

**“Carnevale” in Sicily February 25- March 5**

**Mardi Gras!!!**

**Hosted by “You, Me & Sicily!”**

**Eszter & Alfred**

**Designed for the experienced traveler and our returning guests**

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**Note about the pricing:** If you have travelled with Alfred in the past on any of his trips, or with Eszter & Alfred on their trips, or have used Alfred’s place to stay, or have used Alfred’s services in any way in the past, you are entitled to a discounted price. Please inquire.

**Note about the weather in Sicily in late February and early March:** It rarely snows in Sicily during the winter months except in the high mountain elevations such as Etna. The weather is usually sunny but brisk, so we suggest to pack a sweater, coat, gloves and appropriate high elevation gear. Our excursion to both Etna and Enna are both weather dependent on the scheduled days, and if necessary we can easily alter the schedule to take into consideration seasonal weather conditions.

**Preliminary Schedule:** We reserve the right to modify slightly the schedule based on client feed-back and suggestion.

**Saturday Feb 25:** Arrive in Catania and greeted by Eszter and Alfred. You will be transported to (click on link) [Sicilia Residence](#) to check-in, relax and unwind. Eszter will “show you around” the immediate area and you will visit the green-grocer, market, pharmacy, and two cafes that are located stone’s a throw away. We will have an authentic Sicilian welcome dinner at Eszter and Alfred’s place where the wine and conversation and laughter will flow as you enjoy the finest view on their deck and catch up with the local lore.

**Sunday Feb 26:** Breakfast at an authentic near-by café. Enjoy your espresso, cappuccino, cornetto at a great local cafe and get the flavor of what the locals do every morning. We will then tour two of the communes of the “Riviera of the Cyclops”, Aci Castello and [Acitrezza](#). We will lunch in Acitrezza and after returning to the Sicilia Residence for a brief rest, depart late afternoon for Acireale for evening/night Mardi Gras/Carnivale activities. There will be plenty of street food for you to sample on your own, and when we return we will enjoy a late night snack.

**Monday Feb 27:** Breakfast at the Residence and then departure to [Siracusa and Ortigia](#), one of the most important cities in ancient Greater Greece. Dinner at an authentic rustic restaurant later that evening after we have rested.

**Tuesday Feb 28:** MARDI GRAS concludes in Acireale with a day filled with celebrations, parade, live music, street food and more in Acireale. Late lunch at Eszter and Alfred's before we depart. LATE NIGHT!

**Wednesday March 1:** Rest in the morning! Breakfast at the [Sicilia Residence](#). In the early afternoon we will take the scenic road up to Mt. Etna (weather permitting) with stops in Trecastagni, Viagrande and other mountain towns. We will then spend a couple of hours walking around Etna. Dinner at another of our favorite restaurants.

**Thursday March 2:** Breakfast at the residence and then off to [Taormina](#). Then we will visit Savoca where you can have an espresso or your favorite beverage at Bar Vitelli and enjoy this beautiful town with a panorama that will blow you away. Dinner at another great local restaurant.

**Friday March 3:** After breakfast, we will tour [Catania](#), the city of black and white! We will visit the Duomo, and walk the famed Via Etnea and get filled with the sights and sounds of city life. We will then return to the Residence and later on, have a great fish dinner in by the sea.

**Saturday March 4:** We will head to the middle of the island (weather permitting) and visit the mountain town of Enna. As an alternative we will go to Piazza Armerina to the Villa Romana del Casale to see the remains of a Roman villa with an amazing collection of mosaics including the bikini girls! That evening, we have our farewell dinner!

**Sunday March 5** Transport to Catania Airport for departure.

**Cost:** \$2500 (excluding returning guest discount) includes accommodations, ground transportation, entry fees, and two meals a day. Tips and spending money extra. A \$500 non-refundable deposit is required. Full amount must be paid no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>.