



NICHOLLS FOUNDATION

Trip to Sicily and Rome

March 25 to April 4, 2025



\$4,980.00 per person, double occupancy
\$5,990.00 single occupancy

Airport taxes and fuel surcharges (approximately \$130.00) are included and may vary slightly.
Adjustments will be made at the time of final invoicing.

INCLUSIVE FEATURES

- Economy class air transportation on scheduled airlines from New Orleans, Louisiana to Rome, as well as domestic flights from Rome to Palermo and from Catania to Rome
 - 9 nights' accommodation in superior 4-star hotels, including continental buffet breakfast
 - 4 meals (1 lunch & 2 dinners, plus a special Farewell Dinner)
 - Airport transfers and ground transportation by private, deluxe motor coach
- Guided sightseeing as detailed in the program, including headsets and entrance fees where needed
 - Tour leader assistance throughout the stay in Italy

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Tuesday, March 25 - NEW ORLEANS/ROME

Depart from New Orleans International Airport to Rome, Italy, on regular scheduled airline service. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board. (M)

Day 2: Wednesday, March 26 - ROME/PALERMO

Arrive in Rome, meet the tour leader and board the domestic flight to Palermo, the regional capital of the island of Sicily. Upon arrival in Palermo, transfer to the hotel, settle in and adjust to the new time. Dinner will be served at the hotel. (D)

Day 3: Thursday, March 27 - PALERMO

In the morning, a guided tour of Palermo will feature the impressive 12th-century **Cathedral** and the **Palace of the Normans** with its superb “**Palatina**” **Chapel**. The tour continues with a panoramic tour of the historical center, giving the opportunity to admire the “**Quattro Canti**”, the crossroad marking the heart of Palermo’s old historic district; the **Opera House**, the biggest in Italy, and the **Pretoria Square** with its famous fountain dating back to 1554. The rest of the day is at disposal. Tonight, dinner is on your own. (B)

Day 4: Friday, March 28 - PALERMO/MONREALE/MONDELLO/PALERMO

In the morning, reach Monreale to admire the **Cathedral** with its splendid 12th-century mosaics and the impressive cloister of the Benedictines monastery. On the way back to Palermo, stop for free time for lunch in Mondello, the most popular beach resort of the Palermo area. Originally a small fishing village, this town has been transformed into a popular coastal destination. Enjoy the evening at your leisure. (B)

Day 5: Saturday, March 29 - PALERMO/AGRIGENTO/TAORMINA

The day starts with a drive to Agrigento. Upon arrival, take part in a guided tour of the **Valley of Temples** including the **Temple of Concord**, in almost perfectly preserved condition, and the **Temples of Juno and Heracles** which represent the most remarkable example of Greek civilization in Sicily. Continue to the lovely hilltop town of Taormina and enjoy dinner, served at or near the hotel. (B, D)



TOUR ITINERARY

Day 6: Sunday, March 30 - TAORMINA

After breakfast, a guided tour of Taormina will include the **Greek Theater** built in the third century BC, the Medieval **Palace Corvaja**, the **Cathedral Square** with the baroque fountain, the symbol of the town, and the main shopping road **Corso Umberto**, where you may wish to shop for handmade lace, coral jewels, ceramics, home-made sweets, and preserves. Take advantage of the rest of the day to explore independently this town known as “the Pearl of the Ionian Sea”. (B)

Day 7: Monday, March 31 - TAORMINA/MT. ETNA/TAORMINA

The morning sightseeing features **Mount Etna**, the highest active volcano in Europe. An included wine tasting lunch in a local restaurant on the slopes of Etna will follow, then return to Taormina. The afternoon is at leisure. This evening, discover on your own one of Taormina’s endless fine restaurants. (B, L)

Day 8: Tuesday, April 1 - TAORMINA

Today, enjoy a day free of group activities to relax and explore on your own. Those who wish may join a full-day excursion to Syracuse, including a visit of the vast archeological site that is a rare treasure of temples, amphitheatres and an ancient castle, as well as the island of Ortygia, a labyrinth of charming ancient and medieval streets (\$95.00 per person, including transportation and half-day tour, based on a minimum participation of 20 passengers). (B)

Day 9: Wednesday, April 2 - TAORMINA/CATANIA/ROME

Board the coach to reach Catania airport and depart for Rome, the Eternal City. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel and settle in. The afternoon is at leisure. Some may wish to join an optional tour of Monumental Rome, featuring the iconic Spanish Steps, the famous Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, built in the first century once a temple dedicated to all gods, currently a Catholic Church where many illustrious deceased are buried and, lastly, the Piazza Navona with another of Bernini’s masterpieces, the Four Rivers Fountain (\$60.00 per person, including transportation and guide, based on a minimum participation of 20 passengers). (B)

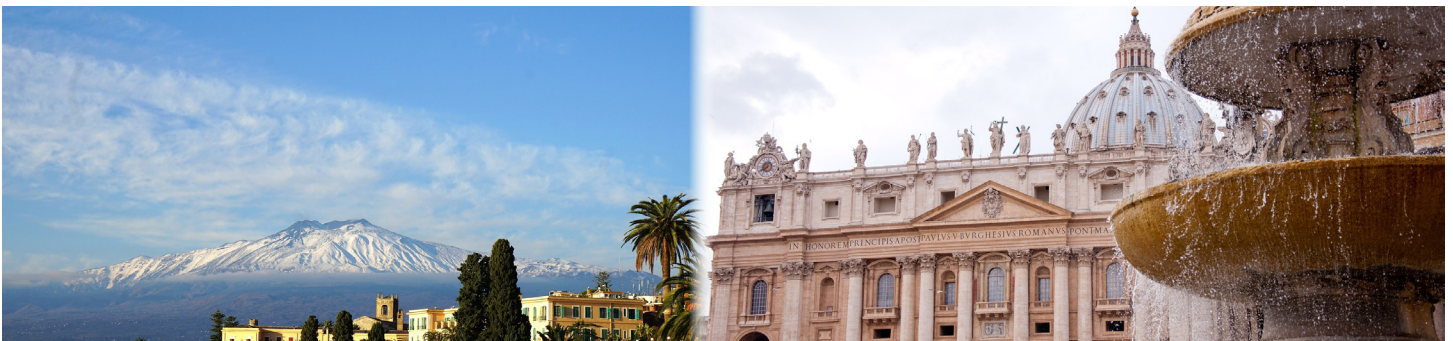
Day 10: Thursday, April 3 - ROME

Today, visit the most magnificent of churches, the **Basilica of St. Peter**. Experience the unforgettable opportunity to enter through the Holy Door or ‘Porta Sancta’, which only opens during a Holy Year (Jubilee), every 25 years. The remainder of the day is open for last minute independent sightseeing, shopping, or packing. In the evening, reunite with the group for a special Farewell Dinner. Savor local delicacies as you tune in to some of Italy’s most famous melodies. (B, D)

Day 11: Friday, April 4 - ROME/HOME

This morning you will be accompanied by your tour leader to the airport and assisted with check-in formality to board the flight home. You will be asking yourself “where did the time go?”.

Meal Legend: M = meals onboard flight B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



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RESERVATION FORM - NICHOLLS FOUNDATION TRIP TO SICILY AND ITALY

Reservation Form and Contract between Tour Participant and Tour Operator



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Email: info@caravelletours.com

This form must be fully completed, in clear print, and returned with deposit no later than August 30, 2024.

Please email or fax to the above address, along with a copy of your passport.

SPACE IS LIMITED. Reservations will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis.

TITLE _____ LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE NAME _____ TOUR BADGE NAME _____
(Mr-Mrs-Ms-other) (full name as it appears on passport) (if different from first name provided)

_____ Birthdate _____
_____ Birthdate _____

Address (P.O. box not accepted) _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
E-Mail (please print clearly) _____ Cell Phone/s (_____) _____

AIRLINE RESERVATIONS

Global Entry _____ KTN _____ (this data will be processed only if received with reservation form)
 I will not be departing from New Orleans. I would like a quotation for flights departing from _____
 I would like to deviate from the group, as detailed in my email request
Please note deviations will be accepted/processed up to reservation deadline only and a processing fee of \$50 per person will apply. Seating requests will be noted but cannot be guaranteed.

ROOM ACCOMMODATION

One person: Single (subject to availability) I hope to find a roommate (single supplement applies until one is found)
Two people: Double (one queen bed) Twin (two single beds)
Roommate, if not listed above or on other reservation form _____

OPTIONAL TOURS & SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please book me on the following optional tour/s: Syracuse Monumental Rome
 Special Requests: _____

PAYMENT

Deposit due by August 30, 2024: \$800.00 per person - Final Payment due by November 22, 2024

Please choose one of the following options:

- I have enclosed my check for \$ _____ covering my deposit
 I authorize Caravelle Tours to charge my deposit of \$ _____ on the credit card listed below:
 Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ 3 Digit Code _____

Name appearing on credit card _____

Billing address if different than above _____

Please choose one of the following options:

- I will send a check for the final payment which is due by November 22, 2024 (\$100.00 discount per person applies).
 I authorize Caravelle Tours to charge my final payment on the credit card listed above on November 22, 2024.
Please note changes of billing instructions after trip confirmation will incur a \$20 processing fee.

I/we have read the terms and conditions stated in the brochure, especially those regarding Tour Prices, Cancellations/Modification Fees and Air Transportation, understand the details of the tour and agree to be bound thereby for myself and anyone else registered on this form. **I am aware that travel protection is available and that I may find additional information and build a custom quote at www.caravelletours.com/travel-protection/.**

Signature _____ Date _____

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS - NICHOLLS FOUNDATION TRIP TO SICILY AND ITALY

Tour Prices: Prices are based on the exchange rate of the dollar in effect at the time of brochure distribution. Should the value of the dollar drop significantly, the prices will be adjusted accordingly. All efforts will be made not to alter prices, but should there be a need, Caravelle Tours reserves the right to communicate the amount at the time of final payment. Prices are also based on a minimum of 30 participants or the expected group size, advised by the organizer. The participant hereby agrees to an automatic adjustment on the price due to a variation of either of these conditions with a maximum of 5% of the group price. Written acceptance by the participant will be requested only in case of a greater increase.

Reservation, Deposit and Final Payment: A non-refundable \$800.00 per person deposit is required by the deposit due date in order to make reservations, along with a signed copy of the registration form as well as a copy of the passport/s. Final payment is due on November 22, 2024. Late payments are subject to a \$50.00 handling charge. Late registrations (sixty days prior to departure) are subject to a \$50.00 per person handling charge plus any additional cost charged by airlines and hotels, require a full payment by credit card and are subject to availability. All checks should be made payable to Caravelle Tours Inc. Bank fees resulting from returned checks or charges from a financial institution for denied payments will have to be covered by the client.

Cancellation/Modification Fees: The deposit is non-refundable. The following per person fees will apply in case of cancellation by the passenger: 25% of the total tour price from November 25, 2024 to December 23, 2024; 50% of the total tour price from December 24, 2024 to January 24, 2025; no refund from January 25, 2025 up to departure. Cancellations can only be accepted in writing. Travel protection is available and highly encouraged. Additional information may be found on our website under www.caravelletours.com/travel-protection/.

Passport and Visa: All U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport, with an expiration date of no less than 6 months from the date of return. U.S. citizens are also required to obtain an ETIAS travel authorization. Non-U.S. citizens must check requirements with their respective consulate.

Air Transportation: Transatlantic airfare is based on a special economy class contracted fare, on regularly scheduled airlines and other IATA carriers. Total cost of taxes, security/fuel surcharges will be advised in the final invoice, however, is subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure. Deviation of departure or return date/city **may** be possible for a limited number of seats, if the request is made at the time of reservation. A \$50.00 fee per person applies plus any additional costs applied by the airline.

Land Transportation: As specified in the itinerary. Ground transportation will be provided by deluxe, air conditioned motor coaches. Land only participants may take advantage of the group's airport transfers only if their flight schedule coincides with the group's and have informed Caravelle Tours of their air schedule. Please be informed that Caravelle Tours is unable to hold up the group should land only participants face any delays on arrival. In case of misconnection with the group, it will be land only participants' responsibility to arrange transportation to meet with the group, at their own expense.

Hotels: Accommodation will be provided at the hotel category described in the brochure. All rooms are with private bath. Occasionally, hotels may be substituted by others of a similar category or better at no extra cost to the passenger. All rates are per person. Single rooms, although assuring privacy, may be smaller in size and not ideally located.

Meals: Snacks and meals are served on all transatlantic flights and all other carriers as specified by the single contractor involved. Buffet breakfast at the hotels and other meals will be provided as noted in the program. Mineral water and house wine are included at meals.

Tipping: All gratuities and handling charges to hotel staff, chambermaids and waiters are included. Personal tipping to guides, tour directors and drivers are **not** included.

Baggage Handling: Checked baggage will be limited to one piece per person, plus one carry on. Porterage may or may not be included based on timing and what will be in the best interest of the participants. The tour operator accepts no liability for loss and damage of luggage, although maximum care will be taken to ensure safe handling of your luggage. Travel protection is highly suggested.

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Travelers Who Need Special Assistance On Tour: You must report to Caravelle Tours any disability requiring special attention while on tour at the time the reservation is made. Caravelle Tours will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travellers, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so nor responsible for any denial of services by air carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Caravelle Tours cannot provide individual assistance to a tour participant for walking, dining, getting on and off coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance. If we are not notified at time of reservation of any disability requiring special attention, Caravelle Tours reserves the right to cancel your booking or terminate your tour if your special needs or disabilities are not suitable for the vacation, are incompatible with other travellers, or if you are not traveling with a companion who provides all the assistance you require. Caravelle Tours will not refund or cover any costs or expenses incurred for cancellation, booking, or termination of the vacation. Cancellation penalties, as above, apply. Not all sightseeing stops/sites accommodate wheelchairs, and some locations and sightseeing activities require extensive standing, sitting, or walking—sometimes on unpaved or cobblestone streets. Caravelle Tours will not refund or cover any cost or expense incurred for any missed activities due to a participant's inability to fully participate with the group. The Americans with Disabilities Act is only applicable within the United States, and facilities for disabled individuals are limited outside its borders. Most transportation services, including the touring coaches, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. Motorized scooters and motorized wheelchairs are not suitable for international travel and are not permitted on Caravelle Tours tours.

Exclusions: Expenses and items not mentioned in this brochure are not covered, including but not limited to: passport fees, visas, meals (other than stated in the brochure), items of a personal nature and transportation to/from home and home town airports.

Responsibility: The responsibility of Caravelle Tours Inc, herein after called the "Operator", his and or their agent is limited. They act only as agent for the passenger in regard to travel whether by railroad, motor coach, private car, boat, aircraft or any other conveyance, and assume no liability for 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 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, act of governments or other authorities, de jure or de facto, wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, theft, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, or from any causes beyond the Operator's control, or from any loss or damage resulting from improper passport, visas or other documents. The airlines concerned are not responsible for any act, omission or event during the time you are not aboard the aircraft. The passenger contract in use by the airline, when issued, constitutes the sole contract between you and airline. Anyone not utilizing the pre-arranged transportation is responsible for the subsequent transportation. No changes in the itinerary are expected but 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 Operator cannot be responsible for changes of itinerary. The number of days indicated for each itinerary begins with the day of scheduled departure and ends with the scheduled return arrival day, irrespective of the hour of departure or return, and may vary due to transportation schedule changes. The Operator reserves the right to accept or retain anyone as a passenger on its trip, or to cancel a trip. After refunding all partial and full payments, the Operator has no other obligations to passengers on cancelled trip. Unused portions of the itinerary are not refundable. Full or partial payment for a trip reservation constitutes agreement to all the provision of the brochure.



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