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Jim Gold International Folk Tours

SICILY!

Folk Dancing, Folk Music, Culture, Art, History, Adventure !

**Palermo, Agrigento, Siracusa,
Erice, Taormina!**

May 8-18, 2011

Led by JIM GOLD

Rome Extension: May 18-21



- ★ Explore historic Palermo, Erice, Agrigento, Siracusa, Catania, and Taormina !
- ★ Folk dance with local Sicilian teachers !
- ★ Visit traditional Sicilian villages of Castelbuono and Santangel ! Folk dance performances, workshops, and parties !
- ★ See Mt. Etna, Sicily's most dramatic active volcano !
- ★ International folk dancing led by Jim Gold !
- ★ Price includes round trip air, transfers, hotels, breakfasts, private bus, guide, sightseeing, all breakfasts, three lunches, three dinners, and wine-tasting !

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Sunday, May 8: Departure from New York JFK airport to Sicily.

Day 2: Monday, May 9: Arrival in **Palermo**. Transfer to hotel. Welcome cocktail party and dinner. Overnight at Hotel Grand Albergo Sole Palermo.

Day 3: Tuesday, May 10: Morning city tour of Palermo including a visit to the Norman Palace, Teatro Massimo, and the Church and Cloister of St. John the hermit. Continue to **Monreale** to visit the cloisters and gold-domed Cathedral. Lunch in a typical Palermo Trattoria. Supper in our hotel followed by evening of dance with an exhibition and lesson in Sicilian dance.

Day 4: Wednesday, May 11: Drive east through Cefalu to visit the traditional **Sicilian village of Castelbuono**. Walking tour and lunch. Return to Palermo for overnight.

Day 5: Thursday, May 12: Depart for **Agrigento**. En route we'll visit the unforgettable medieval village of **Erice** with its Norman Castle and quaint shops specializing in Sicilian handicrafts.

We'll drive on to the Greek acropolis of Selinute of the 6th century B. C., drink some local Marsala wine, and continue to the historic town of Agrigento on Sicily's southern coast. Overnight at Hotel Kaos.

Day 6: Friday, May 13: Visit to the Valley of the Temples and its Archaeological Museum. Visit to the **traditional Sicilian village of Santangel** for lunch. **Evening of Folk dancing, meetings with local groups, singing, ethnic costumes, international performing groups, photo opportunities**



Day 7: Saturday, May 14: Depart for **Siracusa**, once the most powerful ancient Greek colony in Sicily. Hotel check-in followed by free time to stroll and admire the old town. Evening of folk dancing with a local dance group.

Day 8: Sunday, May 15: Visit to the archaeological zone: Graeco-Roman Theater, Dionysus 's Ear, Ortigia, and Arethusa's Fountain. Evening folk dance. Overnight at Park Hotel.

Day 9-11: Monday-Tuesday, May 16-17: Depart for **Taormina**. En route we'll see **Mt. Etna**, Sicily's most dramatic active volcano! After visiting the Bellini Museum and view the Bellini Opera House in **Catania** we'll return to Taormina for a city tour and a visit to the Greco-Roman Theater. Final day of leisure to relax and enjoy the views, charming streets, and shops. Evening farewell dinner at a folkloric restaurant. Overnights at Hotel Villa Esperia.

Day 11: Wednesday, May 18: Transfer to Catania for flight to New York City.

Or join our:

4/day 3/night Rome extension! Wed.-Sun, May 18-21.

Full day city tour of Rome! (Includes Spanish steps, Trevi fountain, Pantheon, Coliseum, Roman Forum, half-day tour of Vatican Museums including the Sistine Chapel, Overnights at Hotel Quirinale.

Visit www.jimgold.com to see YOUTUBE tour videos !

Land Only: \$3195 Land and Air: \$3995
Rome ext. \$795



REGISTRATION: I can't wait to go! Enclosed is my registration deposit of \$200 per person, refundable until February 8th. Single Supplement: \$595. Additional charges: \$85 hotel taxes and air taxes/fuel charges: \$475. Rome ext. Single Supplement: \$345. **Gratuities not included in the price.** Cancellations 30 to 45 days prior to departure: Refund 50% of total price. Less than 30 days: No refund. Travel insurance recommended.

Total balance due February 8, 2011

Rome extension: Yes _____ No _____

Name _____

Address _____

No. of people _____ Phone (_____) _____ mail _____

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