Flavors of Sicily

A 9-Day Banquet of History, Culture, and Sicilian Cuisine

* A travel experience you can't refuse *
Dear Alumni and Friends of Cal,

With Sicilian wine and cuisine as our inspiration, and a luxurious hotel as our home base, I invite you to join us to embrace the beauty of Sicily.

An intimate, small-group atmosphere and authentically Sicilian experience distinguish this 9-day program. Immerse yourself in a cultural and culinary adventure: indulge in a decadent brioche and granita for breakfast like a local; converse with winemakers and learn secrets from celebrated chefs; and taste boutique wines paired with locally renowned antipasti, secondi, and historic dishes such as iconic pasta alla Norma.

Relax under the shade of citrus groves in the coastal town of Taormina. Journey through the landscape with talented guides who will thoughtfully introduce you to the traditions of this glorious place, and return home with stories to share that will remain with you forever.

Space is limited, so reserve today!

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AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by March 15, 2016 and receive six bottles of Sicilian wines featuring labels by vintners in the regions you will visit during this program!

This Orbridge exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Where shipping is prohibited by state law, guests in those states will receive other specialty items of comparable value. See reservation form for more details. **
For a culinary adventure in Italy
Taste Sicilian Life

See how Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Norman, German, French and Spanish influences have formed this magnificent island of fertility.

We invite you to join our company of friendly Sicilian guides, chefs, and vintners for a discovery of the true Sicily. With breathtaking natural beauty, deep history, and a fabled cuisine that must be savored slowly, this is a journey that will allow you the time to explore and appreciate Italy’s most colorful region. From coastal towns and archeological sites to farms and vineyards in the shadow of Mt. Etna, Sicily offers a bounty for the mind, heart, and all the senses. Benvenuti!

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“To have seen Italy without having seen Sicily is not to have seen Italy at all, for Sicily is the clue to everything.”
– Goethe
On the Menu

Tour Sicily’s main attractions, admire the stunning surroundings, and relax in the exceptional comforts of your stately hotel overlooking Taormina Bay.

Working side-by-side in the kitchens of celebrated chefs, learn time-tested techniques and modern twists with locally grown food and boutique wines.

Visit the coastal towns of Taormina, Catania, and Siracusa.

Experience for yourself the vivid, flamboyant outdoor markets that breathe life into everyday shopping in Sicily.

Take in Sicily’s archaeological masterpieces: the ancient theatres of Taormina and Siracusa, and the Villa Romana del Casale mosaics in Piazza Armerina.

What’s included:

• 7 nights accommodations at the 5-star San Domenico Palace Hotel
• 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 3 dinners served with wine
• All lessons, private tours, and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary
• Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
• Private motor coach transportation, luggage handling, and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
• Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, and porters

Optional Extension: 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.

What’s Included:

• Transfer from Taormina to Palermo.
• Three nights accommodations at Villa Iglesia (or similar), with breakfast each morning.
• A panoramic tour of Palermo, including the opera house Teatro Politeama, “La Cala,” Piazza Indipendenza, Porta Nuova, Piazza del Parlamento, the gardens of Villa Bonanno, and Monreale Cathedral.
• A half-day guided walk in the historic center of Palermo.
• Travel to picturesque Cefalù for an introductory tour to see the old walls, and a popular beach.
Your home in Sicily: **San Domenico Palace Hotel**

Built in an ancient Dominican monastery, San Domenico Palace Hotel’s luxurious, 5-star accommodations provide the ideal balance between style and comfort.

Carved into a rocky hillside on the east coast of Sicily, this enchanting property overlooks Taormina Bay with mesmerizing views of nearby Mount Etna.

Stroll the grounds and discover the fragrant gardens, and enrich your senses breathing in the fresh breeze off the Ionian Sea.

Property amenities include two restaurants (one is rated 2-Michelin-stars and is run by Chef Massimo Mantarrio), two bars, free Wi-Fi zone, spa, and fitness center.

**Classic**: Spacious and bright, this classically appointed room overlooks either the Cloisters or the town of Taormina.

**Deluxe**: Perched from this delightful room’s balcony, you will have spanning views of either Taormina Bay or the Greek theatre.

All rooms include air conditioning, LCD television with satellite channels, Wi-Fi internet (charges apply), telephone, en suite bathroom with bathtub and shower, hair dryer, safe deposit box, mini-bar.

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**Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host**

While in Italy, 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 enrich the beauty of all senses to your discoveries in Sicily.
Your 9-Day Itinerary*

**Day 1:**  En route from U.S.

**Day 2:**  Arrive in Catania, Sicily / Taormina (R,D)
San Domenico Palace guided history and art walk, welcome dinner

**Day 3:**  Taormina (B,L)
Guided city walk, ancient Greek theatre, cable car ride, seaside lunch

**Day 4:**  Piazza Armerina (B,L)
Guided visit to UNESCO World Heritage Site of Villa Romana del Casale, 4th-Century Roman mosaics, Sicilian lunch

**Day 5:**  Viagrande / Catania (B,L)
Outdoor market visit, cooking class, wine tasting at Benanti winery (winner of over 80 awards since 1994)

**Day 6:**  Mount Etna (B,L)
Visit to highest active volcano in Europe and UNESCO World Heritage Site or leisure time at hotel, lunch and wine tasting at award-winning Planeta winery

**Day 7:**  Siracusa / Ortigia (B,D)
UNESCO World Heritage Site founded by Greek Corinthians and Teneans, Roman amphitheatre, seaside stroll

**Day 8:**  Taormina (B,L,D)
Cooking class, special farewell dinner at 2-Michelin-star restaurant

**Day 9:**  Depart Catania, Sicily (B)

Optional Extension

**Day 9:**  Depart Taormina / Arrive in Palermo (B)
Stop at Monreale Church, panoramic city tour including the opera house Teatro Politeama, “La Cala,” Piazza Indipendenza, Porta Nuova, Piazza del Parlamento, the gardens of Villa Bonanno, and visit inside Monreale Cathedral

**Day 10:**  Palermo (B)
Walking tour, Teatro Massimo, Mercato di Capo, Jewish Quarter, seaside village of Cefalù

**Day 11:**  Palermo (B)
Day at leisure

**Day 12:**  Depart Palermo (B)

**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 stairs without assistance.

*Itinerary is subject to change.*
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SEPTEMBER 22-30, 2016  

**SPECIAL ALUMNI RATE**

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Palermo Extension: $1,695*  
Single Extension: $2,195

Secure your reservation now with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge LLC.

**Guest Information:**

- I prefer single accommodations (limited availability).

Guest #1 (as printed on passport):  
  Cal Class Yr.:  
  D.O.B.:  

Guest #1 (as preferred on badges):  
  Cal Class Yr.:  
  D.O.B.:  

Guest #1 Email: 

Guest #2 (as printed on passport):  
  Cal Class Yr.:  
  D.O.B.:  

Guest #2 (as preferred on badges):  

Guest #2 Email: 

Address:  

City:  
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Phone:  
Alt. Phone:  

Category Preference: 1st choice:  
2nd choice: 

**Deposit:**

(#) ________ guests joining program ($850/person) + 
(#) ________ guests joining extension ($500/person) = Total deposit: $ 

**Deposit Payment:**

- Check enclosed  
- Online Check/ACH  
- MasterCard/Visa  
- American Express  
- Discover  

Card #:  
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Billing address (if different from above):  

City:  
State:  
Zip:  

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

Signature:  
Date:  

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