SMITH TRAVEL PRESENTS

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October 26—November 6, 2017
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October 26th – November 6th 2017 (10 hotel nights)

Preliminary Program
(subject to amendment)

Thursday October 26th
Leave the US for Italy via Frankfurt, Munich, Rome or Milan

Friday October 27th
Arrive and take a connecting flight to Catania
Continue by coach to Syracuse and stay at the Grand Hotel Ortigia,
Viale Mazzini 12, 96100 SIRACUSA
Tel: 011 39 0931 464600 www.grandhotelortigia.it
Lunch independently
3.15pm Walking tour with guide Eva Greco to include the Cathedral, the Temple of Apollo, the Church of St. Lucy (Caravaggio painting) and the Fountain of Arethusa
6.45 Drinks and introductory talk by Giovanna Bellesia
7.45 Dinner in the hotel restaurant SYRACUSE

Saturday October 28th
9.00am Leave by coach for a guided visit of the archaeological site – the Greek and Roman theaters and the Latomia del Paradiso, the stone quarry with citrus and Mediterranean plants
Continue to the museum and see the archaeological artifacts, including the splendid coin and jewellery collection (by special arrangement)
12.15pm Leave for Lentini
Lunch privately at Case del Biviere (by kind arrangement with Principessa Maria Carla Borghese)
Visit the gardens
Return to Syracuse for the rest of the afternoon at leisure
Dinner independently

**Sunday October 29th**

8.30am  Leave by coach for **Ragusa Ibla**
During  the drive there will be a talk on the writers of this part of Sicily – Brancati, Vittorini, Quasimodo and Bufalino
On arrival refreshments will be served at the Hotel Antico Convento dei Capuccini
Guided walk in the town and see the Baroque palace façades and the church of San Giorgio – also see where the films of writer Camilleri were shot
Lunch at the Convento with a culinary explanation by a local chef
Continue to the Baroque city of **Modica** and visit the Antica Dolceria Bonaiuto chocolate laboratory
Return to Syracuse with a brief stop for a walk in **Noto**

8.00  Visit to Palazzo Beneventano for drinks and dinner (by kind arrangement with Baron Pietro Beneventano)
Return to the hotel

**Monday October 30th**

9.00am  Leave (with luggage) by coach for **Aidone**
Visit the Museum which houses the Statue of the **Dea of Morgantina** which was returned by the Getty Museum. There is also a temporary exhibition of gold jewellery from Cyprus
1.00pm  Lunch in **Piazza Armerina** at Ristorante da Totò
Continue to the Villa Romana at Casale and see the magnificent Roman mosaics
Continue to **Agrigento** passing by **Racalmuto**, birthplace of Leonardo Sciascia and stay at Hotel Villa Athena, Via Passeggia Archeologica, 92100 **AGRIGENTO**
Tel: 011 39 0922 596288 [www.hotelvillaathena.it](http://www.hotelvillaathena.it)
Agrigento is the birthplace of Luigi Pirandello and Andrea Camilleri

8.00  Dinner in the hotel

**Tuesday October 31st**

9.00am  Leave for a guided visit with Claudio Castiglione of the Valley of the Temples and visit the Archaeological Museum
1.00pm  Buffet lunch at the hotel
Visit the house of Luigi Pirandello

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Rest of the afternoon at leisure
Talk before dinner about Pirandello, Leonardo Sciascia and Andrea Camilleri

8.00 Dinner in a restaurant

**Wednesday November 1st**

9.30am Leave (with luggage) for **Vallelunga Pratameno**
Visit the wine estate of Regaleali

1.00pm Lunch privately at Case Vecchie (Regaleali wine estate) with chef and food writer Fabrizia Lanza who will also speak about Sicilian cuisine
Continue to Hotel Centrale Palace, Via Vittorio Emanuele 327, 90134 **PALERMO** (birthplace of Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa)
Tel: 011 39 091 8539 [www.centralepalacehotel.com](http://www.centralepalacehotel.com)

6.00 Private visit guided by Laura Lanza of the recently restored Cappella Palatina with its resplendent mosaics (subject to confirmation)
Dinner in the hotel

**Thursday November 2nd**

9.30am Walk to the churches of La Martorana and San Cataldo for a guided visit with Laura Lanza
Visit the Church of Santa Caterina with its magnificent Baroque interior
Continue to the Palazzo Abatellis Picture Gallery

12.30pm Drinks and refreshments privately (subject to confirmation with Duchessa Nicoletta and Duca Gioacchino Lanza Tommasi, the “adopted” son of Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa)
Lunch independently
Afternoon at leisure
Dinner independently

**Friday November 3rd**

9.00am Leave by coach for **Monreale**
Visit of the Duomo with its magnificent mosaics
Continue to **Bosco Falconeria** near **Alcamo** and meet Mary Taylor Simeti, author of “On Persephone’s Island” and “Pomp and Sustenance”

1.00pm Informal buffet lunch at the farm with a delicious vegetarian menu
Return to Palermo
6.00 Visit Palazzo Gangi where “The Leopard” was filmed (subject to confirmation with Principessa Carine di San Vincenzo Valguarnera)
Dinner in a restaurant

**PALERMO**

**Saturday November 4th**

9.00am Leave with luggage for Catania (birthplace of Giovanni Verga)
Visit the privately owned Palazzo Biscari (subject to confirmation with Ruggiero and Nicoletta Moncada) followed by a light lunch
Visit the Cathedral where Bellini the composer is buried
Continue to Taormina and stay at the San Domenico Palace Hotel
[www.san-domenico-palace.com](http://www.san-domenico-palace.com)
Piazza San Domenico, 5, 98039 Taormina Tel. 011390942 613111
Dinner independently

**TAORMINA**

**Sunday November 5th**

9.30am Walking tour of Taormina to include the Graeco-Roman Theater
Lunch independently
Afternoon at leisure

7.00pm Farewell drinks and dinner in the hotel

**TAORMINA**

**Monday November 6th**

Leave for Catania airport for return flights
General Trip Information & Terms and Conditions

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Trip Dates: October 26—November 6, 2017
Duration: 10 nights

Activity Level: Moderately active

Cost: $6,750 per person, based on double occupancy. The cost includes accommodation in two four-star hotels (Grand Hotel Ortigia in Syracuse and Hotel Centrale Palace in Palermo) and two five-star hotels (Hotel Villa Athena in Agrigento and San Domenico Palace Hotel in Taormina); transportation by private coach or minibuses; all buffet breakfasts, 8 lunches and 7 dinners including private meals with wine, water and coffee; 3 drinks receptions; guides; all entrances to sites and museums as per the program; porterage at the hotels; services of a Specialtours tour organizer.

Single Supplement: $950 per person (limited availability)

Not Included:
Round-trip flights from the US to Sicily; any meals indicated as independent on the itinerary; personal extras; tips and gratuities; passport fees; travel insurance.

Airfare:
Airfare is not included in the cost of the program. Many options are available, either online or through your travel agent.

Early Arrival/Late Departure:
If you wish to arrive in advance of, or stay later than, the group please let Smith Travel know, so that the necessary arrangements can be made with the hotels. The additional cost will be payable on site.

Passports:
U.S. citizens may enter Italy for up to 90 days for tourist or business purposes without a visa. The passport should be valid for at least three months beyond the period of stay.

Deposit and Final Payment:
A non-refundable deposit of $750 per person is required by November 5, 2016 to guarantee participation in the program. This may be paid by Visa or MasterCard or check (payable to Smith College). Final payment is due by August 1, 2017 and must be paid by check only, payable to Smith College.

Cancellation Policy:
The deposit for this trip is non-refundable. In the event that you must cancel, please send written cancellation as soon as possible. The cancellation policy is as follows: 59-41 days before departure, 50% of the tour cost is refundable; 40-21 days before departure, 25% of the tour cost is refundable; 20-14 days before departure, 15% of the tour cost is refundable. After this, no refund is normally possible through Specialtours. Cancellation insurance is strongly advised, and information will be sent with your confirmation letter from Smith Travel.

Eligibility:
These trips are designed for alumnae of Smith College and accompanying members of their immediate families. Space permitting, a participating alumna may bring a non-Smith friend or couple.
Please note: This trip involves full days of sightseeing and significant amounts of daily walking. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest. For further information about the trip, call Smith Travel at (800) 225-2029 or e-mail alumtrav@smith.edu.

Trip cancellation insurance: Insurance is highly recommended. You will receive travel insurance information from Smith Travel with your confirmation letter.

Terms and Conditions: Smith College (Smith) is the sponsor of the tours. As the sponsor, Smith has engaged independent tour operators to arrange the tours. Because Smith does not own, operate, manage, or control, and is not in a partnership or joint venture with, either the tour operators or the various independent companies and persons with which or whom the tour operator has arranged to supply services to the tour, Smith and its officers, directors, trustees, agents, servants, employees, affiliates, and assigns are not liable for any negligent or willful acts or omissions of the tour operator or the various suppliers, including any acts or omissions on their part that cause, without limitations, injury, death, theft, damage to or loss of property, delay, inconvenience, or the cancellation, substitution, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, transportation or other services. Additional terms and conditions may apply to your trip and will be sent to you with your registration acknowledgement, which you must sign and return to Smith Travel.
Registration Form

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Enclosed is my credit card information or my deposit check ($750 per person) payable to Smith College.

Passenger 1:
Name (as appears on passport): ____________________________
Smith Class year or affiliation: ____________________________
Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ____________________________
Address line 1: ____________________________
Address line 2 (apt/ste): ____________________________
City/State/Zip: ____________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________
Cell Phone: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________

Passenger 2:
Name (as appears on passport): ____________________________
Smith Class year or affiliation: ____________________________
Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ____________________________
Address line 1: ____________________________
Address line 2 (apt/ste): ____________________________
City/State/Zip: ____________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________
Cell Phone: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________

No. of Persons: ____________________________
Amount enclosed: ____________________________
($750 per person, non-refundable)

I/We are registering: □ Double Occupancy ($6,750 per person)
□ Single Supplement ($950)

If using a credit card for deposit, please complete the following section
□ Visa □ MasterCard Card number: ____________________________
Expiration date (MM/YY): _______/______
Name as it appears on card: ____________________________
CVV:________ Billing zip code: _____________