Flavors of Sicily

A 9-Day Journey Through Coastal Towns, Archaeological Sites, and Vineyards in the Shadow of Mount Etna.

*Vineyards, Villas, and the Volcano*
Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

With Sicilian wine and cuisine as your inspiration, and a luxurious hotel as your home base, join fellow Tar Heels and friends and discover the island of Sicily.

An intimate, small-group atmosphere and authentically Sicilian experience distinguish this 9-day program. Immerse yourself in a cultural and culinary adventure: indulge in a decadent brioche and granita for breakfast just like a local; 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.

Relax under the shade of citrus trees in the coastal town of Taormina. Journey through the landscape with talented guides who will thoughtfully introduce you to the traditions of this beloved region, and return home with stories to share that will remain with you forever.

Space is limited. Our rates for University of North Carolina General Alumni Association guests represent a savings of more than $800 per couple over that of non-affiliated guests, so 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 by calling UNC’s GAA at (877) 962-3980 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Yours at Carolina,

Douglas S. Dibbert ’70
President, UNC General Alumni Association

Free Wine Gift
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by February 17, 2017 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, 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*

Day 1: En route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive in Catania, Sicily / Taormina (B,D)
San Domenico Palace guided history and art walk, welcome dinner

Day 3: Taormina (B,L)
Guided city walk, ancient Greek theatre, seaside lunch

Day 4: Piazza Armerina (B,L)
Guided visit to UNESCO World Heritage Site of Villa Romana del Casale, 4th-Century Roman mosaics, Sicilian lunch

Day 5: Viagrande / Catania (B,L)
Outdoor market visit, cooking class, wine tasting at Benanti winery (winner of over 80 awards since 1994)

Day 6: Mount Etna (B,L)
Visit to highest active volcano in Europe and UNESCO World Heritage Site or leisure time at hotel; lunch and wine tasting at award-winning Planeta winery

Day 7: Siracusa / Ortigia (B,D)
UNESCO World Heritage Site founded by Greek Corinthians and Teneans, Roman amphitheatre, seaside stroll, exclusive dinner at a 2-Michelin-star restaurant

Day 8: Taormina (B,L,D)
Cooking class, farewell dinner at Les Bouganvilles Restaurant

Day 9: Depart Catania, Sicily (B)

Optional Extension: Days 9-12 in Palermo

Program Highlights
- Tour Sicily’s main attractions, admire the stunning surroundings, and relax in the exceptional comforts of your stately hotel overlooking Taormina Bay.
- 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 the 5-star San Domenico Palace Hotel
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 3 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

*Subject to change.

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 stairs without assistance.
Your Accommodations*

Built in an ancient Dominican monastery, San Domenico Palace Hotel’s luxurious, 5-star accommodations provide the ideal balance between style and comfort.

Carved into a rocky hillside on the east coast of Sicily, this enchanting property overlooks Taormina Bay with mesmerizing views of nearby Mount Etna.

Stroll the grounds and discover the fragrant gardens, and enrich your senses breathing in the fresh breeze off the Ionian Sea.

Property amenities include two restaurants (one is rated 2-Michelin-stars), two bars, free Wi-Fi zone, spa, and fitness center.

**Classic:** Spacious and bright, this classically appointed room overlooks either the Cloisters or the town of Taormina.

**Deluxe:** Perched from this delightful room’s balcony, you will have spanning views of either Taormina Bay or the Greek theatre.

All rooms include air conditioning, LCD television with satellite channels, Wi-Fi internet (charges apply), telephone, en suite bathroom with bathtub and shower, hair dryer, safe deposit box, mini-bar.

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 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*

Day 9: Depart Taormina / Arrive in Palermo (B)
Panoramic city tour including 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 10: Palermo / Cefalù (B)
Guided walking tour, Teatro Massimo, Mercato di Capo, Jewish Quarter, seaside village of Cefalù

Day 11: Palermo (B)
Day at leisure

Day 12: Depart Palermo for U.S. (B)

What’s Included

• Group transfer from Taormina to Palermo.

• Three nights accommodations at Grand Hotel Villa Igiea (or similar), with breakfast each morning.

• Panoramic tour of Palermo, including Teatro Politeama, “La Cala,” Piazza del Parlamento, and visit inside Monreale Cathedral.

• Half-day guided walking tour in the historic center of Palermo.

• Introductory tour of Cefalù to see the old walls and beach.
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OCTOBER 12-20, 2017
Palermo Extension: October 20-23, 2017

☐ Option 1: Reserve online now at http://unc.orbridge.com or call UNC’s GAA at (877) 962-3980.

☐ 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: ___________________________ Class Year: __________

Guest #2 Name: ___________________________ Class Year: __________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________ Zip: ___________

Email: ___________________________ Phone: ___________ Alt. 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

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I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at http://terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: __________ Date: __________

Mail or fax reservation form P.O. Box 660, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660

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Tour participants who are not members of the General Alumni Association must join the Association ($45 for single; $55 for couples) to participate. Please pay by separate check made payable to the General Alumni Association and mail with this reservation form.

Reserve by February 17, 2017 for a FREE Orbridge Wine Gift**

*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, MA, MD, MS, NH, NJ, OK, PA, RI, SD, TX, UT and VT), guests will receive alternative specialty items of comparable value. All Wine Gifts are handled by an independent third party.
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