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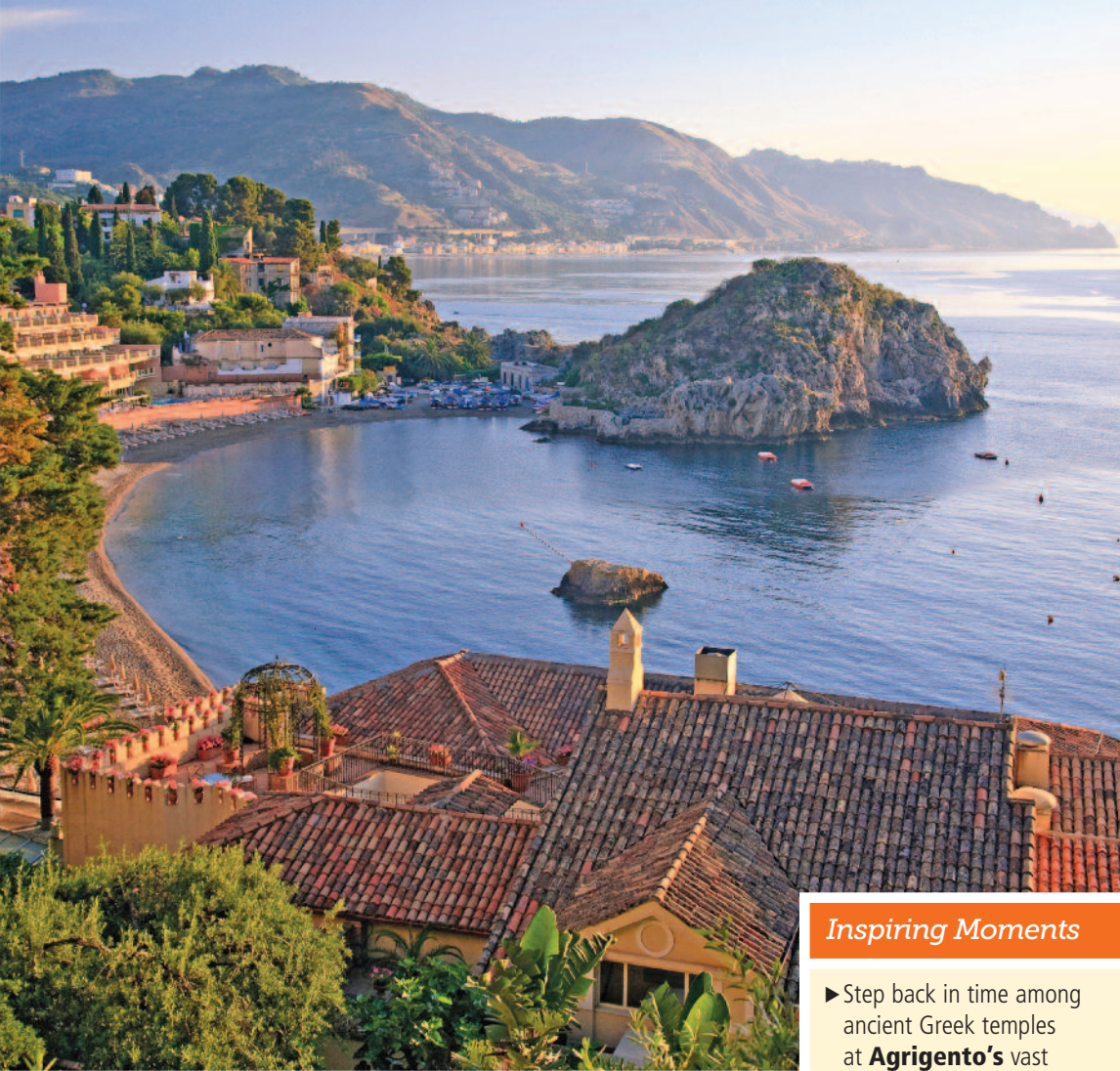
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A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the rhythm of the community, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

Inspiring Moments

- Step back in time among ancient Greek temples at **Agrigento's** vast archaeological site.
- See the lavish world of a fourth-century Roman nobleman in the **detailed mosaics of Villa Romana del Casale**.
- Experience the **Sicilian countryside** and all its bounty at an agriturismo hotel.
- Enjoy Sicilian hospitality as you tour and taste at a **family-run olive farm**.
- Gaze at the **historic harbor of Ortigia** from the chic rooftop bar of your Syracuse hotel.
- Learn to **prepare pizza the Sicilian way** at a private cooking lesson.
- Take in a **stunning view of Mount Etna** while visiting the popular resort town Taormina.

Above: Taormina



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Discover the intriguing island of Sicily. Known for its natural beauty, well-preserved Greek and Roman ruins and baroque architecture, it is a cultural crossroads set in the glittering Mediterranean Sea.

Spend three nights in Palermo, two in Caltagirone and three in Syracuse to explore Sicily from cosmopolitan coast to quaint countryside. A special feature of this program is the time we will spend in and around Caltagirone; the heartland of Sicily has so much for us to see and experience!

Your expertly planned itinerary includes special cultural experiences, behind-the-scenes excursions and preferred access to popular attractions. Along with the security and ease of group travel, get an in-depth look at the local culture and history through exclusive educational content.

Space is limited in this popular program, so please make your reservations without delay!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stan Key'.

Stan Key '72

Director of Alumni Affairs

Executive Director of UK Alumni Association

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Erice





Explore enchanting Sicily to see firsthand how Western, Islamic and Byzantine cultures come together on this historic Mediterranean island. Begin in Palermo, a showplace of different architectural styles. Continue to an agriturismo hotel in Caltagirone to experience Sicily's countryside and cuisine, then travel to Syracuse to view stunning Greek and Roman ruins as well as baroque palaces and churches. Your Sicilian adventure unlocks this fascinating island time capsule filled with 3,000 years of civilization's treasures.

DAY ONE

IN TRANSIT

Depart your gateway city for Palermo, Italy.✈

DAY TWO

PALERMO, ITALY

Upon arrival in Palermo, transfer✈ and check in to the Grand Hotel Et Des Palmes.

Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY THREE

PALERMO | MONREALE

Educational Focus: *Sicily, a Country Within a Country.*

Excursion: *Palermo and Monreale.* Visit Palermo's Cathedral. The church's architecture blends Gothic, Norman, and Moorish styles, mirroring the city's history. Take in the glittering



gold and gemstone mosaics inside the Palatine Chapel in the Norman Palace as well as the Islamic-influenced domes of St. John of the Hermits, a 12th-century Norman church, and the neoclassical Teatro Massimo. Feast your senses during a tour of a local market stocked with the region's just-picked produce and fresh catch. In Monreale, view Santa Maria la Nuova's detailed mosaics and hilltop vistas.

Local Flavor: Enjoy the flavors of Sicilian cuisine with lunch at a Palermo restaurant.

DAY FOUR

SEGESTA | ERICE

Excursion: *Segesta.* Ancient Segesta was home



Segesta



Hand-crafted Sicilian carretto

to both the indigenous Elymians and the Greeks, who settled there in the sixth century B.C. Explore the well-preserved ruins of this city, including its spectacular Doric temple and grand theater carved into the side of Mount Barbaro.

Educational Focus and Local Flavor: Meet the People. At a traditional family olive farm, learn how olive oil is made by the farmers themselves, taste the delicious oils and enjoy a taste of local dishes during a buffet lunch.

Excursion: Erice. Like Segesta, Erice was home to the Elymians. This hilltop city is known for its Phoenician walls and two castles. See the Norman Duomo, a Romanesque masterpiece.

Educational Focus: Mafia, Past and Present.

DAY FIVE

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AGRIGENTO | CALTAGIRONE

Excursion: Agrigento. In this ancient city founded by Greek colonists in the sixth century B.C., step back in time at the Valley of the Temples, one of Europe's most impressive classical sites. Walk through the Temple of Hercules, the Doric Temple of Concord, and the unfinished Temple of Jupiter.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch near Agrigento.

Continue to Caltagirone in the heart of the Sicilian countryside and check in to Colle San Mauro, an agriturismo hotel. Take a scenic ride in an open-air vehicle through the property's orchards, gardens, and vineyards before feasting on a farm-to-table dinner featuring home-grown produce and wine made from the farm's vineyards.

DAY SIX

B I D

CALTAGIRONE

Excursion: Inner Sicily. Witness Sicily's quiet countryside, dotted citrus and fig trees and prickly pear cacti, as you travel through the Val di Noto to visit Modica, Ragusa and Caltagirone, three of eight late baroque towns in the Val di Noto that were rebuilt in spectacular fashion after two earthquakes devastated them in 1693. The rebuilding effort resulted in a great achievement of urban planning and baroque design.



Caltagirone



Traditional pottery, Caltagirone



Catania

After it was rebuilt, Modica had two town centers. The original town sat atop a hill, but the new town was built below it, and it is home to impressive baroque cathedrals.

The medieval town of Ragusa also has an old town and a new town. The new town has a bevy of baroque architecture: nine churches and seven palazzi, among the new buildings constructed after the quakes. Stroll through the square and gardens in the old town. Visit St. George's Cathedral.

After lunch on your own in Ragusa, end the afternoon in Caltagirone, which also has an impressive collection of pre- and post-earthquake architecture. The town also 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.

Local Flavor: Sample more farm-fresh dishes during dinner at Colle San Mauro.

DAY SEVEN

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PIAZZA ARMERINA | SYRACUSE

Educational Focus: *Roman Mosaics.*

Excursion: Piazza Armerina and Villa Romana del Casale. A magnificent example of a Roman country house, Villa del Casale dates from the fourth century. Visit the villa to wonder at its more than 12,000 square feet of Roman mosaics, considered the best example of the art form remaining in the world.

Continue to Syracuse to check in to Des Étrangers Hotel & Spa.

Excursion: Syracuse. Stroll through the showcase of medieval and baroque design in the historic city center of Syracuse on the island of Ortygia. Then, tour the extensive Greek and Roman ruins in Syracuse's Neapolis Archaeological Park. Visit the Greek theater



where Aeschylus saw his later tragedies performed in the fifth century B.C., the well-preserved Roman amphitheater and more.

DAY EIGHT

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TAORMINA

Excursion: Taormina. Tour this fashionable resort town, a showplace of 14th- and 15th-century palaces set high on Mount Tauro above the sparkling Ionian Sea. Explore Taormina's Greek Theater, with views of Mount Etna as dramatic as the plays performed on its ancient stage.

Local Flavor: Enjoy a pizza-making lesson, followed by an authentic Sicilian pizza lunch at a family-run restaurant.


Independent Exploration: The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy Taormina at leisure.

DAY NINE

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SYRACUSE

Independent Exploration: The day is at leisure to explore on your own.

 **ELECTIVE | Catania.** Visit the historic city of Catania, which is part of the Late Baroque Towns of the Val di Noto, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Take in the highlights of this port city, including Roman ruins, baroque churches and the markets of Piazza del Duomo. Enjoy lunch at your leisure, perhaps sampling Catania's plentiful and popular street food.



Then visit the Historic Museum of the Landing in Sicily 1943 to learn about the Allied arrival there during World War II.

This evening, share highlights of your Sicilian adventure with fellow travelers at Farewell Reception and Dinner.

DAY TEN

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IN TRANSIT

After breakfast, transfer✈ to the Catania airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

✈ Provided for AHI FlexAir participants

B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

 Elective experiences available at an additional cost



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PALERMO



COLLE SAN MAURO
CALTAGIRONE



DES ÉTRANGERS HOTEL & SPA
SYRACUSE



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- ☐ Please contact me regarding air options.
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Land Program

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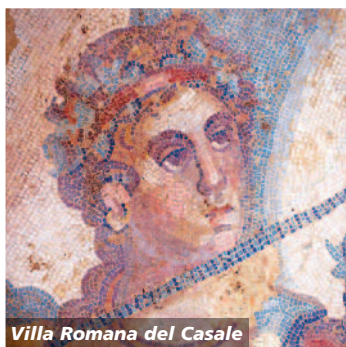
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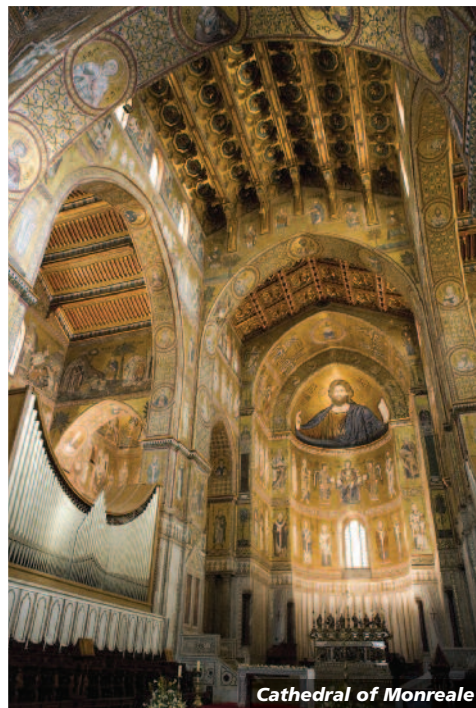
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2. **Late Baroque Towns of the Val di Noto**
3. **Villa Romana del Casale**
4. **Arab-Norman Palermo and the Cathedral Church of Monreale**



Agrigento



Villa Romana del Casale



Cathedral of Monreale

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ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

- Three nights in Palermo, Italy, at the Grand Hotel et Des Palmes.
- Two nights in Caltagirone at the Colle San Mauro.
- Three nights in Syracuse at the Des Étrangers Hotel & Spa.

TRANSFERS

- All deluxe motor coach transfer(s) in the Land/Cruise Program and baggage handling.

MEALS

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, including eight breakfasts, four lunches and four dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties at local restaurants.
- Attend a special Welcome Reception and Dinner.
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 - Explore the cities of Palermo and Monreale.
 - Discover charming Segesta and Erice.
 - Delve into the ancient history of Agrigento.
 - Experience life in the Sicilian heartland by staying at an agriturismo hotel and visiting the towns of the Val di Noto.
 - Admire the extraordinary ancient mosaics at a Roman villa.
 - Stroll through the ancient city of Syracuse.
 - See Mount Etna in the distance as you explore the town of Taormina.
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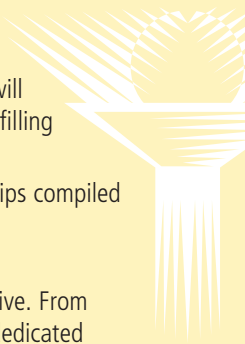
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Cathedral, Syracuse



Ragusa, Val di Noto

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