

ROME  
PALERMO  
SYRACUSE  
TAORMINA  
MT. ETNA

May 11 - 24, 2024

Cost, based on double  
occupancy

Anonymous donor underwrites  
alumni tour to Sicily!

New prices: \$5940 \$5440 for 25  
participants, \$6100 \$5500 for 20  
participants, and \$6760 \$5995  
for 15 participants!!

These are the new prices for  
everyone!

\$1000 deposit due Dec 1; cost  
does not include airfare to /  
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# 2025 ALUMNI TRIP TO SICILY

open to alumni, their  
families, and friends of  
the college

LED BY PROFS. DAVID HUNT  
AND WENDY FURMAN-ADAMS



Two-week adventure in  
Sicily!

Beautiful landscapes,  
monuments, art, food &  
wine.

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## The Glorious Mosaic of Italy's most magical island: A two-week adventure in Sicily

Whittier College invites you to join an international program specifically designed for alumni, their families, and friends of the college. The tour will be led by Professor Emeritus David Hunt (Philosophy) and Professor Emerita Wendy Furman-Adams (English).

Beginning with a two-night stop in the "eternal city" of Rome, we will explore the profoundly layered cultural mosaic of Sicily -- its dramatic landscapes, its ancient monuments, its priceless art treasures, and its delicious food and wine -- experiencing both the island's ancient history and its vibrant contemporary life.

We will begin with a day-long walking tour in Rome, with its incomparable wonders spanning nearly three millennia. Then, after our second night there, a quick flight will deliver us to the endlessly fascinating city of Palermo, with its rich cultural heritage left by Phoenicians, Byzantine Greeks, Normans, Arabs, Spaniards, and Italians from the 11th century B.C. to the present day. We will visit the city's Norman Palace and Palatine Chapel, with its unparalleled mosaics (dedicated in 1133) and the Teatro Massimo opera house -- one of the grandest in Europe and the setting for two famous scenes in *Godfather III*. We will also enjoy day-trips to the beautiful beachside cathedral town of Cefalu and the fabulous Norman-Arab palace of La Zisa -- before moving on to the 3,000-year-old coastal city of Siracusa (Syracuse), by way of the wonderful ancient sites of Agrigento and Villa Romana del Casale and the delightful Baroque cities of Ragusa, Noto, and Modica (home of a world-renowned chocolate producer).

While in Syracuse, we will stay in an historic hotel on the beautiful island of Ortigia, an easy walk from the thirteenth-century Castello Maniace and the Piazza del Duomo, arguably the most beautiful public square in Italy -- with its lively contemporary scene, great restaurants, and cathedral incorporating the columns of the city's sixth-century B.C. temple to Athena. We will also enjoy a fascinating (and delicious) demonstration of the multi-layered wonders of Sicilian cuisine.

Next it's on to the glamorous beach city of Taormina. This elegant city, perched over the Mediterranean, has been the haunt of famous writers like Oscar Wilde; movie stars like Sophia Loren, Cary Grant, and Elizabeth Taylor; and home to a fabulous Greco-Roman theater. We'll tour this theater, which offers glorious views of Mt. Etna and a famous annual film festival.

We'll also spend a morning exploring that most legendary of active volcanoes, once thought to be the forge of the Roman god Vulcan. That final Sicilian adventure will culminate in a special meal. Among the famous vineyards perched in the volcano's foothills, we will share a sumptuous Sicilian lunch -- featuring the uniquely delicious wines produced by Etna's volcanic soil -- and celebrate what we hope will be the beginning of a new Poet tradition!

Upon our return to Rome, those who wish to extend their time in Italy will be able to do so. The professors, who have led many student trips to the city, will be happy to offer suggestions.

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