

Selwood Academy

Geography residential to Sicily

7th – 10th October 2026

Thank you for paying for your
child to go to Sicily

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The Rayburn Tours Difference

The Rayburn Tours Team

- A family-run company
- Unforgettable international experiences for young people
- Over 50 years' experience
- Team of dedicated specialists
- Delivering on promises of safety, support, service and experience time and time again

Our Customers

- Taking care of the travel arrangements for 23,000 young people each year
- Average customer service rating of 4.7 out of 5

School Objectives

- Explore Sicily and learn about its culture
- Experience the physical beauty of Sicily – beaches, views and of course Mt. Etna (cable car, jeep ride and a hike to Gran Cratere)
- Learn about the 1992 Etna eruption and how Sicily responded to it
- Explore a Sicilian town - Taormina
- Make and eat a Sicilian pizza
- Have fun

Included in the price

- Return flights with Ryanair from London Stansted to Vincenzo Bellini Catania Airport
- 3 nights' accommodation at San Pietro Hotel
- Meals on a full board basis – breakfast, packed lunch and dinner. Please note only water is provided with meals. Other drinks will have to be paid for.
- All coach journeys
- All activities and excursions
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance

Who will be coming with me?

- ✓ Ms. Roberts – trip leader, Head of Humanities
- ✓ Mr. Owen – deputy trip leader, Assistant Headteacher
- ✓ Mrs. Gibbs – Teaching Assistant
- ✓ Ms. Fussell – Parent volunteer)
- ✓ 42 KS3 children (43 including you!)

Flights

Outbound Flight:

Wednesday 7th October 2026

Flight number: **FR5059**

Departing from: London Stansted Airport

Arriving at: Catania Airport

Check-in opens	04.20hrs
Flight departs London	06.20hrs
Flight arrives in Sicily	10.30hrs

Inbound Flight:

Saturday 10th October 2026

Flight number: **FR8543**

Departing from: Catania Airport

Arriving at: London Stansted Airport

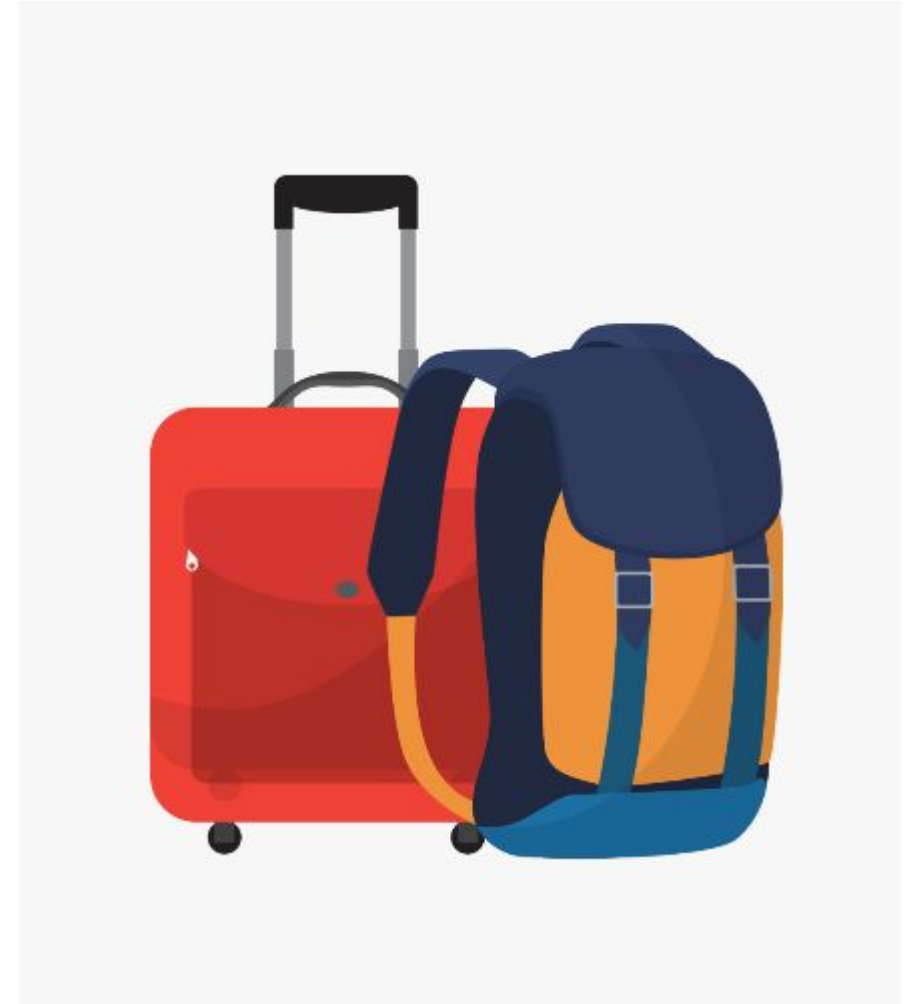
Check-in opens	10.20hrs
Flight departs Sicily	13.20hrs
Flight arrives in London	15.40hrs

Luggage Allowance

1 item of **hold luggage** weighing no more than 10kg per person

1 item of **cabin luggage** weighing no more than 40 x 30 x 20 per person and must fit under the seat in front of you

Please refer to the Ryanair website for further information regarding luggage restriction and the kit list includes info on cabin luggage



Accommodation

3 Night's at San Pietro Hotel

- Multi-bedded rooms (triple and quads) with en-suite facilities
- Breakfast, packed lunch & evening meal (first meal will be the pizza you make on Wednesday 7th October at approx. 2pm. Last meal will be the packed lunch the hotel provides for Saturday 10th October)
- Soap and towels are provided in the rooms
- Drinks, except tap water, are not included with meals
- We need dietary requirements – allergies (milk, nuts, gluten), Halal, vegetarian

San Pietro Hotel



Day 1: Wednesday 7th October 2026

- 06.20 Flight departs London Stansted Airport
- 10.30 Flight arrives at Vincenzo Bellini Catania Airport
- 12.30 Coach arrives at the coach parking terminal at the Porta Catania in Taormina
- 12.45 Ristorante Pizzeria Porta Messina (pizza making workshop and lunch)
- 15.45 Taormina's Greek theatre tour and free time in Taormina (a hilltop town on the east coast, its natural beauty, cultural heritage and Mediterranean allure makes it one of Sicily's most captivating places.
- 19.00 Evening meal at the accommodation

Taormina



Pizza lunch



Day 2: Thursday 8th October 2026

08.30

Breakfast at the accommodation and collect packed lunches

Colata Lavica 1991/93 (Zafferana) – Lava Field (15 minute steep uphill walk)

Oro D'Etna honey shop & factory (demo and souvenir shopping)

Mount Etna Sud (jeep and cable car ride to the summit, walk around the crater rim with a guide)

Craters and viewpoint

19.30

Evening meal at accommodation and remainder of evening playing beach games

Oro d'Etna Honey Shop and Factory



Mount Etna Cable Car



Mount Etna 4 x 4 Experience



Day 3: Friday 9th October 2026

05.45

Collect packed breakfast and lunch and walk to the coach pick up point

Coach arrives at Milazzo Harbour

Ferry crossing from Milazzo harbour for Vulcano harbour

Ferry arrives at Vulcano harbour for a guided hike to Gran Cratere (4km hike, 300-350m elevation)

Beach visit if time allows

Ferry arrives at Milazzo Harbour

Coach departs for the accommodation

19.30

Evening meal at accommodation and remainder of evening sand castle competition

Vulcano Ferry Crossing



Guided Trek up Gran Cratere, Vulcano



Gran Cratere



Day 4: Saturday 10th October 2026

- 07.45 Breakfast at accommodation and collect packed lunches
- 09.00 Coach departs for Vincenzo Bellini Catania Airport
- 10.20 Coach arrives at Vincenzo Bellini Catania Airport
- 13.20h Flight departs for London Stansted Airport
- 15.40 Flight arrives at London Stansted Airport
- 20:40 Selwood Academy ETA

Code of conduct – please read this with your child and both of you need to sign it

We want everyone to have an incredible trip so

- Be respectful and kind to everyone on the trip
- Listen carefully to all instructions
- Stay with your adult and in your group at all times
- Each day is jammed full, lights out and quiet will be insisted upon at a certain time
- The sea is to be seen not to be entered!
- Mobile phones are allowed on this trip – travel, photos etc. They will be handed into your group leader each evening before bed or at 9pm.

Coach expectations

Coach

- Sat throughout the journey
- Seat belt worn at all times
- There's a DVD player on the coach (teachers will take a few)
- Phones are allowed
- Coach has a toilet but only to be used in exceptional circumstances

Expectations at the airports and on the plane

- You will be in a group of 10/11 children and will have a group leader. You must remain in this group at all times.
- You will have free time in the airport and will be told a meeting point. You must be someone else at all times! A watch would therefore be a sensible idea.
- Check in, security, passport control and baggage reclaim you will move through with 10/11 others and your adult and follow theirs and airport staff instructions.
- Once on the plane you will sit in your allocated seat (no exceptions), put your hand luggage under the seat in front and relax

Hotel expectations

- You are only allowed in your own room
- Keep your room tidy, beds need to be made each morning (there will be the occasional inspection), there will be a prize for the tidiest room each day
- Every child is expected to be at meals and remain until dismissed
- No child is allowed on any balconies
- Lights out and sleep times must be respected
- Others maybe in the hotel so keep noise down – no shouting, running etc.

Expectations on excursions and on the beach

- Follow all instructions
- Speak to all adults and other children politely, kindly and respectfully
- Remain in sight of your group leader at all times
- Be responsible for your buddy and tell your group leader immediately if they are missing
- Mobile phones must be carried
- Phones must be charged during the day and will be handed in by 9pm at the latest
- Any negative use of phones or posting of photos onto social media is prohibited and will be dealt with immediately
- No-one is allowed in the sea – paddling and swimming are not allowed

Safety Matters

- Passenger safety on tour is paramount
- All aspects of safety and risk on tour are carefully monitored
- Rayburn Tours are founding committee members of the School Travel Forum (STF)
- In-house Health and Safety Manager
- Partnerships with external health and safety organisations

Safety Management System

Robust Safety Management System includes:

- A guide to Safety and Risk Management on Tour
- Accommodation and Coach Operator Audits
- Crisis Management System
- 24-hour on-tour emergency contact
- DBS checked staff, couriers and coach drivers



Financial Security

ABTOT Membership

- In the unlikely event of tour operator failure, monies paid for your non-flight tour is financially protected and can be recouped.
- If already on tour, assistance will be available to ensure the tour can be completed and you are returned home.



ATOL Licence

- When booking a flight tour, our ATOL licence provides the reassurance that in the unlikely event of tour operator failure before departure, your money is financially protected and can be recouped.
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Insurance

- We will provide your group with full travel insurance through Aviva insurance.
- Further details regarding insurance, including full details of Aviva insurance cover are available at www.rayburntours.com



Your Child's Learning & Development

- With 100% of educational experiences tailored to complement the National Curriculum, GCSE and A level specifications (or equivalent), you can be confident that your child's learning needs will be supported.
- The quality of these educational experiences is reinforced by the Learning Outside the Classroom accreditation

Quality Badge awarded by



“Adventure underpinned by learning
and topped with fun “

Bedford Girls School, 2018

Questions?