Delight in a special exploration of Italy’s southern climes, from striking Sicily and the breathtaking Amalfi Coast to unheralded Apulia, the alluring “boot heel” where a vivid history, unique architecture, distinctive traditions, and bountiful plains join the sun and sea in creating a prized (and crowd-free) region. Add Italian hospitality, outstanding cuisine, and notable lodgings for la dolce vita!

**ITINERARY IN BRIEF**

**Days 1-2: October 15-16, 2016**
Depart U.S./Arrive Taormina
- Arrive in Catania and travel by coach to Taormina. Gather for a welcome dinner at your hotel overlooking the Ionian Sea.

**Days 3-5: October 17-19, 2016**
Taormina/Agrigento/Mount Etna
- Take a walking tour of this delightful medieval town including the spectacular ancient Greek theater, the popular 13th-century cathedral, and the grand Piazza Vittorio Emanuele. Spend a full day at the architectural zone of Agrigento. Tour Mt. Etna, one of the world’s largest active volcanoes. Enjoy lunch at a family-run working farm amidst acres of lemon and kiwi.

**Days 6-8: October 20-22, 2016**
Matera/Alberobello/Ostuni
- Continue on to Matera, whose historic troglodyte churches and dwellings (Sassi) have been designated a UNESCO site. Explore this unique city of art and folklore with its ancient urban structure still intact. Visit Alberobello, another UNESCO site with 400 or so trulli – conical houses with grey-stone roofs. Stop in Ostuni, the “white town” known as an architectural gem for its tightly packed whitewashed homes.

**Days 9-10: October 23-24, 2016**
Lecce
- Discover Lecce’s famed sights: Palazzo Vescovile, the church of Santa Croce, and the duomo with its lovely piazza. See the 15th-century Aragonese castle with its traditional moat and the impressive Romanesque cathedral.

**Days 11-14: October 25-28, 2016**
Sorrento/Pompeii/Capri/Amalfi Coast
- Depart for Sorrento, overlooking the Bay of Naples. Tour the UNESCO site of Pompeii, frozen in time by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 BCE. Enjoy a hands-on Neapolitan cuisine cooking lesson. Explore the storied isle of Capri, a popular resort since Roman times. Embark on a breathtaking drive along the winding, cliff-top Amalfi Coast. Bid “arrivederci” to Italy and our fellow travelers at a farewell dinner.

**Day 15: October 29, 2016**
Sorrento/Return to U.S.
- Early this morning we fly from Catania to Rome, where we connect with our return flights to the U.S.

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Probable Pricing:
$5,687 air & land inclusive from New York. Please call for prices from other cities. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees of $692, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Land only price is $4,495; arrival and departure transfers not included. Single travelers please add $1,495. A 4-day/3-night optional post-tour “On Your Own” extension to Rome is available for $845 total price (single supplement is $345). Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight is available on a request basis – please call for details.

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Your Tour Price Includes:
- Round-trip air transportation from the U.S.
- 13 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 26 meals: 13 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing and entrance fees for all included features
- Services of Odysseys Unlimited Tour Directors
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout the trip
- Gratuities for drivers/guides, dining room servers, and airport and hotel porters
- Luggage handling for one bag per person

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
Please FAX or email your pre-registration form and deposit information to our Tour Operator, Odysseys Unlimited:
Secure FAX:  617-454-9199       E-mail to Ainsley Wolfe: awolfe@odysseys-unlimited.com

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $_________ ($500 per person) for ______person/people. This secures our space on the following tour: Southern Italy & Sicily, October 15-29, 2016. Please charge my deposit to:

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