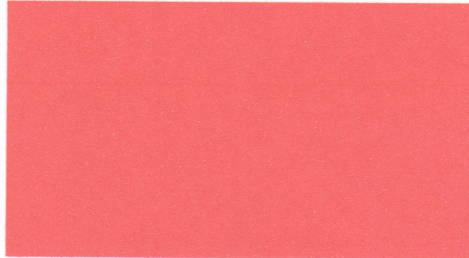


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Arba Sicula's Tour 25 Itinerary. June 3 to June 15, 2018

This is the itinerary I propose for our 25th anniversary tour of Sicily. We may make minor changes to the itinerary in the coming weeks. The price for the tour remains: \$3,500 and includes airfare, airport taxes and fuel surcharge, four-star hotels, Deluxe transportation, and all meals, except lunches. Some hotels are not confirmed. The single supplement is \$450.00 which can be avoided if you share a room with someone. Please send a non-refundable deposit of \$200.00 per person to Arba Sicula, P. O. Box 149, Mineola, New York 11501. Full payment is due on April 1, 2017. You can reach prof. Cipolla at gcipolla@optonline.net

June 3 - Sunday DAY 1 - Departure from J. F. Kennedy Airport, New York on Alitalia AZ609, 4:50 PM. Arrive Rome 6:30 AM.

June 4- Monday DAY 2 - Connect with AZ1785 in Rome at 10:00 AM, arrive in Palermo at 11:10 AM. Transfer to Hotel Excelsior. Afternoon free to rest. Welcome dinner at La Casa del Brodo Restaurant.

June 5- Tuesday DAY 3 - Morning guided tour of Palermo that includes the Cathedral, the Norman Palace, and other important sights. In the afternoon, we will visit Monreale. For dinner we will travel to Santa Flavia for dinner with local members of Arba Sicula.

June 6- Wednesday DAY 4 - We will drive to Cefalù in the morning and we will visit the beautiful cathedral as well as the Museo Mandalisca. After lunch we will return to Palermo and we will have dinner at our hotel.

June 7- Thursday DAY 5 - Palermo to Marsala. We will stop for *cassatelle* in Castellammare del Golfo and then proceed to Erice. You will be free to have lunch on your own in this charming medieval city. Then we will visit the salt pans in Marsala before going to our hotel, the Baglio Oneto. Before dinner we will have a wine tasting at the hotel, and enjoy dinner with some of our local friends.

June 8- Friday DAY 6 -Marsala to Agrigento via Sciacca. We will have lunch by the beach in Porto Empedocle and proceed to Agrigento's Valley of the Temples. Before dinner we will be entertained by the oldest Folk group in Sicily: the Vald'Akragas group at our Hotel Della Valle.

June 9- Saturday DAY 7- After breakfast we will drive to Ragusa via Naro. We will stop for lunch in Naro and proceed to Ragusa where we will visit the baroque town before settling into our Hotel Mediterraneo. Reception with local authorities. Dinner at hotel.

June 10- Sunday DAY 8 - After breakfast we will drive to Siracusa. We will visit Modica on the way and have lunch at a famous trattoria. We will proceed to Palazzolo Acreide to visit the town and afterwards we will drive to Siracusa where we will be entertained by our friend Salvo Bottaro and company after dinner at the hotel.

June 11 - Monday DAY 9 - We will visit the archeological area of Siracusa in the morning and move down to the island of Ortygia where we will have lunch. We will visit the Sanctuary of the Madonna delle lagrime and attend a performance at the Greek Theatre at night, followed by a pizza party. We will see a Greek tragedy.

June 12- Tuesday DAY 10 - Morning drive to Catania. Visit the Cathedral, the Via Etnea, the Bellini Opera House. Lunch on your own. After lunch we will proceed to Giardini-Naxos by way of Acicastello, Acireale where we will stop for an ice cream. We will proceed to our hotel and relax at the pool. The Caesar Palace Hotel will be our hotel for the remaining 3 nights. Buffet dinner at the hotel.

June 13- Wednesday Day 11- A short morning drive to Taormina to visit the Greek-Roman theatre, free time for shopping and lunch. We then return to our hotel for relaxation at the pool or the beach. Dinner in our hotel.

June 14- Thursday DAY 12 - Morning free to do shopping. In the afternoon we will drive to Francavilla di Sicilia for cocktails and then to our Restaurant for the farewell dinner.

June 15- Friday DAY 13 - Transfer to Catania. The return flight is on Alitalia AZ1710, at 10:20 am, arriving in Rome at 11:40 AM, connecting with Alitalia 610 to New York at 2:45 PM. It will arrive in New York's J. F. Kennedy Airport at 6:20 PM of the same day.