11 Days - 9 Nights

The Women's Travel Group

Smart Tours for Women Savings for Solo Travelers

Land only - per person in DBL occupancy Air available upon request

from \$3,799\*

# **The Women's Travel Group Presents:** TREASURES OF SICILY & MALTA

Travel Dates: March 20 to March 29, 2020

11 days, 9 nights accommodation, sightseeing, some meals



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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### Ways to Obtain Flights for our Sicily and Malta trip

If you wish a stopover to regroup, fly to Rome, stay at the Rome Airport Hilton. The hotel is connected to the terminal so you do not leave the airport. The Hilton is a good place to meet others at dinner who might do the same thing- you will get a list. The hotel has a FREE shuttle into Central Rome. From Rome we can book you separately into to Catania and out of Valletta.

More options especially if you are using FF miles across The Atlantic:

- 1. Purchase a Hometown-Rome ticket one way with another airport-Hometown returning. For instance, connecting in London/Paris/Munich/Frankfurt on the way home. It might be cheaper. Visit www.kayak.com for this kind of option.
- 2. Have Laure book you all the way on one ticket. It might be a bit more expensive or it might not.
- 3. A third option: Fly to Rome, return from London Heathrow. Purchase only a Rome-Catania and Malta-London ticket. Expedia, <a href="Opodo.co.uk">Opodo.co.uk</a>, Kayak, and many others will offer this option.
- 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 (D): 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 farmhouse 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 Arabic neighborhoods, iconic cathedrals, Tetatro 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 in 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 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)
- **NOTES:** 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:**

- 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:
  - 2 nights at the hotel Villa Politi 4 \* or similar in Siracusa, Sicily
  - 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
  - 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)

### **EXCLUSIONS:**

- International and domestic Airline tickets to Sicily and Malta. (FYI: One way economy flight from Catania airport to Malta: Starts from \$105.00 per person (Alitalia or Air Malta including one checking bag ) pricing subject to change at any time.
- 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...)

**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).

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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## RESERVATION FORM THE WOMEN'S TRAVEL GROUP: TREASURES OF SICILY & MALTA MARCH 20-29 2020 LEAD # 4209 \*\*Reservation Deadline January 20, 2020. Protect your sensitive data and book your trip securely online at: https://www.groupminder.com/internet/resEvt.cfm?cstld=90&evtld=347 TSA SECURE FLIGHT REQUIREMENT PLEASE SUBMIT NAMES EXACTLY AS THEY APPEAR ON PASSPORTS: Date of Birth: Passenger 1: Country of Issue: Date issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: Passenger 2: \_ \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Date issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_ Cell Phone#: Phone #2: \_\_\_ Email Address 2: ☐ Please reserve me in a single room at a supplement (Add US\$499 for single supplement - limited availability) I am rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Family / Friend Emergency contact : \_\_\_\_\_ Notes (Diet, optional tours etc.): PAYMENT: \$3,799 per person land only (twin shared guaranteed) in twin occupancy based on minimum of 10 passengers traveling together for the duration of the trip Single room supplement is \$499– (limited single rooms available). 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 January 20, 2020. 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: http://www.thewomenstravelgroup.com/ □ Amex □ Discover □ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ CHECKS: Make checks payable to: Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: Expiration date:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Name on the Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_\_ JET VACATIONS LLC 2338 Immokalee Road. Suite 111 Signature Naples, Florida, 34110 I authorize a payment in the amount of \$: To be charged to my credit card, or directly by myself by wire transfer or personal checks. (this equals the deposit plus insurance premium if applicable)

I want Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance ☐ Yes. ☐ No. Purchase Travel Insurance by clicking HERE. Insurance premium has to be purchased within 21 days of first deposit. Contact: Phyllisnycity@gmail.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 include fuel surcharges, airport departure taxes, passenger facility charges (PFCs), customs or immigration fees, but do not include excess baggage charges and any other airline-imposed 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

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.

<u>Seat assignments</u>: We block group seats with many major carriers, as well as chartered air carriers. We have absolutely no control over seat assignment. Specific seat requests are subject to availability at airport check-in only or passengers may contact the airlines for individual specific seating once tickets have been issued. Passenger "Record locators" are assigned by the airlines once the airlines has ticketed each passenger from the group block. This usually occurs between 60 to 30 days prior the departure date. After the airlines have assigned each traveler a "record locator", travelers may contact the airlines directly to discuss his or her seat preference. Airlines may impose additional fees for specific seats.

Cancellation Policies: No charges other than the non-refundable initial deposit are levied for individual passengers canceling up to 180 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 free 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 LLCs within eight days as of the date of Jet Vacations LLCs 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 LLCs failure to meet its obligations, cancellation penalties shall be invoiced and calculated as follows:

Initial deposit\*\*: \$350 nonrefundable; 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: 35% penalty of the total cost per person.

From 91 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.

<u>Travel protection plan:</u> Please contact our insurer: Travel Insured at 1 800 243 3174 reference 49330 or use the link on <u>www.thewomenstravelgroup.com</u> under insurance tab.

<u>Single rooms</u>: 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 tilnerary, 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.

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Minimum participants to Operate: Group needs a minimum of 20 participants to operate. Optional tours need a minimum of 15 participants to operate.

Tour Cancelation: 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.

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 cabin / room sizes, air condition, amenities, service which 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 "fee!" 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.

Hotels Air Conditioning and other amenities: Jet Vacations LLC is not responsible for air conditioning standards or availability, as these factors can vary greatly between properties and countries. Some hotel amenities/facilities are seasonal such as swimming pools, terraces, rooftops etc. and may not be opened or hotels may have renovations during the course of the year. Jet Vacations will not be responsible for hotel renovations, noise and/or closure of certain hotel area – facilities.

Items not included: Jet Vacations LLC programs do not include items of a personal nature such as laundry, hotel extras, Spa or wellness centers, telephone or Wi-Fi charges and drinks with meals (unless otherwise stated in a proposal). All passengers are responsible for settling such accounts before checking out of each hotel. Hotels, Airport and airline taxes and fees are not included unless specified.

Travel Documents: Travel documents will be sent approximately 2 weeks prior to departure, providing full payment has been received. Jet Vacations LLC is not responsible for lost or stolen documents; therefore, any re-issuance of documents may be assessed their full-face value and may include increase in cost. A special handling fee of \$35 will be assessed to bookings that require overnight express delivery. Some trip documents are sent as E-Documents by email. For all trip documents, it is your responsibility to check the accuracy of your airline tickets and all other documents. You are responsible to ensure that your full, official name is provided to us at the time of booking, exactly as it appears on your valid passport. It can cost up to \$250 or more per person for a name change or other ticket adjustments, plus any fare increase if applicable, due to re-ticketing. The airline will deny boarding if your airline ticket or documents do not match your passport.

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