

Reservation/Full Payment Deadline Extended to: JULY 15, 2014

Please be advised that there is extensive slow paced walking every day of this tour over uneven surfaces, cobblestone streets and walkways.

#### **RESERVE TODAY WITH FULL PAYMENT BY JULY 15, 2014!**

Questions? Call (203) 758-7367 or E-mail: pilgrimages@ortv-hartford.org

#### **FEATURING**

- Palermo, Sicily's largest port and its capital!
- Monreale and Cefalu
- Erice, a beautiful, medieval mountain top town!
- Agrigento... the Valley of the Temples!
- Taormina, Roman ruins and breathtaking views of Mt. Etna and the sea!
- Mt. Etna, Sicily's tallest peak and Europe's tallest active volcano!
- Siracusa and its old town, Ortigia!
- Noto and Ragusa, UNESCO World Heritage Sites!
- 17 Meals: daily breakfast, 4 lunches and 4 dinners

#### **TOUR COST INCLUDES**

- Round trip, economy class air transportation from JFK, New York.
- Airport/hotel transfers on arrival and departure in Sicily.
- 9 Nights accommodations at tourist class hotels or better, double occupancy (twin beds) with

- private bath or shower.
- All hotel taxes and service charges.
- · Continental breakfast daily.
- 4 Lunches and 4 Dinners, with mineral water and wine included.
- Fully escorted by professional English speaking Tour Director from arrival to departure.
- English speaking local guides.
- All sightseeing, excursions and entrance fees as per itinerary, subject to change.
- Deluxe, private air-conditioned motor coach.
- Porterage of one (1) bag per person while in Sicily.
- All gratuities for tour director, drivers, local guides, hotel staff and restaurant personnel.
- Tour listening device for entire tour.
- 3.5% cash payment discount. Tours paid by credit card do not receive the cash payment discount.

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#### **TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE**

- Single room supplement, \$641 per person (*limited availability*).
- Optional comprehensive travel insurance, \$248 per person. Premium covers total tour cost up to \$5,000 and is nonrefundable.
- Optional round trip JFK airport motor coach transfer from Hartford, Waterbury or Fairfield: \$143 per person.
- Additional air taxes & fuel surcharges, <u>if</u> imposed by the airline.
- · Optional sightseeing or extensions.
- Air travel deviations.
- · Passport or Visa fees.
- Items of a personal nature (e.g., taxis, laundry, telephone, extra beverages/meals, etc.).
- Items not specified in the tour brochure and itinerary.
- Meals not listed in the tour brochure and itinerary (most lunches and 3 dinners).
- Mass offerings.

# SICILY 2014 WITH FATHER JOHN Itinerary

(subject to change)

#### Day 1/Monday, October 6 - Depart USA

Depart on your overnight flight from **New York's JFK International** airport. **(meals in flight)** 



Day 2/Tuesday, October 7 - Rome/Palermo
On arrival at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport, you'll transfer to your connecting flight to Palermo, Sicily's capital and largest port. On arrival in Palermo, you'll be met by your English speaking tour director and transfer to and check-in at your hotel. Remainder of the day is at leisure to rest or explore the historic city of Palermo on your own. This evening Father John celebrates a welcome Mass at a local parish followed by dinner back at

your hotel. Overnight at hotel to be announced. (D)

#### DAY 3/Wednesday, October 8 - Palermo

Today, meet your local guide for a full day of sightseeing in **Palermo** including the **Duomo** and a typical Sicilian street market. This afternoon visit **Monreale** and its **Cathedral** as well as **Cefalu's Duomo**. Dinner is on your own this evening. Overnight at hotel to be announced. **(B)** 

#### DAY 4/Thursday, October 9 - Palermo/Agrigento

This morning you'll depart for **Agrigento** with a few stops along the way, including the beautiful, medieval mountain-top town of **Erice** with its spectacular views. Be sure to check out Pasticceria Maria Grammatico for some sweet Sicilian treats. Then you'll proceed to **Agrigento** passing through the **Marsala** wine region stopping for lunch in a typical Sicilian country house, and time permitting a possible Marsala wine tasting. Following lunch continue to and check-in at your hotel in Agrigento. Dinner is at the hotel this evening. Overnight at hotel to be announced. **(B, L, D)** 

#### DAY 5/Friday, October 10 - Agrigento/Giardini Naxos



This morning meet your local guide for a tour of the Valley of the Temples. Then you're off to Piazza Armerina "The City of Mosaics". On the way you'll stop for lunch at a local agriturismo ristorante surrounded by vineyards and cacti.

After lunch, a local guide leads you on an exploration of **Villa Armerina** and some of the most beautiful mosaics of the Roman Empire, covering some 12,000 sq. feet. Then it's on to Giardini Naxos and check-in at your hotel. Dinner is on your own this evening. Overnight at hotel to be announced. **(B, L)** 



#### DAY 6/Saturday, October 11 - Giardini Naxos/Savoca/Taormina

Following breakfast you'll depart for a visit to **Savoca**, a beautiful Sicilian village where "The Godfather" was filmed, for some free time and perhaps a taste of some typical Sicilian **granita**. Then continue on to



**Taormina**... a town of runaway bougainvillea... cacti adorning the hills... pastel colored walls... garden terraces... orange and lemon laden trees...



and ancient ruins. On arrival, a local guide leads you on a guided city tour of **Taormina** including the **Roman Theatre**. There's free time too, to stroll around or do some shopping! Dinner is at the hotel this evening. Overnight at hotel to be

announced. (B, D)

#### DAY 7/Sunday, October 12 - Giardini Naxos

Father John will celebrate either the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening or the Sunday Mass today. This morning meet your local guide for a tour that will take you to **Messina**, discovering the canvases of **Caravaggio** in its museum. Later, via the ferry, you'll arrive in **Reggio Calabria**, where you will visit the National Museum that houses the famous "**Bronzes of Riace**", two Greek bronze statues dating back to the 5th century B.C. Free time to enjoy a walk on the promenade overlooking Sicily and the straits of Messina, known as: "The most beautiful kilometer of the Italian peninsula". Dinner is on your own this evening. Overnight at hotel to be announced. **(B)** 

#### DAY 8/Monday, October 13 - Giardini Naxos/Mt. Etna/Siracusa

This morning you'll depart for **Siracusa** stopping at **Mount Etna**, Sicily's tallest peak and Europe's tallest active volcano, followed by lunch at a local family farm surrounded by orange and lemon trees. After lunch, you'll continue on to



Siracusa and check-in at your hotel. Dinner is on your own this evening. Overnight at hotel to be announced. (B, L)

#### DAY 9/Tuesday, October 14 - Siracusa



This morning meet your local guide for a day of sightseeing in Siracusa... including the Archaeological Park of the Neapolis, where the Roman Amphitheater, Greek Theatre and Ear of Dionysius are located. Then continue on to

the old town... **Ortigia**. This afternoon visit the **Barone Platania** estate, where "The Godfather" was filmed. Lunch is included today at location to be advised. Dinner is on your own tonight. Overnight at hotel to be announced. **(B, L)** 

#### DAY 10/Wednesday, October 15 - Siracusa/Noto/Ragusa

Following breakfast you'll depart for a full day excursion to **Noto** and **Ragusa**, whom together with six other cities in the Val di Noto, are listed among UNESCO World Heritage Sites. They were all rebuilt after 1693 on or beside towns existing at the time of the earthquake which took place in that year. They represent a considerable collective undertaking, successfully carried out at a high level of architectural and artistic achievement. Keeping within the late Baroque style of the day, they also depict distinctive innovations in town planning and urban building (Source: whc.unesco.org). After which, you'll return to Siracusa where the remainder of the afternoon is free to explore or pack... yuck! This evening join your fellow travelers and celebrate your time together in Sicily with a farewell Mass celebrated by Father John followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at hotel to be announced. **(B, D)** 

#### DAY 11/Thursday, October 16 - Siracusa/Catania/Home

Today, you'll say arrivederci to Sicily. Early wake-up, breakfast, check -out and transfer to the **Catania's Fontanarossa International** airport for your late morning flight to **Rome's Leonardo da Vinci** airport and your connecting flight home to **New York's JFK International** airport. **(B, meals in flight)** 

**Note:** Itinerary, sightseeing tours and sequence of same, Mass frequency/locations, and meal locations are subject to change, and are conducted time and weather permitting. In the rare case when alternate hotel accommodations might be necessary, a similar class hotel will be substituted. All information is as of May 23, 2014.

(B) = Breakfast • (L) = Lunch with Wine • (D) = Dinner with Wine

## **TOUR RESERVATION FORM**

# SICILY 2014 WITH FATHER JOHN OCTOBER 6-16, 2014

All Passengers must fully complete this form and return it with full payment no later than **JULY 15, 2014**.

Please keep a copy of your completed reservation form together with the tour terms and conditions for your records.

Please make all checks/money orders payable to: **FJ TOURS, LLC**.

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	PASSENGER					
Please <b>PRINT</b> all requested information and include a copy of the picture page of each passenger's Passport.						
Passenger #1 (Name as it appears on passport.):	Date of Bi	rth:	Passport No.:	Passport Exp. Date:	U.S. Citizen?	
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Address (All correspondence related to the reservation will be mailed to this address.):						
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ACCOMMODATIONS						
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PAYMENT Full Payment Plus Optional Travel Insurance Premium Due No Later Than July 15, 2014						
I (we) have enclosed a check/money ord insurance premium, if purchased, for each P and Conditions; am (are) aware that travel i brochure and itinerary; and agree to be bout am (are) assuming any financial loss with insurance. All Passengers must sign below.  Passenger #1 Signature:	assenger registere nsurance is recom nd thereby. If I (w my (our) tour arra	d on this formended; use) have deangements	orm; have receinderstand the eclined travel ir which otherwidian must sign.	details of the tour a surance, I (we) und se may have been	ead the Tour Terms is stated in the tour derstand that I (we)	
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## **Credit Card Payment Authorization**

As per your instructions, we are charging your credit card for pilgrimage/tour services provided by FJ Tours, LLC. Please enter the following information:

Name on Card:					
Billing Address:					
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*For your privacy and security please enter ONLY the last 4 digits of your credit card number. Upon receipt of this form you will be contacted to provide the full credit card number and card verification number. Please be sure to enter the telephone number above for obtaining the card information. Thank you!					
By signing below, I authorize FJ Tours, LLC to charge the above listed credit card in the amount authorized above, and I acknowledge that I have received a copy of and read the Tour Terms and Conditions; am aware that travel insurance is recommended; and understand the details of the tour as stated in the tour brochure and itinerary and agree to be bound thereby. Charges will appear on your bank/credit card statement as <b>PAYPAL</b> *FJ TOURSLLC.					
Cardholder's Signature:					

Please sign and fax this form to (203) 916-5800 or e-mail to: <u>info@fj-tours.com</u>.

### **SICILY 2014 TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**TOUR PRICES:** The tour price includes round-trip sufficient prior notice if we cannot find you a roommate. airfare from New York and land services in Sicily as outlined in the tour brochure and itinerary. All published tour prices include a 3.5% cash payment discount. Tours paid by credit card do not receive this discount. All prices stated herein are quoted in U.S. dollars (unless otherwise stated) and are based on tariffs, taxes and currency exchange rates in effect on April 2, 2014. In case of currency fluctuation of more than 3% or significant changes in local government taxes we reserve the right to adjust prices accordingly up until final payment. In the event of a billing error, we reserve the right to re-invoice with correct prices. documents and airline tickets will be issued after final payment has been processed, and are normally distributed during a group meeting held 1-4 weeks prior to departure.

A deposit of \$350 is required to secure a reservation. Late reservations, after July 1, 2014, accepted, if space is available, with full payment due immediately by bank check or money order, and are subject to a \$100 late reservation fee plus any increase in quoted airfare.

Payment by cash, check or money order made payable to FJ Tours, LLC or credit card. Tours paid by credit card do not receive the cash payment discount. Returned checks are subject to a \$25 fee.

GROUP SIZE: All tour prices herein are based on a minimum of 20 passengers.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Regularly scheduled economy class service on any International Air Transportation Association (IATA) or Airlines Reporting Corporation (ARC) (i.e., commercial) carrier. Transatlantic air transportation is based on special, nonrefundable economy class contracted fares for this tour group. The air taxes (domestic and foreign government taxes, which include security fees (including the September 11th security fee), airport facility charges, customs, immigration and inspection fees, etc.) and airline fuel surcharges and fees, as of April 2, 2014, are included in the tour cost, and are subject to change by the airline until ticket issuance. Additional air taxes and airline fuel surcharges and fees, if imposed by the airline, will be invoiced and payable prior to distribution of tour documents. There is no advance seat selection for group departures. Early check-in is required to secure seats with a travel companion. International flights require arriving at the departure airport at least 3 hours prior to departure. Land Only packages do not include airport-hotel transfers in destination countries.

PASSENGER NAME: Passengers are responsible for ensuring that the passenger name (names) printed on the tour invoice match exactly the name (names) as they appear on their passport. Due to security requirements, any name change including minor spelling corrections may require airline reservations to be cancelled and rebooked. Airline reservations are subject to availability at the time of rebooking and may result in an increased airfare and/or change penalty fee which are the passenger's responsibility. Airline tickets once issued are non-refundable. The Tour Operator assumes no liability or responsibility for denial of services by any carrier due to any name discrepancy.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Double occupancy, standard twin bedded rooms with private bath Single rooms are available at a supplemental cost as stated in the tour brochure. Single rooms, although assuring privacy, may be small in size and may be located in remote parts of the hotel. A limited number of single rooms are available. Special requests such as bed types, smoking preferences, and connecting rooms are subject to availability. On those rare occasions when we are not able to find a roommate for you, you will be required to pay the single supplement. Every effort will be made to give you

Triple rooms may not be available in all countries and usually have limited availability.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS: Passports are required of all passengers. A valid U.S. passport that does not expire for at least three (3) months beyond the period of stay is required for all U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens do not need a visa to enter Italy. Non-U.S. citizens must check entry requirements with their respective Embassy or Consulate, and are responsible for obtaining their own visa and any other required travel documents at their own expense. The Tour Operator assumes no liability or responsibility for passport or visa procurement.

LUGGAGE: Each passenger is limited to one (1) checked bag, that may have a maximum weight of 50 pounds and not exceed 62 linear inches (L+W+D), plus one (1) carry-on. Any bag exceeding these rules is subject to airline excess baggage fees and are the passenger's responsibility. Please visit the airline's web site for complete baggage rules and restrictions. Porterage services of one (1) bag per person are offered with this tour while in Sicily. The Tour Operator accepts no liability or responsibility for loss and damage of luggage, although maximum care will be taken to ensure safe handling of your luggage.

**CANCELLATION POLICY & PENALTIES:** cancellations must be received in writing and signed by the person who made the original reservation. Cancellations are only effective from the day they are actually received by FJ Tours, LLC. No refunds are issued for cancellations received after the tour departure date. If you cancel your tour, cancellation penalties will apply and will be deducted from your refund. Cancellation penalties apply to each passenger as follows. Up to 91 days prior to departure: Full refund; 90 to 61 days prior to departure: \$350.00; 60 to 46 days prior to departure: 50% of total tour cost; 45 to 31 days prior to departure: 75% of total tour cost; Less than 30 days: 100% of total tour cost - No Refund. Any unused tour portions are non-refundable. Trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: The Tour Operator offers an optional comprehensive travel insurance plan for this tour that includes the following plan benefits: trip cancellation, trip interruption, trip delay, baggage/ baggage delay, medical expense benefits, medical evacuation/repatriation of remains, 24 hours AD&D, and travel assistance. Please see the 360° Group Travel Protection Plan Description of Coverage "Comprehensive Plan" for complete plan terms, conditions, exclusions and provisions. All benefits will be determined at the time a claim may occur based on the information and documentation submitted to the insurance company. Both the Tour Operator and Tour Sponsor strongly recommend that all passengers purchase travel insurance to protect their travel investment.

MEDICAL CONDITION: We make every effort to provide the highest level of service to all passengers. Handicapped passengers who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the handicapped passenger's well being. The Tour Operator is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior to, during or after the tour.

RESPONSIBILITY: The responsibility of FJ Tours, LLC, 15 Peach Orchard Rd, PO Box 7177, Prospect, CT 06712-0177, Telephone: (203) 805-5035, Fax: (203) 916 -5800, Email: info@fj-tours.com, herein called the "Tour Operator", and/or their agent (agents) is (are) limited. We (they) act only as agent for the passenger in regard to all matters connected with the making and securing of reservations with transportation carriers and other suppliers of services ("suppliers"), all of which are

independent contractors, for accommodations, tours and travel whether by railroad, motor coach, private car, boat, aircraft or any other conveyance; and assume no liability or responsibility for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by either reason of defect, through the acts or default of any company or supplier or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or as a direct or indirect result of acts of God, dangers incident to the sea, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of governments or other authorities, de jure or de facto wars. whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbance, strikes, riots, theft, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, or from any causes beyond the Tour Operator's control, or from any loss or damage resulting from improper passports, visas or other documents. You are responsible for, and release the Tour Operator from any and all passport, visa, vaccination requirements, if applicable, and safety conditions in tour destination countries. The airlines concerned are not responsible for any act, omission or event during the time you are not aboard their aircraft. The passenger contract in use by the airline, when issued, constitutes the sole contract between the passenger and airline. Anyone not utilizing the included transportation (i.e., Land Only package) is responsible for all subsequent transportation. No changes in the itinerary are expected; however, we reserve the right to make them if necessary. Because of unforeseen changes in transportation schedules, the land portion of your tour may be occasionally extended or curtailed. The Tour Operator cannot be responsible for changes of itinerary. The number of days indicated for each itinerary begin with the scheduled day of departure and end with the scheduled return arrival day, irrespective of the hour of departure or return, and may vary due to transportation schedule changes.

The Tour Operator reserves the right to accept or decline any person as a member the tour, or to require any passenger to withdraw from the tour at any time who presents a significant risk to the health or safety of himself/herself or of others which can not be eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level by the Tour Operator's reasonable accommodation. The Tour Operator reserves the right to cancel a tour in the event that sufficient passengers are not secured. After refunding all partial and full payments, the Tour Operator has no further obligations to passengers on a cancelled tour. Unused portions of the tour itinerary are not refundable. The passenger's deposit, partial or full payment for a tour reservation constitutes his/her agreement to all the provisions of the tour brochure, itinerary, and these tour terms and conditions.

HOLD HARMLESS: The Office of Radio & Television and WJMJ Radio of the Archdiocese of Hartford (the "Tour Sponsor"), has selected FJ Tours, LLC to offer travel arrangements for its "Sicily 2014 with Father John" tour. The tour passenger hereby acknowledges and agrees that: (a) the Tour Sponsor is not in the business of providing travel services, and (b) the Tour Sponsor disclaims any liability or responsibility with respect to such travel services. Consequently, in engaging FJ Tours, LLC for this tour, the tour passenger expressly agrees to hold the Tour Sponsor harmless from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, liabilities or judgments, at law or in equity, related to, arising from, or in connection, with respect to the travel, accommodation and tour services procured by the tour passenger. "Claims" include, without limitation: claims for personal injury, disability or death, directly or indirectly related to, arising from or in connection with, any negligence or breach by FJ Tours, LLC or by others.

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