We are thrilled to announce the first ICS annual trip accompanied by one of our instructors and organized by Bethesda Travel Center.

This year's trip is a tour of Sicily from Sept. 7th - 17th with Annelise Brody Morani.

Twelve people only: $5,950/person including flight. See itinerary and details to reserve your place.

Booking Now
301-656-1670
ICS Sicily Trip: Itinerary & Summary

SEP 07 - Check in at the airport for our projected flight from Dulles: UA106/*/LH1914 IAD-MUC-PMO 17h30-07h40/*/09h10-11h10 (next day)

08 - Arrival in Palermo with transfer to downtown hotel Wagner or similar (3n). Free time to rest and explore. Welcome dinner of Sicilian specialties. Benvenuti in Sicilia!

09 - Hotel breakfast included. Palermo orientation guided city tour to the Archeological Museum, the Cappuccini Catacombs and the Palatine Chapel. Independent dinner.

10 - Guided tour of Monreale’s Cathedral to see the impressive Norman era mosaics as well as a visit to the Cloister. Pizza lunch and dinner. Are the best cannoli served at the coffee bar across the street? You will get to decide!

11 - Depart for charming Bagheria for a visit to the Sicilian Baroque Villa Palagonia (the monsters villa) with lunch. Then head south to Montallegro to taste the true Sicily at your quaint accommodations (inn-style with dinner) Relais Briuccia (2n)

12 - Agrigento with guided visit to the Valley of the Temples. Free time perhaps for a visit to the natural wonder known as the Scala dei Turchi and then enjoy dinner at Relais Briuccia

13 - First stop is Piazza Armerina with guided visit to the beautiful Roman era mosaics. Continue to Catania where we will enjoy a guided visit to the Palazzo Biscari and overnight stay at the Hotel Liberty or similar (4n). Dinner.

14 - Daytrip today to Siracusa the town of Archimedes for a guided look at the Archeological Park, Caravaggio’s Burial of St Lucy, then to Ortigia. Independent lunch and dinner back in Catania.

15 - Today’s adventure will include an excursion to the iconic Mount Etna with a visit to the volcano: light hike and cable car ride part way to the 11,000 feet summit. Cantina and winery visit with lunch. Independent dinner.

16 - Daytrip to scenic Taormina for a relaxing afternoon (bring your swimsuit if you wish to swim around the magnificent Isola Bella). Farewell dinner in Catania of local specialties (did you see Stanley Tucci’s visit to Turiddu his favorite restaurant in downtown Catania?! Buon Appetito)

17 - Transfer today and fly via Munich, LH1907/*/LH414 CTA-MUC-IAD 11h55-14h05/*/16h35-19h40

This unique itinerary to discover the magical island of Sicily has been designed just for ICS students and friends at the cost of $5,950 per person double occupancy/single supplement available on request (based on 8-12 travelers and available on a first-come first served basis) all inclusive of your flights (in coach with assigned seating and 1 piece of checked luggage—seat upgrades available on request; flights available on an ad hoc basis, subject to availability: TIOE*!), transfers at all points, nightly 3- and 4-star accommodations in carefully chosen hotels and inns representative of Sicilian culture and history with daily hotel breakfasts and one main meal per day, guided touring of featured sights with entry fees included, hands on cooking lunch, and Etna cantina wine tasting. Transit time on the bus will be dedicated to sharpening your Italian skills and knowledgeable Annelise will share the history of Sicily, spanning from the days of the Greeks until the modern era, with you in an interesting and personable way!

In order to assure the quality of the program, the trip is limited to 12 participants, so do not delay! (If we fall below 8 we will revisit the price, and hope that everybody will still be able to travel as planned)

Trip insurance is strongly recommended and will be made available to all participants.

For enrollment, please contact Bethesda Travel right away at 301-656-1670 or ciao@bethesdatravel.com.

A non-refundable deposit of $2,500 per person by July 1, with balance due at D-60 (all payments by check)

*TIOE = time is of the essence!