

Subject - Italian Embroidery Tour in Sicily

I am emailing you with an update about the tour. I have arranged for the possibility of 2 tours as the maximum is 16 people per tour. The limitation is due to the limitations of space at the one accommodation which is a quaint villa.

[Please see this PDF brochure of the trip.](#)

For more on the specifics of the projects see the attachment.

Transfers to and from airports, accommodation, transportation throughout the tour, meals as noted below, guides as needed at various sites,

Tour length: 16 days (15 nights)

This tour includes 2 extensive courses in whitework and materials. The courses are taught in English (one via an interpreter) and English instructions are provided.

- Rosanna Garofalo in Giarratana - **20** hours of Sfilato Siciliano plus 5 online Italian courses based on her book
[Her Facebook page](#) have a look at her photos
- Maria Novella Toscano in Palermo - **30** hours of Reticello; the walk to her studio is about 10 minutes

Sites included in cost:

- Museum of Sfilato Siciliano
- Tour of Ragusa Ibla and Modica which may include a chocolate tour but for sure you will visit some chocolate shops, sites of renown mosaics including a Roman villa
- Visit a site of bobbin lace
- Royal palace in Palermo and the Palatine Chapel
- Visit a site for a tour of an ancient technique of gold embroidery

Free time: These are for additional cost

- Wine tour and tasting - approximate cost 30 Euros
- Olive tour and tasting - approximate cost 20 Euros
- Rent a bicycle (currently unknown cost)

Meals included:

- All breakfasts
- 14 lunches
- 7 dinners (the dinners not included are when at the hotel as you are in a city with lots of options)

When : We need a minimum of 10 participants per tour and up to 16 maximum

Tour 1 - arrival September 12th 2026

Tour 2 - arrival September 19th 2026

Airport arrival: Vincenzo Bellini Catania Airport - airport code CTA

Airport departure: Palermo Airport - airport code PMO

Accommodation Places: click link to see their website

- Week 1 [Baglio Della Sorgente villa](#) - Santa Croce Camerina
- Week 2 [The Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa](#) - 4 star in Palermo

Price: 7,605 Euros (based on 16 participants - price is more if we have between 10 and 15 due to the villa being fully rented with our group) at today's rate \$11,863.80 and with a single supplement of

1,120 Euros more being \$13,611

- Today's rate is \$1.56 (at the time of this original email), note though that is likely due to the political climate going on with tariffs etc currently as it has been around 1.5 for the most part over last year up until right now.
- Payments required as follows:
 - \$2,000 Cdn by March 31, 2025
 - 20% in January 2026
 - 30% in May 2026
 - Remaining in July 2026

Refund policy: The refund policy is if we do not do the tour at all. We would lose the initial deposit. If the trip goes on and you must cancel you will have the option to find another to take your spot or you will lose your trip cost. It is recommended that you have your own trip cancellation insurance.

What is not included:

- Flights
- Lunches on days of airport travel
- Extra free time events

NOTE: This is not an EAC/ACB event/tour. It is a tour put together by myself with an organization called [Creative Italy](#). They put together bespoke tours promoting their local artisans. This is open to anyone who wishes to join me.

What I need from you:

1. Confirmation you will join me on this once in a lifetime trip.
2. A deposit of \$2,000 Cdn by March 31, 2025
3. Which tour dates you would prefer NOTE: if there are not enough people participating there may only be 1 tour and we can agree on the set of dates at that time.
4. Forward this information on to anyone who may like to join us right away due to the tight deposit deadline.

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Send the payments via email transfer or cheques to my home address. The payments are to me and then one transfer each time to the organization. I will provide a full accounting of all the monies and provide all the invoices from the organization for full transparency as I am not profiting from any aspect of the trip except to be able to attend.

If etransfering then please use the following question and answer.

Question - What region will we be visiting?

Answer - Sicily

I hope to see you in Sicily!