Grand Tour trip through Sicily

An event for members of the Augustus B. Sage Society of the American Numismatic Society

Saturday, 12 September – Saturday, 19 September 2015

The seventh annual Sage Society trip will take members on a week-long tour of Sicily, offering them unusual opportunities to experience the wonders of this historic Mediterranean outpost. Led by Dr. Ute Wartenberg Kagan, ANS Executive Director, the tour will start out in Palermo, in western Sicily, and end in the east in Taormina just in time for the 15th International Numismatic Congress, which will be held there from September 21–25, 2015. Along with visits to such important coin cabinets as that of the museum in Siracusa, with its famous collection of Sicilian coins, the trip will offer more than ample chances for tour-goers to immerse themselves in the multi-layered archaeological and artistic splendor of Sicily.

Our journey will take us through some of the most beautiful spots in Sicily, and trace a history forged by the land’s occupation by many great European powers throughout the centuries.

Included in our itinerary is:

A private guided tour of the medieval castles of the mountaintop town of Erice and the historic hill town of Monreal, site of a great Norman cathedral.

A private tour of the Carthaginian colony of Mothia, on the striking island of San Pantaleo.
A visit to, and lunch at, the famed Ulmo winery in Sambuca di Sicilia.

A private tour of The Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, the “City of the Immortals,” site of eight ancient Greek structures from the 5th and 6th century B.C.

Extensive tours of Siracusa, a city with a complex history that ripples with the overlapping influences of Athens, Carthage, Rome, and Byzantium.
Stops at the baroque town of Noto and the fishing village of Marzamemi.

Finally, the trip will end at Taormina, a legendary resort that inspired the writings of D. H. Lawrence and Truman Capote with its medieval streets and second-century Greek theater.

Accommodations

- 3 nights at the four-star Hotel Principe di Villafranca in Palermo, a beautiful boutique hotel with a gourmet restaurant and private seaside beach.
- 1 night at the five-star Hotel Villa Athena in Agrigento, situated within the Archaeological Park of the Valley of the Temples.
- 4 nights at the lovely four-star Algila’ Ortigia Charme Hotel in Siracusa, located on the natural island of Ortigia.

Registration

The price of the tour per person is $5,200 ($5,356 if paying by credit card) based on double occupancy per room. Single room cost is $5,800 ($5,974 if paying by credit card). At this time a minimum deposit of $1,200 per person is due along with this form. Full payment must be received by July 1, 2015. The tour is limited to 14 people (Sage Society members and their partners). Deposits are not refundable, and cancellations must be received by July 1, 2015.
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The price includes:

- Transportation to and from the airport or train station in Palermo
- Hotel accommodation with breakfast and dinner for eight nights
- All private guided tours, and lunch at the Ulmo winery in Sambuca di Sicilia

All tours will be accompanied by expert guides fluent in English and Italian.

If you are interested in joining us, please register early. For more information about the trip, please feel free to contact Catherine DiTuri:

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Payment by: □ Check (please make checks payable to American Numismatic Society)  
□ Credit Card (price includes a 3% service fee; see above)

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT: amount enclosed:______________

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Signature (required) __________________________________________________________________________ date