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with optional  
Taormina Pre-Tour &  
Palermo Post-Tour

# Flavors of Sicily



Vineyards, Villas and the Volcano



Dear Alumni and Friends,

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

An intimate, small-group atmosphere and authentically Sicilian experience distinguish this 9-day program. Immerse yourself in a cultural and culinary adventure: 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*.

Travel through the landscape with expert guides who will thoughtfully introduce you to the traditions of this captivating place, then return home with stories to share and memories that will remain with you forever.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly. Be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve online at [jhu.orbridge.com](http://jhu.orbridge.com), by phone at (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marguerite Jones".

Marguerite Jones, A&S '74, Bus '88  
Travel Program Director  
Office of Alumni Relations  
The Johns Hopkins University

## Free Wine Gift

AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by **March 15, 2019** to receive six bottles of 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.\*\**





## 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, leisure time  
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:** Siracusa / Ortigia (B,D)  
UNESCO World Heritage Site founded by Greek Corinthians and Teneans, Roman amphitheatre, seaside stroll  
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo
- Day 7:** 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 8:** Taormina (B,L,D)  
Cooking class, special farewell dinner at the villa  
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo
- Day 9:** Catania / Depart for U.S. (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

## Program Highlights

- Tour Sicily's main attractions, admire the stunning surroundings, and relax in the exceptional comforts of your private villa.
- 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 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, drivers, and wait staff for included meals

**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.



Don Arcangelo all'Olmo

## 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.

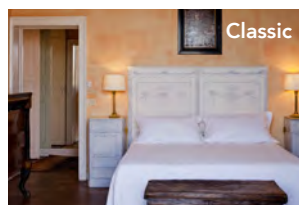
L'Olmo's 24-guest capacity provides patrons an atmosphere of exclusivity—that feeling of having the surroundings nearly all to one's self.

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.

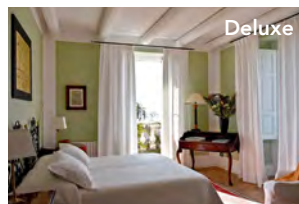
**Classic Double:** Impeccably designed for comfort, these rooms are located in Casa all'Olmo—a superbly restored farm house next to the main building.

**Deluxe Double:** Spacious and bright, these classically appointed rooms are in Casale, the main building.

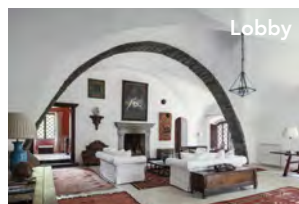
All rooms include air conditioning, iPod docking station, and en suite bathroom.



Classic



Deluxe



Lobby



Don Arcangelo all'Olmo Pool

## *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.



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Optional Pre-Tour

*Taormina*



Experience true Sicilian *dolce vita* while exploring Taormina—a popular resort town situated spectacularly on the side of a mountain. Embrace the endless vistas, indulge in freshly-baked brioche, and stroll the welcoming sandy beaches.

### *Pre-Tour Itinerary* (subject to change)

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

**Day +2:** Arrive in Catania, Sicily /  
Taormina  
Day and evening at leisure

**Day +3:** Taormina / Giardini Naxos (B)  
Private two-hour sailing excursion—  
Capo di Naxos, Grotta del Giorno,  
Capo Taormina, Isola Bella, the Blue  
Grotto, the Bay of Mazzarò, and the  
Bay of St. Nicolas

**Day +4:** Taormina / Giarre /  
Main Program Begins (B)  
Morning at leisure, join guests on  
main program

### *What's Included*

- Two nights accommodations at Hotel Capotaormina (or similar), with breakfast each morning
- Private two-hour coastline boat tour
- Transportation for included activities and to Giarre for the main program
- Gratuities to local guide and driver
- Complimentary transfer from the airport for guests arriving during the suggested times



Capo di Naxos





Optional Post-Tour

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.

### *Post-Tour 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, 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 11:** Palermo / Depart for U.S. (B)

### *What's Included*

- Group transfer to Palermo
- Two nights accommodations at Hotel Federico II Central Palace (or similar), with breakfast each morning
- Introductory tour of Cefalù to see the old city 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
- Complimentary transfer to the airport for guests departing during the suggested times



Monreale Cathedral, Palermo

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Taormina Pre-Tour: October 9-12, 2019

Palermo Post-Tour: October 19-21, 2019

Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Classic Double	<del>\$5,399</del>	\$4,995
Deluxe Double	<del>\$6,399</del>	\$5,995
Classic Single	<del>\$7,399</del>	\$6,995
Taormina Pre-Tour: \$1,095*   Single: \$1,495		
Palermo Post-Tour: \$1,195*   Single: \$1,495		

**Option 1:** Reserve online now at [jhu.orbridge.com](http://jhu.orbridge.com) or call (866) 639-0079.

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

**GUEST INFORMATION:**

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Category Preference: 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPOSIT:**

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining pre-tour (\$500/person) +  
 # \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining program (\$850/person) +  
 # \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPOSIT PAYMENT:**

Check Enclosed     Online Check/ACH     MasterCard/Visa     American Express     Discover

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as printed on card): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**reservation form** P.O. Box 10339, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110  
**and deposit to:** Fax: (206) 452-5655

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**Registration, Deposits and Final Payment.** To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of \$850 per person per program, a deposit for any extension(s), and any non-refundable advanced payments, payable by check, ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card, is due at the time of registration. Final payment, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is payable by check, ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds and due no later than 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the date the program starts, the entire cost of the program, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds. Final payments made by credit card are subject to a 2% transaction fee. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as "Payments."  
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\*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included. Single availability limited. \*\*Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Orbridge Wine Gift per room reserved will ship after receipt of final payment. Where prohibited by state law (including, but not limited to AR, DE, KY, MS, OK, RI, UT) or by retailer licensing obligations (IL, MA, MD, NH, NJ, NY, PA, SD, TX, VT), guests will receive alternative specialty items of comparable value. All Wine Gifts are handled by an independent third party.





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Special Alumni Rate: **Save more than \$800**  
per couple

Free Orbridge  
Wine Gift

When you reserve  
by March 15, 2019\*\*

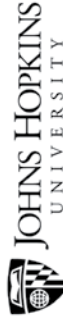
The University is not the Tour Operator.

The University is not responsible for the itinerary, flight times, hotel or transportation arrangements, or any other aspects of this tour.

The University and the Tour Operator act only as agent for the participants with respect to travel services, and it shall not be responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel or other reservations, injury, damage, loss of baggage, accidents or for the acts or defaults of any person or entity engaged in conveying participants or in carrying out other arrangements of the tour. Further, the University and Tour Operator shall not be responsible for losses or additional expenses of the participant due to sickness, weather, strike, civil unrest, acts of terrorism, quarantine, acts of God, or other causes beyond its control.

The University and Tour Operator shall not be responsible for alteration in the itinerary as deemed necessary for carrying out the tour and the right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality. The right is further reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure; in which case the entire payment may be refunded without further obligation on its part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of the tour should such person's health, actions or general deportment impede the operation of the tour or the rights or welfare of the other participants. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour.

Applicants for participation in this tour accept in full all of the conditions set forth above.



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