

ITALY ~ SICILY ~ MALTA

Oct. 9 – 21, 2017

\$4,995 per person from Baton Rouge

Escorted by Wayne Barnes

May combine with Venice / Florence / Rome pre option,
visiting Italy from north to south.
(Combined price approximately \$6,499)

Price is per person, double occupancy, and includes transportation from Baton Rouge, deluxe motor coach, first class hotels, breakfast daily, four dinners, full sightseeing and entrance fees, baggage handling at hotels, taxes and tips for driver, escort and guides (tips for personal services not included). Single supplement - \$995

Day 1, Mon., Oct. 9 – Depart Baton Rouge (or other home airports), for overnight flight to Rome.

Day 2, Tues., Oct. 10 - Rome – Morning arrival in Rome and begin our sightseeing. Visit the **Roman Forum** and the famous **Colosseum**.

Day 3, Wed., Oct. 11 - Rome – A full day of guided sightseeing. We visit the **Vatican Museums** and **Sistine Chapel**, world famous for Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and **The Last Judgement**. We then visit **St. Peter's Basilica and Square**. We visit the **Spanish Steps** and **Trevi Fountain**.

Day 4, Thurs., Oct. 12 - Sorrento – This morning we motorcoach south to tour **Pompeii**, the ancient city buried by hot cinders and Ash from Mt. Vesuvius in A.D. 79. Then we take the winding **Amalfi Coast**, one of the world's most spectacular scenic coastal drives, passing colorful Positano. Two nights in Sorrento.

Day 5, Fri., Oct. 13 – Sorrento – Isle of Capri – Morning sail to the beautiful **Isle of Capri** in the Bay of Naples and where Emperor Tiberius spent his retirement. See the highlights. Late afternoon we return to the mainland and romantic Sorrento.

Day 6, Sat., Oct. 14 – Taormina, Sicily – Today we motorcoach through southern Italy to **Sicily** and its beautiful seaside resort of Taormina. Sicily is the largest of the Mediterranean islands and is generally mountainous. It is an island of dramatic beauty whose strategic importance has placed it at the center of some of the richest civilizations of the Western world. Carthaginians, Greeks, Romans, Saracens, Normans and Spaniards have all contributed to the island's rich artistic heritage chronicled by splendid palaces and elegant temples.

Day 7, Sun., Oct. 15 – Taormina – A free morning. Afternoon sightseeing of Taormina. This city is perched high above the blue Ionian Sea at the foot of majestic Mt. Etna and provides one of the world's most beautiful vistas.

Day 8, Mon., Oct. 16 – Cefalu – Palermo – Morning drive through the center of Sicily. Stop in Savoca, the village used for the filming of the Godfather. To the seaside town of **Cefalu**, home to one of the most magnificent cathedrals in Sicily. Through its medieval streets. On to the capital, Palermo.

Day 9, Tues., Oct. 17 - Palermo – Our city tour will show us the fascinating blend of Arab and Norman influences in the Palace of the Normans and the church of St. John of the Hermits. See **Monreale Monastery** built by William II in the 12th century.

Day 10, Wed., Oct. 18 – Agrigento – This morning we bus across Sicily to Agrigento where we tour the Greek ruins in the **Valley of the Temples**. They remain stunning in their effect, reflecting the wealth and luxury of this ancient town. Of the ten temples built late 6C – late 5C B.C., parts of nine are still visible.

Day 11, Thurs., Oct. 19 – Malta – Morning flight from Sicily to the nearby island of Malta, often called the keystone of the Mediterranean. We are here for 2 nights. We explore the Baroque elegance of **Valletta**, Malta's capital, and the medieval walled city of Mdina for a taste of Malta's historic grandeur.

Day 12, Fri., Oct. 20 – Malta – Explore the megalithic **temples of Malta**, which are among the oldest freestanding structures in the world. Drive along the gorgeous coast line to the Red Tower, a stronghold for the Knights of St. John. We enjoy the island of **Goza** and visit the 5,500 year old Ggantija Temples, among the world's oldest religious buildings.

Day 13, Sat., Oct. 21 – Today we fly home, arriving the same day.

- \$200 per person required to reserve space, refundable until August 15, 2017 when full payment is due.
- Make check payable to ZACHARY TRAVEL CENTER – 5145 Main St., Suite E, Zachary, LA 70791 (225) 654-9210
- All payments are non-refundable after final payment date. 3% surcharge on credit card payments.
- VALID PASSPORTS REQUIRED WITH AT LEAST 2 BLANK "VISA" PAGES
- Pre-option of Venice / Florence available.

----- RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH DEPOSIT -----

REGISTRATION: Enclosed is \$200 per person deposit for Italy – Oct. 9-21, 2017

FINAL DUE: August 15

NAMES MUST BE EXACTLY AS ON PASSPORT, INCLUDING MIDDLE NAME OR INITIAL.

I wish to include pre-option of Venice / Florence, (Oct. 4 – 9)

Name _____ Birthdate _____ Name tag _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Pick up location / airport _____

Roommate _____ Birthdate _____ Name tag _____

Payments are refundable until final payment at which time trip is non-refundable. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.
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