

# The Combined Sharpshooters Yeomanry Bus Company



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## THE SHARPSHOOTERS TOUR 2010

### SICILIAN STRAIGHT

This letter is to invite you to participate in the Combined Sharpshooters Yeomanry Tour for 2010 to Sicily which is called SICILIAN STRAIGHT in keeping with the use of a horse racing term in our tour titles. This will be the first time that the Association has returned to Sicily en masse since Operation Husky in 1943.

The tour will run from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010 inclusive and I have engaged Leger Tours to help deliver it. The outline itinerary is as follows:

- Day 1 - Travel out
- Day 2 - Landing Beaches How and George; Cassibile, Priolo, Augusta, Tenutella/Villasmundo (the Eastern Route towards Villasmundo)
- Day 3 - Primasole Bridge, CWGC Syracuse and Catania
- Day 4 - Etna and Taormina
- Day 5 - Travel Home

I have had considerable discussions on costs so as to keep these as reasonable as possible. This has meant that accommodation will be on a b&b basis in a 3\* hotel and includes the end tour dinner. I have also decided that following Caen Canter this year we should use hire cars for in country travel as the cost of a coach was very high. The average cost of a five-seater intermediate car is around £260 for the five days which works out at about £50 pp if you have five in the vehicle.

On the above basis the price person will be £499.00 and includes a local guide which is pretty competitive. I think that a guide will be very helpful in terms of sorting out the rental at the airport, route planning to/from the hotel on a daily basis and sorting out any access or other issues. Although David Hannam will not be on this trip with us he has very kindly agreed to help with planning etc as he has already completed the itinerary. We are also lucky in that Boris Mollo has also agreed to pull together background historical information including photos from the Sale collection which includes at least one volume on Sicily.

#### **WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO NEXT**

This trip requires a minimum of 20 participants to work and you should therefore complete the booking form attached by not later than 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009. Note that I do need a non-refundable deposit of £200 to ensure that we get the flights booked. The balance will need to be paid not later than 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010. The best car hire deal seems to be at: [arguscarhire.com](http://arguscarhire.com) where a Dodge Caliber can be hired for £251 or Volvo V50 Station Wagon for £268. The best deal seems however to be the Ford Focus Station wagon at £200.

I look forward to getting your returns back as soon as possible but in the meantime if anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Best wishes*  
*Tim Rayson*  
Chief Conductor

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**BOOKING PROFORMA  
TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY 1<sup>ST</sup> Nov 2009**

**When completing this form please ensure that you complete all sections**

Surname .....

Forename(s) .....

Address .....

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Post Code .....

Telephone..... E Mail .....

Please **DELETE** one of the following

**YES** I would like to participate in Sicilian Straight

**NO** I do not wish to participate or receive further information.

If you have answered YES please **ANSWER** the following questions:

- a. Number of people in Party (**INSERT**)
- a. IF more than one person, **ADD** details of party members below.
- b. Specify Twin/Double

If you already have an annual travel insurance policy or can add yourself to an existing policy then the compulsory insurance is not required. You must provide details of your policy at the time of booking, as requested below. **The cost of insurance is £31.95 if you wish to use Leger's Gold Cover policy aged up to 65 years. If you are over that age the cost of Leger's Gold policy is £41.95 per person.**

- d. I do / do not have Travel Insurance (**DELETE** which not applicable)
- e. If **YES** please provide details as follows: Policy No / Insurer / named insured / Insurer / date policy expires / emergency contact details.
- f. I enclose a **non-refundable** deposit of (**INSERT** – based on either £ 80.00 per person or £44.00 per person) £ \_\_\_\_\_. The cheque should be made **payable to Kent and Sharpshooters Yeomanry Association**. Please **endorse** the back of the cheque '**SICILIAN STRAIGHT 10**'.
- g. I will pay the balance **by no later than 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010**.
- h. **INSERT** here details of any special needs (including dietary requirements / wheelchair access etc):
- i. **INSERT** here any other comments

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please **RETURN** this form (with deposit cheque) not later than 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2009  
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