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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dear TCU Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

Travel with us on a special 15-day journey to discover enchanting Southern Italy and the remarkable island of Sicily. Beginning with the cross-cultural heritage, ruins, and magnificent landscapes of Sicily, this unique tour then traverses the "boot" of Italy, combining the traditional and unspoiled region of Apulia with the breathtaking Amalfi Coast.

Begin your tour in Taormina, on the island of Sicily, where you visit the "Valley of the Temples" and the well-preserved Temple of Concordia. Venture to Europe's largest active volcano, Mt. Etna, before traveling to the Apulia region to visit the cave dwellings of Matera and the medieval white-washed buildings of Alberobello. Discover Lecce's Baroque-era churches and maze of narrow streets on a walking tour, then continue on to Otranto, overlooking the Adriatic. Traveling to Sorrento, tour the UNESCO site of Pompeii, enjoy a day trip to the storied Isle of Capri, and take a breathtaking drive along the Amalfi Coast. Extend your stay on this journey with a 4-day/3 night post-tour extension to the eternal city of Rome.

We are pleased to be sharing this departure with alumni and friends from The University of Texas at Austin. Space is limited to 24 guests from both schools and will fill quickly. Book today and secure your place on this memorable journey through Southern Italy and Sicily!

Frog for Life,

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TCU RESERVATION FORM: SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

To reserve your place on tour, **please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765.** Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to review the tour information and provide you with a secure link to enter your credit card information. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**
Attn: Special Interest Groups
One Newton Place
275 Washington Street, Suite 300
Newton, MA 02458

SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY • SEPTEMBER 18-OCTOBER 2, 2026

I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is $500 per person.)

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____)_____ Cell Phone (_____)_____

E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability) ❑

Post-Tour "Rome – On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up ❑

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve this tour. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on the secure on-line portal, My Odyssey.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a land only package; costs of passports and visas; immunizations and inoculations; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Responsibility: The liability of Texas Christian University (TCU), as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. TCU and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own as well as keep pace with the tour group.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, TCU and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours**. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL TCU GROUP TOUR TO SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY!

Guaranteed Small Group:
Limited to 24 Guests

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Southern Italy & Sicily

with Apulia & the Amalfi Coast

September 18-October 2, 2026

15 days for $7,774 total price from Dallas-Fort Worth

($7,095 air & land inclusive plus $679 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, seven-time honoree Travel + Leisure World's Best Tour Operators award.

A Special Small Group Tour for Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Texas Christian University

Tour membership limited to 24 guests

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15 days for $7,774 total price from Dallas-Fort Worth

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Delight in a special exploration of Italy's southern climes, from striking Sicily and the breathtaking Amalfi Coast to unheralded Apulia, the alluring "boot heel" where a vivid history, unique architecture, and bountiful plains join the sun and sea in creating a prized region. Add Italian hospitality, outstanding cuisine, and notable lodgings for la dolce vita, small-group style.

Avg. High (°F)	Sep	Oct
Taormina	81	72
Lecce	79	72
Amalfi Coast	79	70

Physical Activity Level

3 **Moderate**

Walk 2-4 miles per day, often on uneven terrain or cobblestones; occasional long walks from motorcoach drop-off to sights and hotels; uneven natural terrain at Mt. Etna and archaeological sites; steep grades while walking in Taormina; many stairs of varying height throughout the tour; embarkation/disembarkation from multiple boats; several long days of travel via motorcoach

Your Tour at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Taormina (Catania)		
2-5	Taormina	Eurostars Monte Tauro	First Class
6-7	Matera	Locanda di San Martino	First Class
8-10	Lecce	Patria Palace	Sup. First Class
11-14	Sorrento	Hotel Antiche Mura	First Class
15	Depart Naples for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Catania, Sicily

Day 2: Arrive Catania/Taormina We arrive today in Catania on Italy's autonomous island of Sicily, then transfer by motorcoach to Taormina and our boutique hotel overlooking the Ionian Sea. Tonight, we gather for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. *D*

Day 3: Taormina Highlights of our morning walking tour of this delightful medieval town include the spectacular ancient Greek theater dating to the 3rd century BCE, the popular 13th-century cathedral, and grand Piazza Vittorio Emanuele. This afternoon is at leisure, perhaps to relax by the hotel pool, visit a lovely Taormina beach, or stroll along Corso Umberto, lined with shops and restaurants. With lunch and dinner on our own today, perhaps a culinary adventure is in order … and thanks to Sicily's strategic Mediterranean location that lured many invaders, Sicilian food incorporates Italian, Arabic, and African influences into a singular and delicious cuisine. *B*

Day 4: Taormina/ Agrigento On today's excursion, we visit the "Valley of the Temples," the archaeological zone of Agrigento whose Doric temples and sanctuaries date to Greek rule in the 5th century BCE. Known in its heyday as the "most beautiful city of mortals," Agrigento's highlight is the stunning, well-preserved Temple of Concordia (c. 430 BCE). A visit to the museum here lends context to our explorations. Late this afternoon, we return to our hotel, where we dine tonight. *B,L,D*

Day 5: Taormina/Mount Etna This morning's tour ventures to Europe's largest active volcano. The ancients believed Mt. Etna to be the forge of Vulcan, god of fire; today, modern-day Sicilians have a very personal relationship with the volcano, which frequently erupts but is seldom destructive. Centuries of lava flows have resulted in a rich, fertile landscape where citrus groves and vineyards thrive. At midday, we enjoy a small group highlight: lunch at a family-run working farm amidst acres of lemon and kiwi vines. After returning to our hotel mid-afternoon, the remainder of the day is at leisure. *B,L*

Cover photo: Overlooking the coast, Taormina's 3rd-century BCE Greek theater still hosts performances today.

The stunning Amalfi Coast

Day 6: Taormina/Matera We leave Sicily today for the mainland region of Basilicatavia a day-long transfer which includes a ferry ride from Sicily to Calabria. Late this afternoon, we reach Matera, whose historic troglodyte churches and dwellings (*Sassi*) have been designated a UNESCO site, and check in to our hotel, a renovated cave dwelling in the city's historic district. *B,D*

Day 7: Matera Today, we explore this city of art and folklore, with its unique ancient urban structure still intact. Home to more than 100 rock churches, Matera resembles ancient Jerusalem and has been used by international film directors as a stand-in for the Holy City. Following a guided walking tour, the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently before dinner tonight at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 8: Matera/Alberobello/Lecce Departing Matera this morning, we stop in Alberobello, whose 400 or so *trulli* – whitewashed conical houses with greystone roofs – rank as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We take a walking tour along the pristine cobblestone alleys stepping inside an artisan's workshop or *trullo tipico*, a recreation of an inhabited home. After lunch at a local restaurant, we continue on to Lecce, one of the oldest cities in Apulia (Italy's "boot heel") in time for dinner together at our hotel. *B,L,D*

Day 9: Lecce On this morning's tour, we discover the "Florence of the South," so named for the unique decorative style for which Lecce is known: *barocco leccese*, the ornate and intricate sand-stone carvings of cherubs, monsters, fruits, and flowers adorning local buildings from top to bottom. We see Palazzo Vescovile (c. 1632), the exuberantly decorated church of Santa Croce, and the *Duomo* with its lovely *piazza*. This afternoon is at leisure to explore the town as we wish; tonight, we enjoy dinner together. *B,D*

Day 10: Lecce/Otranto Today's excursion takes us to the beautiful walled town of Otranto, overlooking the Adriatic. On a walking tour here, we see the imposing 15th-century Aragonese castle with its traditional moat, and the Romanesque cathedral whose impressive wall-to-wall mosaic floor was created in 1166. We continue on to a local winery for a tasting and lunch then return to Lecce mid-afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

Day 11: Lecce/Sorrento This morning we depart by coach for Sorrento, overlooking the Bay of Naples. En route we stop for a traditional *trattoria* lunch in the small town of Polignano a Mare. Dinner tonight is on our own in lively seaside Sorrento. *B,L*

Day 12: Sorrento/Pompeii Today, we visit the evocative UNESCO site of Pompeii for a guided tour of the city frozen in time by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius

Post-Tour Extension

October 2-5, 2026

Rome – On Your Own

4 days/3 nights for $695 total price

Single Supplement: $245

Explore the Eternal City at your leisure.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Private transportation Sorrento/Rome
- 3 nights' accommodations at Monti Palace Hotel (Superior First Class)
- 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
- Transfers to airport

> A queen and a spitfire, Etna is essentially feminine."
>
> – Daphne Phelp

in 79 CE (the city was accidentally rediscovered in 1749). Late this afternoon, we gather for a hands-on Neapolitan cuisine cooking lesson, followed by dinner to savor the fruits of our labors. *B,D*

Day 13: Sorrento/Capri Today we travel by hydrofoil to the storied Isle of Capri, a popular resort since Roman times. We explore cozy Capri town, visit the terraced Gardens of Augustus with stunning views of the azure sea, then enjoy free time for lunch and to explore on our own before we return to Sorrento early this afternoon. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy this city with views of Mt. Vesuvius as we wish. Dinner tonight is on our own in Sorrento. *B*

Day 14: Sorrento/Amalfi Coast We embark this morning on a breathtaking drive along the winding, cliff-top Amalfi Coast road between Sorrento and Amalfi above the glistening Tyrrhenian Sea – with stops for photos along the way. This afternoon is at leisure; tonight we bid "*arrivederci*" to Italy and our fellow travelers at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Colorful fishing boats

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights' accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 26 meals: 13 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

We spend two nights in ancient Matera.

Day 15: Depart for U.S. This morning we transfer to Naples airport, where we connect with our return flight to the U.S. *B*

Tour Departs: September 18, 2026

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York	**$7,374**
Chicago, Washington, DC	**$7,674**
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas-Fort Worth, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Philadelphia	**$7,774**
Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa	**$7,874**
Land Only (transfers not included)	**$6,395**

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $679, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,895. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – $5,495 per person; Premium Economy – $2,195 per person, in addition to the above costs (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please contact Odysseys Unlimited for information on our new Flexible Travel program, which allows you to arrive on tour up to three days before your tour begins and/or extend your stay after touring ends.

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Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time