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SEPTEMBER 15-23, 2023

with optional
PALERMO POST-TOUR

Flavors of Sicily



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Vineyards, Vistas, and the Volcano





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Dear Alumni and Friends,

What could be more inspiring than a journey to Sicily highlighted by visits to renowned archaeological sites, delicious cuisine and wine, and a fabulous private villa selected as our home base?

This comprehensive program will provide an intimate, immersive approach to an authentic cultural and culinary experience. We'll converse with winemakers whose vineyards thrive on the flanks of Mount Etna and enjoy their boutique wines paired with savory antipasti.

The beautiful landscapes of Sicily are populated by the spirits of ancient Greeks and the Romans who found paradise on this island. Excellent guides will lead us on many memorable discoveries of Sicily's celebrated past.


Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 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 wakeforest.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Kelly Meachum McConnico ('00)
Assistant Vice President, Alumni Engagement
Wake Forest University
Office of Alumni Engagement

As we embark on this new world of group travel, the health and well-being of our guests, our team, and the communities we visit remain our top priority. For a detailed listing of the enhanced safety measures and hygiene protocols specific to our tours, please visit orbridge.com/wellness.

 Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.





Your 9-Day Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day 1: En route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive in Catania, Sicily / Giarre (R,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 hotel, lunch and wine tasting at award-winning Planeta winery

Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo

Day 8: Taormina (B,L,D)

Cooking class, special farewell luncheon

Overnight: Don Arcangelo all'Olmo

Day 9: Giarre / Catania / Depart for U.S. (B)

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

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.





Piazza Duomo, Siracusa

Interact

- With your small group (maximum 22 guests), enjoy seven nights in the luxury and elegance of your private villa, Don Arcangelo all'Olmo.
- Work side-by-side in the kitchens of distinguished chefs, learning time-tested techniques and modern twists with ingredients grown in the mineral-rich, volcanic soil of Mount Etna's fertile lowlands.

Partake

- Visit Benanti, a family-owned boutique winery with a strong international focus, and winner of over 80 awards since 1994.
- Stop by the award-winning Planeta—one of the premier wine estates of Sicily and a veritable fine wine empire—for a tasting and lunch.

Discover

- Spend time exploring the coastal towns of Taormina and Siracusa—including a stop at a local outdoor market.
- Visit Sicily's archaeological masterpieces—the ancient theatres of Taormina and Siracusa, and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Villa Romana del Casale mosaics in Piazza Armerina.
- Explore Mount Etna, a natural marvel and UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Day after day, experience the fusion of tradition and modernity, and see for yourself how Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Norman, German, French, and Spanish influences have formed this magnificent island of fertility.

What's Included

- 7 nights accommodations
- A special welcome reception, 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine
- Full services of an Orbridge Travel Director in addition to expert local guides
- All private tours and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



Mount Etna



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.

Guests will experience authentic Sicilian hospitality with true personal attention, as the villa is exclusive for our small group.

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



Classic



Deluxe

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.

Property Amenities: Fine dining that features locally sourced ingredients, complimentary Wi-Fi, large sitting area with open fireplace, televisions in the living area of the main house and in the Casa all'Olmo, outdoor pool and Jacuzzi, colorful gardens, and fitness room. (NOTE: this property does not have an elevator.)



Lobby



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 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 (L)
Guided panoramic tour of Cefalù: the
Duomo and beaches, evening at leisure
Overnight: Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa

Day 10: Palermo (B,L)
Full-day guided walking city tour, inside
visit to the Norman Palace, local puppet
maker workshop private visit and show,
Ballarò market, *No Mafia Tour*
Overnight: Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa

Day 11: Palermo / Depart for U.S. (B)

What's Included

- Group transfer to Palermo
- 2 nights accommodations at Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa (or similar)
- 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches
- Guided sightseeing of Palermo and Cefalù, including entrance fees
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver, and porters
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times



Monreale Cathedral, Palermo

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Palermo Post-Tour: September 23-25, 2023

Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Classic Double	\$6,499	\$5,995
Deluxe Double	\$7,499	\$6,995
Single (Classic)	\$8,499	\$7,995
Palermo Post-Tour: \$1,395*		
Single Post-Tour: \$1,495		

Reserve by Credit Card:

Online: wakeforest.orbridge.com
Phone: (866) 639-0079
Fax: (206) 452-5655

Reserve by Check:

Made payable to **Orbridge, LLC**
Mail to: Orbridge, P.O. Box 10339
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

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: _____

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

☐ Check ☐ ACH (Automated Clearing House) ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover
Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____
Name (as printed on card): _____
Billing Address (if different from above): _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:

Category Preference: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____
_____ guests joining program (\$850/person) +
_____ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person for any pre/post-tour. Orbridge accepts payment by check, ACH, wire or major credit card. Final payment is due 90 days prior to the departure date. Reservations made after the final payment due date are due at the time of registration. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

Reservation Grace Period. Reservations made 121+ days prior to the departure date may be cancelled within 30 days from the reservation date ("Grace Period") for a full refund. Notice of cancellation must be received in writing during the Grace Period. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date.

Reservation Cancellations and Refunds. Notice of cancellation must be submitted to Orbridge in writing. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date. If the cancellation notice is received after the Grace Period (if applicable): (a) 91+ days prior to the departure date, all monies paid will be refunded less an administrative fee of \$350 per person for the main program and \$200 per person for a pre/post-tour; (b) 90-76 days prior to the departure date, a 25% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (c) 75-61 days prior to the departure date, a 50% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (d) 60-46 days prior to the departure date, a 75% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (e) within 45 days prior to the departure date, a 100% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program. A 100% cancellation fee applies to all non-refundable airfare. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 days of our receipt of your written notice.

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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, VA, 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 \$1,000**
per couple



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What Guests Are Saying...

Our travel director was fantastic. She was so accommodating about everything. We thought she was over the top. All of the local guides were well-spoken, informed and pleasant.

~Barbara L., Highland Park, IL

Never having done any group travel before, I didn't really have clear expectations—but whatever they were, the trip more than exceeded them. Perfect organization, lodging, scheduling—wonderful leadership, and a great group of participants. The program highlights, for me, were our travel director, the really fun group of folks, the property, and the cooking classes.

~Bruce B., Los Angeles, CA

FREE Wine Gift
AN EXCLUSIVE EARLY
RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by
January 13, 2023

to receive six bottles of wine featuring labels by
vintners in the regions you will visit on this program. **

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