TRIP TO SICILY SEPTEMBER 6-17, 2013 ITINERARY

**Day 1 / Sept 06 Montreal**
Departure from Montreal, P.E. Trudeau airport.

**Day 2 / Sept 07 Palermo**
Arrive at Palermo airport and transfer to Hotel Villa D’Amato 3*** or similar. Welcome cocktail, dinner in your Hotel. (D)

**Day 3 / Sept 08 Palermo- Monreale- (Erice - Palermo)**
After a buffet breakfast, morning visit of the capital of Sicily, one of the richest towns on the island for history and art: the Cathedral, the “Palatina” Chapel, and panoramic tour of the town (the “Quattro Canti”, the Opera House, the Pretoria Square). We will continue to Monreale to admire the Cathedral with its splendid 12th century mosaics and the cloister of the Benedictine monastery with Moorish architecture. Lunch on your own. Afternoon at leisure or optional excursion to Erice, a medieval town full of myth, history and art which sits on top of Mt. Erice, overlooking the city of Trapani and the Egadi Islands. Panoramic tour of the salt windmills and basins of Trapani. Dinner and overnight stay at your hotel in Palermo. (B) (D)

**Day 4 / September 09 Palermo - Corleone - Agrigento**
After a buffet breakfast, depart to Corleone, a small town and commune of approximately 12,000 citizens, it is half way between Palermo and Agrigento and in ancient times controlled one of the main arteries and therefore considered one of the most strategic locations on the island. It was also made famous as the birthplace of several Mafia bosses, including the fictional character Vito Corleone of the movie The Godfather. Lunch on your own. Continue to Agrigento to visit the Valley of the Temples including the Temple of Juno, Concord, Heracles, Zeus, Castor & Pollux that represent the most beautiful example of the Greek Civilization in Sicily. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel Tre Torri 3*** in Agrigento or similar. (B) (D)
**Day 5 / September 10**  
**Agrigento - Siracusa**  
After a buffet breakfast, depart to Syracuse to visit the most beautiful Greek colony of Sicily. Visit of the archaeological area including the famous Latomie of Paradise, the Greek Theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre and the Dyonisios “Ear”. Visit the island of Ortigia, the small baroque old city centre of Siracusa, built by the Aragonians: here you can admire the Cathedral and the “Fontana Aretusa”. Visit of the Madonna of the Tears Sanctuary to attend the Mass. Lunch on your own. In the afternoon, depart to Noto, one of the most beautiful cities in Sicily renowned for the harmony and unity of its Baroque style and today declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel Quality Park 3*** in Siracusa or similar. (B) (D)

**Day 6 / September 11**  
**Siracusa-Catania-Messina**  
After breakfast departure for a visit of Catania, the second largest city in Sicily. Reputed during the 14th century as one of Italy’s most important cultural, artistic and political cities, today Catania is recognized as one of the main economic, touristic and educational centers of Sicily (opened the first university in Sicily in 1434). Nicknamed “European Silicon Valley”, it is today an important hub of industry. Lunch on your own. Continue on to Messina for dinner and overnight stay at the hotel B.W Europa Palace 3*** or similar. (B) (D)

**Day 7 / September 12**  
**Messina-Etna-Taormina- Messina**  
After breakfast, departure for an excursion to Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe. Weather conditions permitting you will reach a height of 1800 meters, where you will enjoy a beautiful panorama of the Ionian Sea. Continue to Taormina, a small medieval village known as the “pearl of the Ionian Sea”. Enjoy time at leisure for lunch, shopping or walking through the tiny streets. Possibility of visiting the Greco Roman theatre on your own. Late afternoon return to Messina for dinner and overnight stay at your hotel. (B) (D)
**Day 8 / September 13**  
**Messina-Milazzo-Lipari-Vulcano-Lipari**
After breakfast departure to embark on a ferry for Lipari and transfer to your hotel. Lunch on your own. In the afternoon depart for a visit of Vulcano, a small volcanic island belonging to the Aeolian islands. Despite there being three volcanic centers on the island, Vulcano has been quiet since its last eruption in August of 1888. The beaches are particularly nice; time permitting, you can take a mud bath, reputed to have therapeutic powers. Back to your Hotel in Lipari. Dinner and overnight. (B) (D)

**Day 9 / September 14**  
**Lipari- Panarea-Stromboli-Lipari**
After breakfast, morning free for independent activities on your own. Lunch in your Hotel. Afternoon departure for Panarea and Stromboli to visit this small Eolian islands and to see the spectacle of dancing fire and molten lava ranging from flying sparks to small explosive eruptions. Dinner on board with a typical Aeolian “Maccheronata”. Return to Lipari for your overnight stay. (B) (L) (D)

**Day 10 / Sept 15**  
**Lipari-Milazzo-Dinnammare-Messina**
After breakfast departure for Milazzo by ferry. Upon arrival transfer to your bus for the drive to Messina to visit the “Chiesa SS. Nunziata dei Catalani”, as well as the Cathedral of Messina and its Bell Tower. Departure for Dinnammare for a visit of the sanctuary. Return to Messina for dinner and overnight stay at your Hotel. (B) (D)

**Day 11 / September 16**  
**Tindari - Cefalù - Palermo**
After breakfast departure for Tindari to visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Tindari. Continue on to Cefalù, a popular tourist destination, where we stop to visit the Norman Cathedral before forging ahead to Palermo for the evening. Dinner and overnight stay at your hotel in Palermo. (B) (D)

**Day 12 / September 17**  
**Palermo**
After breakfast, transfer to Palermo airport. End of our services. (B)
THE PRICE INCLUDES:
Air transportation 06 SEP YUL FCO PMO // 17 SEP PMO FCO YUL
2 nights’ accommodation, HB Hotel Villa D’Amato 3*** in Palermo or similar
1 night’s accommodation, HB Hotel Tre Torri 3*** in Agrigento or similar
1 night’s accommodation, HB Hotel Quality Park 3*** in Siracusa or similar
2 nights’ accommodation, HB Hotel B.W. Europa Palace in Messina or similar
2 nights’ accommodation, HB (1 dinner + 1 lunch) Hotel Villa Augustus in Lipari 3*** or similar
1 night’s accommodation, HB Hotel B.W. Europa Palace in Messina or similar
1 night’s accommodation, HB Hotel Villa D’Amato 3*** in Palermo or similar
Local guides as follows: 1 Full day Palermo/Monreale – 1 Half day Syracuse, Agrigento, Taormina
Bus GT at disposal for the whole duration of the tour according to the itinerary proposed, including arrival and departure transfers
All parking, toll fees
Hydrofoil Milazzo/Lipari/Milazzo
Tour of Vulcano by boat
Tour of Panarea and Stromboli by boat with typical Aeolian dinner on board
Driver accommodations and meals

THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:
• Tour escort; • Hotel city tax of approximately 1,50 Euros per day, per person, payable locally.
• Aeolian island city tax of 5 Euros. • Lunches and meals not specified. • Drinks at meals.
• Local guides and entrance fees not mentioned above.
• Baggage handling. • Entrance fees. • Tips
• Personal expenses
• Anything not specifically mentioned in the “The price includes”

PRICES PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY:
• Minimum of 25 paying passengers $3,342.00 per person
• Minimum of 30 paying passengers $3,185.00 per person
• Minimum of 35 paying passengers $3,152.00 per person
• Single supplement: $500.00

PAYMENT
• Final payment and full names as per passports: July 01, 2013

Cancellation policy:
• Until July 02, 2013 - $350.00 deposit per person
• From July 03, 2013 – 100% non refundable.
• Once the airlines tickets have been issued, and all changes involving re issuance will be at a fee of $350.00 per ticket.
• Please note this is only a quotation and have not taken an options of the services quoted as we are waiting client’s decision.
• In order to confirm your acceptance Vacances Preference requires a non refundable deposit of $350.00 per person, as well as a signed copy of this agreement, without which the request shall not be handled..

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