May 14 - 25, 2026

May 14 Fly to Italy | May 15 Arrive in Palermo

MAYFLOWER CHORUS

Singing our way through Sicily!

Register by September 8
to hold your spot!

Allegro Cultural Tours

Bringing People Together Through Music, Culture, and Travel

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Itinerary Details

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Your itinerary is a harmonious work in progress, and we'll fine-tune details & share updates as we go!

Thursday, May 14 – Depart California

Mayflower's Sicilian adventure begins! Fly from San Francisco International Airport (SFO) to Sicily —the largest island in the Mediterranean set in an enchanting region of Italy. Sit back, relax, and get ready to experience the wonders, culture, and beauty of southern Italy.

Friday, May 15 – Arrive in Italy!

Welcome to Sicily—a land of sunlight, song, and centuries of rich history. Upon arrival at Palermo International Airport, travel by private motor coach to the charming seaside resort of Mondello, nestled just outside the Sicilian capital. With its turquoise waters, sandy beach, and laid-back atmosphere, Mondello offers the perfect place to unwind after your journey.

Check into the inviting hotel and refresh, then join Mayflower friends for a delicious Welcome Dinner and preview of exciting days ahead!

Saturday, May 16 – Monreale & Choir Rehearsal

After breakfast at your hotel, set out for a morning excursion to Monreale, a hilltop town famed for its awe-inspiring cathedral—an architectural masterpiece adorned with glittering Byzantine mosaics. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is a visual feast of gold, color, and sacred art rising above Palermo.

In the afternoon, Mayflower Chorus will rehearse for upcoming performances. Then, the rest of the day is at leisure—stroll Mondello's promenade, savor a gelato, or relax by the sea.

Sunday, May 17 – Palermo & Mayflower Concert #1

Today, dive into the cultural heart of Sicily - Palermo - on a locally guided tour. From its soaring Cathedral to the brilliant tilework of the Martorana, take in a harmony of Arab, Norman, and Baroque influences around every turn. Meander through lively markets, and pause at the iconic Quattro Canti, where art and architecture meet at the crossroads of time. Palermo invites you to listen closely—the past still sings here.

After lunch and some downtime at the hotel, Mayflower Chorus will perform in Palermo — most likely a Friendship Concert with a local ensemble — for a thrilling cross-cultural musical exchange.

A traditional Sicilian group dinner will round out this memorable evening.

Monday, May 18 – Cefalù

This morning, head to Cefalù. Tucked between the turquoise waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea and the dramatic cliffs of La Rocca, Cefalù was originally a fishing village. At the heart of town is another magnificent Norman Cathedral with murals and lofty twin towers surrounded by medieval lanes, sunny piazzas, artisan shops, and gelaterias. Take a walk along the Lungomare, the seaside promenade, and soak in the laid-back Sicilian vibe.

In the afternoon, return to Mondello to enjoy dinner or drinks wherever you please. Then pack your suitcase ~ tomorrow we move south to Agrigento.

Tuesday, May 19 – Sicily's West Coast to Agrigento

Get an early start for Sicily's scenic western coastline. Stop in Trapani, a coastal town known for historic salt flats and baroque charm. Then, it's on to Erice, a hilltop village with roots dating back to the Phoenicians. Legend has it that Erice was once home to a temple dedicated to Venus, goddess of love, perched high above the sea. Savor local flavors — like Erice's famous almond pastries — in this storybook setting.

Early evening, arrive in Agrigento, where ancient wonders are still being uncovered. Check into your comfortable hotel—home for the next three nights—before joining Mayflower friends for am enjoyable group dinner.

Wednesday, May 20 – Agrigento & Mayflower Concert #2

Enjoy a relaxed day of discovery in the Agrigento region. The famous Scala dei Turchi Beach or "Stair of the Turks," is here ~ one of Sicily's most spectacular natural landmarks. The striking contrast of pure white rock and turquoise sea makes for surreal, insta-worthy photos. Visitors can climb the smooth terraces to the sandy beaches below, and enjoy calm, shallow waters for a refreshing dip. The area is also known for farms, vineyards and folklore!

Later today, the Mayflower Chorus will rehearse and present its second performance, anticipated to be alongside a local choir in a meaningful exchange of music and friendship in Sicily!

Thursday, May 21 – Valley of the Temples

Today, immerse yourself in one of the most iconic archaeological sites in the Mediterranean: the Valley of the Temples. Stroll among the ruins of ancient Greek temples set against a backdrop of olive groves and blue sky—a place where time stands still and beauty abounds.

Later, you may want to treat yourself to a delicious meal in one of the restaurants overlooking the ancient Valley. Local specialties include seafood dishes like grilled swordfish and stuffed sardines, eggplant served in many forms, fresh salads, lemon almond desserts, and of course traditional cannoli!

Friday, May 22 – Agrigento to the Sicily Folk Festival!

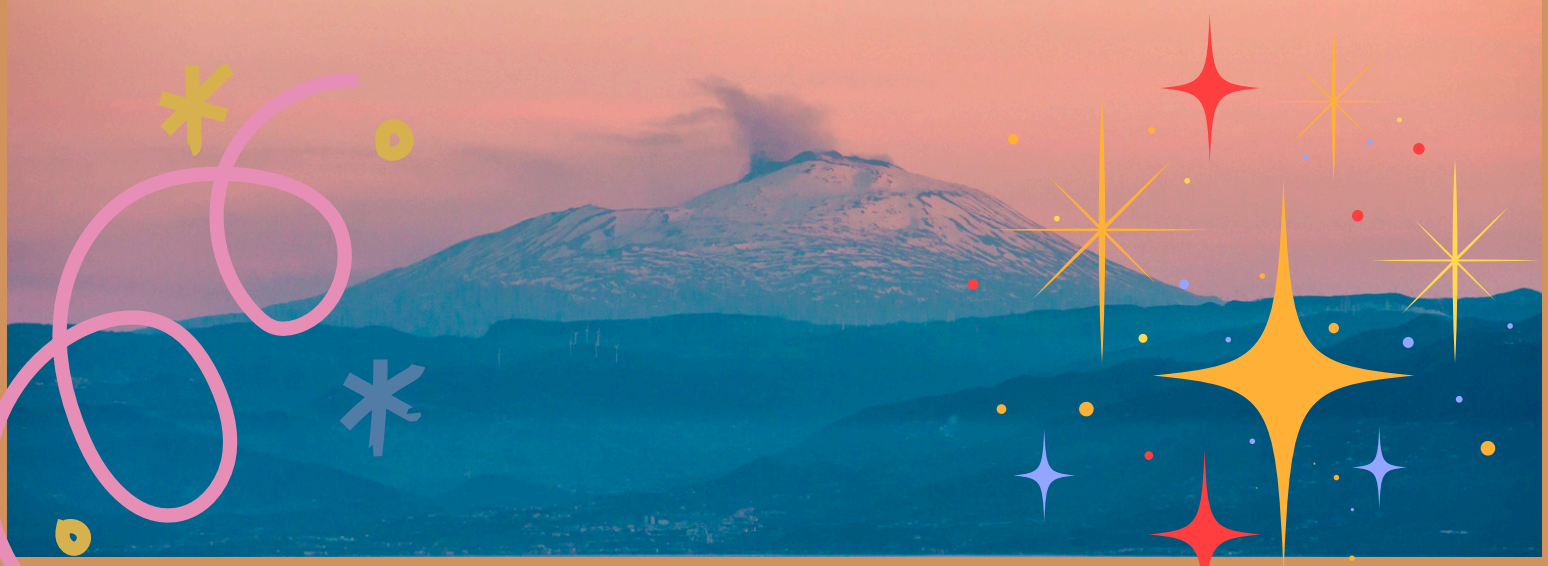
After breakfast, bid farewell to Agrigento and head east toward Catania, with a highlight en route: a stop at the Villa Romana del Casale in Piazza Armerina. This villa, built in the early 4th century AD, is one of the most luxurious of its kind and illustrates through magnificent artistry the story of a wealthy Roman aristocrat and his life at that time.

Continue through the scenic countryside to Sicily's coast near Taormina, just north of Catania and home to the Sicily Folk Festival. Upon arrival, settle into your hotel, enjoy an exploratory walk, and gather for a group dinner to kick off this final chapter of the journey.

Saturday, May 23 – Taormina & Mayflower Concert #3 at the Sicily Folk Festival

This morning, explore the jewel of the Ionian coast: Taormina. With its medieval streets, boutique shops, and spectacular views of Mount Etna and the sea, Taormina has enchanted visitors for centuries. A highlight of the visit is the legendary Greek Theatre, dramatically set against the backdrop of sea and sky—an splendid place where history and nature converge.

Later, the Mayflower Chorus will take the stage as a featured performer at the Sicily Folk Festival, singing for an international audience and mingling with other talented guests.



🎶 Sunday, May 24 – Mt. Etna & Final Concert in Sicily #4

Today brings a visit to Mount Etna, the towering volcano that has shaped Sicily's history and scenery. Hike, ride the cable car, or simply enjoy the extraordinary landscape shaped by fire and time.

This evening, the Mayflower Chorus takes the stage for its final Folk Festival performance, bringing the tour to a musical close. Afterward, gather for a joyful Farewell Dinner — a perfect finale to your song-filled journey through Sicily.

🧳 Monday, May 25 – Fly Home or Extend Your Stay

Transfer to Catania International Airport for your flight home, carrying with you the music, memories, and magic of Sicily. We'll send you off with a warm *grazie mille e arrivederci*—and hope to see you again soon! 🇮🇹

SICILY INTERNATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL

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HOTELS

Handpicked for Your Comfort & Enjoyment

10 nights in high-quality, well located hotels ~ 4 star

4 nights in Mondello/Palermo

3 nights in Agrigento

3 nights in the Taormina/Catania area

MEALS

A Flavorful Sampling of Local Cuisine

Breakfast Daily plus 7 additional meals:

Welcome Dinner

Group Dinner on Concert night in Palermo

Group Dinner on 1st night in Agrigento

Group Dinner on 1st night in Taormina/Catania

2 additional meals (lunches or dinners) may be added during the Festival (stay posted!)

Festival Farewell Dinner

CONCERTS

The Most Memorable Performances!

4 unique performance opportunities & musical exchanges:

A concert in Palermo

A concert in Agrigento

2 Concerts/Singing opportunities as part of the Sicily Folk Festival

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ADVENTURES BEYOND THE STAGE

Enriching Excursions & Sightseeing

Guided excursion to Monreale Cathedral
Guided tour of Palermo
Excursion to Cefalu fishing village
Full day guided excursion to Trapani & Erice and the saltpans nature park
Guided tour of the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento
Villa Romana dei Casale at Piazza Armerina
Visit to exquisite Taormina perched above the sea
Mount Etna

GUIDES & TOUR MANAGER

A Passionate & Dedicated Travel Team

Friendly, knowledgeable local guides will enrich your experience at every stop
A full-time Tour Manager ensures smooth logistics and tour guest care

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Smooth, Reliable, and Convenient

Private motorcoach transfers with a professional driver for all tour activities

SERVICE & SUPPORT

Great service sets the tone for a great journey

Registration & Payments: Easy, secure online system.
Planning: Pre-trip meetings, travel tips, and tour updates.
Dedicated Support: Quick, caring responses from our team.

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ACT is a global tour operator of the highest integrity.
We have decades of tour planning and travel experience and work with capable, dedicated, creative, inspiring partners world-wide. When you travel with ACT, you are in exceptional hands with people who care about you and your tour. Allegro Cultural Tours is fully insured, holds a Certificate of Good Standing, and is a registered Seller of Travel in CA.

Prices & Payment Details

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TOUR PRICING – SICILY 2026

Land Package (per person, double occupancy): $3,775
Estimated Group Airfare: $1,750
Total Land & Air Package Estimate: $5,525

Prices are based on double occupancy (two travelers per room).
Single room supplement: $560

GROUP SIZE SAVINGS

Friends and family are welcome!

The $3,775 land package price is based on 50 travelers, which Mayflower expects to reach. If we welcome 65 or more travelers, the price drops to $3,665 per person. If the group is smaller than 50, the price may be slightly higher. Every person counts — the more who join, the more we all save!

AIRFARE DETAILS

The $1,750 airfare estimate is for our group flight from San Francisco to Palermo, returning from Catania.
Over the coming months, we'll monitor flight options to secure the best fares and schedules for the Mayflower group — stay posted!

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payments are due on the 1st of each month (except the first, which is due September 15).
We'll send friendly reminders ahead of each deadline.

Due Date	Land & Air (per person)	Land Only (per person)
Sept 15, 2025	$780 (initial payment)	$550 (initial payment)
Oct 1, 2025	$780	$550
Nov 1, 2025	$780	$550
Dec 1, 2025	$780	$550
Jan 1, 2026	$780	$550
Feb 1, 2026	$780	$550
Mar 1, 2026	Remaining balance due	Remaining balance due

Policies & Travel Protection

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CANCELLATION POLICY

- $100 of your initial tour deposit is non-refundable
- $1,000 per person is non-refundable as of November 1, 2025.
- $3,000 per person is non-refundable as of January 1, 2026.
- As of March 1, 2026, all tour payments are non-refundable.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is recommended for every tour participant.

While no one likes to think about unexpected events disrupting their plans, life can be unpredictable. For your peace of mind, we encourage all travelers to purchase a travel protection plan to help safeguard their investment.

Allegro Cultural Tours offers a selection of Travel Protection plans available through your tour paysite. These plans can help protect you against unforeseen circumstances such as trip cancellations, medical emergencies, lost luggage, travel delays, and more—offering support when you need it most and potentially saving you significant costs. We hope you'll consider adding this extra layer of security as you prepare for your journey!

⊘ YOUR TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE

Passport, visa or other required travel documents | Fees for extra, oversize or overweight baggage | Luggage handling at airports and hotels | Meals, entrance fees, and coach transfers not mentioned above | Drinks with meals unless specified | Gratuities for tour managers, local guides, coach drivers, hotel staff | Travel insurance

| Allegro Cultural Tours

Welcome to Allegro Cultural Tours, where we invite you to embark on a journey that is not just about sightseeing, but about immersing yourself in the rich tapestry of culture and heritage.

Our carefully curated tours are designed to engage your senses and broaden your understanding of the world around you. Each itinerary is thoughtfully crafted to highlight the local customs, arts, and traditions of the destinations we visit, ensuring a memorable experience that resonates long after the trip has ended.

From vibrant festivals to intimate workshops with local artisans, every moment is an opportunity to connect with the heart of each community. As you explore breathtaking landscapes, taste authentic cuisines, and engage with passionate locals, you will find that travel is not just a journey, but a gateway to personal growth and cultural appreciation. We are dedicated to providing you with exceptional service, enriching experiences, and a deeper understanding of the places we visit. Join us on this adventure and let the world unfold before you!

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