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The Women's Travel Group Presents:
CHRISTMAS MARKETS SICILY

Travel Dates: December 1-9, 2017

9 days, 7 nights accommodation, sightseeing, some meals



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Visiting Italy during the Christmas season offers two bonuses – you'll avoid the high summer season tourist crowds plus get to see the country decked out in all its holiday finery. Sicily is an exquisite island with wheat fields, almond groves, vineyards, off-shore islands, Greek, Roman, Arab, Norman, Spanish, and Italian sites. Mt. Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe, can provide unusual light shows. Sicily was a major part of many empires and its unusual history shows in buildings, food, crafts etc. Weather in early December is 60-65 during the day and Christmas decorations even markets might be up in some areas. Sicily is home to gelato, cannoli, marsala wine, sesame biscuits and many other culinary favorites.

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Dec 1st Thu – Depart the USA for Italy Leave New York (JFK) on your overnight flight to Sicily, (Catania). **International flights are not included.**

Dec 2nd Fri TAORMINA. Arrival in Catania. Upon arrival into Catania airport collect, luggage, then group transfer for group flight to the hotel. Explore on your own this afternoon. Our hotel is centrally located in Taormina so you may easily start your exploration. Taormina was Sicily's first resort city built on a cliff overlooking the sea. It has amazing views of the sea from lovely cafes covered in bougainvillea. Welcome dinner at hotel restaurant. **(Dinner)**

Note from last trip: shops and casual cafes are a very short walk; the views and homes nearby are amazing.

Dec 3rd Sat TAORMINA. After breakfast enjoy a guided tour of Taormina. Visit the "Teatro Greco", a Greek amphitheater, with spectacular views of Mount Etna, the largest and most active volcano in Europe. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Explore the local shops specializing in fine embroidery, coral, and lace and enjoy delicious seafood in the many local restaurants in Taormina. Or take a bus to nearby towns. **(Breakfast and Dinner-local restaurant).**

Dec 4th Sun SIRACUSA After breakfast depart for Syracuse. Visit the Neapolis archaeological park in Siracusa featuring the well-preserved Roman Amphitheatre, Greco Roman edifices and the Greek theatre. See the excavations including the "Ear of Dionysius" and the Roman Temple. Walk through the historical center on the Ortigia Island to admire the Cathedral, the Aretusa fountain and the ancient streets. Modern Syracuse is a lovely seaside city winding streets and magnificent Baroque buildings. Return to Taormina. **(Breakfast)**

Dec 5th Mon PIAZZA ARMERINA / AGRIGENTO / PALERMO. After breakfast depart for Palermo. On the way to Palermo, visit Piazza Armerina and Agrigento. First stop, 2 hrs from Taormina visit Villa del Casale at Piazza Armerina, a Roman Villa known for its beautiful well-preserved Roman mosaics, but only excavated in the 20th century and **one of the most important sites in Sicily** because of its unusually beautiful and detailed mosaics. Proceed to Agrigento enjoy a guided tour of the archaeological site named the "Valley of the Temples", a UNESCO World Heritage site. Rising southernmost on the traces of the old town, this archaeological park includes many temples built in the 5th and 6th centuries B. C. and it's still today an excellent example of Greek civilization. Although primarily a Greek site, there are also early Christian ruins and some of the earliest Christian catacombs. Continue to Palermo, 2.5 hrs from Agrigento, arrival around 06.30pm check in at our hotel. **(Breakfast, Dinner-local restaurant).** **Note: Our last group said the Roman Villa felt as if the Romans had just left.**

Dec 6th Tue PALERMO. Palermo/Monreale. We recommend early breakfast to discover the lively Ballarò market in central Palermo-one of the bibbest in Europe. The market is an explosion of colored fresh vegetables; this is the vibrant heart of Palermo and an opportunity you can't miss. After the market 9.30 am approx depart for our guided tour of Palermo, Sicily's capital, **featured as one of the newest tourist trends**. It prospered under the Romans, but its high point in art and culture was under the Arabs. Later when the Normans invaded Sicily, it became the capital of their kingdom. Architecturally, Palermo flourished in the 17th and 18th centuries and its Baroque buildings evoke this period. Visit The Palazzo dei Normanni, Palatine Chapel and Cathedral. Visit Monreale, with its spectacular Duomo famed for its 12th and 13th century mosaics. **(Breakfast, Dinner-local restaurant)** **Note from last trip: Stop by the Opera House where The Godfather was filmed. All of Palermo evokes Godfather movie sets and sounds.**

Dec 7th Wed ERICE MARSALA. After breakfast, there is full day excursion, first to the hilltop town of Erice then to Marsala. Erice is a medieval town, built on Monte San Giuliano with incredible walls, fine paved streets, Middle Age stone houses and famous pastries originally made by nuns and still sold today. Then on to an Oil Mill and Farmhouse, Baglio Fontanasalsa, to have a country lunch with simple Sicilian food at a working olive farm. **This fabulous lunch is featured in a video on our Facebook page.** After lunch drive along Trapani coastline, see salt pans and Sicilian windmills, it is possible to see numerous dazzlingly white mountains shimmering in the sun. These are hills of salt, an unreal scenario created by the salt flats, which form a sort of immense chessboard in colors from off-green to pink. We reach Marsala, famous for its namesake wine. We visit a prestigious local winery to discover the secrets of wine production and taste some of their great wines. Return to Palermo in the afternoon around 6 pm. **(Breakfast, Lunch, wine tasting)** **Note from last trip: buy flavored salts as gifts, beautifully wrapped and delicious in lemon/orange and other flavors.**

Dec 8th Thu CEFALU' CASTELBUONO After breakfast visit Cefalu founded on a hillside facing the sea near Palermo. It retains its medieval appearance with the center of the town located around a Norman cathedral built in the 12th century. As a leading bishopric there are many churches. The homes have interesting architecture and views. Proceed inland to discover Castelbuono a small ancient village in the Madonie Park rich in historical and artistic attractions. This internal region between the Northern Coast and Central Sicily has a wealth of ancient small villages, where many people still live according to the Sicilian traditions. This area is also famous for genuine traditional food, have a country lunch of regional products. Return to Palermo. Tonight is the **Holiday for the Immaculate Conception**, join the locals for the traditional procession in town, starting at 6.30 pm, your guide will give you details. **(Breakfast, lunch, dinner-restaurant)** **Note: This is a must; take photos and record the music while you walk with the friendly crowd to the Cathedral for a real feel of medieval Sicily.**

Dec 9th Fri DEPARTURE Transfer to Palermo Airport for group flight back home. **(Breakfast).** **International flights are not included**

NOTES: This tour coincides with orange season; Sicilian oranges are world famous and found in many deserts and candies. Some villages might have early Christmas Markets and all will be decorated seasonally. There are photos of prior groups to Sicily on our website. This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- Round trip group airport transfers into Catania and out of Palermo. (Transfers are based on a departure at 11:00 am from Catania airport, and at 6:00 am from Palermo hotel. (Earlier or later transfers are not included but can be booked optionally).
- Baggage handling at the airport for your arrival and departure. (Based on one bag per person)
- Services of a professional tour director throughout the program.
- First class hotel accommodations
- 3 nights at the 4* Hotel Excelsior in Taormina (or similar)
- 4 nights at the 4* Central Palace hotel in Sorrento (or similar)
- Including hotel tax and service charges.
- Daily breakfasts, 2 lunches and 5 dinners including beverages (1/2 mineral water and ¼ wine during meals).
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach transportation for all transfers, tours and guided excursions.
- Wine tasting
- Guided Tours: Palermo and Monreale, Agrigento, Piazza Armenia, Taormina and Siracusa
- Entrance fees: Palatine Chapel, Monreale Cathedral, Valle dei Templi, Villa del Casale, Greek Theatre Taormina, Archeological Park Siracusa.
- All VAT city and local Tax.

EXCLUSIONS

- Transfers outside the set scheduled transfer times
- Meals and beverage not mentioned in itinerary
- Personal expenses (Mini bar – Laundry – Phones –etc.)
- Tips for guides, Assistants and Drivers.
- Travel Insurance
- Everything not mentioned under “Price includes”
- Tips to porters
- Items of personal nature (Landry – dry cleaning – minibar etc...)
- Arrival private transfer from Catania to the hotel in Taormina: \$160 per car (1 or 2 people)
- Departure private transfer from hotel in Palermo to Palermo airport: \$130 per car (1 or 2 people)

PRICING

Pricing: Tour price is **\$2,899** per person land only, in double occupancy based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together for the duration of the trip. For single occupancy, add \$525. Taxes are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change. Airfare is available at an additional cost. The price does not include airfare, tips, travel insurance, airline luggage overage fees, passports fees, visas as well as items of a personal nature. Optional Tours require a minimum number of passengers to operate. This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.



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RESERVATION FORM

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*****Reservation Deadline September 1, 2017. Book now to secure your place, as space is limited.**TSA SECURE FLIGHTREQUIREMENT**PLEASE SUBMIT NAMES EXACTLY AS THEY APPEAR ON PASSPORTS:**

Passenger 1: _____ Date of Birth: _____ ☐ M / ☐ F
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Passport #: _____ **Country of Issue:** _____ **Date issued:** _____ **Expiration date:** _____

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- ☐ Please reserve me in a single room at a supplement (Add US\$525 for single supplement - limited availability)
- ☐ Arrival private transfer Catania to Taormina (\$160 1 or 2 people) ☐ Departure private transfer from Palermo Hotel to Palermo airport. (\$130 for 1 or 2 people)
- I am rooming with: _____ I am traveling with: _____

Notes (Diet, optional tours etc.): _____

PAYMENT: Early bird tour price is **\$150 off** per person if booked by **April 1, 2017** – Single room supplement is **\$525** – limited availability. (Room sharing is guaranteed for early bird bookings) **Deposit:** A \$600 ** per person initial deposit of which \$350 is non-refundable deposit is required to reserve the space. Final payment amount to Jet Vacations (see address below) is due **August 1, 2017**. I authorize Jet Vacations LLC to charge my credit card on the final payment day. Reservations and room availability are based on a first come, first served basis. I have read the schedule of activities and accept and abide to the general terms & conditions as outlined below and on our web site: www.thewomenstravelgroup.com

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION (FULL TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR ALL TRIPS ON OUR SITE APPLY TO THIS TRIP ALSO.

Air arrangements: Fares and schedules are based on regular scheduled carrier service. All applicable airline rules apply and schedules are subject to change. Basic airfares do not include fuel surcharges, airport departure taxes, passenger facility charges (PFCs), customs or immigration fees, and excess baggage charges. For mileage accrual information, please contact the carrier directly for details. Air inclusive group packages are non-changeable and non-refundable once deposit has been paid. Rules and fees for canceling and revising airfares vary depending upon the type of airfare purchased. Refundable airline tickets will be processed once the original paper tickets (if applicable) are returned to us via a traceable method of mailing. E-tickets do not need to be returned. Lost paper tickets have no refund value.

IMPORTANT NOTE ON FUEL SURCHARGES: Fuel surcharges imposed by the airlines are valid at time of contract and are included in the price of your tour. As fuel continues to fluctuate, if the fuel surcharges change prior to your departure date, you will be assessed this additional amount.

Cancellation Policies: No charges other than the non-refundable initial deposit are levied for individual passengers canceling up to 121 days prior to the commencement of Jet Vacations LLC services. However, services which have been prepaid by Jet Vacations LLC on behalf of individual clients maybe non-refundable, non-exchangeable, non changeable and/or maybe subject to a cancellation- change fee (e.g. theater tickets, Train tickets, Airline Tickets, Event Tickets, Passes, Entrance fees etc.).

Full cancellation: Failing to pay the contractual deposits (other than the initial deposit) constitutes a cancellation. In the event of non-compliance with the payment due dates, Jet Vacations LLC shall have the right to demand the Customer to immediately pay the outstanding balance. Payment shall then be received by Jet Vacations LLC within eight days as of the date of Jet Vacations LLC's written request. Should payment not be received within this time limit, the stay shall be deemed to be canceled by the Customer. In the event of full cancellation, which is not justified by Jet Vacations LLC's failure to meet its obligations, cancellation penalties shall be invoiced and calculated as follows:

initial deposit**: \$350 non refundable; balance of deposit non-refundable as below along with amounts listed below.

Up to 120 days prior departure: 20% penalty of the total cost per person.

From 119 to 91 days prior to departure: 50% penalty of the total cost per person.

From 90 days to departure & no show: 100% penalty of the total cost per person.

** \$350 of the deposit to hold the space is non-refundable. All subsequent deposits are non-refundable. If a passenger cancellation creates a change in the price schedule, the tour price will be revised based on the remaining number of participants. A passenger becoming a single as a result of a partner's cancellation must pay the single supplement.

NOTE: The following non-refundable fees will be added to the penalty charges listed on the cancellation (full or partial) schedule above: Travel protection premiums. Airline tickets - airline penalties, which may be up to 100% of the ticket value. Refundable airline tickets will be processed once the original paper tickets (if applicable) are returned to us via a traceable method of mailing. E-tickets do not need to be returned. Lost paper tickets have no refund value.

Travel protection plan: Please contact our insurer: Travel Insured at 1 800 243 3174 reference 49330 or use the links on

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Hotel selection: It is the responsibility of client to ensure that the hotels and venues that are suggested and selected in this proposal are adequate for their clientele. Jet Vacations LLC cannot and will not be responsible for room sizes, room air condition, room amenities, room service that vary and differs throughout the world, countries, cultures and hotels. We strongly advise client to peruse hotel rating web sites such as Tripadvisor.com to get an approximate "feel" and "judgment" on each suggested and selected properties, to insure that selected hotels/rooms will be adequate to the client's group travelers. Client understand that no refund nor legal claims regarding the selected hotels, venues, rooms and /or services will be possible once this contract has been signed and agreed upon.

Hotels Check-in times: Hotel rooms are usually not ready for check-in until after 3 pm. If your flight is arriving early, especially European flights, you should plan for the day's activity until your room is available. Most hotels will store your luggage until your room is ready.

Air Conditioning: Jet Vacations LLC is not responsible for air conditioning standards or availability, as these factors can vary greatly between properties and countries

Single rooms: The single supplement rate is quoted on the basis that single rooms shall not exceed approximately 20% of the total rooms required, unless otherwise agreed and confirmed. Some hotels may charge a further fee should the group exceed this configuration.

Activity level: This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Itinerary variation: We will make every effort to operate all tours as advertised. Situations may arise, voluntarily or involuntarily, that require changes or exceptions in the airport of departure, the itinerary, land arrangements, hotels, trains or ports of call. On these occasions, we reserve the right to make such modifications and substitute conveyances/hotels as deemed necessary.

Minimum participants to Operate: Group needs a minimum of 10 participants to operate. Optional tours need a minimum of 15 participants to operate.

Tour Cancellation: We reserve the right to cancel the entire trip (or any component of the trip) for any reason and/or time. In this event, our liability, if any, shall be limited to and liquidated by refunding to each prospective participant the payments made. CST#2111829-40