Set within the beautiful Mediterranean Sea, the islands of Malta and Sicily share an interesting and important history: Evidence of "man" exists as far back as 8,000 BC on Sicily and 5,200 BC in Malta. The Greek temples in Sicily are better preserved than those in Greece, and the temples in Gozo, Malta, are considered the oldest freestanding monuments in the world - pre-dating the Great Pyramid of Cheops in Egypt by 1,000 years! Wherever you go, the Islands' scenery, the striking contrasts, honey-colored stones against the deepest of Mediterranean blues and architecture provide a spectacular backdrop.

Sicily and Malta have been described as one big open-air museum. What makes them unique is that so much of their past is still visible today. Delve into the Islands' mysterious prehistory, retrace the footsteps of St. Paul or see where the Knights of St. John defended Christendom. We are looking to host you in Sicily and Malta.

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To make connections easier, consider staying a pre-tour night at the Rome Airport Hilton in the airport. You will receive a list of others staying at the hotel. The Hilton is a 4 star hotel attached to the airport and it offers a FREE shuttle into and out of central Rome.

Day 1: Thursday March 19 2020: We depart US on evening flight. (Dinner-in flight) (Breakfast-in flight) (Flights are not included)

Day 2: Friday March 20: Arrive in Catania; Catania - Siracusa (B): Welcome to the southern part of the beautiful peninsula. Please proceed to baggage claim and clear customs before meeting your tour manager who will be escorting you throughout your journey. One group transfer is scheduled for flights arriving at 12:00 p.m (or prior) . We reach our charming Hotel in Siracusa, time for check in and rest. Orientation tour around the hotel with your tour manager. Welcome dinner. (Dinner)

Day 3: Saturday March 21: Siracusa – Ragusa (B-D): Breakfast at the Hotel. Explore the Greek colony of Siracusa. Visit the archaeological area including the Latomia del Paradiso and the Ear of Dionysus. Visit the island of Ortigia, the historical center of the city. Visit the Cathedral and Arethusa Fountain. Continue to Ragusa and visit the enchanting historical center with its baroque palaces and churches. Enjoy a rich tasting of typical Sicilian products at local farmhouses for dinner (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4: Sunday March 22: Siracusa – Piazza Armerina – Agrigento - Palermo (B-D): Breakfast at the Hotel. Depart for Piazza Armerina to visit the Villa Romana del Casale. Continue to Agrigento and visit the Valley of the Temples where the city's ancient architects erected most of their sacred buildings during the fifth century BC. Arrive in Palermo in the evening. Dinner at local restaurant. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5: Monday March 23: Palermo – Monreale (B): After our daily breakfast, meet our local guide for a guided tour of Palermo city centre, and explore old avenues and Arab neighborhoods, iconic cathedrals, Tetaturo Massimo Palermo’s elegant Opera House (from outside). Your guided tour will include also the visit of the Palatine Chapel inside the Norman Palace. Then continue to Monreale, a small hill town. Enjoy the panorama from the “royal mountain,” a mighty Norman cathedral hidden further among the houses, and the distinguished beautiful Cloisters. Return to Palermo, afternoon and evening at leisure. (Breakfast)

Day 6: Tuesday March 24: Palermo – Erice and Salt Roads – Palermo (B-L): Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a full day excursion, first to the hilltop town of Erice, a medieval town, built on the top of Monte San Giuliano. Then proceed to an Oil Mill and Farmhouse, locally called Baglio, to experience the Sicilian traditions and have a country style lunch as the Italian do with simple and delicious Sicilian products that have passed from generation to generation. Visit the oil mill and learn about the oil production. After lunch, drive along saltpans, Sicilian windmills and marvel at numerous dazzlingly white mountains shimmering in the sun. Return to Palermo in the afternoon and spend the rest of the day at leisure. Dinner on your own and overnight in your hotel. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 7: Wednesday March 25: Palermo – Cefalù - Taormina (B-L): Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for Cefalu, a former fishing village, now turned into a charming coastal town. Walk to the city centre to reach the Arab-Norman Cathedral and the medieval wash-house built straight into the rock. It retains its medieval appearance with the center of the town located around a Norman cathedral which was built by Roger II in the 12th century. As a leading bishopric, there are many churches. The homes in the town have interesting architectural details and the many shops offer a wide selection of local crafts. There is also a beautiful long beach with fine sand right in town. Enjoy lunch at local restaurant facing the blue sea. Proceed to Taormina check in and tour at Taormina check in and evening at leisure (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 8: Thursday March 26: Taormina – Malta (B-D) Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a half day guided tour of Taormina. Our guided walking tour of Taormina includes Via Piazza Vittorio Emanuele, which is on the site of the Roman Forum, the Palazzo Corvaja, the recently unearthed remains of an imperial Roman bath, as well as the magnificent Teatro Greco. Early afternoon transfer to Catania airport, flight to Malta (not included). Upon arrival check in at our Malta hotel and Dinner (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9: Friday March 27: Malta (B-D): Breakfast at the hotel. Begin your discovery of Malta with a visit to “La Valletta”. The town was built by Knights of St John in the 16th century and retains the same feel with its gardens and baroque art & architecture. Afterwards, head across Grand Harbor to discover the historical area known as the Three Cities: Vittoriosa, Cospicua & Senglea. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 10: Saturday March 28: Malta (B-D): Breakfast at the hotel. Mdina & Rabat Your tour today will first take you to Rabat to explore St Paul's Catacombs which feature an extensive underground system of tombs that date back to the medieval period. Continue to Mdina, the ancient capital of Malta, located in the central part of the island. This walled city dates back to prehistoric times and has witnessed Malta’s major historical events, having a strategic position on one of the land’s highest plateaus. During your walk in the silent city, visit the Mdina Cathedral and the imposing bastions that allow you to admire panoramic views of most of the island. Proceed to Naxxar, the oldest village on the island, to visit Palazzo Parisio, a unique 19th century palace with splendid gardens. Tonight, enjoy dinner together and bid farewell to your Tour Manager and newfound friends. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 11: Sunday March 29 Malta (B): Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Malta airport for your flight back to the US. One group transfer is scheduled for flight leaving at 11:45 a.m (or later) End of the service. (Breakfast)

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Services of a professional tour director throughout the program
Deluxe touring coach for all transfers, tours and excursions
One group transfer for flights arriving in Catania at or prior 12:00 p.m on March 20, 2020
One group transfer for flights departing Malta at 11:45 a.m on March 29, 2020
9 nights first class hotel with buffet breakfast daily in the following venues:
  o 2 nights at the hotel Villa Politi 4 * or similar in Siracusa, Sicily
  o 3 nights at the hotel Federico II 4 * or similar in Palermo, Sicily
  o 1 night at the hotel Villa Diodoro 4 * or similar in Taormina, Sicily
  o 3 nights at the hotel Seashells Resort at Suncrest 4 * or similar in St Paul St Bay, Bugibba Malta
2 lunches and 6 dinners ½ mineral water and glass of wine per person included
Guided tours as per program
Entrance fees as per program
All VAT and local service taxes including city tax
Bottle of water in the coach from March 20 – 28
Baggage handling at hotel for your arrival and departure (based on one bag per person)

Pricing: $3,799 per person land only (twin shared guaranteed), in twin occupancy based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together for the duration of the trip. For single occupancy, add $499 (limited single rooms available). EARLY BIRD price $3599 deadline by April 15, 2019.

The price does not include airfares, 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.

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