

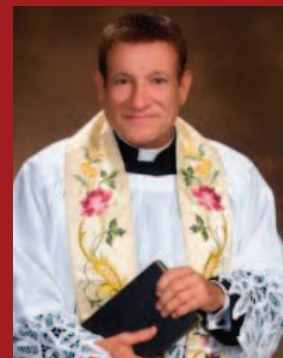


Sicilia: la Conca D' Oro

with Rev. Anthony J. Manuppella

September 22 – October 3, 2019

12 Days/10 Nights - \$3,999 air & land
Single Supplement \$799



TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip air from JFK on Alitalia Airlines
- Hotel accommodations for 10 nights
- Breakfast daily
- 1 lunch in Palermo
- 6 three-course dinners, including dinners at local restaurants in the Marsala area, Modica, and Taormina
- Wine, mineral water & coffee served with lunch dinners
- Daily Mass arrangements
- Touring by air-conditioned motorcoach
- Tour Director
- Sightseeing as indicated, including local guide and entrance fees
- City tax
- Audio system for guided tours

DAY 1 | SUN | SEP 22 | DEPART USA Depart USA on overnight flight to Palermo.

DAY 2 | MON | SEP 23 | PALERMO Welcome to Palermo! Welcome dinner at your hotel. (D)

DAY 3 | TUE | SEP 24 | PALERMO Discover the capital of Sicily on a guided tour and enjoy a panoramic view of the Conca d'Oro. Then, visit the 12th-century Norman Cathedral in Monreale, famous for its 50,000 square feet of precious byzantine mosaics. Back in Palermo, see the major sites like the ornate Piazza Bellini, Capo Market, the baroque Church of Immacolata, and visit the magnificent Cathedral. A lunch with local Sicilian specialties awaits. (B,L)

DAY 4 | WED | SEP 25 | PALERMO | ERICE | MOTYA | MARSALA Tour Director presents an orientation of the hilltop town of Erice, ending at the well-known Pasticceria Maria Grammatico to savor traditional almond biscuits and Marsala wine. Next, visit a traditional Salt Mill. Then, the highlight of the day: a relaxing Boat Ride to the island of Motya for a perfect view of the lagoon and visit to the Museum. Later, dinner with local specialties and couscous will be served. Check in at your hotel in Marsala. (B,D)

DAY 5 | THU | SEP 26 | MARSALA Morning visit of Marsala city center surrounded by the original medieval walls. Visit a local Marsala winery followed by a tasting. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 6 | FRI | SEP 27 | MARSALA | SCIACCA | AGRIGENTO Morning departure for Agrigento. Enroute we stop in Sciacca and enjoy the panoramic viewpoint before continuing to Agrigento. Upon arrival, a guided walking tour will take you for a spectacular visit through the magnificent Valley of the Temples. Even travelers who have visited Athens and Delphi are awed by the gigantic yet graceful Greek structures that miraculously survived 24 centuries of tormented history. (B,D)

DAY 7 | SAT | SEP 28 | AGRIGENTO | PIAZZA ARMERINA | CALTAGIRONE | RAGUSA Morning departure for Ragusa. Stop in piazza Armerina for a guided visit of the Villa Romana del Casale, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Admire the largest and most complex collection of Roman mosaics in the world, including the famous "Bikini Girls," discovered in 1960. Before arriving in Ragusa, stop in Caltagirone and see the mosaic Staircase of Santa Maria del Monte, covered with different tiles in a beautiful pattern. (B,D)

DAY 8 | SUN SEP | 29 | RAGUSA | MODICA | RAGUSA This morning take a guided sightseeing tour featuring a walk through Ragusa's oldest district, the Ibla, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with its beautiful palaces and churches. Walk through the Giardini Iblei, the pleasant public gardens laid out in the 19th century and then, visit the iconic baroque St. George Cathedral. Time on your own to further explore or maybe relax at an outdoor café! In the late afternoon, travel to nearby Modica with its steeply stacked medieval center and spectacular baroque

churches. Wander along Corso Umberto I and stop at the famous Dolceria Bonajuto, Sicily's oldest chocolate factory, for a tasting. End the day with a dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 9 | MON | SEP 30 | RAGUSA | NOTO | SYRACUSE The baroque town of Noto is renowned for its beautiful historic center that was almost entirely rebuilt in the early 18th century following the 1693 earthquake. Take a walking tour with a local guide along Corso Vittorio Emanuele to admire the magnificent architecture, and visit San Nicolò Cathedral. Continue to Syracuse, birthplace of the mathematician Archimedes. Enter the Archaeological site for a guided visit of the 5th century BC sparkling-white Greek Theater, the Garden of Paradise, the Ear of Dionysus, the Altar of Hieron II, the Roman Amphitheater, and the Cordmakers' Cave. Tonight, you may wish to join an optional excursion. (B)

DAY 10 | TUE | OCT 1 | SYRACUSE | CATANIA | SAVOCA | TAORMINA Riviera In Catania, tour St. Agata Cathedral and spend some time on Piazza del Duomo and Via Etnea. In the village of Savoca, see the Church of Santa Lucia, made famous as a location for Michael Corleone's wedding in the movie The Godfather. Enjoy a granita and brioche at Bar Vitelli. Later, arrive at your hotel on the Taormina Riviera. (B)

DAY 11 | WED | OCT 2 | TAORMINA RIVIERA In the morning, an exciting optional excursion is available to Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. Later, in hilltop Taormina, visit the ancient Greek Theater, dating back to the 3rd century BC. This evening, a farewell dinner will be served at restaurant Villa Antonio, an excellent way to say arrivederci Sicilia! (B,D)

DAY 12 | THU | OCT 3 | TAORMINA RIVIERA TO USA Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning (the nearest airport is Catania). (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

Deposit of \$500 per person due at time of registration

Cancellation policy

Cancellations received up to 120 days prior to departure: \$50 administration fee for individual cancellations

Cancellations received 119-61 days before departure: \$500 per person

Cancellations received 60-46 days before departure: 25% of total package

Cancellations received 45-16 days before departure: 75% of total package

Cancellations received 15 days to day of departure: 100% of the land cost individual (no shows)

Conditions: Price is per person on double room occupancy; includes airfare and all taxes and fees. Price may be subject to change depending on currency exchange fluctuations. Prices quotes include a 3% discount, assuming payment is done by cash or check. Credit Card payments will forfeit this discount.

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