airline seating policies. TWT must have your legal name as it appears on your passport. Ticket reissue fees are subject to the policies of the individual airline contracted for your tour. Passengers not traveling on the group's air itinerary are responsible for arranging their own transfers from their arrival airport to the group's first hotel or cruise ship and from the group's last hotel or cruise ship to their departure airport.

HOTELS: We exercise our best efforts to use mostly 3 & 4-star hotels that are chosen on the basis of location, cleanliness, services and, when possible, are typical of the local area. Hotels do not allow credits if passenger chooses to depart earlier than the scheduled group departure.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED: Excluded is any item or service not specifically indicated as included - such as cost of passports, visas where required, portage at airports and/or ship docks, gratuities on all cruise ships, tips to tour manager, motor coach driver or guides, optional tours, and any other items of a personal nature including beverages with included meals. No responsibility is incurred by TWT for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the passenger's belongings. Baggage, health and trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

ITINERARY CHANGES: Occasionally, a change in a portion of your tour, accommodations, services, etc. may be necessitated due to: altered transportation schedules/equipment, weather conditions, labor strikes, road construction, or for other unforeseen reasons outside the control of TWT. Any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passengers.

RATES: All rates in this brochure are based on applicable tariffs in effect at the time of printing. Tour price can be increased due to the occurrence of currency fluctuations, the increase in fuel, increase in air tickets, various taxes, or any other increase connected with the tour package. Any cancellation due to any of the above changes is subject to the cancellation policy stated above.

LEGAL / HEALTH DOCUMENTS: For international travel, all U.S. citizens must have a current passport with at least 6 months validity remaining from your return date. For certain countries, you might also need a properly dated visa. These documents are your responsibility, and we urge you to apply for these documents as soon as possible.

RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility of Trans World Travel, Inc. is strictly limited. As a tour operator, TWT organizes, promotes and sells tour programs consisting of certain travel services, including, but not limited to, surface transportation, sightseeing excursions and hotel accommodations which TWT purchases or reserves from various suppliers. The suppliers providing travel services for TWT's tour programs are independent contractors

and are not agents or employees of TWT or any subsidiary company. To the extent that TWT is involved in the sale of air transportation to you, TWT acts as an agent of the air carrier. For all other purposes, TWT does not act as agent for any party.

TWT is not responsible for the willful or negligent acts and/or omissions of such suppliers or any carrier or their respective employees, agents or representatives including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services. All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers and/or carriers. By utilizing the travel service of the suppliers, you agree that neither TWT nor any subsidiary company or representative shall be liable for any accident, injury, property damage or personal loss to you or to those traveling with you in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other travel services or resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences or conditions beyond its control, including, but not limited to, acts of terrorism, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation of or changes in itinerary or schedules.

Except as specifically set forth herein, TWT does not make any representations or warranties with respect to the services performed under this Agreement and hereby specifically disclaims all other representations and warranties with respect to the services, whether expressed or implied.

Any action commenced arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be resolved by arbitration in Cook County, Illinois, unless another location is mutually agreed upon, in accordance with the commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association. The award rendered by the arbitrator(s) shall be final, and judgment upon the award may be entered by any court located in Cook County, Illinois.

These tour programs are planned in advance. If, between planning time and the actual tour operation, circumstances beyond TWT's control require changes, TWT reserves the right to vary itineraries, change the departure date and substitute components of tour programs, which could also include replacing the tour host due to sickness, etc. Remember that all travel documents, as well as compliance with customs regulations, are your (the tour member's) responsibility.

The payment of the required deposit or any other partial payment for a reservation on a tour constitutes consent to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure. The terms under which you agree to take these tours cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized officer of TWT. TWT is not responsible for typographical errors or errors of omission. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please call TWT prior to registering for the tour.

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