



# Southern Italy & Sicily

with Apulia & the Amalfi Coast

September 20-October 4, 2021

**15 days for \$5,774 total price from Fort Myers**

(\$5,295 air & land inclusive plus \$479 airline taxes and fees)

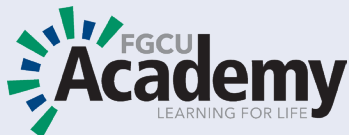


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An Exclusive Small Group Tour  
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Dear Friends,

Travel with us on an exclusive 15-day journey to discover enchanting Southern Italy and the remarkable island of Sicily. Beginning with the cross-cultural heritage, ruins, and magnificent landscapes of Sicily, this unique tour then traverses the “boot” of Italy, combining the traditional and unspoiled region of Apulia with the breathtaking Amalfi Coast.

Begin your tour in Taormina, on the island of Sicily, where you visit the “Valley of the Temples” and the well-preserved Temple of Concordia. Venture to Europe’s largest active volcano, Mt. Etna, before traveling to the Apulia region to visit the cave dwellings of Matera and Alberobello’s medieval white-washed buildings. Discover Lecce’s Baroque-era churches and maze of narrow streets on a walking tour, then continue on to Otranto, overlooking the Adriatic. Traveling to Sorrento, tour the UNESCO site of Pompeii, enjoy a day trip to the storied Isle of Capri, and experience a breathtaking drive along the Amalfi Coast. For those who wish to extend their Italian adventure, an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension in Rome is available.

Space on this exciting program is limited and will fill quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up until 95 days prior to departure. Book risk-free today!

Sincerely,

John Guerra
Director, FGCU Academy

THE FGCU RESERVATION FORM: SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_(\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_ person(s) on Southern Italy & Sicily, departing September 20, 2021. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: FGCU Academy, Attention: John Guerra, 1010 5th Ave. South, Naples, FL 34102. Phone: (239) 434-4838; e-mail: jguerra@fgcu.edu

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/We request an air upgrade to \_\_\_\_\_

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability) [ ]

Post-Tour “Rome – On Your Own” Extension: Please sign me/us up [ ]

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Southern Italy & Sicily, September 20-October 4, 2021, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment [ ] Check [ ] American Express [ ] Discover [ ] MasterCard [ ] VISA

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

Tour membership limited to 24 friends

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*Delight in a special exploration of Italy's southern climes, from striking Sicily and the breathtaking Amalfi Coast to unheralded Apulia, the alluring "boot heel" where a vivid history, unique architecture, and bountiful plains join the sun and sea in creating a prized (and crowd-free) region. Add Italian hospitality, outstanding cuisine, and notable lodgings for la dolce vita, small-group style.*



**Day 1: Depart U.S. for Taormina (Catania), Sicily**

**Day 2: Arrive Taormina** We arrive today in Catania on Italy's autonomous island of Sicily then transfer by motorcoach to Taormina and our boutique hotel overlooking the Ionian Sea. Tonight we gather for a welcome dinner at the hotel. *D*

**Day 3: Taormina** Highlights of our morning walking tour of this delightful medieval town include the spectacular ancient Greek theater dating to the 3<sup>rd</sup> century BCE, the popular 13<sup>th</sup>-century cathedral, and grand Piazza Vittorio Emanuele. This afternoon is at leisure: perhaps to relax by the hotel pool, visit a lovely Taormina beach; or stroll along Corso Umberto, lined with shops and restaurants. With lunch and dinner on our own today, perhaps a culinary adventure is in order ... and thanks to Sicily's strategic Mediterranean location that lured many invaders, Sicilian food incorporates Italian, Arabic, and African influences into a singular, and delicious, cuisine. *B*

**Day 4: Taormina/Agrigento** On today's excursion we visit the "Valley of the Temples," the archaeological zone of Agrigento, whose Doric temples and sanctuaries date to Greek rule in the 5<sup>th</sup> century BCE. Known in its heyday as the "most beautiful city of mortals," Agrigento's highlight is the stunning, well-preserved Temple of Concordia (c. 430 BCE). A visit to the museum here lends context to our explorations. Late this afternoon we return to our hotel, where we dine tonight. *B,L,D*

**Day 5: Taormina/Mount Etna** This morning's tour ventures to Europe's largest active volcano. The ancients believed Mt. Etna to be the forge of Vulcan, god of fire; today, modern-day Sicilians have a very personal relationship with the volcano, which frequently erupts but is seldom destructive. Centuries of lava flows have resulted in a rich, fertile landscape where citrus groves and vineyards thrive. Mid-day we enjoy a small group highlight: lunch at a family-run working farm amidst acres of lemon and kiwi. After returning to our hotel mid-afternoon, the remainder of the day is at leisure. *B,L*

## Small Group Tour Highlights

Sicily's intriguing cultural and historic heritage • "Valley of the Temples," Agrigento • Mt. Etna excursion • Lunch at a working Sicilian farmhouse • Two Apulia UNESCO sites: Cave dwellings of Matera and Alberobello's medieval white-washed buildings • Neapolitan cooking demonstration and dinner • Lecce, the "Florence of the South" • Fascinating, uncrowded Apulia region • Stunning Amalfi Coast • Tour of ancient ruins at Pompeii (UNESCO site) • Day trip to Isle of Capri • Unique, well-located small-group style hotels • Pleasing mix of touring and time at leisure

Day Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1 Depart U.S. for Taormina (Catania)		
2-5 Taormina	Eurostars Monte Tauro	First Class
6-7 Matera	Locanda di San Martino	First Class
8-10 Lecce	Patria Palace Hotel	Sup. First Class
11-14 Sorrento	Hotel Antiche Mura	First Class
15 Depart Naples for U.S.		

*Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.*

Cover photo: Taormina's 3<sup>rd</sup>-century Greek theatre overlooks Mount Etna, which we visit on Day 5.



Colorful fishing boats along a Sicilian harbor

**Day 6: Taormina/Matera** We leave Sicily today for the mainland region of Basilicata, a day-long transfer that includes a ferry ride from Sicily to Calabria. Late this afternoon we reach Matera, whose historic troglodyte churches and dwellings (*Sassi*) have been designated a UNESCO site and where our hotel is a renovated cave dwelling in the city's historic district. *B,D*

**Day 7: Matera** Today we explore this city of art and folklore, with its unique ancient urban structure still intact. Home to more than 100 rock churches, Matera resembles ancient Jerusalem and has been used by international film directors as a stand-in for the holy city. Following a guided walking tour, the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently before dinner tonight at a local restaurant. *B,D*

**Day 8: Matera/Alberobello/Lecce** Departing Matera this morning, we stop in Alberobello, whose 400 or so *trulli* – whitewashed conical houses with grey-stone roofs – rank as a UNESCO World Heritage site. We take a walking tour along the pristine cobblestone alleys, stepping inside an artisan's workshop or *trullo tipico*, a recreation of an inhabited home. After lunch at a local restaurant, we continue on to Lecce, one of the oldest cities in Apulia, (Italy's "boot heel"), in time for dinner together at our hotel. *B,L,D*

**Day 9: Lecce** We discover the "Florence of the South" on this morning's tour, so named for the unique decorative style for which Lecce is known: *barocco leccese*, the ornate and intricate sandstone carvings of cherubs and monsters, fruits and flowers that adorn local buildings from top to bottom. We see Palazzo Vescovile (c. 1632), the exuberantly decorated church of Santa Croce, and the *Duomo* with its lovely *piazza*. This afternoon is at leisure to explore this town of 100 churches as we wish; tonight we enjoy dinner together. *B,D*

**Day 10: Lecce/Otranto** Today's excursion takes us to the beautiful walled town of Otranto, overlooking the Adriatic. On a walking tour here we see the imposing 15<sup>th</sup>-century Aragonese castle with its traditional moat, and the Romanesque cathedral whose impressive wall-to-wall mosaic floor was created in 1166. We continue on to a local winery for a tasting and lunch then return to Lecce mid-afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

**Day 11: Lecce/Sorrento** This morning we depart by coach for Sorrento, overlooking the Bay of Naples. En route we stop for a traditional *trattoria* lunch in the small town of Polignano a Mare. Dinner tonight is on our own in lively seaside Sorrento. *B,L*

**Day 12: Sorrento/Pompeii** Today we visit the evocative UNESCO site of Pompeii for a guided tour of

### Post-Tour Extension

October 4-7, 2021

## Rome – On Your Own

4 days/3 nights for \$795 total price

Single Supplement: \$295

*Explore the Eternal City at your leisure.*

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Naples/Rome, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 3 nights' accommodations at Empire Palace Hotel (Superior First Class)
- 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
- Transfers to/from airport



ITALY, AND THE SPRING AND  
FIRST LOVE ... [SHOULD]  
MAKE THE GLOOMIEST  
PERSON HAPPY.”

– BERTRAND RUSSELL

the city frozen in time by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 CE (the city was accidentally rediscovered in 1749). Late this afternoon we gather for a hands-on Neapolitan cuisine cooking lesson, followed by dinner to savor the fruits of our labors. *B,D*

**Day 13: Sorrento/Capri** Today we travel by hydrofoil to the storied Isle of Capri, a popular resort since Roman times. We explore cozy Capri town; visit the terraced Gardens of Augustus, rich with Mediterranean flora, coastal pines, and stunning views of the azure sea; then enjoy free time for lunch and to explore on our own before we return to Sorrento early afternoon. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy this city with views of Mt. Vesuvius as we wish. Dinner tonight is on our own in Sorrento. *B*

**Day 14: Sorrento/Amalfi Coast** We embark this morning on a breathtaking drive along the winding, cliff-top Amalfi Coast road. This stretch of terraced coastline from Sorrento to Amalfi has inspired movies, music, and books; indeed, it is one of the most glorious drives in the world. During our leisurely excursion, we make several photo stops along this spectacular, hair-raising coastline, with the dazzling Mediterranean a sheer 500-foot drop below.

*We spend two nights in ancient Matera.*

This afternoon is at leisure; tonight we bid “*arrivederci*” to Italy and our fellow travelers at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

**Day 15: Depart for U.S.** This morning we transfer to Naples airport, where we connect with our return flight to the U.S. *B*

## Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 26 meals: 13 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



*Stunning Amalfi Coast*

## Tour Departs: September 20, 2021

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

New York	\$5,474
Boston, Philadelphia	\$5,674
Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Fort Myers, Miami, Orlando, Tampa, Washington, DC	\$5,774
Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$5,874
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,795

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$479, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,595. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,795 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,595 per person, in addition to the above costs (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

**Please note:** This trip involves considerable walking uphill and on uneven or cobblestone streets, and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

**For information and reservations, please contact John Guerra at FGCU Academy at (239) 434-4838 or e-mail [jguerra@fgcu.edu](mailto:jguerra@fgcu.edu)**

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

**Not Included in Tour Price:** Airfare when purchasing a land only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a land only package; communication charges; gratuities; and travel. Odyssey Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

**Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:** If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: full refund; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

**Responsibility-Tour Participation Contract – IMPORTANT:** FCGU Academy does not provide travel services or act as the agent of any provider of travel services. The liability of FCGU Academy, as a sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as a tour operator, is strictly limited. FCGU Academy is not responsible or liable for any of the services provided to/by Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. or for any of the services of hotels, motorcoaches, trains, vessels, aircraft, or other forms of transportation that may be used in connection with the tour. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under its control. All arrangements for transport, accommodations, and services are made upon the express condition that FCGU Academy, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and their affiliates shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity of any kind occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond their control, including, without limitation, any act of negligence or breach of contract of any kind party such as an airline, cruise line, train, hotel, restaurant, tour operator/supplier, ground handler, etc., including their employees, agents, servants, or representatives, who is or to does supply any goods or services to the tour. Without limiting the foregoing, FCGU Academy, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and their affiliates are not responsible for any losses or expenses due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking or accommodations, default of any third parties, sickness, weather, strikes, acts of God, acts of terrorism, war, quarantine, criminal activity, the defect of any vehicle, or for any other cause beyond their control. FCGU Academy reserves the right to change the itinerary of the tour, or to substitute similar quality hotels or airlines without prior notice. If the tour is cancelled by FCGU Academy for any reason, FCGU Academy, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and their affiliates shall have no liability beyond the refund of all tour participant deposits received by them, net of any and all expenses due to suppliers and the airline refund policies. FCGU Academy, in its sole discretion, may increase the tour price in the event costs increase. FCGU Academy may decline to accept or retain any tour participant as a participant on the tour at any time. Airline tickets may be sold in conjunction with the services of any airline. The passenger tickets in use by the carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the passenger. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, FCGU Academy and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of or changes to this tour. The parties agree that Ft. Myers (Lee County) in the state of Florida shall be the venue for any disputes arising out of this tour. **A signed FCGU General Release and Waiver Agreement is required from each participant prior to departure.**

**Medical Conditions:** If you or a member of your party suffer from any physical challenge or medical condition, you must check with your doctor about the advisability of traveling abroad and make this known to us before you book. We will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of our participants, but are not responsible for denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, and other independent suppliers. **Smoking:** Smoking is **NOT** permitted in the hotels, on motorcoaches, or on other modes of transport used by the group.

**Air Transportation – important information:** Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in.** Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

**COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols:** The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided approximately 90 days prior to departure.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

### Patris Palace Hotel

[www.patrispalace.com](http://www.patrispalace.com)

A former palazzo, the Patris Palace Hotel enjoys a superb location in the heart of Lecce's historical center, opposite Santa Croce Basilica. The 63-room hotel boasts many of its original flourishes, though it has been artfully refurbished in an Art Deco style with Lecce stone and original frescoes. Hotel amenities include a restaurant and bar, rooftop garden, complimentary Wi-Fi internet access, and laundry and dry cleaning services (for a fee). Understated guest rooms are decorated in cool, comfortable tones and have private bath with hair dryer, air conditioning, in-room safe, minibar, TV, and phone.

### Hotel Antiche Mura

[www.bonidantichemura.com](http://www.bonidantichemura.com)

This historic hotel sits in the heart of Sorrento on Piazza Tasso, the main square, close to shops and restaurants. Amenities of the intimate 46-room Hotel Antiche Mura include an outdoor swimming pool, solarium, lovely gardens with a citrus grove (which supplies all of the oranges and lemons used by the hotel), lobby bar, outdoor snack bar, breakfast room, complimentary Wi-Fi internet access, and laundry and dry cleaning services (for a fee). Air-conditioned guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, in-room safe, minibar, TV, and phone.

### Eurostars Monte Tauro

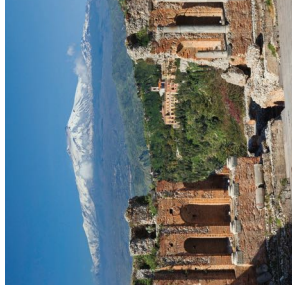
[www.eurostarsmontetauro.it/eurstars-monte-tauro.html](http://www.eurostarsmontetauro.it/eurstars-monte-tauro.html)

The hotel cascades down a hillside at the edge of the town's center, offering an easy walk to many shops and restaurants and also an unspoiled view across the sparkling Ionian Sea. Amenities of this 98-room hotel include a restaurant and bar overlooking the water; outdoor swimming pool with water views, hydro-massage jets, and a lounge area; spa services; laundry and dry-cleaning services (for a fee); and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Each air-conditioned guest room has a private deck overlooking the water and features private bath with hair dryer, minibar, in-room safe, TV, and phone.

### Locanda di San Martino

[www.locandadisanmartino.it/](http://www.locandadisanmartino.it/)

The 32-room Locanda di San Martino offers guests the rare opportunity to stay in cave dwellings created thousands of years ago – but updated with contemporary comforts and modern amenities. Passageways cut into the rock, external staircases, and elevators connect all four levels of the hotel. Locanda di San Martino is in the heart of Matera's "Sassi" Historical District, very close to the city center. The hotel has a bar and breakfast room; air-conditioned guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, complimentary Wi-Fi internet access, and TV.



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