

Dear Sons of Italy members and assorted family and friends:

Many of you have heard that the March "Best of Sicily" tour was a huge success. We got a great overview of Sicily, staying three nights each in Palermo, Siracusa, and Taormina. We also visited Agrigento and numerous outlying villages. Our entire group took advantage of the optional 2-night stayover in Rome. I had selected this tour because of the free time allowed in each city, particularly Palermo. With a Saturday afternoon/evening and all day Sunday free, we were able to take advantage of visiting the towns of our families. One participant visited Caccamo and met family in Corleone with the assistance of interpreter/guides. I led a Sunday excursion to Gibilmanna and Cefalu'. Some left Cefalu' after mass with my taxi-driver friend to visit family in Sant'Ambrogio. Those wanting to climb the *Rocca* in Cefalu' took the train from Palermo on Saturday afternoon.

Some of you have expressed that you would like to do this tour. I can offer an October 2012 departure if enough of you are interested. I will only offer tours in Spring and Fall when prices, weather and crowds are most favorable. I will soon be offering other tours of Italy, and possibly a tour of Southern Italy and Sicily. But this Best of Sicily Tour is the only escorted tour on the market that allows you the free time to visit family and/or ancestral towns. It is the next best thing to traveling on your own, without having to do all the planning. It is also lots of fun in the company of people you know - we had lots of laughs on our bus rides. I have access to interpreter/guides if you would like to plan a family visit in Sicily. I also offer complimentary Italy travel seminars (to participants only) to help you avoid the usual pitfalls that international travelers encounter; everything is different over there, and you need to know before you go!

If you are seriously interested in doing this tour, please let me know ASAP. The price will be approximately \$3,600 per person, double occupancy with air from Shreveport. Air can be arranged from any departure city with slight price variations. With sufficient commitment from you, I will reserve our space and bring up the website again with all details. Please note that - unless I customize the tour in any way - the price is the same whether you join our group or book on your own. You just have lots more fun in a group!

I look forward to hearing from you, and hope we can go "back to the Old Country together".

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