

**Classical Odyssey: Sicily, March 4-12, 2006**

**A Tour Directed by Professors Ellen Perry and Blaise Nagy**

**Day 1** 4 March Saturday Departure from Boston via Alitalia flight AZ619 leaving at 6:00PM to Milan (Malpensa)

**Day 2** 5 March Sunday: 7:35AM arrive in Milan; connect with Alitalia flight #1761 leaving Milan at 9:45 AM, arriving in **PALERMO** at 11:30 AM; transfer by chartered bus from airport to the Excelsior Hotel (or equivalent); bus trip to nearby town of Monreale to tour the Medieval Norman cathedral and sample the local canoli; dinner and overnight in Palermo.

**Day 3** 6 March Monday: AM tour of Palermo's archaeological museum, noted for its display of the metopes from Selununte; departure by chartered bus for the site of **SEGESTA**; late morning or early afternoon arrival at Segesta; tour temple and theater; time permitting, visit the island of **MOZIA**; late afternoon departure for the town of **SELINUNTE**; check into the hotel; dinner and overnight; be ready for AM departure with bags onto bus after breakfast.

**Day 4** 7 March Tuesday: AM departure from hotel to the museum in **MARSALA** where the remains of a Phoenician ship are on display; back to **SELINUNTE** to explore the impressive remains of the temples of its eastern acropolis; after lunch drive to **AGRIGENTO**; check into hotel (Villa Athena or equivalent); dinner and overnight; be ready for AM departure with bags onto bus after breakfast.

**Day 5** 8 March Wednesday: AM tour of the temples on the acropolis of **AGRIGENTO**, followed by visit to the local museum (subject to time); early evening arrival at **PIAZZA ARMERINA**; check into hotel; dinner and overnight; be ready for AM departure with bags onto bus after breakfast.

**Day 6** 9 March Thursday: AM tour of the the Roman Villa at Casale, famous for its exceptional mosaics; drive to the site of **MORGANTINA**; explore ruins; take bus from Morgantina to the town of **SIRACUSA**; check into Hotel (Palace Hotel or equivalent); dinner and overnight.

**Day 7** 10 March Friday: AM tour the church of Santa Maria delle Colonne (formerly, a Temple of Athena) in Ortygia, the oldest section of **SIRACUSA**; take bus to the archaeological park for a tour of the Greek Theater, the Roman Amphitheater and the "Ear of Dionysius" (in the ancient quarry); lunch on your own; return to hotel for dinner and overnight; be ready for AM departure with bags onto bus after breakfast.

**Day 8** 11 March Saturday: Early AM visit to the Euryalus, a fort in **SIRACUSA** designed in part by Archimedes; bus ride through central Sicily to north coast town of **CEFALU**. Tour of Medieval Norman Cathedral, followed by early dinner at a local restaurant. On to **PALERMO** for dinner and overnight; pack for departure.

Day 9 12 March Sunday: 5:00AM departure from hotel by chartered bus for the airport at Palermo; take Alitalia flight AZ1758, departing from Palermo at 6:15AM and arriving in Milan (Malpensa) at 8:00AM; connect with Alitalia flight AZ618 departing from Milan at 10:20AM and arriving in Boston at 1:10PM

**TOTAL COST. \$2400.00**

Checks and registration forms must be received by October 12, 2005 in the amount of \$1200.

Second Payment due on January 18, 2006, in the amount of \$1200.

**HOTELS FOR TOUR**

5 March Palermo Hotel Excelsior

6 March Selinunte Hotel Alceste

7 March Agrigento Villa Athena

8 March Piazza Armerina Hotel Mosaici

9-10 March Syracuse Palace Hotel

11 March Palermo Holiday Inn, near the airport