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Sicily and Its Isles

Small Group Explorations

October 15 – 28, 2026

Hosted by Father John Gatzak



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Small Group Travel rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

14 Days • 20 Meals: 12 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 5 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Palermo, Monreale, Marsala, Stagnone Salt Pans & Lagoon Sailing, Olive Oil Farm, Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, Cefalù, Isle of Salina, Caper Farm, Taormina, Mount Etna Off-Road Excursion

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hotel Porta Felice , Palermo
Days 4 – 6	Hotel Stella D'Italia , Marsala, Sicily
Day 7	Hotel Foresteria Baglio della Luna, Agrigento
Days 10, 11	Hotel La Salina Borgo Di Mare , Salina
Days 12, 13	Splendid Hotel Taormina, Taormina

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Thursday, October 15, 2026 Overnight Flight You're on your way to Sicily – an island paradise nestled amongst the deep blue waves of the Mediterranean. Look past the Italy you think you know and see how this coastal farmland balances ancient traditions and modern comforts.

Day 2: Friday, October 16, 2026 Palermo, Italy Arrive in Palermo, Sicily's vibrant capital city. As travelers' arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing. Spend the day exploring independently, taking in Palermo's gritty, unshakable spirit and captivating energy. Late this afternoon, we meet for a briefing about the journey ahead; tonight come to know your fellow travelers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Saturday, October 17, 2026 Palermo Begin your adventure tasting your way through Palermo's lively markets on a walking tour unveiling the city's historical center and introducing you to traditional Sicilian street food. Palermo's culinary heritage layers Arab and Norman influences with local produce such as wild fennel, olives, and spices. This afternoon, head to Monreale Cathedral, ascending on foot to see its majestic Byzantine mosaics. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore the cathedral's cloisters, taking in their serene atmosphere of the monastic complex -**OR-** ascend the southern tower to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo. (B, L)

Day 4: Sunday, October 18, 2026 Palermo - Marsala As you head west this morning, bid farewell to Palermo's Arab-Norman architectural masterpieces and set forth on a journey to uncover Sicily's deeply rooted heritage, teeming with Classical designs. Late this afternoon, settle into your hotel in coastal Marsala for a three-night stay. Perhaps you'll take a sunset walk along the waterfront before heading out for an evening at leisure. (B)

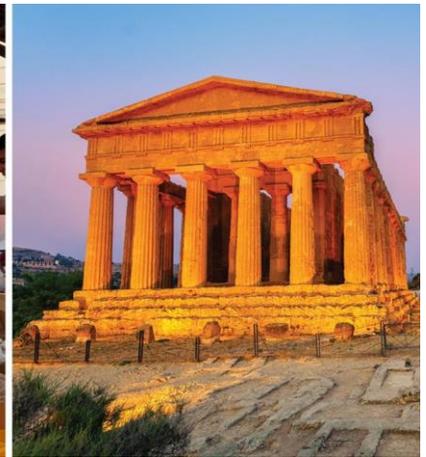
Day 5: Monday, October 19, 2026 Marsala Discover the ancient craft of sea-salt harvesting during a guided visit to the salt pans of the Stagnone Lagoon, once at the confluence of Phoenician, Greek and Roman civilizations. Hop on a local boat* and take in the views of the lagoon and surrounding, low-laying islands before returning to Marsala for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 Marsala The day is yours to explore Marsala as you please. Perhaps you'll visit one of the city's numerous wineries, noted for producing the eponymous fortified wine. Or, you may join a full day optional excursion to Favignana. A short waterjet ride* from Sicily's mainland, Favignana island is part of the Egadi archipelago. Once famous for its tuna fish production, this small island boasts crystal clear waters and enchanting gardens. (B)

Day 7: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 Marsala - Agrigento This morning, experience an **Impact Moment** when you visit an olive oil maker who uses ethical farming methods to produce EVOO. Hear this local man's story, his dedication to sustainable farming, and how he stands up against the rules that the Mafia tries to impose on local farmers. Explore the olive groves on foot and pause for a rustic picnic-style lunch before continuing to Agrigento's seaside. Settle in for a one-night stay and dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Thursday, October 22, 2026 Agrigento - Cefalù Coast In company of an expert guide, wander through the imposing Greek ruins of Agrigento's Valley of the Temples. Discover the myths enshrouding the foundation of ancient *Akragas*, and watch history come alive. Then, relax aboard your motorcoach during a full afternoon transfer to Sicily's northern coast. As the sun sets, acquaint yourself with the extensive grounds of your cliffside resort. (B, D)

Day 9: Friday, October 23, 2026 Cefalù Coast Today, set off for the seaside town of Cefalù on Sicily's northern coast. Stroll the medieval streets and enjoy ample free time to explore on your own. Perhaps you'll peek into the city's impressive cathedral showcasing Norman architecture, or take in Sicilian medieval art at the Mandralisca museum. Return to your coastal resort mid-afternoon. You will have time to venture down to the resort's private beach and dip your feet in the Mediterranean, if you choose. (B, D)



Per Person Rates*:

Double \$6,699; Single \$7,599; Triple \$6,599

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from New York, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$549 per person

Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

Additional rate of: Business Class \$5,190

- * Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class or First class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.

† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

* *All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change*

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 10: Saturday, October 24, 2026 Cefalù Coast - Ferry to Aeolian Islands - Isle of Salina Grab your bags** and hop on a ferry in Milazzo. Sail by Vulcano and Lipari on your way to Salina,* a far-flung isle surrounded by vibrant blue waters and dark volcanic rock. Somewhat off the beaten path, Salina is one of the less-traveled Aeolian Islands, preserved as a vacation getaway for Italians. Start your 2-night stay and slow your rhythm to the gentle pace of this small island. (B)

Day 11: Sunday, October 25, 2026 Salina Dramatic landscapes of rocky cliffs and vibrant vineyards pass you by on your way to nearby Pollara, famous for its traditional caper cultivation. Wander through the fields, tasting the salted flower buds accompanied by a glass of Malvasia, a locally produced dessert wine. The afternoon is yours to do as you please. Perhaps you'll find a café by the sea and soak in the local life while sampling their every flavor of *granita* ice-slush. (B)

Day 12: Monday, October 26, 2026 Salina - Ferry to Sicily - Taormina Early this morning, ferry* back to mainland *Sicilia*.

Journey along the Ionian Coast to Taormina, a seaside hub of ancient Greek theaters and hilly walkways. Discover its well-preserved Greek theatre in company of a local guide. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in an unparalleled viewpoint of the adjacent sea. Spend the evening on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a bite to eat at a sidewalk café, or peruse the local boutiques for handcrafted souvenirs. (B)

Day 13: Tuesday, October 27, 2026 Taormina - Mount Etna - Taormina See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. Stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks before stopping at a local winery to sample their local production. This evening, toast to your Sicilian sojourn at dinner, surrounded by local musicians. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Wednesday, October 28, 2026 Taormina - Tour Ends Your journey through Sicily comes to a close today. Return home with memories of Italy's favorite island. (B)

Experience It! Salina & the Aeolian Islands

The Aeolian Islands – a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Italy's best-kept secrets. Named after the Greek god Aeolus (god of the wind), the Aeolian Islands are a group of seven islands nestled in the deep blue Mediterranean off the coast of Sicily. Among this archipelago, find the vacation houses of superstars, fashion designers, professional soccer players and other elite. Salina is the second largest island – and one of the more beloved destinations. Preserved as a vacation getaway for Italians, Salina is your home for two nights. This is also the filming location for Michael Radford's movie – *The Postman*. Relax and soak up the sunshine during your stay on this Mediterranean paradise.

For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1343118>

Important Tour Information:

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

**Travelers are responsible for handling their own luggage when getting on and off the ferry. Travelers have the option of storing their larger suitcases on the bus for 3 days until they return to Sicily mainland, bringing a small carry-on with them on the island.

In order to access the archeological sites of Agrigento and Taormina, you will be required to negotiate steep inclines, tall steps and walk over cobblestones or uneven paths with loose gravel.

The hotels in Palermo, Marsala, Salina and Taormina are not motor coach accessible and require walking 0.1 to 0.3 miles (150 to 450 meters) each way to the bus pick up point.

Most of the sightseeing activities require accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in the historic areas of Palermo, Monreale, Marsala, Cefalù, and Taormina. When arriving by motor coach, it will drop you off at a mandated location, situated approximately 0.5 to 0.8 miles (800 meters to 1.2 km) from the starting point of the actual sightseeing tour. All these towns require walking up and down hills with narrow, cobblestoned streets and stairs without handrails.

Sightseeing is entirely on foot and requires the ability to alternate walking and standing for up to 20 minutes at a time, as there are no benches.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

The accommodations and included activities are not suitable for travelers using motorized scooters, wheelchairs, walkers or Zimmer-frames.

There are 4 days with long bus transfers. The longest driving day includes 4 hours of driving time (with stops every 90-120 minutes).

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

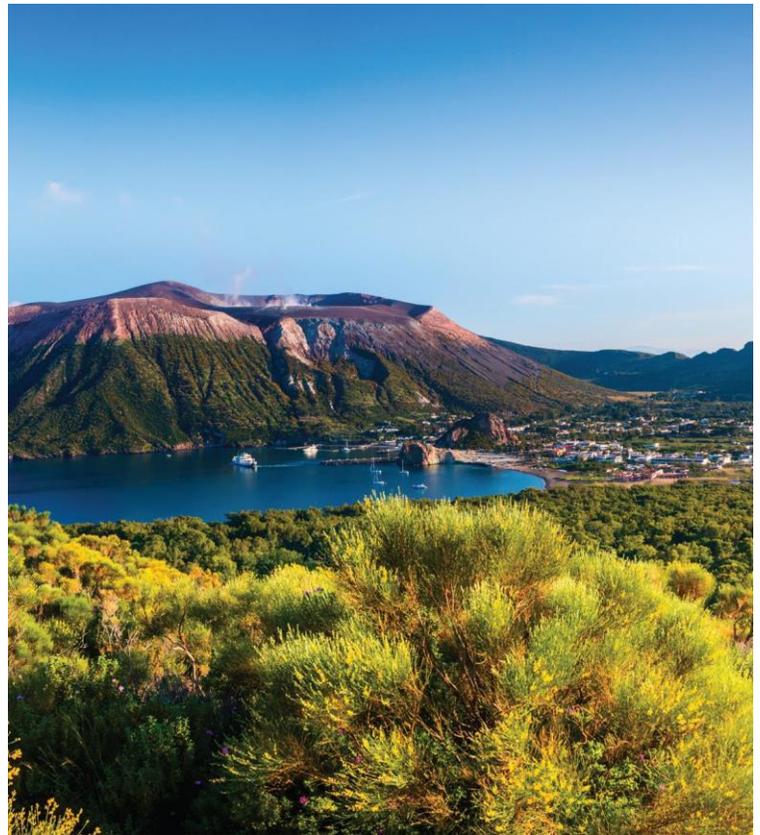
*All included and optional boat and ferry rides are weather dependent. In the case of adverse sea and/or wind conditions, some or all ferry and boat rides may be delayed or cancelled. In particular, the boat to the Isle of Salina may be delayed or cancelled resulting in partial reduction of your time on the isle (or cancellation of the visit). In case of this event, there will be a replacement accommodation arranged and a comparable program on the mainland.

You should expect large crowds in Palermo, Monreale, Agrigento, Cefalù and Taormina. Anticipate walking and standing shoulder to shoulder with other people and be prepared to queue even when you have a reservation.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Our return transfers will depart from Taormina to Catania airport.



For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Our air travelers will depart from Catania airport.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

ETIAS visa waiver requirements are anticipated to begin during the last quarter of 2026, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of February 09, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 17, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until February 16, 2026.

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**For important reservation information visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1343118>.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.**

BOOKING NUMBER: 1343118
DEPARTURE DATE: October 15, 2026

TOUR: Sicily and Its Isles
GROUP NAME: The Office of Radio &
Television/WJMJ Radio

Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Marsala, Sicily

A Day on Favignana Island

\$149 USD

Embark on a day trip to the island of Favignana. A half-hour high-speed ferry ride takes you to the largest island in the Egadi archipelago, the butterfly-shaped Favignana. Surrounded by crystal blue waters, this isle is known for its history in tuna fishing, beautiful beaches, delectable fresh food offerings, and enchanting gardens. Take time this morning to meander through Il Giardino dell'Impossibile — a botanical garden 'against all odds' — boasting nearly 500 species of plants across four acres. Then, enjoy free time in the village of Favignana. Sit down to lunch on your own and savor the fresh local seafood, or a local favorite street food: pane cunzato. Stroll through the town at leisure or go for a walk along the shore and take in the island paradise beloved by Italians who visit on their own vacations. This afternoon, ferry back to Marsala for free time in the evening. The option is dependent on weather and sea conditions and may be cancelled due to strong winds or swell. *Duration: Approximately 8 hours.* Please note a minimum of 6 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) **as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.**

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: Business Class \$5,190

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade, we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. Upgraded class of service is for the international portion of the journey only.

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Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$549 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour activities

Please Choose One: *(subject to availability)*

() Mangia's Pollina Resort – Standard Partial Sea View (additional charge of \$100.00 double, \$200.00 single required)

Please Choose One: *(subject to availability)*

() Splendid Hotel Taormina – Standard Partial Ocean View (included)
() Splendid Hotel Taormina – Sea View with Terrace (additional charge of \$150.00 double, \$300.00 single required)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette



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PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)
Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print EXACTLY as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	A Day on Favignana Island <i>The option is dependent on weather and sea conditions and may be cancelled due to strong winds or swell.</i>	149.00



Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

Email: TravelOperations@collette.com

Fax: 401.727.4745

Mail: Collette: Travel Operations
180 Middle Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. *Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of our participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

****To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.***

Reservation # _____

Name: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No
- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

Are you traveling with a walker? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:

Height _____ Length _____
Width _____

Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers. Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat Yes No

Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.

Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer “YES”

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers’ requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations.

Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

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Reason: _____

Tour: _____ Reservation # _____

TS/Group: _____

Tour Date: _____