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Join us for our new “Sundays in Italy” series of virtual voyages designed to captivate and inspire you. We kick off our itinerary with “Spotlight on Sicily,” a two-part tour of the multifaceted landscape of Sicilian history and culture, direct from Sicily.

Spotlight on Sicily

Sunday, October 11, and Sunday, November 8, 2020 — 3:00-4:00 pm EST

With Sicilian Tour Guide and Presenter

Gaetano Salemi



Virtual Voyage #1: October 11

When Sicily Was Greek

In the 8th century BCE, Western Greeks settled along the coast of Sicily, founding rich and powerful cities that transformed the three-cornered island into a Mediterranean superpower rivaling Athens. Today, vestiges of ancient temples, theaters, roads, and squares attest to the enduring impact of classical Greece on the Sicilian psyche and civilization. Looking back on the island’s Greek past, this presentation illustrates how that exceptional culture still echoes in the language, literature, art, agriculture, beliefs, and customs of the Sicilian people.

Virtual Voyage #2: November 8

Sicily: 2000 Years of Splendor and Decay

Sicily and the other regions of southern Italy now collectively known as the Mezzogiorno came under a single crown for the first time with the arrival of Norman conquerors in the 11th-century. Over the centuries, this realm evolved into the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, and ultimately was absorbed into a unified Italy in 1861. Highlighting the splendor and excesses of the Middle Ages through the 19th century, decay and corruption of the Fascist era and its aftermath, and contemporary attractions that lure jet-setters and scholars the world over, this presentation analyzes the multiple identities of Sicily forged as a result of its unique complex history.



About the presenter: A native of Mazzarino in the province of Caltanissetta, Sicily, **Gaetano Salemi** has fascinated audiences on both sides of the Atlantic with his thought-provoking and entertaining presentations on Sicilian history and culture. Since 2007 Gaetano has been a tour manager specializing in Sicily and Southern Italy with Odysseys Unlimited, an award-winning American global travel operator, and the New Zealand travel firm of Etruscan Treasures. Gaetano has also designed and led custom tours focusing on Sicilian mythology and history for the National Italian American Foundation. From 2007 to 2015, he delivered an exceptional series of lectures on various aspects of Sicilian culture and civilization at Caldwell University in New Jersey. Fluent in English and French in addition to Italian, he holds a degree in foreign languages and literature from the University of Catania.

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Voyage # 2: \$10

Voyages 1&2: \$20

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