

## ITINERARY:

### Day 1- Saturday 14 April 2012

Head to the Airport for our flight London to Palermo  
Depart Stansted 06.10

Arrive Palermo 10.10

We meet you on arrival for transfer to your hotel, expected arrival around 12.00. Guided walk of Palermo, discover its amazing history, and, rich architecture. Dinner at the Hotel.

### Day 2- Sunday 15 April 2012

Breakfast, and, transfer to Brolo.

Day at leisure:

In the afternoon Join us for an exploratory walk around the historic town of Brolo "Brolium" who's origins can be traced back to Roman times to see his medieval quarter, including walking up to the ... Castle and climbing further to see magnificent views of the bay.

### Day 3- Mon 16 April 2012

After Breakfast, a short drive to the Sicilian Apennines to discover the amazing nature of the Nebrodi National Park and its amazing Norman villages. A full day walking excursion. ( level 3 see web site).

### Day 4- Tues 17 April 2012

Morning at leisure.

Take a walk, hire a bicycle, or the local train to Patti Marina a sea side town considered the capital of comprensorio dei Nebrodi.

In the afternoon we travel to Tindari for a guided tour of The Greek Temple and Roman City, the strong position of Tyndaris rendered it in a strategic point of view, important upon the Tyrrhenian sea, and hence we find it frequently mentioned in subsequent wars. By the 19th century, the site of Tyndaris was wholly deserted, but the name was retained by a church, Madonna di Tindaro the Madonna Nera the black Madonna.

### Day 5- Wed 18 April 2012

In the afternoon, we sail on a private boat to Stromboli, nicknamed "Lighthouse of the Mediterranean" one of the three



## SICILY AND THE AEOLIAN ISLANDS – ALL INCLUSIVE WEEK FROM £899.00



Join us for a week on the shores of Northern Sicily, 130 kilometers east from Palermo, explore this magical land and its surrounding typical towns, visit Palermo and Monreale with its magnificent cathedral and the fascinating medieval quarter. Other included tours are to Parco die Nebrodi, a private boat trip to Stromboli volcano, and, Tindari

## ACCOMMODATION



You will be based at the Testa di Monaco Village: <http://www.vacanzemare.it/ita/villaggio.asp#> on the shores of the Tyrrhenian Sea. It's a three star bungalows Hotel complex, managed by a family, with garden a swimming pool and private beaches opposite. The restaurant provides excellent Italian cuisine. In Palermo we stay at Mondello Palace:

<http://www.mondellopalacehotel.it>

### Day 3- Monday 16 April 2012

After Breakfast, we head to the mountains to discover the amazing nature of the Nebrodi National Park. Full day excursion, please bring comfortable shoes. A mountain range that runs along the north east of Sicily. Together with the Madonie and the Peloritani, they form the Sicilian Apennines. Mountains made into national parkland. The park covers 856.87 km<sup>2</sup>. It touches on many of the communities in the mountains and is one of the largest protected parks in Sicily. The mountains run from the Peloritani on the eastern part of the island to the foothill of the Madonie mountains to the west, facing the Tyrrhenian Sea on the north. Mount Etna, from which it is separated by the rivers Alcantara and Simeto, forms the range's southern border. The highest peak is the Monte Soro (1,817 m). The range mostly made up of sandstone and clay rocks, but include also limestone landscapes, like the Rocche del Crasto. Towns that are situated in the mountains include Ficarra, Troina, Nicosia, Mistretta and a number of other towns in the province of Messina.

It is one of the eight Aeolian Islands, a volcanic arc north of Sicily. The volcano is constantly active with minor eruptions, often visible from many points on the island and from the surrounding sea.

Stromboli has been in almost one continuous eruption since 20,000 years. On our excursion We visit the Island villages of San Bartolo, San Vincenzo and Ginostra (that houses the Italian president Napolitano).

Visiting the volcano:

It is possible to climb the volcano, you need a guide and five hours of your time in order to do so (please advise at time of booking) extra charge applies including equipment rental payable locally at Euros 50pp

Particularly impressive is seeing the eruptions at night. If you don't like a strenuous exercise, on the boat, from the seaside you can watch the spectacle while sipping a glass of Marsala wine. Dinner at the Hotel.

#### Day 6 - Thurs 19 April 2012

After breakfast, departure for Palermo, we make a stop for lunch (extra) in the pretty town of Cefalu. Free time in Palermo before dinner.

#### Day 7 - Fri 20 April 2012

Second tour of Palermo and Monreale cathedral with "the mosaic of Christ" one of the most splendid cathedrals in Italy. Norman, Arab and Byzantine elements of art in one place are just amazing. Mosaics cover over six thousand square metres of the church's interior bigger than those of the church of Saint Mark in Venice. The cloister, on the other hand, reflects a mixture of influences very worth seeing. Dinner at the Hotel

#### Day 8- Sat 21 April 2012

Breakfast at the hotel  
Transfer to Palermo Airport  
Departure for London 10.35  
Arrival London Stansted 12.40

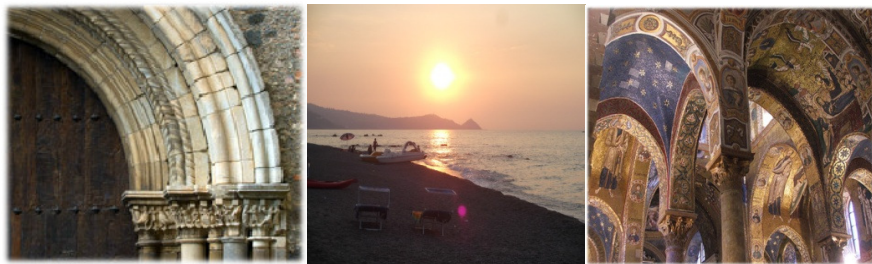


**The price of the holiday is £899.00 per person in a twin room, all inclusive. Sea view rooms Balcony at £ 999.00 per person, Double rooms for single use £ 949.00 all inclusive per week.**

*Brolu "Brolium" who's origins can be traced back to Roman times. See his medieval quarter, including walking up to the Castle and climbing further to see magnificent views of the bay. Are vivacious, active, touristic and commercial center. beautiful coastline, offering a wonderful view of the Aeolian Islands at the horizon right in front, and stunning dawns at evening?*

#### Day 7 - Friday 30 April 2012

Palermo in brief, the city was founded by the Phoenicians, but named by the Ancient Greeks as *Panormus* meaning "always fit for landing in." Became part of the Roman Empire and eventually part of the Byzantine Empire, for over a thousand years. From 827 to 1071 it was under Arab rule. Following the Norman reconquest, Palermo became capital of a new kingdom (from 1130 to 1816), the Kingdom of Sicily. Eventually it would be united with the Kingdom of Naples to form the Two Sicilies until the Italian unification of 1860.



#### FLIGHT & COST SUPPLEMENTS

The cost of your holiday includes flight UK-Palermo Return of £ 100.00 should the cost of the seat be higher at the time of the booking we will adjust the total accordingly. **Prices are based on exchange rate of 1.10 Pound to the Euro.** NB: Should this change considerably we will adjust the total accordingly. Inclusive week half board lunch or dinner with wine and water included.



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