



Wadsworth Atheneum  
Museum of Art

January 26, 2015

Dear Travel/Film Lover;

I am excited to offer an 11 day/10 night excursion to Sicily, Italy, during the **61<sup>st</sup> Taormina Film Festival** which runs from June 14 through June 21, 2015! We will depart the U.S. on June 12 and return on June 22, in order to arrive and be rested for the Opening Ceremony on June 14 and stay until the morning after the last night's ceremony. As Italy's oldest festival, the Taormina Film Festival has been host to many legendary stars such as Sophia Loren, Robert De Niro, Russell Crowe and Meg Ryan.

As you can see from the attached flyer, we will learn about the very old seaside town of Taormina, Sicily, through an orientation tour and visit historical, cultural and architectural locations in the nearby cities of Syracuse, Noto, Catania and Aidone. We will attend the evening Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Film Festival as well as most of the film screenings in the outdoor 2,300 year old Greco-Roman amphitheater overlooking the Ionian Sea (part of the Mediterranean). There will be sufficient free time for you to explore Taormina and other destinations of your own. I will be hosting the trip along with Jay Morton, Wadsworth Atheneum Trustee and Film and Theater Committee Chair.

We are pleased to be working with Joani Olsen Kenney and William J. Kenney of TravelBuilders International who have designed this exclusive package. As you can imagine, this is a one-of-a-kind festival in a breathtaking location and hotel rooms are at a premium. **Unlike most of our trips, there is urgency in having you commit to join us. We now have a minimum number of participants and will continue to take reservations based upon hotel availability.**

Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to spend time in June on the gorgeous island of Sicily during the 61<sup>st</sup> Taormina Film Festival!

Yours truly,

*Debbie Gaudet*

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**Wadsworth Atheneum**  
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and  
*TravelBuilders International LLC*  
Present

**“Movies, Museums and More at the 61st Taormina Film Festival”**

**Friday, June 12 through Monday, June 22, 2015**  
(11 Days/9 Nights Hotel)

Join the Wadsworth Atheneum’s Curator of Film and Theater, Deborah A. Gaudet, when she travels to the beautiful Island of Sicily in Italy for the celebration of the 61<sup>st</sup> “Taormina Film Festival” this coming June. Stay for nine (9) nights in the luxurious five star “San Domenico Palace” Hotel. Enjoy a welcome dinner in the hotel’s 2 Michelin star restaurant “Cerami.” Participate in the **OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES OF THE FILM FESTIVAL** and attend most of the daily **FEATURED FILM** showings. Visit the **MUSEO SICLIANO DI ARTE E TRADIZIONI POPOLARI** and the **MUSEUM DE THEATRO**. In your free time wander and explore the alleys, lanes, paths, and cobbled streets of this ancient hill town overlooking the Ionian Sea. In the old city of “Catania” visit one of the art museums and the **ACI CASTELLO**. In “Syracuse” see the **GREEK THEATER**, the ancient quarry prison known as “**THE EAR OF DYONISOS**”, the **Fine ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM**, the **NEAPOLIS ARCHEOLOGICAL PARK** and **THE CATHEDRAL**. Also! You’ll marvel at the **UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE OF THE RUINS** and the **CHURCH OF OLD NOTO** destroyed by an earthquake in 1693. Plus! Tour the Morgantina Collection of Hellenistic Silver at the **ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM** and the collection of Roman Mosaics and the remains of **VILLA DEL CASALE** in the city of Aidone.

**LAND PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- Festival Opening and Closing Ceremonies plus most of the daily Featured Film screenings
- 9 night stay in the Luxury 5 Star San Domenico Palace Hotel.
- Transfers to/from hotel for those arriving at similar times (TBD)
- All hotel taxes and service charges, VAT and City Taxes
- Portage in/out of hotel.
- Breakfast daily in the hotel.
- Welcome Dinner in the hotel’s two Michelin star Cerami Restaurant.
- Services of a Local Professional English Speaking Tour Director throughout.
- All transfers with modern A/C motorcoach as per itinerary.
- Sightseeing tours per the itinerary.
- Entrance fees included where indicated in Bold letters in the itinerary.
- Headsets for included sightseeing tours.
- Wine Tasting and lunch in a local winery.
- Lunch in the cities of Syracuse and Aidone.
- Gala Farewell Dinner.

**NOT INCLUDED:**

- Airfare
- Difference in price of tickets (2014 vs 2015) for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies (TBD)
- Items of a personal nature or alcoholic beverages except where stated in the final itinerary
- A \$250 per participant contribution to the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art
- Motorcoach transfer to/from US departure city and the Wadsworth Atheneum (TBD if needed)



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**COST of LAND TOUR**

**\$4999** per person (Double/Twin) based on two persons sharing a room

In addition, participants are asked to make a \$250 per person contribution to the Wadsworth Atheneum

This trip is based on 15 participants.

**DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT**

A \$1,000.00 per person deposit is required along with a completed Reservation Form to reserve a place on this unique custom designed tour. The deposit is due immediately. Final payment will be due by the end of March, 2015, OR on receipt of TravelBuilders International LLC final payment invoice.

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Sign me up!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(Exactly as they appear on your Passport)

Date(s) of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required by Airline)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: Home \_\_\_\_\_ BUS \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_

US Passport number (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be valid for six months after the date of return)

Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Double/ Twin Room: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ Rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_ Single Room: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

**To make your Trip Reservation(s):  
Complete this Reservation Form and return it with your  
\$ 1,000 per-person deposit immediately**

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