



Italy & Sicily 2016

Oxford Section and MCi Overseas Trip to Italy & Sicily

Trip Leaders

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Following the very successful Oxford Section Classical Greece Trip in 2014 we are pleased to announce a new trip to Italy & Sicily for 2016 in partnership with MCi Tours. The Italy & Sicily trip will continue the 'Classical' theme covering Greek and Roman remains in southern Italy and Sicily, benefiting from the expertise of Derek Spears our resident classics expert. The roads and scenery of Italy and Sicily are renowned and many of you will have seen the popular Inspector Montalbano BBC series which will give you an idea of what to expect! By working with MCi we aim to have excellent accommodation at reasonable prices. We expect the trip to cost £1,750-£2,000 per single person sharing, £2,000-£2,250 per single person and £2,200-£2,500 per couple sharing **subject to confirmation.**



The trip should offer a relaxing break, good riding, history, food and culture, with options for members to choose the type of holiday they want. The purpose of this flyer is to explain the ideas and to help gauge interest in the Italy & Sicily Trip 2016.

Derek has suggested that we spend 5 days in Sicily (key sights:Tempo Greco di Segesta, Citta Greca di Selinunte, Agrigento, Siracusa, Taormina and Mount Etna) and 3 days in the area near Naples (key sights: Pompeii, Herculaneum, Amalfi Coast and Campania). More details will be provided in due course. We expect the total trip to take 14 days starting in Genoa and finishing in Naples.



The maximum size of this trip will be 20 people and associated motorcycles. Places will be available on a first come first served basis.

Members should register their interest by emailing Geoff Clough

(geclough@gmail.com) who will also act as the treasurer for the trip. Initial deposits will then be payable in November 2015 to secure places on the Italy & Sicily trip in 2016.

Itinerary

Reaching Sicily via Genoa

The trip will start in Genoa and we will use the overnight ferry sailing to Palermo in Sicily (20 hours), which will be booked for the group. The distance from the UK to Genoa is 950 miles and can be done with an overnight stop in Dijon or more stops as required. There is an option to use the SNCF AutoTrain service from Paris to Nice to reduce the mileage considerably.



The group will leave Sicily by taking the ferry from Palermo to Naples (4 hours). The return trip to the UK starts in Naples and the options are to ride the whole journey to the UK (e.g. Naples to Genoa 442 miles, Genoa to Dijon 393 miles and Dijon to the UK 528 miles). Those returning by SNCF AutoTrain would travel to from Naples to Nice 535 miles using as many stops as required).



Those wishing to fly could join the trip Palermo, returning from Naples or Palermo as required.

The accommodation in Italy and Sicily will be high quality, typically 4 or 5 star hotels, and will be booked for the group. Members will be responsible for arranging their own travel to and from Genoa/Naples including the ferry/tunnel to/from France.

Whilst riding on the tour MCI will produce riding sheets with destinations and descriptive information to assist participants. It is then envisaged that small groups will travel the route. The whole group will meet for breakfast, dinner and at major attractions for Derek to explain the history and archaeology.



There will be optional riding routes available for those wishing to explore further by motorcycle.



Italy & Sicily Trip Itinerary Details

Number	Day of the Week	Overnight Stop	Mileage	Notes
1	Saturday	Dijon	528	UK to Dijon
2	Sunday	Genoa (on Ferry)	393	Night on boat
3	Monday	Ferry to Genoa to Palermo	0	Stay in Palermo
4	Tuesday	Sicily	TBC	
5	Wednesday	Sicily	TBC	
6	Thursday	Sicily	TBC	
7	Friday	Sicily	TBC	
8	Saturday	Sicily	TBC	
9	Sunday	Ferry Palermo to Naples	0	Stay near Naples
10	Monday	Naples	TBC	
11	Tuesday	Naples	TBC	
12	Wednesday	Naples	TBC	
13	Thursday	Naples to Genoa	442	
14	Friday	Genoa to Dijon	393	
15	Saturday	Dijon to UK	528	
Total Mileage			2284	

The total mileage for the Italy & Sicily Trip will be approximately 2,500 miles.

We look forward to seeing you in Italy & Sicily in 2016!