An Engaging Odyssey Featuring Cultural Experiences, Archaeological Excursions, and Vineyard Explorations in the Shadow of Mount Etna

*Vineyards, Villas, and the Volcano*
Dear Alumni and Friends,

With Sicilian wine, cuisine, and culture as our inspiration, and a private villa as our home base, I invite you to join fellow alumni as we embrace the beauty of Sicily. An intimate, small-group atmosphere and authentically Sicilian experience distinguish this 9-day program.

Immerse yourself in an adventure that feeds all your senses. Explore Sicily’s ancient and archaeological history, and interact with locals—including farmers, vintners, and chefs—who make this friendly island come alive.

Journey through the landscape with expert guides who will thoughtfully introduce you to the traditions of this captivating place, and return home with stories to share and memories that will remain with you forever.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Sincerely,

Christel Aragon
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Free Wine Gift
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by October 5, 2017 to receive six bottles of Sicilian wine featuring labels by vintners in the regions you will visit during this program!

This Orbridge exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Where shipping is prohibited by state law or by retailer licensing obligations, guests in those states will receive other specialty items of comparable value. See reservation form for more details.**
Taste Sicilian Life

See how Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Norman, German, French and Spanish influences have formed this magnificent island of fertility.

We invite you to join our company of friendly Sicilian guides, chefs, and vintners for a discovery of the true Sicily. With breathtaking natural beauty, deep history, and a fabled cuisine that must be savored slowly, this is a journey that will allow you the time to explore and appreciate Italy’s most colorful region.

From coastal towns and archaeological sites to farms and vineyards in the shadow of Mount Etna, Sicily offers a bounty for the mind, heart, and all the senses.

Benvenuti!
Your 9-Day Itinerary  (subject to change)

Day 1:  En route from U.S.

Day 2:  Arrive in Catania, Sicily / Giarre (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:  Mount Etna (B,L,D)
Visit to highest active volcano in Europe and UNESCO World Heritage Site or leisure time at the villa; lunch and wine tasting at award-winning Planeta winery
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo

Day 7:  Siracusa / Ortigia (B,D)
UNESCO World Heritage Site founded by Greek Corinthians and Teneans, Roman amphitheatre, seaside stroll
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo

Day 8:  Taormina (B,L,D)
Cooking class, special farewell dinner at the villa
Overnight: Don Arcangelo all’Olmo

Day 9:  Depart Catania, Sicily (B)

Optional Extension: Days 9-11 in Palermo

Program Highlights

• Tour Sicily’s main attractions, admire the stunning surroundings, and relax in the exceptional comforts of your private villa.

• Working side-by-side in the kitchens of celebrated chefs, learn time-tested techniques and modern twists with locally grown food and boutique wines.

• Visit the coastal towns of Taormina, Catania, and Siracusa.

• Experience for yourself the vivid, flamboyant outdoor markets that breathe life into everyday shopping in Sicily.

• Take in Sicily’s archaeological masterpieces: the ancient theatres of Taormina and Siracusa, and the Villa Romana del Casale mosaics in Piazza Armerina.

What’s Included

• 7 nights accommodations at award-winning Don Arcangelo all’Olmo

• 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine

• All lessons, private tours, and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary

• Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides

• Private motor coach transportation, luggage handling, and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

• Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, wait staff for included meals, drivers, and porters

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 stairs without assistance.
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.

L’Olmo’s 24-guest capacity provides patrons an atmosphere of exclusivity—that feeling of having the surroundings nearly all to one’s self.

Property amenities include fine dining that features locally-sourced ingredients, complimentary internet, large sitting area with open fireplace, outdoor pool and Jacuzzi, colorful gardens, and fitness room.

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

**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.

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.
Optional Extension

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. Cefalù is known for its various Greek ruins, delightful streets lined with colorful shops, and its sandy beaches.

Extension Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 9: Depart Taormina / Cefalù / Arrive in Palermo (B)
Guided panoramic tour of Cefalù, the Duomo, and beaches

Day 10: Palermo (B)
Full-day guided panoramic city tour including Mercato di Capo, Jewish Quarter, the opera house Teatro Politeama, “La Cala,” Piazza Indipendenza, Porta Nuova, Piazza del Parlamento, the gardens of Villa Bonanno; and visit inside Monreale Cathedral and Teatro Massimo

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

What’s Included

• Group transfer to Palermo.
• Two nights accommodations at Grand Hotel Villa Igiea (or similar), with breakfast each morning.
• Introductory tour of Cefalù to see the old walls and beach.
• Guided walking tour through the historic center of Palermo plus a panoramic tour that includes glimpses of Teatro Politeama, “La Cala,” Piazza del Parlamento, and visit inside Monreale Cathedral.
Flavors of Sicily

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