

St. Francis Sicilia, Sorrento and Roma!

Jun 14 - Jun 25, 2020

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Depart From:

San Francisco



what's included

- ✓ Round-Trip Flights
- ✓ Centrally Located Hotels
- ✓ 24-Hour Tour Manager
- ✓ Guided Sightseeing of Palermo
- ✓ Monreale and Cefalu
- ✓ Erice and Segesta
- ✓ Agrigento
- ✓ Piazza Armerina
- ✓ Taormina
- ✓ Mount Etna by Cable Car
- ✓ Overnight Ferry
- ✓ Herculaneum
- ✓ Capri
- ✓ Colosseum
- ✓ Vatican Museums with Reservation



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“Our tour guide was phenomenal; he went above and beyond my expectations. His knowledge of the area and the history behind it was most impressive.”

Matthew L. Participant

trip itinerary - 12 days

Jun 14, 2020: Overnight Flight

Depart from the USA.

Jun 15, 2020: Palermo

Arrive in beautiful Palermo and begin to explore the Sicilian capital. (D)

Jun 16, 2020: Palermo

Enjoy a morning guided sightseeing tour of Palermo, a port that has been controlled by numerous rulers throughout history including the Romans, the Saracens and the Normans. The city's Norman heritage can be seen throughout its historical buildings. In the afternoon travel to Monreale, a picturesque Sicilian town south of Palermo for sightseeing and a visit to the cathedral with its mix of Norman, Byzantine, and Arab architecture. Continue to the tranquil village of Cefalù before returning to Palermo. (B,D)

Jun 17, 2020: Palermo

Journey to Selinunte today, which, like Syracuse, was once a powerful Greek city-state. Visit impressive ruins of Greek Temples that represent the former colony's prosperous and powerful past. Continue to Erice for a visit before returning to Palermo for dinner and the overnight. (B,D)

Jun 18, 2020: Agrigento

Travel towards Agrigento and visit the Valley of the Temples, a world-famous site of seven immense and well-preserved temples. Much of the region is still not excavated but the visible temples are perfect examples of Greek architecture. (B,D)

Jun 19, 2020: Taormina

Travel to Piazza Armerina for a guided visit to see its massive 15th century Cathedral and one of the world's richest and most impressive collections of Roman mosaics at the Roman Villa at Casale. Continue towards Taormina for a free afternoon. (B,D)

Jun 20, 2020: Overnight Ferry

In the morning tour the sights that attracted many artists and writers over the years, including D. H. Lawrence. See the town center, which is accessible by funicular, the famous beaches and enjoy a visit to the remarkably preserved Greek Amphitheater. This afternoon ascend to 2,500 meters via a scenic cable car ride to see one of the largest and most active volcanoes in Europe, Mount Etna. Taking in the spectacular views from the mountainside, it is easy to see why the ancient Greeks believed the volcano was the work of Hephaestus, the Greek god of fire. Tonight transfer to Catania to board your overnight ferry. (B,D)

Jun 21, 2020: Sorrento

Disembark in Salerno and board your bus to Herculaneum for a guided tour. Continue to Sorrento for the evening. (B,D)

Jun 22, 2020: Sorrento

Board a high-speed hydrofoil to cross the Bay of Naples to Capri, the Island of Dreams. Upon arriving on the island, take the funicular past subtropical gardens to the main square. There is time to wander through the narrow lanes and shop in the tiny artisan stores that line the square. (B,D)



Jun 23, 2020: Rome

Depart this morning for Rome. Upon arrival, sightseeing introduces you to this ancient city. With a local guide providing commentary via personal headsets, go inside the iconic and historic Colosseum (your timed reservation ensures no waiting in line) and learn the many stories of this nearly 2,000-year-old Roman landmark that's considered one of the architectural wonders of the ancient world. (B,D)

Jun 24, 2020: Rome

Today arrive at the Vatican for a Papal Audience (pending availability). Afterwards, our local expert accompanies you through the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica, giving commentary via personal headsets. The best part is that these are timed entrances, meaning you'll breeze right by the long lines facing other tourists. Finally, we'll say goodbye to Rome (and a fantastic week in Italy) with an evening passeggiata to the Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain. (B,D)

Jun 25, 2020: Departure

Depart for the USA. (B)

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.





tour cost

Participant Fees

Program Fee	\$5999
Saver Date Incentive	\$-200

Total Participant Fees ²	\$5799
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² Valid through 10/01/19 with \$200 deposit.

Additional Fees (as applicable)	
Adult Surcharge	\$100
Single Room Supplement	\$890
Double Room Supplement	\$485
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$360
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$300

notes from acis

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education



81%

of those that traveled in middle school or high school continued their studies at the college level compared to the national average of 68%



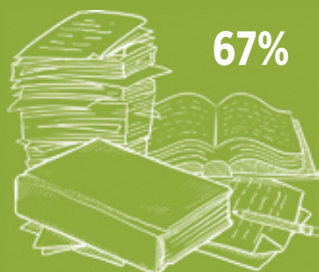
of travelers who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.



57%

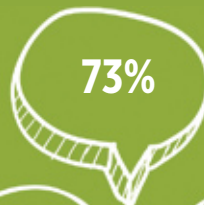
of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

language skills



67%

of students continued to study foreign language in college.



73%

of ACIS travelers say they speak one foreign language fairly well compared with 18% of the American population.

personal development



94% felt more independent after their trip.

78% saw an increase in their problem solving skills.

92% noted improvement in their interpersonal skills.



65%

have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

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