



N A P A V A L L E Y
WINE ACADEMY

WINE EDUCATION ABROAD

Learn by traveling

Sicily

May 12-18, 2024



Embark on a captivating seven-day wine journey in the heart of Sicilian wine country with esteemed experts, Benjamin Spencer, author of "The New Wines of Mount Etna," and official Etna Ambassador, Catherine Bugue, the dynamo behind Napa Valley Wine Academy. Mt Etna, a gem in Sicily's crown, is not only its premier wine-producing region here but also a repository of deep-rooted history, culture, and unparalleled flavors. Our immersive experience is meticulously crafted to offer you a blend of enlightening lectures, insightful wine tastings, and visits to iconic wineries, all while you soak in the beauty of Sicily's mesmerizing landscapes.

The highlights of this adventure are thoughtfully curated to provide a holistic Sicilian experience. Begin your journey with a warm welcome dinner in Catania which delves deep into the essence of Sicily. Engage your senses with masterclasses and guided tastings, and explore the majestic Mount Etna volcano on a guided excursion. Dive into the culinary heart of the region with a traditional Sicilian cooking class, and witness the magic behind the wines with exclusive vineyard and winery visits. Your comfort is our priority, with premium accommodations awaiting you, along with six breakfasts, five lunches, and two group dinners. We've also ensured seamless group transportation from/to the CATANIA (CTA) airport and for all scheduled events.

But this isn't just a trip; it's a learning experience. As we near the end of our journey, test your newfound knowledge with a final exam, aiming for the prestigious Etna Ambassador™ Certificate. And what better way to celebrate this enriching journey than with a farewell dinner, paying homage to both Sicily and Mount Etna? With Benjamin's deep-rooted connection to Sicilian vineyards and Catherine's global wine acclaim, you're in for an unparalleled and unforgettable Sicilian wine odyssey.



DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Welcome dinner – Focus Sicily
- Masterclasses with guided tastings
- Guided excursion- Focus Mount Etna volcano
- Cooking class – Focus Traditional Sicilian Cooking
- Vineyard and Winery visits
- Premium accommodations
- Six (6) breakfasts, Five (5) lunches, Two (2) group dinners
- Group transportation from/to CATANIA (CTA) airport and all programmed events
- A final assessment to obtain the prestigious Etna Ambassador™ Certificate
- Farewell dinner– Focus Sicily & Mount Etna



Sunday, May 12

- Be whisked away to luxurious Hotel No 1, by the sea in Catania.
- Dive into an early evening tasting, unveiling Sicily's finest wine treasures.
- A sumptuous welcome dinner, where Sicilian culinary artistry meets vintage brilliance.

MONDAY, May 13

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Engage in a masterclass, journeying through Sicily's iconic wine landscapes, grapes and wines.
- A curated lunch, where every bite harmonizes with Sicilian wine notes.
- Stroll through Catania's historic heart with a local guide, culminating in a wine tasting that dances with local flavors.



TUESDAY, May 14

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Delve deep into Mount Etna's wine tapestry with an enlightening masterclass unveiling the unique wines made around the volcano.
- Savor a lunch where Mount Etna's wines take center stage.
- Immerse in the art of Sicilian cooking, crafting dishes that tell tales of the sun-kissed island.
- Evening of leisure: perhaps a moonlit stroll or a quiet evening with a glass of wine?

WEDNESDAY, May 15

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Embark on an Etna adventure, guided by a local volcanologist, unveiling the volcano's secrets.
- Relish a lunch at Etna's East slope, Milo, the cradle of Etna Bianco Superiore.
- An afternoon tasting session, introducing boutique Etna producers' masterpieces.
- Transition to Hotel No 2, in the heart of Mt Etna wine country, with the evening free to discover or dream.



THURSDAY, May 16

- Breakfast at Hotel
- A field trip to Etna's north, where vineyards whisper stories of time.
- Lunch at the renowned Etna Winery, Palmento Costanzo.
- An afternoon of review, reflection and wine tasting, preparing for the Etna Ambassador program the next day.
- An evening of freedom: perhaps a local performance or a serene night by the sea?

FRIDAY, May 17

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Test your knowledge with the Etna Ambassador Exam.
- A leisurely lunch, where Sicilian and Etna wines play the perfect duet.
- An afternoon to yourself: perhaps a spa visit or exploring local art galleries?
- Bid adieu with a grand farewell dinner, a symphony of Sicilian flavors and wines.



SATURDAY, May 18

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Check Out of Hotel

As the sun rises on our final day, it is with a touch of sweet sorrow that we check out from our hotel, bringing our enriching journey through the heart of Sicily's Mt. Etna to a close.

The wine, the flavors, the people, and the memories we've made will linger long in our hearts. It's not a goodbye, but a see you soon, as the magic of Sicily calls us back for another round of unforgettable experiences.

We're delighted to invite you for an exclusive trip, limited to just twelve (12) lucky travelers.

Price per-person, double occupancy: USD\$ 6,100
Single Supplement*: USD \$ 500.00

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This wonderful journey includes:

- **Seven nights' stay in beautiful 4-star local accommodations.**
- **A sumptuous feast of meals including taxes and gratuities, with:**
 - **Six buffet breakfasts to start your days off right.**
 - **Five gourmet, three-course lunches paired with top-quality regional wines.**
 - **Two gastronomic dinners, expertly paired with top-quality regional wines.**
- **Intimate daily visits to some of Sicily and Mt Etna's best wine producers and vineyards.**
- **Tasting of more than 100 wines throughout the week.**
- **Volcano Tour with local vulcanologist**
- **Sicilian cooking class using recipes from renown cookbook author**
- **Comfortable VIP transportation with climate control and a professional driver.**

Please note that the cost does not include flights or travel arrangements to Italy or transportation to and from Catania.

As for payments, here's how it works:

- **Payment 1: A non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 upon booking.**
- **Payment 2: \$2,300 due 90 days from the start of the trip.**
- **Payment 3: Another \$2,300 (plus the single supplement, if applicable) due 60 days from the start.**

We can't wait for you to join us on this incredible journey!

How does a bonus sound? Once you've booked your first study trip with us in 2024, we're excited to offer you a \$250 discount on each subsequent trip you take in the same year! That's our way of saying thanks for choosing us again.

Your special discount will be deducted from the final payment of each additional trip. Just remember, to take advantage of this great offer, your first trip must be fully paid. We can't wait to see you enjoy more amazing adventures!

We want you to know that while we've put a lot of thought and care into planning our itinerary, sometimes changes can happen. We promise to do our very best to stick to our original plans as much as possible, but please bear with us if we need to adjust due to wine producer schedules, availability, or any unforeseen circumstances. Rest assured, whichever wine estates we visit, they'll be of top-notch quality.

Feel free to reach out to your tour specialist, Jean Cox (j_cox@napavalleywineacademy.com), if you're interested in extending your adventure. She can help arrange extra hotel nights at the same lovely accommodations, before or after the tour, for a small additional cost. Looking forward to an unforgettable experience together!