DEPOSIT/PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS Deposit of \$600 per person due with each individual

Balance of payment is due seventy (70) days prior to your

CANCELLATION FEES PER PERSON 61 or more days prior to departure:

\$300 cancellation fee per person. 60 or fewer days prior to departure: Full cancellation. Note: All cancellations must be made in writing. Tour cancellation insurance will be made available to all passengers. Seat Assignments

Seats will be requested per your completed passport name list and confirmed no earlier than 40 days prior to departure. Every airline has different group seating policies. Any name change may result in that seat being revoked by the carrier. Bulkhead and exit row seats are considered at airport check-in only. Domestic flights are blocked for group seat requests. Seats are always a request and never a guarantee. Your final seating will be determined by the airlines. Currency Fluctuation

All prices are based on the rates of exchange in effect at the time of price quotation. In the event that the US dollar devalues. Gate 1 reserves the right to increase prices accordingly. Your final invoice(s) for tour participants will reflect increases resulting from currency devaluation. Group Harmony

To ensure the desired group synergy, Gate 1 Travel reserves the right to accept, reject or expel any individual who is deemed disruptive or incompatible with the interests of the group, including, but not limited to, individuals who are intoxicated and/or under the influence of drugs leading to a negative experience for the remainder of the group. Expenses, including cancellation fees and/or costs for alternate travel plans or to return home, will necessarily be borne by the passenger. All unused services are non-

Luggage: All Gate 1 escorted tour buses allow one piece of luggage per person, plus carry-on bag. Additional baggage will be subject to a handling charge of \$100 per piece. As Gate 1 will not be responsible for loss or damage to luggage and personal belongings, you MUST report any loss or damage immediately at the time of the incident and obtain a written report from the local authority for submission to

your insurance provider. If your luggage is lost or damaged by the airlines, a baggage claim form MUST be filed with the carrier before leaving the airport. We recommend that you use brightly colored luggage tags, straps or other identifiers to help you locate your luggage upon arrival or to describe it in

www.gate1travel.com/luggage.aspx for complete luggage

Travel Protection (Insurance): Missing a vacation is bad enough. Losing the money, you paid for your vacation is even worse. Trip insurance is therefore highly recommended by Gate 1 Travel. Your premium is related to your trip cost, so you don't have to worry about being over-insured. Trip Protection Plan premiums are non-refundable. Travel Protection becomes effective at the time of receipt of the Travel Protection premium and may not be purchased after final payment has been made. Visit gate1travel.com/insurance/travelex.aspx

for more information and to review the plan's terms and conditions. Travel Protection (Insurance) premiums are not covered by the initial deposit. Insurance premiums may be paid at any time prior to or with final payment and become effective on the date payment is received.

Late Payment

Full payment should be received no later than the Final Payment date listed your final group statement. Late payment fees will be assessed and are payable in full to confirm all services; for payments received more than 5 days after the Final Payment Date a 1% fee of the outstanding balance will be added, and more than 10 days after the Final Payment Date a 2% fee of the outstanding balance will be added. Individual reservations with outstanding balances after the final payment date listed on the passenger invoice will be subject to automatic service cancellation. A service reinstatement fee of \$50 per reservation will be added to each outstanding invoice and must be paid in advance in order to apply for reconfirmation of services.

"Changes to an existing reservation, whatever the cause, will incur \$50 per person plus any additional supplier fees. This includes name changes\* and removal of any services such as optional tours and transfers. \*Please note that name changes to airline reservations are subject to full cancellation and rebooking. Changes or additions after departure are subject to local rates at the time of amendment and must be paid directly by the passenger to the service provider. There are no

refunds for unused services.

Note: All cancellations must be made in writing. Tour cancellation insurance will be made available to all passengers. The State Employees Recreation Association, its officers, directors, representatives and members, expressly disclaims all responsibility or liability of any nature whatsoever for loss, damage or injury to property or to the person due to any cause whatsoever, occurring during or attributable to the tour, or tours, described herein and purchaser/ participant by his or her subscription to or participation in the travel opportunity does release SERA from such liability or responsibility. Without limiting the foregoing, SERA is not and shall not become liable or responsible for accidents, loss, detention, annovance, delays and expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, force major, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled disturbances government restrictions or regulations, discontinuances or change in transit or hotel accommodations and/or services and other causes over which they have no control. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser and/or participants of this tour. SERA is not responsible, and the Purchaser and/or participant waives all claim against SERA, for all of the aforesaid conditions as well as loss or damage resulting from delays, cancellations or substitutions of equipment, financial conditions, or any act, omission, negligence, or any other faults by the travel agent, carriers, hotel or any other transportation or service providers or companies, their agents, servants, employees and sub-contractors or other causes. In the event that, in the opinion of SERA, it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort and/or wellbeing of the passengers, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary of this tour, including the airline and type of equipment, accommodations and/ or service utilized, SERA reserves the right to do so at its sole discretion and without notice. SERA is a non-profit organization, comprised of volunteers, for the benefit of all Commonwealth employees, active or retired, their relatives and friends. It is solely responsible for its own affairs and completely independent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Government. Assistance: Tour participants requiring assistance or accommodation for disabilities should contact the travel agency to discuss your specific requirements and what accommodation is possible.

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Enclosed is my deposit of \$600 pp.

Please make check payable to Gate 1 Travel.

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Note, there is a 5% discount for payments made by check. (The Discount will be reflected on your invoice for final payment.)

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- Round-trip motor coach transportation between Harrisburg and Newark Airport
- · Overnight air transportation between Newark and Bari, Italy via Swiss Air
- Flights between Bari and Palermo via Volotea Air
- Flights between Catania and Newark via Lufthansa
- · Complimentary meals and beverages served aloft
- · Exclusive services of an English-speakingTour Manager
- All transportation by deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- 2 Nights' accommodations in Lecce at the President Hotel in deluxe rooms
- 4 Nights' accommodations in Bari at the Grande Albergo delle Nazioni
- 2 Nights in Palermo at the Mercure Palermo Cento Hotel
- 1 Night in Agrigento at Hotel Dioscuri Bay Hotel
- 3 Nights in Taormina region at the Sant' Alphio Garden Resort
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#### **SPECIAL FEATURES:**

- Stroll along 300-year-old cobblestone streets in Lecce named the "Florence of the South"
- Full Day Visit to Salento & Otranto

- · Historical walking tour of the revitalized narrow lanes of Bari's Old City
- Tour Castel del Monte, an extraordinary medieval fortress celebrated for its octagonal design
- Seaside Trani with its picturesque harbor
- Lunch at a beautiful Masseria (local farmhouse) featuring regional specialties and wine
- Visit the Norman Cathedral in Monreale with its glittering 12th century Byzantine mosaics
- Tour the Old City of Palermo
- Savor lunch based on local specialties on a farm with olive oil tasting
- Discover Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, the best-preserved outside of Greece
- Explore the foothills around Mt. Etna the most active volcano in the world
- Stroll the Old City of Catania, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Free Day to enjoy the beach in Sicily and a stop at a beach in Puglia for free time
- Enjoy an afternoon in Taormina, one of Sicily's most prominent attractions, also known as the "Jewel of the Ionic."
- Viewintricate Roman mosaics at the famous Roman Villa del Casale in Piazza Amerina

### For additional information, please contact: **Madge Heaney**

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#### **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY ONE: DEPART U.S.**

Depart Harrisburg for JFK Airport via deluxe motor coach. Board your flight departing 5:30 pm on your overnight flight. Your flight includes meals, drinks, and in-flight entertainment.

#### DAY TWO: ARRIVE IN BARI - TRANSFER TO LECCE

Arrive at 11:10 am in Bari (from JFK via connecting flight in Munich). Be met by your Tour Manager and drive to Lecce, fondly referred to as "Florence of the South." Relax upon arrival at your hotel. This evening you will enjoy a Welcome Drink and Orientation regarding the amazing journey that awaits. Then you will enjoy a Welcome Dinner. (D)

# DAY THREE: LECCE SIGHTSEEING – SALENTO & OTRANTO

In Lecce, stroll along 300-year-old cobblestone streets past exquisite Baroque architecture. You'll understand why Lecce is fondly named the "Florence of the South". After viewing Piazza del Duomo and the Roman amphitheater dating back to the 2nd century, admire the masterpiece of Southern Baroque in the Basilica of Santa Croce. Then a picturesque drive will take you all the way to Santa Maria di Leuca, the end of the tip of the Italian heel, where the Adriatic Sea meets the Ionian Sea. Rocky coastline, beaches, fishing villages, and watchtowers are waiting to be experienced in the most remote area of the Puglia region. As you stop on the way to the beautiful coastline, indulge in the Mediterranean atmosphere of these beautiful shores and waters. You will have a few hours to enjoy the beautiful beach and have time for lunch on your own before continuing on the coast to reach Otranto, the easternmost Italian town. Walk the historical center surrounded by its ancient walls at your own pace, take your time to check the tiny small shops, and why not savor a gelato while sitting in an outdoor café

before returning to Lecce for leisure time. This evening you have time to wander on your own and perhaps dine at one of the quaint trattorias in the city center. (B)

#### DAY FOUR: MARRERIA - BARI SIGHTSEEING

Today you will board your coach and leisurely drive to Bari. You will stop to visit a beautiful local farmhouse Masseria to enjoy lunch with regional specialties including local wine. Then you will continue to Bari, where the exploration of Bari starts in the revitalized narrow streets of the Old City (Bari Vecchia). View Bari Cathedral and the stunning Romanesque Basilica of San Nicola, housing the relics of St. Nicholas, known as Father Christmas. Next, your historical walking tour reveals 12th century Castello Normanno-Svevo built by the Normans. Perhaps stroll the harbor's bustling open-air fish market where locals buy their fish right out of the sea. Eating raw fish here is a regional tradition! Linger on your own, explore Bari's pretty squares, admire the architecture, or just sip an espresso at an outdoor café and "people-watch". Tonight, dinner is on your own, explore one of the piazzas buzzing with trendy restaurants and cafes and try traditional Pugliese food.

#### DAY FIVE: CASTEL DEL MONTE - SEASDIE TRANI

Today, travel to gorgeous Castel del Monte, an extraordinary medieval fortress celebrated for its unique octagonal design. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this 13th-century castle, built by Frederick II, is considered one of the best-preserved medieval castles in Southern Italy, used as a site of the famous movie "The Name of the Rose" with Sean Connery. A tour of this fortress highlights the ingenious architecture, magnificent structure, and its massive public halls. On to the historic seaside town of Trani on the Adriatic coast with its picturesque harbor and 12th-century Cathedral di San Nicola Pellegrino, spectacularly positioned at the water's edge. Time to walk through the charming and quaint town. Return to Bari for an evening at leisure. (B)

#### DAY SIX: FLIGHT TO PALERMO

(B, L)

This morning you will have some free time at leisure and then depart for the airport to board your flight departing at 5:25 pm to Palermo and the island of Sicily, rich in history, culture and tradition. Transfer to your hotel. You will





enjoy a late dinner this evening at your hotel in Palermo. (Boxed Breakfast, Dinner)

### DAY SEVEN: TOUR OF PALERMO OLD CITY – MONREALE TOUR

After breakfast begin a tour of the ancient Old City with its incredible mix of architectural styles, including its magnificent Cathedral. Then travel to the hill top town of Monreale to visit the Normal Cathedral, an architectural masterpiece, with its interior of glittering 12<sup>th</sup> century Byzantine mosaics. Lunch at a local restaurant today. After lunch, return to Palermo for free time to explore Palermo on your own. (B, L)

# DAY EIGHT: FARM LUNCH, ARRIVE IN AGRIGENTO

Today you take a morning drive through western Sicily where you will view the famous Doric Temple of Segesta rising high on a hill. The temple is one of the greatest examples of this style of architecture, constructed in the 5th century B.C. Savor the island's landmark windmills and salt mines on your way to a local farm for lunch. Your lunch features some of the area's local delicacies, including wines. Enjoy dinner this evening at your hotel. (B, L, D)

# DAY NINE: VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES, PIAZZA ARMERINA, ARRIVE IN GIARDINI NAXOS

This morning discover Agrigento's impressive Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This splendid archaeological park is the largest in the world with the best-preserved temple ruins outside of mainland Greece. Continue to Piazza Armerina to view the intricate examples of Roman mosaics at the famous Roman Villa del Casale, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. These extraordinarily vivid mosaics, deal with numerous subjects, ranging from Homeric escapades and mythological scenes to portrayals of daily life. The Villa itself was rediscovered in the 19th century after being almost completely covered by a landslide. Then, on to Giardini Naxos, a stunning beach resort where you will spend three nights. You will enjoy dinner at your hotel this evening. (B, D)

# DAY TEN: FREE DAY AT BEACH – OPTIONAL SIRACUSA TOUR

Today is a free day to relax and enjoy the beach. Or you may take the optional tour and step back in time to the glorious days of Greek Sicily as you explore the birthplace of Archimedes. Get a glimpse of Siracusa as it was in ancient times with a visit to the archaeological park, with its Greek theatre, the remains of Roman Amphitheater, and the "Ear of Dionysius," an awe-inspiring artificial limestone cave

renowned for its outstanding acoustics. Then, admire its old quarter, also known as "Città Vecchia" or "Old City", a UNESCO World Heritage Site, located on the island of Ortygia. Following your visit you will return to your resort hotel.

### DAY ELEVEN: TAORMINA TOUR, MT ETNA, CATANIA CITY TOUR

Begin the day visiting Taormina, the old-world resort also known as the "Jewel of the Ionian Sea". The tour is highlighted by the city's most famous archaeological monument, the Greek Theater; it is remarkably wellpreserved and offers fantastic panoramic views of Taormina and the gorgeous coastline below. We then continue to the magnificent Mt. Etna, the tallest active volcano in Europe, dominating the landscape. Explore the foothills around the base station and ascend to reach the two impressive Silvestri Craters; walk along the varied layers of lava which have solidified over the centuries. Weather permitting, see breathtaking views of the Parco dell' Etna and the Ionian Sea. Continue to the lively town of Catania, a wonderful combination of ancient and modern, under the shadow of Mt. Etna. After the town was destroyed, the entire old part of the city was rebuilt in baroque style with large open squares. Stroll the piazzas, streets and visit its colorful open-air market. Then you will return to your resort hotel. Tonight, Farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

#### DAY TWELVE: DEPART FOR U.S.

Arrivederci! Transfer to the airport for your flight departing at 11:55 am arriving 2:05 pm in Munich. Connect to a flight departing 4:00 pm arriving at 6:55 pm in JFK. Complete Immigrations and Customs and then board your waiting coach to Harrisburg. (B)

PLEASE NOTE: All flight times are subject to change KEY: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

