Flavors of Sicily

August 31 - September 8, 2018

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

With Sicilian wine, cuisine, and culture as the inspiration, and a private villa as your home base, I invite you to join fellow alumni, family and friends and explore the beauty of Sicily. An intimate, small-group atmosphere and authentically Sicilian experience distinguish this nine-day program.

Immerse yourself in a journey that feeds all your senses. Explore Sicily’s ancient and archaeological history, and interact with locals—including farmers, vintners, and chefs—who will make this friendly island come alive.

Travel through the landscape with experts who will thoughtfully introduce you to the traditions of this captivating place as well as its epicurean delights.

Space is limited in this small group experience. Take advantage of the special savings of more than $800 per couple and receive the wine gift by booking early. We anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so contact us to reserve your space and be sure to share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

As the Duke group grows in size, a Duke representative will be engaged to join you to bring a uniquely Duke perspective to the program.

Forever Duke,

Beth Ray-Schroeder ’83
Director, Duke Alumni Travels
Duke Alumni Association

Free Wine Gift

AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by February 16, 2018 to receive six bottles of Sicilian wine 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 or by retailer licensing obligations, guests in those states will receive other specialty items of comparable value.

See reservation form for more details.**
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 archaeological sites to farms and vineyards in the shadow of Mount Etna, Sicily offers a bounty for the mind, heart, and all the senses.

Benvenuti!
Your 9-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: En route from U.S.

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

Day 3: Taormina (B,D)
Guided city walk, ancient Greek theatre, Corso Umberto stroll, cooking demonstration
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: Mount Etna (B,L,D)
Visit to highest active volcano in Europe and UNESCO World Heritage Site or leisure time at the villa; lunch and wine tasting at award-winning Planeta winery
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo

Day 7: Siracusa / Ortigia (B,D)
UNESCO World Heritage Site founded by Greek Corinthians and Teneans, Roman amphitheatre, seaside stroll, cooking demonstration
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo

Day 8: Taormina (B,L,D)
Cooking class, special farewell dinner at the villa
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo

Day 9: Depart Catania, Sicily (B)

Optional Extension: Days 9-11 in Palermo

Program Highlights

• Admiring the stunning surroundings, while relaxing in the exceptional comforts of your private villa.
• Working side-by-side in the kitchens of celebrated chefs, learning time-tested techniques and modern twists with locally grown food and boutique wines.
• Visiting the coastal towns of Taormina, Catania, and Siracusa.
• Enjoying two exclusive cooking demonstrations presented by Don Arcangelo all’Olmo’s owner as she shares her time-honored family recipes.
• Experiencing the vivid, flamboyant outdoor markets that breathe life into everyday shopping in Sicily.
• Taking 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 award-winning Don Arcangelo all’Olmo
• 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 7 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, wait staff for included meals, drivers, and porters

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.
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.

L’Olmo’s 24-guest capacity provides patrons an atmosphere of exclusivity—that feeling of having the surroundings nearly all to one’s self.

Property amenities include fine dining that features locally-sourced ingredients, complimentary internet, large sitting area with open fireplace, outdoor pool and Jacuzzi, colorful gardens, and fitness room.

Classic Double: Impeccably designed for comfort, these rooms are located in Casa all’Olmo—a luxuriously 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.

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.
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. Also visit the seaside village of Cefalù—home to just 14,000 residents and one of the most popular attractions near Palermo. Cefalù is known for its various Greek ruins, delightful streets lined with colorful shops, and its sandy beaches.

Extension Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 9: Depart Taormina / Cefalù / Arrive in Palermo (B)
Guided panoramic tour of Cefalù, the Duomo, and beaches

Day 10: Palermo (B)
Full-day guided panoramic city tour including Mercato di Capo, Jewish Quarter, the opera house Teatro Politeama, “La Cala,” Piazza Indipendenza, Porta Nuova, Piazza del Parlamento, the gardens of Villa Bonanno; and visit inside Monreale Cathedral and Teatro Massimo

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

What’s Included

- Group transfer to Palermo.
- Two nights accommodations at Grand Hotel Villa Igiea (or similar), with breakfast each morning.
- Introductory tour of Cefalù to see the old walls and beach.
- Guided walking tour through the historic center of Palermo plus a panoramic tour that includes glimpses of Teatro Politeama, “La Cala,” Piazza del Parlamento, and visit inside Monreale Cathedral.
Option 1: Please call (919) 684-2988 to make your reservation over the phone.

Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge LLC.

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Guest Information:

Guest #1 Name: _____________________________ Class Year _____________

Guest #2 Name: _____________________________ Class Year _____________

Address:

City: _____________________________ State: _____________ Zip: _____________

Email: _____________________________ Phone: _____________ Cell Phone: _____________

Category Preference (if applicable): 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 #: _____________________________ Exp. date: _____________ CVV: _____________

Billing address (if different from above):

City: _____________________________ State: _____________ Zip: _____________

Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to:

Duke Alumni Travels
Box 90572
Durham, NC 27708-0572

Secure Fax: (919) 660-0148

Signature: _____________________________ Date: _____________

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Single Extension: $1,895
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