

## *Sicily & Sorrento Coast with Father Paul*

# Palermo, Agrigento, Syracuse, Taormina & Amalfi

September 19 - October 1, 2019 (Pre-Extension of Rome available 9/16-20.)

*Monreale, Agrigento Greek Ruins, Baroque City of Noto, Capri, Amalfi, Pompeii*

***\$5,013\* per person for Sicily & Sorrento Coast ~ \*Delta Air & Double Occupancy***

\* ALL excursions included in this price. Single room supplement is an additional \$515.00.

(We are working to secure Delta airlines & a direct flight, but this is not secured this time.)

\$450 Deposit /pp + Travel Insurance Selection/pp = Your seat is reserved!

*To reserve your trip, contact GoAhead Tours directly at: 1-800-438-7672  
& reference St. Benedict's trip to Italy. Please state if you would like to add  
"Pre-Extension to Rome" and optional excursions at time of reservation.*



**Your tour includes:** 11 nights in handpicked hotels; Breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 5 three-course dinners with beer or wine and 2 wine tastings; The Best Multilingual Tour Director, the fabulous, Biagio; Private deluxe motor coach; Guided sightseeing & select entrance fees; 1 internal flight.

Come with us as we experience much of what Sicily, Italy's hidden gem, has to offer: Greek Ruins, Farmhouse lunch with a Sicilian Contessa; Island of Ortigia; Syracuse & Taormina Cathedrals; Mount Etna; Mozzarella Farm Tour. ....then on to the breathtaking Sorrento Coast: Isle of Capri & the Blue Grotto; Amalfi Coast & St. Andrew's Cathedral; Pompeii & a dinner at a Sorrento Terranova Farm with prosecco tasting.



### ***3 night Pre-Tour Extension ~ Rome! September 16-20, 2019***

***\$599\* per person, if booked prior to January 31.***

*(single room supplement for Rome \$95.00)*

*\*Extension price will increase after January 31, 2019.*

*Please see additional Optional Rome Excursion costs. Excursions are NOT included in Extension, you will need to add them to the trip.*

# *Itinerary*

## **Day 1: Travel day. (TH 9/19)**

Board your overnight flight to Palermo today.

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## **Palermo (2 nights)**

### **Day 2: Buongiorno Palermo! (F 9/20)**

Included meal: Welcome Dinner Free time to settle into your hotel. Meet your fellow travelers at dinner.

### **Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Palermo/ Monreale (Sat 9/21)**

Included meal: Breakfast

This morning, embark on a guided tour of bayside Palermo, situated at the foot of Mount Pellegrino. Visit the architecturally diverse Palermo Cathedral and see the stunning artwork of the Cappella Palatina. Continue on to nearby Monreale where you'll pay a visit to one of the town's magnificent cathedrals. Spend a free afternoon in Palermo.

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## **Agrigento (1 night)**

### **Day 4: Transfer to Agrigento & sightseeing tour (Sun 9/22)**

Included meal: Breakfast & Dinner

Travel south through the Sicilian countryside to Agrigento for a guided walking tour of the city's fascinating Greek ruins.

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## **Syracuse (2 nights)**

### **Day 5: Travel to Syracuse via Casa Bianca (M 9/23)**

Included meal: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

As you travel to Syracuse, stop to enjoy some regional delicacies at a farmhouse & explore the grounds of Casa Bianca, home to an Italian contessa! Sit down for an included countryside lunch at the Sicilian villa.

### **Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Syracuse (T 9/24)**

Included meal: Breakfast

Embark on a guided tour of Syracuse, a historic city known for its rich Greek history. Visit the Greek theater, the most complete ancient Greek theater still in existence. Tour the massive Paradise Quarry & gardens, featuring the cave that Caravaggio dubbed "The Ear of Dionysius" for its unique acoustics. Visit the Roman amphitheater, then cross a bridge to the Island of Ortygia to see the Temple of Apollo and Syracuse Cathedral. Spend the afternoon in Noto, a quaint city at the foot of the Hyblaean Mountains. Noto has a multidimensional culture that ties back to Greek, Roman, Arabic, & Norman influence. A local guide highlights the UNESCO-recognized cathedral, Palazzo Nicolaci di Villadorata, & the city's Baroque style architecture. Stroll down Corso Vittorio Emanuele, the main street, sampling Sicilian chocolate and pastries, plus have free time to explore. Enjoy a free evening in Syracuse on your own.

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## **Taormina Region (2 nights)**

### **Day 7: Transfer to Taormina Region (W 9/25)**

#### **Sightseeing tour & wine tasting**

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner & Wine Tasting

Transfer to the Taormina region, where a local guide introduces you to the scenic town of Taormina perched high above the

sea. Enjoy views of Mount Etna, Taormina Cathedral, and the Palazzo Corvaia, seat of the first Sicilian parliament. Visit the town's 2nd-century Greek theater. This evening, travel to the Etna wine region for a traditional Sicilian dinner and wine tasting on the grounds of a local vineyard estate. You'll sip on Etna Rosso blends made of nerello mascalese and nerello cappuccino grapes while in view of Mount Etna.

### **Day 8: Taormina Region (TH 9/26)**

Included meals: Breakfast

Enjoy a free day in Taormina today with bus transportation provided for activities with your tour director. Enjoy a free evening to explore the Taormina Region on your own.

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## **Sorrento Coast (4 nights)**

### **Day 9: Flight to Naples (F 9/27)**

Included meals: Breakfast (4 nights)

Travel to Catania and board your flight to Naples. Transfer to your hotel in the Sorrento Coast and settle in. Enjoy a free evening to explore Sorrento.

### **Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Capri (Sat 9/28)**

Included meal: Breakfast

Join a local guide and sail across the Bay of Naples to the famed Isle of Capri before returning to the Sorrento Coast. \*Boat around the island to view Capri's caves and grottoes, including the Blue Grotto! Stroll through the village of Capri & take a funicular ride to Capri's upper town to explore the shops & the Gardens of Augustus. \*Please note: The boat ride around the island is weather-dependent.

### **Day 11: Sightseeing tour - Amalfi Coast (Sun 9/29)**

Included meals: Breakfast

Enjoy a full-day excursion to the scenic Amalfi Coast. Drive along the coast, stopping at Amalfi Cathedral and the Madonnina viewpoint overlooking the town of Positano for a stunning view of the sea. Enjoy free time for lunch and shopping in Amalfi. Continue along the coast to Vietri sul Mare before returning to the Sorrento Coast. Enjoy a free night in Sorrento.

### **Day 12: Pompeii & farmhouse dinner (M 9/30)**

Included meal: Breakfast, Dinner & Wine Tasting

Head to Pompeii and take a guided tour of the city's famed ruins. Discover how Roman citizens lived before Mount Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79. View the excavated Roman ruins of theaters, villas, temples, and baths. In the evening, take a short trip outside of Sorrento for a cultural experience at an agriturismo, or farm stay. Explore the lush gardens, cultivated fields, and vegetation typical of many Mediterranean regions. Savor an aperitif of prosecco, meant to stimulate the appetite. Sit down for a four-course farewell dinner, complete with a wine tasting led by an experienced sommelier. Please note: climbing stairs and walking is required in order to tour the farm.

### **Day 13: Departure (T 10/1)**

Included meal: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the Naples airport for your flight home or continue on to explore Rome.

# Rome Pre-Extension - September 16 - 20, 2019

*Please let GoAhead know if you'd like to add excursions while in Rome. Optional Excursions are NOT included in Rome extension. You must opt to attend when booking your trip.*

## Day 13: Welcome to Italy! (T 9/17)

Transfer from the airport in Rome to your hotel and get settled in. Free time to explore on your own. Enjoy a free evening in Rome or add an optional excursion:

### Optional Excursion - *Dinner with Tenors* (\$79/pp)

End your day with an elegant, four-course dinner at a local restaurant. While you dine, you'll be treated to some of opera's best-loved arias, sung by professional tenors, and you might even join the singers on stage. Don't miss this lighthearted evening of food and fun!

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## Day 14: Sightseeing Tour of Rome (W 9/18)

Included meal: Breakfast

Enjoy a free morning in Rome or join the group in St. Peter's Square to attend the *\*Papal Audience* where you'll hear the Pope deliver readings and teachings. *\*Please note:* The Papal Audience is arranged by Amy Fedorov, not Go Ahead Tours. The Papal Audience is planned with the best expectations., but the Pope's schedule may change.

Spend a free afternoon in Rome or add excursions

### Optional Excursion - *Iconic Sites: Vatican City* (\$105/pp)

This guided tour takes you inside the world's smallest state, Vatican City. Upon arrival, you'll first visit the Vatican Museums, which are over 500 years old and hold many of the world's most important Classical- and Renaissance-era sculptures. Next, step inside the Sistine Chapel, where you'll gaze up at what is perhaps Michelangelo's greatest masterpiece. Finally, pay a visit to the enormous St. Peter's Basilica, the epicenter of the Roman Catholic faith. The artists who have contributed to its glory are some of the best Italy has ever known, including Bramante, Peruzzi, Raphael, and Michelangelo. Masterpieces await at every turn, from Bernini's magnificent bronze canopy to Michelangelo's Pietà. Please note: This excursion is not available on Sundays. Backpacks are not allowed in the Vatican and a dress code of no shorts or sleeveless shirts is enforced.

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## Day 15: Sightseeing Tour of Rome (TH 9/19)

Included meals: Breakfast

Follow in the footsteps of the ancient Romans on a tour of the Eternal City. Pass by Trajan's Column and Piazza Venezia, the city's central hub. Stop at the ruins of the Forum, once the setting of parades, elections, and trials. Soak up over 2,000 years of history in Imperial Rome, viewing the Arch of Constantine, the Arch of Titus, and the Temple of Venus and Roma. Enter the Colosseum, the largest amphitheater of the Roman Empire, and take time to explore on your own

Enjoy a free afternoon in Rome or add an excursion. Raise a toast to your trip with a farewell drink this evening.

### Optional Excursion - *Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs* (\$65/pp)

Descend into Rome's ancient catacombs, where early Christians buried saints and popes alongside commoners. A local guide will lead you through burial chambers before your visit to St. Paul's Basilica, one of the four most important basilicas of Rome, originally founded by Constantine the Great. The Basilica also houses the tomb of St. Paul. Please note: Shorts and sleeveless shirts are not permitted within the basilica. Also, this excursion involves extensive walking and may be inadvisable for claustrophobic travelers.

### Optional Excursion - *Rome Cooking Class & Dinner* (\$85/pp)

Join in on this hands-on cooking class led by an experienced Italian chef. During this evening in Rome, you'll learn how to make traditional dishes such as ravioli, gnocchi, and fettuccine. Then, enjoy eating the foods you cooked during an included dinner with wine.

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## Day 16: Departure (F 9/20) - Arrivederci!

Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home

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Single Room Supplement: \$515

Rome Extension Single Supplement: \$95.

Please note... Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.\*

\*These trips are currently scheduled to accommodate 42 travelers/trip. Once this number of travelers is met, you will be placed on a wait list & notified by GoAhead Tours if a space becomes available due to cancellation.



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