

# Sicily ... "The Jewel in the Crown"

May 15 - May 26, 2011

*"If You haven't been to Sicily You haven't seen Italy"*

Join **Roberta Kritzia** & Personalized Travel for this "Sicilian Adventure", exploring the Greek temples, Roman theatres and majestic cathedrals plus sweeping ocean panoramas.

This will be a multi-faceted itinerary including a trip by Jeep up mount Etna, one of the world's largest volcanoes, an optional Sicilian cooking class, a promise of the best gelato in Italy and a chance to taste canola (*Sicilian pastry*). What could be better ... wine tasting amongst the massive oak barrels of Marsala's most prestigious winery Florio - Corvo.

**SICILY** has been called "the Pearl of the Sea" because of her breathtaking natural splendor. Sicily is the largest and many say the most beautiful island in the Mediterranean Sea, it's a magnificent contrast of dramatic volcanic mountains and blossom covered almond and citrus groves.

*Areas to be visited will be:*

**PALERMO** and its Palazzo dei Normandi and the Palatine Chapel mosaics. Above Palermo we will see **Monreale** with its spectacular views of the Conca d' Oro and the magnificent sea views.

**TAORMINA** has been a desired destination since the days of the Greeks & Romans & sits 1000 feet above sea level. You will visit the **Teatro Greco** with its marvelous views, duomo & public gardens.

**AGRIGENTO** was founded in 581 BC. The medieval city was built on a Greek acropolis and is a lush & green landscape with the fragrance of vivid wildflowers. We will take time to see the Valley of the Temples with a professional guide.

**Plus:** Trips to **Siracusa, Mount Etna, Cefalu, Erice & Marsala.**

**Cost \$4,495 (Double Occupancy).** Airfare not incl.

*Prices shown reflect payment by check or cash.*

## *Early Bird Special*

Send in your \$300 deposit  
**before December 31, 2010** and you'll have  
the additional choice of a \$100 discount  
or - a free Cooking Class  
"Carpe Diem" (*Seize the Day*).



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➔ You may use **PayPal** for your \$300 deposit to: **Roberta1119@aol.com**

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*"To have seen Italy without having seen Sicily is not to have seen Italy at all,  
for Sicily is the clue to everything"- J. W. Goethe*

## **Our sight is set clearly on the Island of Sicilia...**

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Join *Glenn Vilppu* and Personalized Travel for an adventure to capture in sketches, watercolors, photographs & fabulous experiences. This will be an itinerary to remember forever!

The Sicilians say: *"First I am Sicilian, second I am European, and third I am Italian"*. Doesn't that say it all?!

Intriguing place names such as *Palermo, Monreale, Cefalu, Agrigento, the Valley of Temples, Syracuse, Noto, Island of Ortygia, Erice, Marsala, Trapani, Mount Etna, and Taormina* will all come to life, woven together in a tapestry of discovery for twelve days in Summer of 2011.

- Together, we will visit a medieval hill town on one of the highest mountains in Sicily where their *"cottage business"* is making and serving pastries... including the famous *cannoli* (sicilian pastry).
- Travel the *"salt road"* of Trapani and sketch the evocative windmills there... taste the two most famous dessert wines of Marsala — one *"ambra"* (gold) and the other *"rubino"* (red).
- You can sketch and paint your way through the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento and listen to the haunting voice of our professional guide Laura as she takes us into the cave known as *"The Ear of Dionysius"*.
- Be amazed at the Baroque architecture on the Island of Ortygia near Syracuse.
- You will *"go beyond"* your perceptions of Palermo as you encounter *Monreale Cathedral*, as it was the pinnacle of achievement of Arab-Norman art.

The food... the antiquity... the history & stunning ocean panoramas make this year's trip not to be missed!

We almost forgot to mention our *Jeep trip to Mount Etna*, culminating with a wine tasting and a farm-house lunch at the winery.

Also, our *Sicilian Cooking Class* is optional... but, **if you send in your deposit check before Dec. 31, 2010** you will have the **choice of \$100 off the cost of the trip, or a free cooking class**, with lunch served just after the class.

In order to make the trip more affordable for you:

- We have gone to great lengths to **reduce the cost of this trip by \$300 from last year's...**
- AND, we are pleased to let you know that **we are now also including 8 tour meals instead of 6!**

**P. S.** *Glenn Vilppu* will conduct workshops and demonstrations on location during our itinerary.

Personalized attention is always given to each participant on Glenn's tours and this is your opportunity to **work side-by-side with "the Maestro"**.

Any non-artists attending will be guided by Italian tour aficionados, Roberta & Henry, of Personalized Travel, to special places that will keep you truly mesmerized.

Looking forward to traveling with you in Sicily - *Glenn, Eleanor, Roberta & Henry*

**Cost of this trip is \$4,495 per person**

**A \$300 deposit check per person, will hold your space. *Carpe Diem!* (Seize the Day)!**