



# BHASVIC

## **Sicily Residential**

Year 1 A Level Classic

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July

30 places

£1,015

Please note that this trip is running in Skills Week.

As part of the Classics A Level course, we are running a 5-day residential trip to Sicily in July 2025. Students will have the opportunity to visit some of the best-preserved ancient Greek temples and amphitheatres in the world, view roman mosaics as well as ancient settlements allowing them to piece together life under these classical civilisations.

## **Itinerary** (indicative)

**Travel:** The group will fly from a London Airport to Catania Airport, Sicily. (\*The UK airport will be confirmed at a later date, depending on the departure airport/ flight times we will organise a return coach from/ to BHASVIC)

**Accommodation:** Accommodation will be half board at the 3-star Hotel Alceste Located 300 metres from Selinunte Archaeological Park and from the sea, the Alceste is a new hotel with modern rooms and a restaurant offering Sicilian specialities. Rooms at Hotel Alceste are air conditioned and come with a private bathroom with hairdryer. The hotel's roof terrace, where breakfast is served in Summer, offers a sea view. The Alceste also has a playground. Internet access is available at the lobby. The garden is equipped with gazebos. Here you can enjoy a piano bar, traditional folk theatre and art exhibitions during summer.

**Day trips:** All day trips will be by coach and accompanied by a local guide. **Visit to Marsala.** Marsala is built on the ruins of the ancient Carthaginian city of Lilybaeum and includes in its territory the archaeological site of the island of Motya, an ancient Phoenician town. **Visit to Monreale** and its Cathedral, a historical Norman-Byzantine cathedral, one of several buildings named in a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **Visit to Segesta,** a superb doric temple dated back to the fifth century BC, it was one of the major cities of the Elymians, one of the three indigenous peoples of Sicily. **Visit to Erice,** a medieval hilltop town on top of Mount Erice and mentioned in Virgil's Aeneid. **Visit to Mozia.** Mozia was an important colony of Carthage, the Phoenician-founded city in north Africa. It is quite rare and exciting to see such extensive Carthaginian ruins in Italy, and so much evidence of Phoenician culture. **Visit to Villa Romana del Casal** is a large & elaborate roman palace, excavations have revealed Roman mosaics which are the richest, largest and most varied collection that remains, for which the site was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site

We hope your young person can join us for this exciting trip, please see the following pages on how to sign-up and pay.

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact Trip Leader, Howard Brown, [h.brown@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:h.brown@bhasvic.ac.uk)

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**The cost of the trip is £1,015.** This return flights UK/ Sicily/ 3-star half board accommodation/ all excursions & activities/ transport whilst in Sicily/ one piece of checked luggage/ European Study Tours insurance/ BHASVIC trip insurance/ 5% BHASVIC emergency contingency/ £50 flight contingency for fluctuating airline prices (any remaining contingency monies will be refunded after the trip)

The following is not included in the cost of the trip: Cost of travel to/ from home to trip starting point (BHASVIC or Gatwick) / meals on route/ lunch/ drinks & snacks outside of mealtime/ spending money. As the departure airport has yet to be confirmed we have not included the cost of the coach hire if travelling to any other London Airport, if required, this will be an additional cost of a maximum of £55 per student for return coach travel

### **How to sign-up**

To make sure that all students interested in joining this trip get a fair chance of getting a place we ask that you complete a sign-up form via this link. [Residential sign-up form](#) This does not secure you a place at this stage.

One application per student please and only put the students name down if you are sure they are 100% committed to going on the trip. **The deadline to sign-up is by midday on Sunday 10th November.**

We will then review numbers and if the trip is oversubscribed, we will randomly pick 30 students for the 30 places. We will then email parents/ carers to let them you know if the student does/ does not have a place. Those that don't will go on a waiting list. Those with a place will then need to pay the deposit to secure the place.

You will need to have your BHASVIC Parent Pay account set-up in advance to avoid any delays in payment if you are offered a place. Parents were emailed in September with their unique activation code, if you have not seen this email, you may find it in your junk mail. If you cannot locate the email, please contact [cashdesk@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:cashdesk@bhasvic.ac.uk) and ask for it to reissued, please include the full name of the student in the email

### **Paying the deposit (once allocated a place)**

Please make sure you read the terms & conditions at the end of this letter before proceeding with payment.

Once you have received the email confirming the students place on the trip you will be able to log into your BHASVIC Parent Pay account and pay the initial deposit of £150 by midday Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Payment of the deposit secures the place on the trip. If the deadline is missed for deposit payment, then the place will be offered to a student on the waiting list.

### **Remaining balance**

Once the deposit has been paid you can pay the remaining balance of £865 in 3 instalments via Parent Pay by the dates shown below. You can also make intermittent payments before those dates or pay in full.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January      £288

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February      £288

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March      £289

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## What happens next

Once you have paid the deposit and the trip is full, we will email parents/ carers a link to the online Residential Trip Form. This form collects emergency contacts/ medical details/ passport information (if applicable). Completion of this form is a requirement for the student to participate in the trip. All information is stored in line with data protection laws and will be deleted after the trip is completed. Students will be required to complete a separate Code of Conduct form for the trip.

There will be a trip meeting for students held nearer the departure date where they will have an opportunity to meet the group and the Trip Leaders, ask any questions and receive the Trip Pack which will give them all the travel details/ emergency contacts whilst they are away. We will also email this pack to parents/ carers.

## Terms & conditions

1. At the time of writing the cost of this trip is correct. There may occasions where elements of the trip will be affected by price rises which are out of BHASVICs control. In these instances, this cost will be passed to the parent/carer. BHASVIC will make sure we inform the parent/ carer of any price increase in a timely manner & will ensure any additional cost is kept to a minimum.
2. If the student wishes to withdraw from the trip, please email the Trip Leader & [trips@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:trips@bhasvic.ac.uk)
3. If you choose to withdraw the student from the trip at any point, any monies paid will only be refunded if:
  - a. If we can fill the space from the waiting list. Please note not all trips will have a waiting list, in this instance we will advertise the trip to the relevant cohort one additional time to find a replacement. If we cannot fill the space, you will not receive a refund.
  - b. Any student from the waiting list being able to pay all monies outstanding in one payment
4. Final instalments need to be paid within 30 days of the stated due date. If payment is not made within this period, then BHASVIC reserves the right to withdraw the student from the trip & retain all monies paid for the trip thus far.
5. If a student withdraws from a trip and student names have already been submitted to a travel company or airline, then any cost incurred to replace that student/ or change details will be charged to the withdrawing parent/ carer
6. The student's parent/ carer will be asked to input their passport details (if applicable) via the Residential Trip Form. It is the parent/carers responsibility to make sure this information is correct & to arrange a new passport if necessary. BHASVIC is not responsible for any mistakes made whilst inputting passport details or for failure to renew a passport by time of the trip departure. Any cost incurred to correct mistakes will be charged to the parent/ carer.
7. In the incident of the refusal by immigration in the country of destination or refusal to board in the UK, cost to return the student home with an accompanying teacher will be charged to the parent/ carer. In instances where a passport renewal is not received in time for trip departure, BHASVIC will not refund any paid monies.
8. We will check if any student has any AI / ALS / Safeguarding / Medical Needs / Health and Safety Issues and PEEPS that the trip leader/s should be aware of just for the duration of the trip. This information will be collected via an online form & all is stored in line with data protection laws and will be deleted after the trip is completed.