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Garvan's Tours presents an escorted motorcoach tour

## SICILY/CALABRIA TWO 2027

NOVEMBER 5-16, 2027

**\$5,050** LAND ONLY

per person, based on double occupancy | Single Supplement \$2,200

### Tour Includes:

- Exclusive Luxury Coach pickup from Garvan's to JFK
- Exclusive transport by luxury motorcoach with a driver/guide
- Meet and greet service with one group transfer upon arrival and departure at the airport
- Hotel accommodation based on twin bedded rooms with private bath as listed for 10 nights
- Hotel portering, service charges and government taxes
- Flight bags, ticket wallets, baggage tags and identifying strap

### MEALS

- Full Breakfasts (10)
- Lunches (4)
- Dinners (6)

### HOTELS – 10 Nights

- Sentido Michelizia Tropea Resort, Tropea (3)
- Hellenia Yachting Hotel, Giardini Naxos (3)
- Grand Hotel Sofia, Noto (1)
- Hotel Garibaldi, Palermo (3)

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome get-together drink
- "Godfather" Tour
- Norman Cathedral
- ORO d'Etna Beekeeping Farm
- Valley of the Temples



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# GARVAN'S SICILY/CALABRIA TWO 2027

## 12-DAY ITINERARY

### **Fri, November 5 DEPART THE UNITED STATES**

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

### **Sat, November 6 ROME ARRIVAL**

After landing at Rome Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your tour director will welcome you to Italy and escort you and your luggage to the coach. Next, take in extraordinary views as you travel through the Calabria region, the southernmost point of mainland Italy, forming the "toe" of the Italian boot. Continue your journey into Tropea, check into your hotel and settle into your room. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome drink at your hotel before heading to a local venue to enjoy a delightful dinner.

**OVERNIGHT:** SENTIDO MICHELIZIA TROPEA RESORT, TROPEA

### **Sun, November 7 TROPEA SIGHTSEEING**

This morning, visit the Cathedral of Maria Santissima di Romania, which was built in the 12th century and is a fine example of Norman architecture. The cathedral is renowned for having two undetonated WWII bombs near its entrance, believed to not have exploded due to the protection of the town's patron saint, Madonna of Romania. Next, head to Tropea's "balcony" viewpoint to see incredible panoramic views of the Tyrrhenian Sea and the Gulf of Saint Euphemia. Following, journey into Pizzo Calabro, a picturesque seaport known for its truffle gelato. Enjoy some free time to sightsee around the area independently before returning to your hotel in Tropea. This evening, gather with your group for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT:** SENTIDO MICHELIZIA TROPEA RESORT, TROPEA

### **Mon, November 8 GERACE SIGHTSEEING**

Today, travel through the stunning Calabria region into the historic medieval village of Gerace, known as one of the most picturesque and historical centers in the region. Upon arrival, set off on a guided tour to see the principal sights of the village. Stop to visit the 11th century Gerace Norman Cathedral, which is the largest church in Calabria and one of the region's most important Norman structures. Following, journey to a local Agriturismo Farm to have lunch with your fellow travelers. Head back to your hotel in Tropea and spend the remainder of the day free to explore and dine as you wish.

**OVERNIGHT:** SENTIDO MICHELIZIA TROPEA RESORT, TROPEA

### **Tue, November 9 TROPEA TO GIARDINI NAXOS**

Leaving Tropea, discover the enchanting Tyrrhenian coast as you journey into Reggio Calabria. Upon arrival, stop to visit the famous National Museum, which houses the World's finest examples of ancient Greek sculpture including the Bronzi di Riace, two extraordinary bronze statues discovered on the seabed near Riace in 1972 by a snorkeling chemist from Rome. Following, travel along the very southern point of the Italian Peninsula before boarding a ferry and crossing the straits of Messina to reach Taormina. Continue your drive along the Eastern Coast of Sicily and into Giardini Naxos, where you will check into your hotel for your stay. This evening, join your group in the hotel restaurant for dinner.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT:** HELLENIA YACHTING HOTEL, GIARDINI NAXOS

### **Wed, November 10 GODFATHER TOUR**

After breakfast, travel into Taormina and embark on a guided walking tour of the charming city centre that also includes the Greek/Roman amphitheatre, with its spectacular views of Giardini Naxos and Mount Etna. Also, view the picturesque Communal Gardens, known as the main green area of the town. In the afternoon, set off on a once in a lifetime experience, the "Godfather" tour, featuring the authentic villages chosen by Francis Ford Coppola for most of the scenes in the Godfather movies. Along the way, also take in views of the untouched Sicilian countryside, local lifestyle and culture. Head back to your hotel in Giardini Naxos in time to dine with your group in the hotel restaurant.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT:** HELLENIA YACHTING HOTEL, GIARDINI NAXOS

### **Thu, November 11 MT. ETNA**

This morning, embark on a guided tour to Mt. Etna, Europe's highest active volcano, which currently stands about 10,991 feet high. It is one of the most active volcanoes in the world but generally not regarded as being particularly dangerous. The fertile volcanic soils support extensive agriculture, with vineyards and orchards. Stop to visit ORO d'Etna, a family-run beekeeping farm, which produces about 30 tons of honey per year using nectar collected from the blooms of nine types of trees. See the bees working in their natural environment before touring the honey extraction laboratory and savouring a sample of

the sweet honey. Then, drive through stunning volcanic landscapes to visit the Silvestri Craters, which were formed during the 1892 eruption of Mt. Etna. Enjoy some free time to walk around the spectacular area on your own (subject to weather conditions). Following, journey to a local winery and take in enchanting views from its hillside perch as you tour the winery and see how its grapes are grown in mineral-rich volcanic soils. At the end of your tour, sample the finished product before having lunch with your group. Return to your hotel in Giardini Naxos for a free evening.

**OVERNIGHT:** HELLENIA YACHTING HOTEL, GIARDINI NAXOS

### **Fri, November 12 SYRACUSE SIGHTSEEING**

Today, travel into Siracusa and embark on a guided tour to see the highlights of the ancient Greek Capital, which was home to Archimedes, one of the greatest inventors of ancient Greece. The Greek city is known for its ancient ruins including Teatro Greco, a well-preserved Greek theatre. Along the way, visit the Archaeological Park area to see the Greek theatre, the Roman amphitheater and ancient stone quarries. Continue your journey to Ortigia for a look around the beautiful island. Transfer to your hotel in Noto, check in and enjoy some free time to freshen up before dining in the hotel restaurant with your group.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT:** GRAND HOTEL SOFIA, NOTO

### **Sat, November 13 VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES**

Departing Noto, drive into the ancient Greek city of Agrigato, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a guided tour of the Valley, which includes seven monumental Greek temples in the Doric style that were constructed during the 6th and 5th centuries B.C. Now excavated and partially restored, the Valley of the Temples is the largest and best-preserved set of ancient Greek buildings outside of Greece. Continue your journey into Palermo, a city full of character, where you will check into your hotel for your stay. This evening, dine in the hotel restaurant with your fellow travelers.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT:** HOTEL GARIBALDI, PALERMO

### **Sun, November 14 CEFALÙ SIGHTSEEING**

After breakfast, travel into the coastal city of Cefalù and stop to have lunch with your group at a local venue before enjoying some free time to experience the area's beautiful blue waters and relaxing atmosphere. Head back into Palermo, Sicily's capital, and one of the oldest Sicilian cities. Palermo is located on a coast that is rich in natural harbors and sits at the edge of the fertile "Conca d'Oro," which translated is Golden Bay. Upon arrival, embark on a guided walking tour to see the Quattro Canti, a splendid example of Spanish Baroque architecture, the Palace of the Normans, and the famous Benedictine Abbey of Monreale. Stop to admire the 12th century Cathedral, housing very fine mosaics representing a complete cycle of the Old and New Testaments. Return to your nearby hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure to sightsee, shop and dine on your own.

**OVERNIGHT:** HOTEL GARIBALDI, PALERMO

### **Mon, November 15 SALT MILL**

This morning, journey along Trapani's coastline to visit a local Salt Mill, where you will have the opportunity to walk through the salt pans off the island of Mothia and discover the salt harvesting process. Following, travel to a nearby Organic Farmhouse (Agriturismo) to enjoy a wonderful farewell lunch with your group. Return to your hotel in Palermo and spend the balance of the day at leisure. In the evening, you might like to experience a taste of Sicily by dining at a traditional restaurant.

**OVERNIGHT:** HOTEL GARIBALDI, PALERMO

### **Tue, November 16 RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES**

All too soon, your vacation has come to its final day. Transfer to Palermo Airport in good time to check in for your flight. You may do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores before boarding your aircraft and flying back to the United States.

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