

# ITALY & SICILY

13 Days: March 11-23, 2024

*Visiting*

**Palermo \* Agrigento \* Siracusa \* Taormina  
Sorrento \* Pompeii \* Rome \* Florence**

*hosted by*

**Leon and Linda Mauldin**

**\$4779 from ATLANTA**

*(Estimated for Air/land tour price is only \$4259 plus \$520 government taxes/airline surcharges)*





Leon & Linda at Siracusa Theater

Greetings Fellow Travelers!  
Linda and I are excited about our next excursion, which is a “Best of Italy & Sicily” tour, **March 11-23, 2024**. This is a custom tour arranged by Nawas International Travel specifically for our group. This trip will include fascinating

sites in **Sicily**, as well as **southern Italy**, up to Rome. The tour will include an emphasis on those things that either are directly biblical (steps of Paul in Acts 28) as well as the background/setting of the biblical world. And as always on our Italian tours, we schedule opportunities to meet with **local congregations**: for 2024: Poggiomarino & Via Sannio!

While we will see some of the same sites as on our 2012, 2014, 2016 & 2018 Italy tours, **much** is included that will be different. **Our tour will begin in Sicily** and will include:

**Palermo**. “Once the intellectual capital of southern Europe, Palermo has always been at the crossroads of civilization. Favorably situated on a crescent bay at the foot of Monte Pellegrino, it’s attracted almost every culture touching the Mediterranean world.” (Fodors)

**Agrigento**. One of Sicily’s most famous historical attractions is without a doubt the **Valley of the Temples**, just outside Agrigento. This splendid archaeological park consists of eight temples (and various other remains) built between about 510 BC and 430 BC: the Temples of Hera, the Concordia, Heracles, Olympian Zeus, Castor and Pollux, Hephaestus, Demeter, and Asclepius (the God of Medicine).

**Siracusa**. “Siracusa, one of the great ancient capitals of Western civilization, the city was founded in 734 BC by Greek colonists from Corinth and soon grew to rival, and even surpass, Athens in splendor and power. It became the largest, wealthiest city-state in the West and a bulwark of Greek civilization.”

The medieval cliff-hanging town of **Taormina**, with its view of the sea and **Mt. Etna** from its jagged cactus-covered cliffs. **Gelato Alert**: “The world’s first ice cream is said to have been made by the Romans from the snow on the slopes of Mount Etna. Top-quality gelato is also prevalent throughout the island.” (Fodors)

**In the Steps of Paul!** As fascinating (and unique) as Sicily is, I am especially thrilled at including the opportunity to follow in the steps of Paul on the Italian portion of his trip recorded in Acts 28 when he traveled to Rome as a prisoner (with the exception of Rhegium). “. . .and landing at **Syracuse**” (Acts 28:12) . . . **Puteoli** (v.13), and **Appii Forum** and **Three Inns** (v.15), and finally **Rome** (v.16), where “Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house” (v.28). (Sorrento, Naples, Pompeii, and Florence are also included, and more!).

**Pricing**. Nawas has provided excellent prices for this tour, at \$4,259 air/land tour package plus \$520 government taxes/airline fuel surcharges) for a total of **\$4,777 per person round-trip from Atlanta**. (This includes everything except tips, lunches, some dinners, and local hotel taxes).

If you are interested in this tour, I need to hear from you right away. My previous four tours have filled long before the deadline. It is first come—first served. A **deposit of \$500** will hold your place. Final payment is not due until **December 1, 2023**. It is easy to contact me. Email is:

[leon.mauldin@gmail.com](mailto:leon.mauldin@gmail.com) and cell is (256) 339-0755.

BTW: **Leon’s Message Board** has hundreds of photos of Bible places & articles, including our previous tours to Italy. Enter place of interest in search box. Go to: [www.leonmauldin.blog](http://www.leonmauldin.blog)

Kindest Regards,

Leon Mauldin

## TOUR FEATURES

- ◆ Round trip airfare from Atlanta
- ◆ \$520 government taxes & airline surcharges
- ◆ Accommodations in first class/select hotels based on 2 persons sharing in twin-bedded rooms with private bath
- ◆ Most meals
- ◆ Services of a professional English-speaking tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing throughout
- ◆ All admission fees, portorage and hotel service charges
- ◆ Transfers to/from airports by private motorcoach including meeting/assistance and portorage

## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### ATLANTA/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

#### MON, MAR 11

Depart Atlanta today and connect with your overnight transatlantic jet flight to Rome, arriving the following day.

### ARRIVE ROME/PALERMO

#### TUE, MAR 12

Arrive Rome, Italy’s capital city. After clearing customs formalities, board a short flight to Palermo, Sicily. You will be met and escorted to your hotel.

(D)

### PALERMO/SELINUNTE/AGRIGENTO

#### WED, MAR 13

This morning we will have a city tour of Palermo of the Church of St. John of the Hermits and the cathedral, built in 1185. Also see the Royal Palace with its "Cappella Palatina" (Palatine Chapel), rich in art and mosaics. This afternoon drive up to Monreale for a panoramic view of the Conca d'Oro. Afterwards we will drive to the 7th century B.C. lost city of Selinunte. Visit the archaeological ruins, including Latomie, the Dorian Temples and Acropolis. Continue to Agrigento for a walking tour, including a visit to the famous Valley of the Temples. These grand ruins dating from 650 B.C. are a living tribute to the powerful presence of Greek civilization in Sicily.

(B,D)



**AGRIGENTO/PIAZZA ARMERINA/SIRACUSA  
THU, MAR 14**

Drive to Piazza Armerina adorned with beautiful multi-colored mosaics. Proceed to the ancient city of Siracusa (Paul stayed here for three days while en route to Rome (Acts 28:12). This is where we will stay for the night. **(B,D)**

**SIRACUSA/TAORMINA**

**FRI, MAR 15**

Your tour this morning will include the Temple of Apollo, the Temple of Athena, Fonte Arethusa, the Greek Theatre, the pagan altar of Ierone which was once used for sacrifices, the Roman Amphitheater, and the Cave of Dionysius' Ear. Proceed to the picturesque seaside resort of Taormina. **(B,D)**

**TAORMINA/MESSINA/SORRENTO AREA**

**SAT MAR 16**

This morning we begin with a walking tour of Taormina, including the Greek-Roman Theater with its spectacular view of Mt. Etna, the Palazzo Corvaja and the little shops in Corso Umberto. Then drive along the coast to Messina where you board a ferry across the Straits of Messina. Land in Villa San Giovanni, at the toe of Italy's "boot." We will continue to travel south through the well-tilled fields and orchards of the Neapolitan countryside to the Sorrento area for the night. **(B,D)**

**SORRENTO AREA/POGGIOMARINO/  
NAPLES/SORRENTO AREA**

**SUN, MAR 17**

We will start the morning with an opportunity for Worship in Poggiomarino. This afternoon we will drive to Naples and visit the Museum at Naples. Return to the Sorrento area for the night. **(B,D)**

**POMPEII/ POSSUOLI/  
LATIUM REGION/ROME**

**MON, MAR 18**

Begin the day with a tour of Pompeii, the venerable Roman city both destroyed and preserved by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Visit the patrician homes, public baths and commercial districts, illustrating day-to-day life in classical Roman times. Then we will tour Pozzuoli (ancient Puteoli). Founded as a Roman colony in 194 BC, Puteoli was a huge hub of commerce for Campania where the great Alexandrian grain ships would come

to trade. The Apostle Paul spent seven days in the area before continuing on the Appian Way to Rome (Acts 28:13). Follow the Appian Way to the Latium region where you will briefly stop at the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns where the Apostle Paul was met by brethren from Rome. Continue to Rome and your hotel. **(B,D)**

**ROME/FLORENCE/ROME**

**TUE, MAR 19**

Enjoy a daytrip to Florence. Your morning sightseeing tour takes you to the Piazza della Signoria where the Neptune Fountain stands, the Santa Croce Church, and the Baptistry with its renowned "Gates of Paradise" doors. Return to Rome. **(B)**

**ROME**

**WED MAR 20**

After breakfast tour the remnants of "Ancient" Rome. Visit the Colosseum that once held 50,000 spectators, the Roman Forum, the Catacombs and the Mamertine Prison where it is commonly believed that the Apostles Peter and Paul were imprisoned. Afternoon at leisure. This evening we will enjoy a night Tour of Rome. **(B)**

**ROME**

**THU, MAR 21**

Your sightseeing tour this morning takes you to Vatican City. See the wonderful art treasures in the Vatican Museum and Gallery. View Michelangelo's magnificent frescoes in the Sistine Chapel including the famous Last Judgment and The Creation of Man. End your morning tour at the Basilica of St. Peter. The balance of the day is at leisure. That evening we will meet with the church (chiesa di Christo Roma) at Via Sannio. 69, for Bible Study. **(B)**

**ROME**

**FRI, MAR 22**

Our morning will begin with a visit to Ostia Antica. Not only is Ostia Antica one of the best-preserved cities of Ancient Rome, but it is also an underappreciated site in Italy. In ancient times it was the principal port of Rome, located at the mouth of the Tiber River, and a city of great strategic and commercial importance. That afternoon we will visit Anzio, and there see the Anzio War Cemetery. Before leaving we will see the beautiful seaside harbor. Then return to Rome for dinner and the night. **(B,D)**

**ROME/ATLANTA**

**SAT, MAR 23**

Your Italian and Sicilian adventure is over as your board your return flight back to Atlanta arriving the same day. **(B)**

*B=Breakfast*

*D=Table d'hote dinner*

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

**Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit.**

- A \$500 deposit is due with your reservation
- Final payment is due at NAWAS 100 days prior to departure date

## TOUR-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

For terms and conditions please visit:

[www.nawas.com/terms-and-conditions/](http://www.nawas.com/terms-and-conditions/)

Airfare in effect on June 7, 2023, and Estimated Taxes/Airline Surcharge of \$520 in effect on June 7, 2023.

Land Costs: Based on estimated 2024 tariffs, overseas gov't taxes and rates of exchange in effect on June 7, 2023 and a minimum of 32 or more participants per coach.

Hotel Service Charges/Taxes: In effect on June 7, 2023 (excluding hotel tourist taxes).

## Customer Reviews

*"It's been my extreme pleasure to benefit from your invaluable assistance with my tours—97 so far—for the past 28 years. I wouldn't dream of letting anyone else handle the many details involved in making these difficult, exotic itineraries a success, as evidenced by my many repeat clients and their referrals. Your superb attention to detail, your honesty, and your friendship are greatly appreciated. You can count on Nawas being my 'one and only' for many years to come."*

*Ms. M.B., California*

*"As always, the arrangements for our pilgrimage by Nawas were excellent. To a person, those on the tour were filled with praise for the trip. Everything was A+."*

*Monsignor R.S., Utah*

*"You people make this easy. Everything was outstanding. Those who have been on other trips have come to expect quality and they get it!"*

*Father P.T., Ohio*

## Family Owned for 72 Years

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## 13 DAYS ITALY & SICILY ◆ RESERVATION FORM ◆

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

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Hanceville, AL 35077  
Tel: (256) 339-0755  
Email: leon.mauldin@gmail.com

**ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED:**

- double room sharing with \_\_\_\_\_
- single room (\$1,100 extra per person)  
*(Single Rooms are limited and available on a first come, first served basis)*

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as  
Deposit (\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_ person(s)

**Please include a clear photocopy of your Passport with this Reservation Form  
Clearly print your full name (last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport:**

**Passenger #1**

Name: Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Last \_\_\_\_\_  
First \_\_\_\_\_  
Middle \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender: Please check  Male  Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
(day/month/year) (day/month/year)

Date of Birth:     
MONTH DAY YEAR

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger #2**

Name: Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Last \_\_\_\_\_  
First \_\_\_\_\_  
Middle \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender: Please check  Male  Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature Passenger # 1

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Date

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Signature Passenger # 2

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Date