Included Features

**Accommodations** (with baggage handling)
- 3 nights in Palermo, Italy, at the first-class Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa.
- 2 nights in Caltagirone at the Colle San Mauro, an agritourism hotel.
- 3 nights in Taormina at the first-class Eurostars Monte Tauro.

**Transfers** (with baggage handling)
- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

**Extensive Meal Program**
- 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

**Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**
- Discovery excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region.
- AHI Sustainability Promise:
  - We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

**Itinerary**

| Day 1 | Depart gateway city |
| Day 2 | Arrive in Palermo and transfer to hotel |
| Day 3 | Monreale | Palermo |
| Day 4 | Erice | Segesta |
| Day 5 | Agrigento | Caltagirone |
| Day 6 | Piazza Armerina | Caltagirone |
| Day 7 | Taormina |
| Day 8 | Syracuse |
| Day 9 | Taormina |
| Day 10 | Transfer to Catania airport and depart for gateway city |

**Inspiring Moments**

- Discover ancient Sicilian treasures, and marvel at man-made creations seemingly untouched by time.
- Soak up thespian history at Taormina’s theater, an ancient treasure set against a backdrop of sapphire coastline and a brooding Mount Etna.
- Sample the region’s delectable pizza after an exclusive cooking demonstration.
- Gaze at intricate Roman floor mosaics — including scenes of mythological sagas and African animals — at Villa Romana del Casale.
- Tour a family-run olive farm, and sample the organic olive oil produced on the property.
- Explore former centers of the Elymian civilization: Segesta and Erice.
- Experience five UNESCO World Heritage sites.

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**AHII Connects: Olive Farm Visit.** Visit an award-winning, family-owned olive farm for lunch. Enjoy a tasting, learn about the production of the oil and visit with the family.

**AHII Connects: Sicilian Pizza.** Enhance your culinary skills during a private pizza-making lesson, then enjoy a delicious lunch.

**Monreale and Palermo.** Visit Monreal's Santa Maria la Nuova, a cathedral with splendid mosaics, and admire views of the Conca d'Oro. Experience Palermo's lively market, and visit the cathedral, a blend of Gothic, Moorish and Norman architecture. Visit the Palatine Chapel in the Norman Palace; witness the Arab-Norman domes of Saint John of the Hermits; and see Italy's largest theater.

**Erice and Segesta.** In Erice, see two medieval castles and walls that date from the Phoenician era, and marvel at Romanesque architecture of the Norman Duomo. In ancient Segesta, see a spectacular Doric temple and a theater carved into the side of Mount Barbaio.

**Agrigento and the Valley of the Temples.** Agrigento, founded in the sixth century B.C., features an impressive collection of ruins. Visit Agrigento’s Valley of the Temples, and see the Temple of Hercules, the Temple of Concord and the Temple of Jupiter.

**Sicily’s Mosaics.** Visit Piazza Armerina and the Villa Romana del Casale. See a display of mosaics that depicts everything from scenes of daily life to flowers and plants. This visual delight is one of the best examples of Roman mosaics remaining in the world!

**Caltagirone.** One of eight late baroque towns in the Val di Noto, Caltagirone is known for its hand-painted majolica ceramics. At the Church of Santa Maria de Monte, see the 142-step staircase with a unique painted ceramic riser between each step.

**Taormina.** Explore Taormina atop Monte Tauro, and visit an ancient Greek theater with awe-inspiring coastal vistas.

**Syracuse.** Visit the Archaeological Park in historic Syracuse, home to the Teatro Greco, a well-preserved ancient theater. Wind through the charming lanes of Syracuse’s Old Town, take in the tranquility of the elegant Piazza del Duomo, and enter the Duomo, built on the site of the Temple of Athena.

**UNESCO World Heritage**
1. Arab-Norman Palermo and the Cathedral Churches of Monreale
2. Archaeological Area of Agrigento
3. Villa Romana del Casale
4. Late Baroque Towns of the Val di Noto
5. Syracuse

**Enrichment**
- Mafia — Past and Present
- Sicilian Agriculture

**Electives**
We’ve designed an engaging excursion to take you further afield.

**Mount Etna.** Get an up-close encounter with Europe’s largest active volcano. Begin your journey with an ascent along the lower slopes of the volcano to the Silvestri craters. Watch as the scenery changes from orchards, woods and vineyards, and learn about the history of Mount Etna.

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