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Arba Sicula's Tour 24 Itinerary. June 3 to June 15, 2017

This is the itinerary I propose for our 24th anniversary tour of Sicily. We will make minor changes to the itinerary in the coming months. The price for the tour remains: \$3,500 and includes airfare, airport taxes and fuel surcharge, four-star hotels, Deluxe transportation, and all meals, except lunches. The single supplement is \$450.00 which can be avoided if you share a room with someone. Please send a non-refundable deposit of \$200.00 per person to Arba Sicula, P. O. Box 149, Mineola, New York 11501. Full payment is due on April 1, 2017. You can reach prof. Cipolla at gcipolla@optonline.net.

June 3 - Saturday DAY 1 - Departure from J. F. Kennedy Airport, New York on Alitalia AZ603, 6:05 PM. Arrive Rome 8:40 AM.

June 4- Sunday DAY 2 - AZ1785, 4 June, depart ROME 10:00 AM, Arrive Palermo 11:10 AM. Transfer to Hotel Delle Palme. Afternoon free to rest. Meeting with students at Maredolce castle to promote Sicilian language. Welcome dinner at La Casa del Brodo Restaurant.

June 5- Monday DAY 3 - Morning guided tour of Palermo that includes the Cathedral, the Norman Palace, and Monreale. In the afternoon, we will visit. We will travel to Santa Flavia for dinner and entertainment with local members of Arba Sicula.

June 6- Tuesday DAY 4 - Free morning in Palermo. Lunch in the hotel. After lunch we will drive to Bagheria to visit Villa Palagonia and the Guttuso Museum. We will be offered a light refreshments before proceeding to a performance of a Sicilian language play by the local repertory theatre. After the performance we will return to the hotel.

June 7- Wednesday DAY 5 - Palermo to Marsala. We will visit Erice and have lunch on your own in this charming medieval city. Then in the afternoon we will proceed to Marsala for a wine tasting and then to our hotel, the Baglio Oneto, and enjoy our dinner at with some of our local friends.

June 8- Thursday DAY 6 -Marsala to Agrigento via Sciacca. We will have lunch at the beach and proceed to Agrigento where we will see the Valley of the Temples. We then proceed to the Hotel della Valle in Agrigento to relax at the the pool before dinner.

June 9- Friday DAY 7- After breakfast we will drive to Enna. After a visit to the Castello di Lombardia and the Cathedral, we will proceed to the famous outlet at Dittaino where the most famous brands have created an outlet. We will have lunch on your own in the many restaurants there and afterward we will proceed to Siracusa. Dinner will be at our hotel, the Grande Albergo Alfeo. After dinner we will be entertained by Salvo Bottaro and his friends.

June 10- Saturday DAY 8 - We will visit the archeological area of Siracusa in the morning and move down to the island of Ortygia where we will have lunch. We will visit the Sanctuary of the Madonna delle lagrime and attend a performance at the Greek Theatre at night, followed by a pizza party. We will see the tragedy *Le Fenicie*.

June 11 - Sunday DAY 9 - Morning drive to Catania. Visit the Cathedral, the Via Etnea. Lunch on your own. After lunch we will proceed to Giardini-Naxos by way of Acicastello, Acireale where we will stop for an ice cream. We will proceed to our hotel and relax at the pool or the beach. The Caesar Palace Hotel will be our hotel for the remaining 4 nights. Buffet dinner at the hotel

June 12- Monday DAY 10 - A short morning drive to Taormina to visit the Greek-Roman theatre, free time for shopping and lunch. We then return to our hotel for relaxation at the pool or the beach. Dinner in our hotel.

June 13- Tuesday Day 11- Excursion to Randazzo. After a visit to the sights we will drive to a local winery for wine tasting and for lunch. Return to the hotel in the afternoon. Relax by the pool or on the beach. Dinner at our hotel.

June 14- Wednesday DAY 12 - Morning free to do shopping. In the afternoon we will drive to Francavilla di Sicilia for cocktails and then to our Reastaurant for the farewell dinner.

June 15- Thursday DAY 13 - Transfer to Catania. The return flight is on Alitalia AZ1710, at 10:20 am, arriving in Rome at 11:40 AM, connecting with Alitalia 610 to New York at 2:45 PM. It will arrive in New York's J. F. Kennedy Airport at 6:20 PM of the same day.