



PROROME



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A Pilgrimage through Sicily and Malta

Join Father William Langan of the Diocese of Scranton, PA

Our pilgrimage will explore the rich culture, history, and architectural and artistic traditions of Sicily and Malta. We'll begin in Palermo, the capital of the autonomous region of Sicily, founded some 2700 years ago by the Phoenicians, the famous seafaring people of classical antiquity. After two nights in Palermo we will set out and explore Sicily's many wonders, such as Agrigento, Siracusa, Taormina and Mount Etna. We're then off by ferry to Malta, the island-stronghold of the Mediterranean Sea, whose official state religion is still Roman Catholicism. Here we will spend three nights in Valletta, the capital, before returning home.

October 15 - 25, 2024

\$3790 per person + airfare

For more information or to register, please visit <https://prorometours.com/sicily-malta/> or contact ProRome Tours directly at office@prorome.com or by phone at (434) 953 1112.

THE ITINERARY



Tuesday, October 15 **Departure**

Departure information will be communicated at a later date.

Wednesday, October 16 **Arrive Palermo**

We are scheduled to arrive in Palermo at TBD. Welcome to Italy! Upon arrival we'll be met by the tour director. A private bus will then take us directly to the 4-star NH Hotel in the heart of Palermo. Take some time here to unwind and relax before joining the group for Mass in the nearby church of

Santa Maria della Pietà followed by dinner at the hotel.

Thursday, October 17 **Palermo**

This morning we'll have breakfast followed by Mass in the church of Saints Peter and Paul. After Mass we'll head up to the sanctuary of Santa Rosalia and then onto the beautiful abbey of Monreale. The day concludes with a visit to the Palatine Chapel, the great chapel of the Norman kings of Sicily. After a day of site-seeing we'll return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Friday, October 18 **Agrigento & Siracusa**

After Mass and breakfast, we'll check out of the hotel and board the bus for Agrigento, one of the most important cities of all of ancient Greece. Its population during the 5th century BC is estimated to have been anywhere from 200,000 - 800,00 people. Upon arrival we will visit the Valley of Temples, the largest archaeological site in the world and one of the finest and best preserved examples of the beauty and architectural achievement of

Magna Graecia.

After lunch we will board the bus and embark for Siracusa, one of the largest and most important cities in Sicily. Your hotel is the four-star Mercure Hotel, located just outside of Ortigia, the most beautiful and oldest section of Siracusa. Ortigia is actually an island of its own, divided from the mainland by a narrow strip of water. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Saturday, October 19 **Siracusa**

After breakfast and Mass we'll explore the enchanting city of Ortigia on a walking tour. In the afternoon you'll have some free time for shopping or perhaps relaxing at the hotel. In the evening we'll enjoy dinner together at the hotel.

Sunday, October 20 **Mount Etna & Taormina**

After breakfast and Mass we're back on the bus and headed up the coast towards the most imposing of all European volcanoes, Mount Etna. Mount Etna sits above two tectonic plates that divide juxtaposing continents: the African Plate and the



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Eurasian Plate. It is the tallest active volcano in Europe reaching almost 11,000 feet into the sky and is on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Ironically, some of the most beautiful places in the world sit within its deadly reach.

After a visit to Etna and lunch, we'll depart for Taormina. Taormina is most famous for its Greek Theater (sometimes disputed to be of Roman origin) although it is the view of this place that is heavenly. The ancient coastline, high above the shimmering Mediterranean, with Etna at one side and the sunset at the other; it is hard to imagine a more beautiful place in the world. You'll check in at the EuroStars Monte Tauro, a four-star hotel with a view that is unsurpassed. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Monday, October 21 Taormina

After breakfast and Mass at the nearby church of Santa Caterina we're off to visit the famous "Teatro Greco" or Greek Theater. We'll then have some time to visit the town and enjoy lunch. There will then be an

optional visit to the Sicilian Museum of Art and Popular Traditions. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Tuesday, October 22 Ferry To Valletta, Malta

Following Mass and breakfast we will depart for either Catania or Pozzallo, where we'll embark on a ferry for Valletta, the capital of Malta! Upon arrival we'll take a private coach to our lodging, the five-star Palazzo Consiglia located in the heart of the old city. Dinner and over night.

Wednesday, October 23 Valletta, Malta

After breakfast we'll depart for Mass at the church of Saint Publius, dedicated to the first bishop of Malta. He is also the same man who housed Paul in the Acts of the Apostles. We'll then enjoy a walking tour through the beauty of this mostly Baroque city, the southernmost capital of Europe! Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Thursday, October 24 Valletta, Malta

After breakfast we'll depart for Saint John's Co-Cathedral, the Cathedral of Malta dedicated to Saint John the Baptist. After Mass we will marvel at the incredible artwork found here on a walking tour. Highlights include the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist by Caravaggio. After the morning tour we will enjoy a free afternoon before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Friday, October 25 Departure

Departure information will be communicated at a later date. Flights will be arranged out of Valletta (Malta).



MORE DETAILS

▶ Cost

\$3790 per person

▶ Single Occupancy Room Surcharge

\$990

▶ Airfare Flights & Cost - TBD

Group airfare will be arranged in December 2023 and will be added to the cost. The flights will be either from JFK or Newark (EWR).

▶ Payment Schedule

\$200 - ProRome Registration Fee - Due upon Registration

(online here: <https://prorometours.com/sicily-malta/>)

50% - ProRome First Installment - Due April 15, 2024

50% - ProRome Second Installment - Due June 15, 2024

\$990 Single Occupancy Surcharge - Due June 15, 2024 (only for those desiring a single occupancy room)

▶ Price Includes

- Two nights lodging (in a double occupancy room) at the four-star NH Palermo, Palermo
- Two nights lodging (in a double occupancy room) at the four-star Mercure, Siracusa
- Two nights lodging (in a double occupancy room) at the four-star Eurostare Monte Tauro, Taormina
- Three nights lodging (in a double occupancy room) at the five-star Palazzo Consiglia, Malta
- ProRome tour manager throughout the course of the trip
- Professional qualified English-speaking guides for all visits according to the above itinerary
- Tours and all entry-tickets
- Daily buffet breakfast (without choice of menus)
- Daily three course dinner without choice of menus
- Water and house wine at dinner
- Deluxe a/c coach when required (note that we will still walk 4-6 miles per day)
- Ferry crossing from Sicily to Malta
- Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip

▶ Price Does Not Include

- Roundtrip airfare - group airfare will be arranged in December 2023 and will be added to the cost. The flights will be either from JFK or Newark (EWR)
- Any personal expenses
- Daily lunch
- Beverages other than water and house wine at dinners
- Trip Insurance (Available for purchase through ProRome)
- Gratuities (suggested total of \$20-\$30 per traveler for both the driver and guide)



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