PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & SICILY

12 DAYS: NOVEMBER 2 – 13, 2020

Visiting
PALERMO * AGRIGENTO * SIRACUSA
TAORMINA * SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO * ROME

Hosted by
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$3479 FROM NEWARK
(Air/land tour price is $2999 plus $480 government taxes/airline surcharges)

Clockwise from above: Palermo Cathedral; St. Peter’s Basilica; San Giovanni Rotondo

QUALITY TOURS SINCE 1949
DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

NEWARK/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Depart Newark today on board your transatlantic jet flight to Italy. Enjoy dinner on the flight, followed by a full-length movie.

ARRIVE ROME/PALERMO
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Arrive Rome, Italy’s capital city. After clearing customs formalities, board a short flight to Palermo, Sicily. You will be met and escorted to your hotel. (D)

PALERMO
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Your city tour includes the Church of St. John of the Hermits and the cathedral, built in 1185. Also see the Royal Palace with its “Cappella Palatina” (Palatine Chapel), rich in art and mosaics. This afternoon drive up to Monreale for a panoramic view of the Conca d’Oro. Next, visit the 12th century Norman Cathedral, decorated with over 50,000 square feet of precious mosaics. Time permitting, stop at the picturesque fishing village of Mondello before returning to Palermo for the night. (B,D)

PALERMO/SELRINUNTE/AGRIGENTO
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
This morning drive to the 7th century B.C. lost city of Selinunte. Visit the archaeological ruins, including Latomie, the Dorian Temples and Acropolis. Continue to Agrigento for a walking tour, including a visit to the famous Valley of the Temples. These grand ruins dating from 650 B.C. are a living tribute to the powerful presence of Greek civilization in Sicily. (B,D)

AGRIGENTO/PIAZZA ARMERINA/SIRACUSA
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Drive to Piazza Armerina and visit the 4th century Roman Villa of Casale, adorned with beautiful multi-colored mosaics. Proceed to the ancient city of Siracusa for the night. (B,D)

SIRACUSA/MT. ETNA/TAORMINA
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
Your tour this morning will include the Temple of Apollo, the Temple of Athena, Fonte Arethusa, the Greek Theatre, the pagan altar of Ierone which was once used for sacrifices, the Roman Amphitheater, and the Cave of Dionysius’ Ear. This afternoon drive to Mount Etna, the highest volcano in Europe, and still active. The Rifugio La Sapienza, at about 2,000 meters above sea level, is the last point that can be reached by coach. Descend Mt. Etna to the picturesque seaside resort of Taormina. (B,D)

TAORMINA
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Enjoy a walking tour of Taormina, including the Greek-Roman Theater with its spectacular view of Mt. Etna, the Palazzo Corvaja and the little shops in Corso Umberto. The afternoon is at leisure to relax or shop in the elegant boutiques. (B,D)
TAORMINA/MESSINA
SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Drive along the coast to Messina where you board a ferry across the Straits of Messina. Land in Villa San Giovanni, at the toe of Italy’s “boot.” Proceed north through the rugged Calabria region and continue eastward to San Giovanni Rotondo, the home and burial place of Saint Padre Pio, canonized in Rome on June 16, 2002, by Pope John Paul II. Overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo. (B,D)

SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO/ROME
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Born as Francesco Forgione of Pietrelcina, Padre Pio was the first priest in the history of the Roman Catholic Church to bear the wounds of Christ (the stigmata) on his body. He bore the stigmata for 50 years, and lived in the 20th century in Southern Italy, passing away in 1968. Though basically a cloistered monk, he erected one of the greatest hospitals in all of Europe, which he called the House for the Relief of Suffering. He spent most of his time in the confessional, where he could read the sins of penitents in their hearts, and often reminded them of transgressions that they themselves had forgotten. Enjoy your guided tour of the Shrine of Padre Pio, a Capuchin friar, priest and mystic known for his devotion to God, care for the sick and supernatural gifts. In Mont Sant’ Angelo, see the Sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel, where the Archangel Michael is said to have appeared in 490, 492 and 1656 and consecrated the shrine himself. After your tour, drive to Rome. The Eternal City has been attracting visitors since the beginning of western civilization. Rome is so rich in history and cultural monuments that one could scarcely see and absorb it all in a lifetime. (B)

ROME – PAPAL AUDIENCE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
This morning, attend an Audience with Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. In the afternoon visit the Papal Basilicas of St. Peter in Chains containing Michelangelo’s statue of Moses, St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran as well as the Catacombs, an early Christian burial place. (B)

ROME
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
After breakfast proceed on a sightseeing tour of Vatican City, including the Vatican Museum and Gallery and the Sistine Chapel featuring Michelangelo’s famous frescos. The afternoon is at leisure for shopping and exploring this exciting city on your own. (B)

ROME/NEWARK
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Your Italian and Sicilian adventure is over as you transfer to the airport and board your return flight back to Newark, arriving the same day. (B)

(B) ~ Breakfast    (D) ~ Dinner
12 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & SICILY ♦ RESERVATION FORM ♦

Please read the all-inclusive tour features and conditions. Then complete this handy form. Book early!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

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ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED:
☐ double room sharing with ________________
☐ single room ($850 extra per person)

Enclosed is my check for $ _____________ as Deposit ($800 per person) for ____ person(s)

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PLEASE INCLUDE A CLEAR PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT WITH THIS RESERVATION FORM
GENERAL CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENT:
Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit of $800 per person. No reservation is considered firm until deposit has been received. Your initial deposit payment may be made to NAWAS or to a travel agent of your choice or electronically via our automated airline computer systems in alphabetical order. Your deposit will be held by Nawas for a period of 100 days after the deposit date. If the deposit is not received within that time, the reservation will be cancelled and forfeit of $100 per person per trip and hotels of your choice. Nawas encourages the use of cash or personal checks, as credit card fees are non-refundable.

CANCELLATIONS:
Written cancellations received by Nawas Travel up to 100 days prior to departure, refunds will be made less a $400 per person cancellation fee. From 99 to 70 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a $800 per person cancellation fee. Cancellations that occur within 70 days of departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a cancellation fee of 50% of the total tour price per person. Cancellation fees are not refundable. Nawas Travel reserves the right to cancel any tour at any time without prior notice. It is the responsibility of each passenger to check with their airline prior to departure for any cancellations or changes in the itinerary, or the acts and omissions of the tour leader/host or travel agent. Nawas assumes no responsibility for the safety or security of their passengers while on tour. If Nawas cancels the tour due to military action, travel documents for each country to be visited on their trip must be obtained and paid for in full by the passenger. The passenger must obtain a copy of their itinerary upon arrival at each destination prior to departure. No refund will be given for unused services while on tour.

TRAVELERS REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE:
Disabled travelers requiring special attention or care must accompany themselves with a physically capable companion. Nawas does not guarantee specific seat assignments. Seat assignments for groups are made at the discretion of the airline or operator on a space-available basis. Nawas reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary if needed including deleting and adding destinations as circumstances may dictate. Nawas assumes no responsibility for the safety or security of their passengers while on tour. If Nawas cancels the tour due to military action, travel documents for each country to be visited on their trip must be obtained and paid for in full by the passenger. The passenger must obtain a copy of their itinerary upon arrival at each destination prior to departure. No refund will be given for unused services while on tour.

AIRLINE SEATING:
Nawas contracts non-refundable bulk group airfares in standard economy class. Airlines have the right to reassign seats and取消 seat assignments at the discretion of the airline and are typically allocated by automated airline computer systems in alphabetical order. Seat assignments will not be advised until check-in at the airport. Nawas cannot request and does not guarantee specific seat assignments. Nawas does not guarantee specific seat assignments. Seat assignments for groups are made at the discretion of the airline or operator on a space-available basis. Nawas reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary if needed including deleting and adding destinations as circumstances may dictate. Nawas assumes no responsibility for the safety or security of their passengers while on tour. If Nawas cancels the tour due to military action, travel documents for each country to be visited on their trip must be obtained and paid for in full by the passenger. The passenger must obtain a copy of their itinerary upon arrival at each destination prior to departure. No refund will be given for unused services while on tour.

AIR TRANSPORTATION:
By any IATA/ARC air carrier or other scheduled jet carrier in standard economy class. Nawas generally book 31 nights prior to the due date. Airline tickets are not refundable once issued. Airline security fees and airline imposed international overseas airport taxes, overseas local government taxes, fuel surcharges, government fees and taxes, and other surcharges are not to be held responsible. Changes in the itinerary, or the acts and omissions of the tour leader/host or travel agent. Nawas assumes no responsibility for the safety or security of their passengers while on tour. If Nawas cancels the tour due to military action, travel documents for each country to be visited on their trip must be obtained and paid for in full by the passenger. The passenger must obtain a copy of their itinerary upon arrival at each destination prior to departure. No refund will be given for unused services while on tour.

SERVICE CHARGES/ TAXES:
Includes a built-in 5% of all tour prices. Service charges and taxes normally included in bills, government fees, and taxes are subject to change without notice. In the event of fluctuations in exchange rates. All prices are subject to change without notice and while every effort will be made to hold them firm, they are subject to change. Please note that healthcare/medical costs outside the U.S.A. are not covered by Medicare and many private medical insurance plans. Please consult with your health insurance carrier to determine the necessary health/medical coverage for overseas travel.

STATE DEPARTMENT/GOVT AGENCIES:
On occasion, a U.S. or foreign government agency, such as the U.S. State Department (www.state.gov), can issue travel advisories, warning, or alert for a destination or surrounding area you may be visiting while on tour. Nawas encourages you to refer to these agencies to obtain the most current and up-to-date travel notices. The terms and conditions of your tour program, including cancellation policies, cannot be altered based on any occurrence whatsoever. Please review your travel insurance, warnings, or alerts issued by the U.S. or foreign countries where your tour is scheduled to visit, including but not limited to war/terrorism, disease, or natural disasters. Cancellation penalties remain in full effect and no exceptions can be made.

RESPONSIBILITY:
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Nawas strongly recommends trip insurance. Insurance for trip cancellation, medical evacuation, medical emergencies, baggage, etc. is available for purchase. Cancellation insurance will be sent upon written request. Please refer to your travel insurance policy for complete details.

EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY:
Nawas assumes no responsibility or liability to the passenger for any act, omission or event, whatsoever, including but not limited to, acts or omissions of its direct employees, Nawas is not liable for any act or omission of any supplier providing services on their behalf, including, but not limited to, the acts or omissions of the tour leader/host or travel agent. Nawas assumes no responsibility for the safety or security of their passengers while on tour. If Nawas cancels the tour due to military action, travel documents for each country to be visited on their trip must be obtained and paid for in full by the passenger. The passenger must obtain a copy of their itinerary upon arrival at each destination prior to departure. Airline tickets are not refundable once issued. Airline security fees and airline imposed international overseas airport taxes, overseas local government taxes, fuel surcharges, government fees and taxes, and other surcharges are not to be held responsible. Changes in the itinerary, or the acts and omissions of the tour leader/host or travel agent. Nawas assumes no responsibility for the safety or security of their passengers while on tour. If Nawas cancels the tour due to military action, travel documents for each country to be visited on their trip must be obtained and paid for in full by the passenger. The passenger must obtain a copy of their itinerary upon arrival at each destination prior to departure. No refund will be given for unused services while on tour.

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