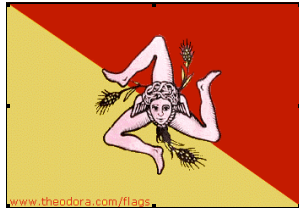


SICILY FROM EAST to WEST *(discover the magic island)*



With Nicoletta Machiavelli

Come on an enticing journey of discovery to the ancient island of Sicily, also known as “the world’s island” for its intricate and multilayered history. We will taste and explore the abundance of its culinary traditions, wines, flavors and scents of street markets. We will visit hilltop towns with vistas on the blue Mediterranean sea and Greek temples in a sea of oregano and fennel, people making pecorino cheese and others making chocolate, we will taste excellent wines and delicious foods every single day and feel the strong soul of this island, to which, as a poet says, one can only arrive “by air or by sea” ...

SEPTEMBER 2012

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Walking tour of the markets and historic centers of Palermo, Erice, and Syracuse.
- Visit to the Baroque town of Modica and Ragusa Ibla.
- 3 Cooking classes in 3 different areas of Sicily.
- Mt Etna, the tallest and largest active volcano in Europe.
- The Roman amphitheater in Taormina and the medieval center of this walled town also known as the Montecarlo of Italy.
- The Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, the main city of Magna Grecia; the Temple of Segesta.
- The salt-flats on the Southern coast, where salt is extracted the same way for hundreds of years.
- Olive oil tasting at Baglio Vecchio and Mandranova; Wine tasting at the San Michele winery on Mt Etna; Chocolate Tasting in Modica
- The hilltop medieval town of Erice, founded as temple to Venus, and marzipan tasting with the local pastry chef Maria Gramatico (“Bitter Almonds” Mary T.Simeti)
- An herb farm on the Southern Coast, with sampling of their products.
- Accommodations in 3 & 4 star Hotels and 4 star Agriturismos.
- Private air conditioned minibus with driver.
- Most dinners with wine included.-Professional local tour Guides at monuments
- Nicoletta Machiavelli as your personal T.Guide and Interpreter throughout the traveling.

Nicoletta Machiavelli was born near Modena and raised in Florence, Italy, and has lived in Seattle since 1988. She is the owner and operator of V.I.A.V.I. Vita, Avventura, Viaggi (Life, Adventures, Travel). She is a translator and a teacher of the Italian language and Italian cooking, with a passion for sharing her knowledge of the authentic Italy.

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