Southern Italy & Sicily
with Apulia & the Amalfi Coast
September 20-October 4, 2021

15 days for $5,774 total price from Fort Myers
($5,295 air & land inclusive plus $479 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure's World's Best Tour Operators award.

An Exclusive Small Group Tour for FGCU Academy
Dear Friends,

Travel with us on an exclusive 15-day journey to discover enchanting Southern Italy and the remarkable island of Sicily. Beginning with the cross-cultural heritage, ruins, and magnificent landscapes of Sicily, this unique tour then traverses the “boot” of Italy, combining the traditional and unspoiled region of Apulia with the breathtaking Amalfi Coast.

Begin your tour in Taormina, on the island of Sicily, where you visit the “Valley of the Temples” and the well-preserved Temple of Concordia. Venture to Europe’s largest active volcano, Mt. Etna, before traveling to the Apulia region to visit the cave dwellings of Matera and Alberobello’s medieval white-washed buildings. Discover Lecce’s Baroque-era churches and maze of narrow streets on a walking tour, then continue on to Otranto, overlooking the Adriatic. Traveling to Sorrento, tour the UNESCO site of Pompeii, enjoy a day trip to the storied Isle of Capri, and experience a breathtaking drive along the Amalfi Coast. For those who wish to extend their Italian adventure, an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension in Rome is available.

Space on this exciting program is limited and will fill quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up until 95 days prior to departure. Book risk-free today!

Sincerely,
John Guerra
Director, FGCU Academy

THE FGCU RESERVATION FORM: SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Southern Italy & Sicily, departing September 20, 2021. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: FGCU Academy, Attention: John Guerra, 1010 5th Ave. South, Naples, FL 34102. Phone: (239) 434-4838; e-mail: jguerra@fgcu.edu

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Address __________________________________________________________________________________________

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E-mail(s) _______________________________ Badge Name(s) _______________________________

Please book my/our air from __________________________ I/We request an air upgrade to ____________________

I will share a room with _____________________________ I request a single room (limited availability)  

Post-Tour “Rome – On Your Own” Extension: Please sign me/us up  

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Southern Italy & Sicily, September 20-October 4, 2021, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) ________________________________________________________________ Date___________________

Method of Payment  q Check  q American Express  q Discover  q MasterCard  q VISA

Account # __________________________ Security Code _________ Exp. Date __________________________

Name of Cardholder ______________________________________________________________________________

Signature __________________________________________________________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.
Day 1: Depart U.S. for Taormina (Catania), Sicily

Day 2: Arrive Taormina  We arrive today in Catania on Italy’s autonomous island of Sicily then transfer by motorcoach to Taormina and our boutique hotel overlooking the Ionian Sea. Tonight we gather for a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Day 3: Taormina  Highlights of our morning walking tour of this delightful medieval town include the spectacular ancient Greek theater dating to the 3rd century bce, the popular 13th-century cathedral, and grand Piazza Vittorio Emanuele. This afternoon is at leisure: perhaps to relax by the hotel pool, visit a lovely Taormina beach; or stroll along Corso Umberto, lined with shops and restaurants. With lunch and dinner on our own today, perhaps a culinary adventure is in order … and thanks to Sicily’s strategic Mediterranean location that lured many invaders, Sicilian food incorporates Italian, Arabic, and African influences into a singular, and delicious, cuisine.

Day 4: Taormina/Agrigento  On today’s excursion we visit the “Valley of the Temples,” the archaeological zone of Agrigento, whose Doric temples and sanctuaries date to Greek rule in the 5th century bce. Known in its heyday as the “most beautiful city of mortals,” Agrigento’s highlight is the stunning, well-preserved Temple of Concordia (c. 430 bce). A visit to the museum here lends context to our explorations. Late this afternoon we return to our hotel, where we dine tonight.

Day 5: Taormina/Mount Etna  This morning’s tour ventures to Europe’s largest active volcano. The ancients believed Mt. Etna to be the forge of Vulcan, god of fire; today, modern-day Sicilians have a very personal relationship with the volcano, which frequently erupts but is seldom destructive. Centuries of lava flows have resulted in a rich, fertile landscape where citrus groves and vineyards thrive. Mid-day we enjoy a small group highlight: lunch at a family-run working farm amidst acres of lemon and kiwi. After returning to our hotel mid-afternoon, the remainder of the day is at leisure.
Day 6: Taormina/Matera We leave Sicily today for the mainland region of Basilicata, a day-long transfer that includes a ferry ride from Sicily to Calabria. Late this afternoon we reach Matera, whose historic troglodyte churches and dwellings (Sassi) have been designated a UNESCO site and where our hotel is a renovated cave dwelling in the city’s historic district. B,D

Day 7: Matera Today we explore this city of art and folklore, with its unique ancient urban structure still intact. Home to more than 100 rock churches, Matera resembles ancient Jerusalem and has been used by international film directors as a stand-in for the holy city. Following a guided walking tour, the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently before dinner tonight at a local restaurant. B,D

Day 8: Matera/Alberobello/Lecce Departing Matera this morning, we stop in Alberobello, whose 400 or so trulli – whitewashed conical houses with grey-stone roofs – rank as a UNESCO World Heritage site. We take a walking tour along the pristine cobblestone alleys, stepping inside an artisan’s workshop or trullo tipico, a recreation of an inhabited home. After lunch at a local restaurant, we continue on to Lecce, one of the oldest cities in Apulia, (Italy’s “boot heel”), in time for dinner together at our hotel. B,L,D

Day 9: Lecce We discover the “Florence of the South” on this morning’s tour, so named for the unique decorative style for which Lecce is known: barocco leccese, the ornate and intricate sandstone carvings of cherubs and monsters, fruits and flowers that adorn local buildings from top to bottom. We see Palazzo Vescovile (c. 1632), the exuberantly decorated church of Santa Croce, and the Duomo with its lovely piazza. This afternoon is at leisure to explore this town of 100 churches as we wish; tonight we enjoy dinner together. B,D

Day 10: Lecce/Otranto Today’s excursion takes us to the beautiful walled town of Otranto, overlooking the Adriatic. On a walking tour here we see the imposing 15th-century Aragonese castle with its traditional moat, and the Romanesque cathedral whose impressive wall-to-wall mosaic floor was created in 1166. We continue on to a local winery for a tasting and lunch then return to Lecce mid-afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own. B,L

Day 11: Lecce/Sorrento This morning we depart by coach for Sorrento, overlooking the Bay of Naples. En route we stop for a traditional trattoria lunch in the small town of Polignano a Mare. Dinner tonight is on our own in lively seaside Sorrento. B,L

Day 12: Sorrento/Pompeii Today we visit the evocative UNESCO site of Pompeii for a guided tour of October 4-7, 2021

Post-Tour Extension

October 4-7, 2021

Rome – On Your Own

4 days/3 nights for $795 total price

Your Tour Price Includes

• Air transportation Naples/Rome, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
• 3 nights’ accommodations at Empire Palace Hotel (Superior First Class)
• 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
• Transfers to/from airport

Explore the Eternal City at your leisure.

Single Supplement: $295

Your Tour Price Includes
the city frozen in time by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 CE (the city was accidentally rediscovered in 1749). Late this afternoon we gather for a hands-on Neapolitan cuisine cooking lesson, followed by dinner to savor the fruits of our labors. B,D

Day 13: Sorrento/Capri Today we travel by hydrofoil to the storied Isle of Capri, a popular resort since Roman times. We explore cozy Capri town; visit the terraced Gardens of Augustus, rich with Mediterranean flora, coastal pines, and stunning views of the azure sea; then enjoy free time for lunch and to explore on our own before we return to Sorrento early afternoon. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy this city with views of Mt. Vesuvius as we wish. Dinner tonight is on our own in Sorrento. B

Day 14: Sorrento/Amalfi Coast We embark this morning on a breathtaking drive along the winding, cliff-top Amalfi Coast road. This stretch of terraced coastline from Sorrento to Amalfi has inspired movies, music, and books; indeed, it is one of the most glorious drives in the world. During our leisurely excursion, we make several photo stops along this spectacular, hair-raising coastline, with the dazzling Mediterranean a sheer 500-foot drop below. This afternoon is at leisure; tonight we bid “arrivederci” to Italy and our fellow travelers at a farewell dinner. B,D

Day 15: Depart for U.S. This morning we transfer to Naples airport, where we connect with our return flight to the U.S. B

Your Tour Price Includes
- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 26 meals: 13 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Tour Departs: September 20, 2021

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Land Only (transfers not included) $4,795

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $479, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,595. Your $500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight:
- Business Class – $3,795 per person; Premium Economy – $1,595 per person, in addition to the above costs (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking uphill and on uneven or cobblestone streets, and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

For information and reservations, please contact John Guerra at FGCU Academy at (239) 434-4838 or e-mail jguerra@fgcu.edu
Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions may apply. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change, it is important to monitor your flights and arrive at your discretion (suggested times: $10.95 per traveler, per day; optional sightseeing and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odyssey Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds, if any, will be based on the following per-person charges: cancel 95 days or more before departure: no refund; cancel 94-45 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund. If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odyssey Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person additional fee in addition to any fees or penalties incurred by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full name as it appears on your passport, as the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's resale.

Responsibility-Tour Participation Contract – IMPORTANT: FGCU Academy does not provide travel services or act as the agent of any provider of travel services. The liability of FGCU Academy as a sponsor, and Odyssey Unlimited, Inc., as a tour operator, is strictly limited. FGCU Academy is a sponsor of this tour. Odyssey Unlimited, Inc. is a tour operator. Under the provisions of the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, 49 U.S.C. 1381 et seq., the financial responsibility of the hotels, motels, coaches, buses, trains, and all forms of transportation that are used in conjunction with the tour. Odyssey Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers without its control. All arrangements for transportation, accommodations, and services are made upon the express condition that FGCU Academy, Odyssey Unlimited, Inc., and its affiliates shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity of any kind occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond their control, including, without limitation, any act of negligence or breach of contract of any third party such as an airline, cruise line, train, hotel, restaurant, tour operator, suppliers, ground handler, etc., including their employees, agents, servants, or representatives, who is or is to or does supply any goods or services to the tour. Without limiting the foregoing, FGCU Academy, Odyssey Unlimited, Inc., and/or their affiliates are not responsible for any losses or expenses due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking of accommodations, default of any third party, illness, death, accident, weather, acts of God, acts of terrorism, war, quarantine, criminal activity, the default of any vehicle, or any other cause beyond their control. FGCU Academy reserves the right to change the itinerary of the tour, or to substitute similar quality hotels or airlines without prior notice. If the tour is canceled by FGCU Academy for any reason, FGCU Academy, Odyssey Unlimited, Inc., and/or their affiliates shall not have any liability beyond the refund of all tour participant deposits received by them, net of any and all expenses due to suppliers and the airline refund policies. FGCU Academy, in its sole discretion, may increase the tour price in the event costs increase. FGCU Academy may decline to accept or retain any tour participant as a participant on the tour at any time. Airline tickets may be sold in conjunction with the services of any airline. The airlines reserve the right to change the number of available seats in the event the airlines are unable to meet the demand. FGCU Academy is not responsible for airline schedules or flight check-in. Odyssey Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply. For those participants with their own air arrangements, airline tickets in use by the carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the passenger. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, FGCU Academy and Odyssey Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of or changes to this tour. The parties agree that any dispute arising out of this tour. A signed FGCU General Release and Waiver Agreement is required from each participant prior to departure.

Medical Conditions: If you or a member of your party suffer from any physical challenge or medical condition, you must check with your doctor about the advisability of traveling abroad and make this known to us before you book. We will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of our tour participants, but are not responsible for denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, and other independent suppliers. Smoking: Smoking is NOT permitted in the hotels, on motorcoaches, or on other modes of transport used by the group.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odyssey Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy airfare from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routing, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at other lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. If your airline cannot accommodate all passengers assigned to your flight check-in, Odyssey Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply. For those participants with their own air arrangements, airline tickets in use by the carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the passenger. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, FGCU Academy and Odyssey Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of or changes to this tour. The parties agree that any dispute arising out of this tour. A signed FGCU General Release and Waiver Agreement is required from each participant prior to departure.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols: The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided approximately 90 days prior to departure.

JOIN FGCU ACADEMY ON AN EXCLUSIVE TOUR TO SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY! Reserve risk-free: Your deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days before departure.