

The della Donna Company, Inc. (The della Donna Company), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, will organize the ground portion of a Program in Italy, **Explore Sicily: Layers of Art Food & Culture**, for a group of minimum 10 Guests from **4 - 14 May 2023**.

**Explore Sicily: Layers of Art Food & Culture Itinerary** (the "Itinerary") is attached hereto, it begins in Palermo at 6 pm on 4 May 2023 and ends in Taormina at 10 am on 14 May 2023.

**The Total Program Cost** per person in double occupancy for this Itinerary with minimum 10 people traveling is **US \$6,990** (the equivalent of Euro 6,620). The single supplement for single occupancy accommodation is US \$1,425 (the equivalent of Euro 1,345).

**The Total Program Cost includes** accommodation in Palermo, Noto and Taormina, ground transportation for activities as specified on the Itinerary, all visits, tastings, guided tours, entries and activities as indicated on the Itinerary, all breakfasts, 9 lunches and 4 suppers.

**The Total Program Cost does not include** air transportation, airport transfers, ground transportation other than that specifically included in the itinerary, 6 suppers, food and drink not specifically provided for during the events included in the itinerary, incidentals, travel documents, trip insurance nor travel health insurance.

#### **Schedule for Payment of Total Program Cost:**

**1. Payment of non-refundable Deposit:** The della Donna Company will confirm all services and activities provided for in the itinerary after it has received a signed copy of pages 5 and 6 of this Guest Registration Form together with a non-refundable deposit (see below) from each Guest equal to **US \$2,190** per person in double occupancy (or \$2,525 in single occupancy) no later than **1 December 2022**. If deposits are not received by the minimum number of travelers by 1 December 2022 any deposits received for the 2023 Explore Sicily Program will be refunded as in No. 3 below.

The Deposit is payable to The della Donna Company either by check made out to and mailed to The della Donna Company at 102 Royal Garden Terrace, Madison, Mississippi 39110 or, on request, by credit card (credit card payments will include an additional 3% processing fee). The della Donna Company will provide a receipt for payments received.

**2. Payment of the Balance of the Total Program Cost:** The final payment of **US \$4,800** per person in double occupancy (\$5,890 in single occupancy) is due no later than **1 March 2023**, the final due date, and is payable in the manner stated above.

**3. Currency Exchange:** All costs are paid in Euros therefore the Total Program Cost is calculated in Euros and converted into US Dollars according to the exchange rate offered by The della Donna Company's US bank on the date of creation of this Guest Registration Form. If the Euro/US Dollar exchange rate varies by more than 5% (five percent) before the final payment due date The della Donna Company reserves the right to modify the US



*3. Currency Exchange continued*

dollar amount of the Balance of the Total Program Cost in concordance with the current Euro/US Dollar exchange rate offered by The della Donna Company's bank.

The della Donna Company will provide notice of any change in the remainder of the Total Program Cost no later than 15 February 2023.

**Cancellation Policy:**

Cancellations of confirmed travel reservations, regardless of the reason, are subject to penalties and fees from travel providers. Please note that the activities and services included in the itinerary may require partial or full payment in advance. Except as specifically noted herein, all payments made to travel providers on your behalf by The della Donna Company are non-refundable.

**1. If a Guest cancels their participation between 1 December 2022 and 1 March 2023**, that is prior to making the final payment of the Balance of the Total Program Cost, or fails to make the final payment, for any reason, The della Donna Company, Inc. will cancel all reservations made on their behalf and retain the non-refundable Deposit.

**2. If a Guest cancels their participation after 1 March 2023**, that is after making the final payment of the Balance of the Total Program Cost, the non-refundable Deposit will be retained and 75% (seventy-five percent) of the final payment will be retained so as to cover out-of-pocket expenses that were incurred in preparation for the Program and that will be incurred regardless during the Program including penalties, non-refundable payments, and fees charged by travel providers.

**3. The della Donna Company may cancel the Program**, at its sole discretion, if the minimum number of 10 Guests fails to pay the Deposit by **1 December 2022**. In this event The della Donna Company, Inc. will refund all amounts received from other Guests who registered for the Program.

**4. The della Donna Company, Inc. may modify the Program**, at its sole discretion, if it does not receive the balance of the Total Program Cost from a minimum of 10 Guests by the final due date of 1 March 2023. In the unlikely event that the majority of guests cancel their participation between 1 December 2022 and 1 March 2023 The della Donna Company will modify the Itinerary in order to accommodate the remaining guests.

**5. The della Donna company will cancel the Program** if the government of Italy and/or of the United States of America declares a state of emergency and/or prohibit all travel into Italy by citizens of the United States of America before 4 May 2023. In this event, The della Donna Company will refund any amounts received from Guests who registered for the Program less any penalties, non-refundable payments and fees charged or retained by travel providers.

Upon payment of the refunds specified herein, della Donna Company, Inc. will have no further obligations to any Guest for the Program of any kind whatsoever.



### Requirements for COVID-19

1. **Waiver of Liability for COVID-19**, attached, must be read and understood by all Guests. This Waiver requires all Guests to assume the risk of travel during the COVID- 19 pandemic. By signing you assume the risk that you may be exposed to or contract COVID-19 during the Program.

2. **Best Travel Practices**, below, must be read and understood by all Guests.

3. **Conduct on Program**: All Guests participating in the Program are required to follow the regulations as mandated by local or state governmental regulations and/or supplier protocols. Guests must follow the instructions of the program coordinator and tour guides regarding security protocols regardless of vaccination status and /or local requirements. This may include wearing masks and may include wearing a specific N95 type mask; Italy has mandated N95 type masks in certain situations and may do so again in the future.

4. **Termination of Program for Non-compliance with COVID-19 protocols**. The della Donna Company reserves the right to terminate the participation in the Program of any Guest who does not follow governmental regulations, supplier protocols, instructions of the program coordinator, or best travel practices or who otherwise negatively impacts the enjoyment of the Program by other Guests. The della Donna Company, Inc. will make no refunds and will accept no liability for any Guest who is asked to leave the Program.

5. **If a member of the group tests positive or falls ill with COVID-19** The della Donna Company will follow the expertise and guidelines of local health authorities. Guests are **strongly encouraged** to verify that the cost for any medical emergency is covered by their health or travel insurance.

### Best Travel Practices

By signing the Guest Registration Form and joining the Program **Experience Sicily** every Guest assumes personal responsibility for their own health and well-being. This will help to protect the health and well-being of other Guests, the staff of The della Donna Company, its suppliers and other visitors at the venues we will visit. By signing this form you

agree to take personal responsibility for your health and well-being.

confirm that you have documentation, such as the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or EU issued Green Pass indicating that you are fully vaccinated and have received the required dose of a US and Italian government approved COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days prior to 4 May 2023.

confirm that if you begin to experience symptoms of COVID-10 such as a fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, runny nose, sneezing, sore throat, persistent hiccups or other known symptoms of COVID-19 or any variant thereof you will notify the program coordinator at the first opportunity.



agree to follow COVID-19 protocols – such as wearing a mask and social distancing – if mandated by the Italian state government and local authorities, by the representatives and suppliers of The della Donna Company or by any of the places that we will visit.

**understand that noncompliance with these measures will result in your not being able to participate in the Program's events and activities.**

**Travel documents** You are responsible for obtaining all passports, TSA forms, visas, customs forms, negative COVID-19 test results if necessary, and any and all other documents permitting entry into Italy and re-entry into the United States of America and for ensuring that those documents are current.

**Health & travel Insurance** The della Donna Company **strongly recommends** that you obtain travel insurance to cover your trip, your luggage and your healthcare during your international travel experience and that your insurance include emergency medical assistance services, trip delay coverage, and medical coverage.

#### **Waiver and Release of Liability for Force Majeure**

Participation in this Program is at every Guest's own risk. The della Donna Company makes no warranties, representations, express or implied, regarding the safety of places on this Program.

Guests acknowledges that international travel has inherent risks, dangers and hazards and that these risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the owners, employees, officers, agents, or third party independent contractors of The della Donna Company or of other Guests on the Program, accidents, acts of God, force majeure conditions, including without limitation extreme weather, labor disturbances, riots or other civil disorders, war, terrorism, quarantine restrictions, government health advisories, epidemics, pandemics, endemics, or warnings or alerts of any kind or nature, refusal or cancellation or suspension or delay of any government authority, or damages to any travel supplier or its facilities, or other unforeseen circumstances or causes whatsoever.

In consideration of the services provided by The della Donna Company you hereby release, discharge, waive, hold harmless, defend and indemnify The della Donna Company, its agents, directors, officers, employees, and third party independent contractors, from and against any and all claims, actions, costs, expenses or losses of any kind whatsoever, for bodily injury, illness, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services, or otherwise which may arise out of the Program or any participation therein.



**Explore Sicily: Layers of Art Food & Culture**  
**4 - 14 May 2023**

**please return a signed copy of this page for each Guest together with payment of your deposit by 1 December 2022**

By signing below, you acknowledge that you are at least 18 years of age, that you have thoroughly read, understood and agree to the terms of the

-Guest Registration Form

-Itinerary

-Best Travel Practices

-Waiver of Liability for COVID-19

-Waiver of Liability for Force Majeure

all attached hereto and made a part hereof, and that all of the statements made herein are true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

\_\_\_\_\_  
name as on passport

\_\_\_\_\_  
date of birth

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phone number

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email address

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dietary restrictions & food allergies

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emergency contact name, relationship, email address, phone number



**Waiver of Liability for COVID-19**

**please return a signed copy of this page for each Guest together with payment of your deposit by 1 December 2022**

For purposes of this Waiver of Liability for COVID-19, "I" means: \_\_\_\_\_  
*name as on passport*

The novel coronavirus, Covid-19 and all variants thereof, (herein "COVID-19") has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. The safety and comfort of Participants is of paramount concern to The della Donna Company, Inc. however, there is no way to eliminate all possible risks of travel. The della Donna Company, Inc. cannot guarantee that Participants will not contract Covid-19 and in fact, traveling and participating in group activities could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.

I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19, and I understand that the risk of contracting COVID-19 on the Program **Explore Sicily** may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to The della Donna Company, Inc., its employees, third party contractors and suppliers, and other participants. I understand that knowledge of the risk factors of contracting COVID-19 is incomplete and that unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness, death, or other loss. I desire to participate in the Program **Explore Sicily** and I freely and voluntarily assume complete personal responsibility for the risk of exposure, illness, and death due to COVID-19, even if such injuries or death occur in a manner that is not foreseeable at the time this waiver of liability is signed.

By signing this waiver of liability I, for myself, and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, voluntarily do hereby assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, cost, or expense, of any kind whatsoever, that I may experience or incur in connection with the Program and its activities ("Claims"). I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge and hold harmless The della Donna Company, Inc., its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind, and including legal or other professional fees, arising out of or related thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of The della Donna Company, Inc., its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in the Program.

I have read this document, fully understand its terms and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement. I agree that if any portion of document is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect. No additions, deletions or changes may be made to this waiver of liability.



The della Donna Company, Inc.  
Guest Registration Form

Signature

Date



## Explore Sicily: Layers of Art Food & Culture

4 - 14 May 2023

### Itinerary

#### Thu 4 May arrival

Arrive at your leisure to Palazzo Planeta in the center of Palermo. First group meeting 6 pm at Palazzo Planeta for an orientation cocktail. Walk to group supper at nearby restaurant.

#### Fri 5 May Palermo, cooking lesson

We'll walk through the Vuccirìa and Ballarò markets to choose ingredients for a group cooking class / supper. Pit stop at the Martorana with the most spectacular and earliest byzantine mosaics on the island. Casual group lunch and afternoon free to explore on your own or go with Elaine for an optional visit to the regional paintings gallery at Palazzo Abatellis. Evening cooking lesson and group supper.

#### Sat 6 May Selinunte and Mazara

Day trip to the evocative archaeological site at ancient Selinunte: bastion on the western edge of Greek ruled Sicily with the remains of temples and civic areas on a bluff above the Mediterranean Sea. Visit with a miller of heritage grains, casual lunch followed by a visit to Mazara del Vallo to explore the casbah and see the ancient Greek bronze Dancing Satyr. Evening free in Palermo.

#### Sun 7 May Segesta, cooking lesson

Morning out at Segesta, an ancient Elimian settlement on the Greek/Carthaginian border with a spectacular Doric temple and ancient theater with distant sea view. Casual lunch in the lovely piazza at Alcamo and a visit to the seaside village of Scopello for a gelato and a coffee. Evening cooking lesson and group supper.

#### Mon 8 May to Noto via Piazza Armerina

Transfer to Noto with a stop in central Sicily for a visit with an archaeologist who is an expert on the area's ancient remains: the most extensive ancient Roman mosaic cycle ever discovered at the Villa Romana at Casale and the artifacts now housed at the museum at Aidone including spectacular objects recently recovered from US museums. Evening free in Noto.

#### Tues 9 May Noto & Siracusa

Morning to explore Noto with a brunch created by the most influential pastry chef in Italy. Afternoon in Ortigia, the lovely peninsula that was ancient Siracusa with archaeological sites, optional visit with Elaine to see the Basilica of Santa Lucia and Caravaggio's Burial of St. Lucy. Evening free in Noto.

#### Wed 10 May Modica

Morning visit to a cheesemaker in the countryside with lunch to follow in Modica, county seat during centuries of Spanish dominion, see medieval frescoes, learn about and taste Aztec chocolate and traditional pastries. Evening free in Noto.





**Thu 11 May Palazzolo Acreide**

Day trip to Palazzo Acreide to visit Greek ruins and Baroque churches and to learn about their sausage making tradition during a cooking class on a farm that raises heritage pigs. Evening free in Noto.

**Fri 12 May Catania & Taormina**

Transfer to Taormina via the amazing show of culture that is the fish market in Catania. Visit the Duomo, via Etna and have lunch in the market. Afternoon and evening free in Taormina.

**Sat 13 May Mt. Etna**

Go up onto the volcano with a naturalist, visit a winery on the northern flank at Randazzo, group lunch and tasting of historic sweets on the eastern flank at Santa Venerina. Free afternoon in Taormina and group farewell supper.

**Sun 14 May departure Taormina**

We can help make arrangements for transfers to Catania Fontanarossa.

*Please note that this is an initial itinerary to provide a template of what to expect. Specific visits are subject to change depending on producer availability and as new opportunities present themselves. The people and places that we will be visiting are not typical tourist destinations so plans may be modified at the last minute. We will craft the final itinerary to provide the experience as described above.*

*Your activity level should allow you to walk for 2 - 4 miles per day including up and down steps, on uneven cobblestone streets and through vineyards and olive groves.*

