

Sicily and the Aeolian Islands



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Sicily

an introduction

Sicily is deservedly the queen of the islands. Not only is she the largest in the Mediterranean, but also the most gifted by nature and history.

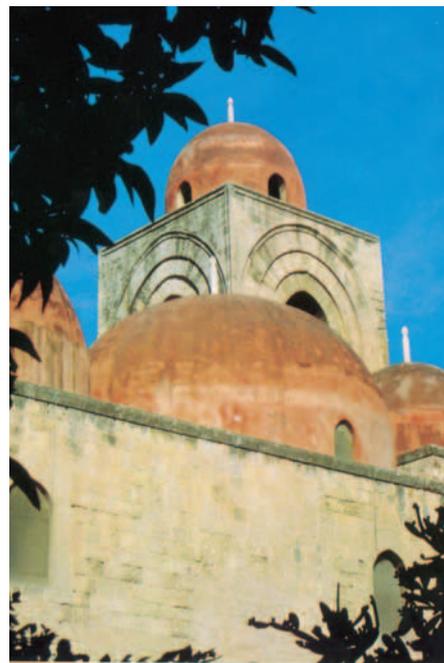
Little changed over the centuries, this enchanting island is a unique blend of all that is best about the Mediterranean. There are many sights and experiences not to be missed, including some of the most perfectly preserved temples and theatres in the world at Siracusa, Agrigento, Segesta and the entire Greek city of Selinunte, which are the classical remains of Sicily's many invaders dating back over almost 3,000 years.

The island is steeped in history but also in the pleasures of the senses. So, on your voyage of discovery do not forget the sea, glinting turquoise-clear and inviting, around more than 1,000 kilometres of coastline, where Sicily's holiday resorts are among the most charming in the Mediterranean. These include the fashionable Taormina, perched some 700 feet above sea level with stupendous views of snow-capped Mount Etna and the bay of Naxos.

Food is undoubtedly a very important ingredient in any holiday and Sicilian cuisine is a tantalising display of colourful and tempting dishes which are perfectly complemented by the excellent wines of the island. Pasta, a course to be included in any Sicilian meal, is served with tasty sauces from a choice of rich and spicy to the simple but delicious "aglio e olio" pasta with garlic and olive oil.

Sicily has an abundance of seafood including an array of crustaceans. Tuna and swordfish are cooked in a variety of regional sauces or served thinly sliced and marinated in olive oil and lemon juice.

The Sicilians have a sweet tooth and as such produce not only exquisite ice creams and refreshing sorbets but also a fantastic display of mouthwatering cakes, many of these are made with fresh almonds including the famous "pasta di mandorla" - a soft biscuit outside with a moist almond centre.



San Giovanni Degli Eremiti, Palermo



Isola Bella Taormina

ABOUT US

We have been working with Sicily and the Aeolian islands for over 40 years now and this programme is the result of our considerable experience in this area. Through continuous close contact with our clients and our suppliers we have come to know what is the best the islands have to offer and this is what we hope to pass on to you, the visitor.

Our staff all have first-hand knowledge of Sicily and the surrounding islands and are only too pleased to give you all the information and guidance you require to choose the right holiday.

As members of ABTA, ATOL & IATA you can be assured of our continued commitment to you.

OUR HOLIDAYS

We have made our holidays as flexible as possible, giving you the opportunity to combine any number of hotels or apartments with any flights and/or car hire. Should you not find exactly what you are looking for in this brochure we have a greater selection of properties on our website www.thesicilianexperience.co.uk as well as more detailed descriptions and additional photographs. In order to offer you maximum flexibility the prices shown in the accompanying price list are a guide only and may fluctuate up or down according to flight and accommodation prices and availability at the time of booking. We will gladly tailor-make your itinerary to suit your specific needs anywhere in Sicily or the islands. It is also possible to combine Sicily with a stay on mainland Italy.

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Temple at Selinunte

Sicily is without doubt ideally suited to the Grand Tour concept, being so rich in cultural and artistic artefacts, and of a size that can be encompassed comfortably within one week without undertaking long daily mileages. For a shorter visit our 4 night mini-tours are a great way to sample a selection of Sicily's fascinating history.

Our tours are operated by Retevacanze in Sicily who we have been working with for many years in the arrangement of our very popular tours of Sicily. With great attention to detail these tours have been developed and refined over the years to give you a taste of some of Sicily's finest treasures.

The tours are accompanied throughout by experienced multi-lingual leaders in Sicily (local guides only in Malta) and accommodation is in good comfortable 4* hotels.

All our tours can be combined with an add-on stay either before or after the tour for any number of nights at any of our properties. We can also arrange for you to fly into one airport in Sicily and out of another.

for dates of operation please refer to our accompanying price list for the following tours.

- 7 night - Carousel Tour of Sicily starting in Catania – Saturday
- 11night - Carousel Tour of Sicily & Malta starting in Catania – Saturday
- 7 night - Grand Tour A of Sicily starting in Palermo – Saturday
- 6 night - Grand Tour B of Sicily starting in Catania – Sunday
- 4 night - Mini Tour A of Sicily starting in Catania – Saturday
- 4 night - Mini Tour B of Sicily starting in Palermo – Tuesday

Entrance fees payable locally (reduced rates for over 65 years).

CAROUSEL TOUR - CATANIA

**7 NIGHTS - SATURDAY TO SATURDAY
STARTS IN CATANIA ENDS IN TAORMINA**

HALF BOARD - PLUS LUNCH DAY 3 AND DAY 6
TOUR IS IN ENGLISH ONLY

DAY 1 SATURDAY

Catania

Arrival at Catania. Transfer to hotel in Catania. Welcome cocktail, dinner and overnight in Catania.

DAY 2 SUNDAY

Catania – Siracusa – Modica – Ragusa

Depart for Siracusa, visit the archaeological area including the Latomie of the Paradise and the Dyionisos "Ear". Continue to Ortigia, the baroque historical centre of the city to visit the Cathedral and the Arethuse fountain. Lunch at leisure. Depart for Modica whose architecture is an outstanding example of baroque art. Also famed for its production of chocolate using traditional methods you will visit a chocolate factory and have the opportunity to create your own. Dinner and overnight in Ragusa with the option of visiting the ancient city "Ibla" by night (subject to minimum numbers). Supplement to pay locally.

DAY 3 MONDAY

Ragusa – Piazza Armerina – Agrigento

Depart for Piazza Armerina to visit the famous well preserved mosaics at Villa Romana del Casale depicting mythological and hunting themes. Lunch in a typical Sicilian restaurant

servicing local specialities. After lunch on to Agrigento for a guided tour of The Valley Of The Temples a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Dinner and overnight in Agrigento.

DAY 4 TUESDAY

Monreale – Palermo

Depart to Monreale for a visit of its splendid Cathedral with its Moorish architecture and Benedictine Cloister built in the 12th Century and covered with magnificent mosaics. On to Palermo, sample its famous street food whilst wandering through the City's historic centre visiting the Cathedral and the Palazzo Mirto which dates back to the 17th Century and offering a glimpse of the lavish, lost world of Sicilian nobility. Dinner and overnight in Palermo.

DAY 5 WEDNESDAY

Erice – Marsala – Trapani – Palermo

Depart for the medieval hill-top village of Erice overlooking Trapani and the Egadi islands. Continue on to Marsala on the west coast famous for its vineyards and in particular the production of sweet Sicilian wine. Stop at a prestigious winery for a guided tour of the historic wine cellars and tastings of red, white and Marsala wines with local food pairings. On to Trapani for a panoramic tour of the salt windmills and basins which are still in use. Return to Palermo for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6 THURSDAY

Cefalu – Nebrodi Park – Taormina

Depart for Cefalu a former fishing village, now a charming coastal resort with its imposing Arab Norman Cathedral. Stroll through the ancient narrow street and see the medieval wash-house built in the rock. Continue to the park of Nebrodi stopping for lunch at the Miraglia Forest with a typical menu. Continue to Cesaro, Randazzo and visit the Etna park from the North side. On to Taormina. Dinner and overnight in Taormina.

DAY 7 FRIDAY

Taormina – Optional excursion to Mt Etna

Morning either at leisure to explore this elegant resort with its splendid Roman-Greek Theatre or possible optional excursion to Mt Etna (numbers and weather permitting) climbing to a height of 1800 metres. Supplement payable locally. Lunch at leisure. Return to Taormina with time free to stroll along the Corso Umberto enjoying the wonderful array of cafes, pastry shops and smart boutiques or visit the delightful hill-top village of Castelmola perched above Taormina. Farewell dinner and overnight in Taormina.

DAY 8 SATURDAY

After breakfast end of tour



Mt Etna from Castelmola



Greek Theatre at Segesta

Grand Tours-

CAROUSEL TOUR - CATANIA AND MALTA

**7 NIGHTS PLUS 4 NIGHTS IN MALTA
11 NIGHTS – SATURDAY TO WEDNESDAY
STARTS IN CATANIA ENDS IN MALTA**

HALF BOARD - PLUS LUNCH DAY 3, 6 AND DAY 11 - TOUR IS IN ENGLISH ONLY

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DAY 8 SATURDAY

Catania - Malta

After breakfast, at the appointed time transfer from Taormina to Catania airport. Flight to Valletta, Malta's Capital city. Dinner and overnight in St Paul's Bay.

DAY 9 SUNDAY

Marsaxlokk market & the Blue Grotto

Depart for the idyllic fishing village of Marsaxlokk with its colourful luzzus and unique character to experience the local market. Continue the tour with a boat trip to the Blue Grotto and nearby caves – weather permitting (boat price not included). Explore Malta's unspoilt village Qrendi. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight at hotel.

DAY 10 MONDAY

Malta "Valletta"

Depart for a morning tour of Valletta – Malta's heritage-rich capital. Highlights include the Upper Barracca Gardens and St John's Cathedral, home to a splendid Caravaggio painting as well as an intriguing museum. Visit of the 16th Century Grand Master's Palace official home of Malta's parliament. Take in the sumptuous interior including the state rooms and impressive collection of armour and weaponry dating back to the 16th Century. Return to hotel. Lunch and afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

DAY 11 TUESDAY

Malta "Mdina"

Excursion to the medieval fortified city of Mdina – Malta's former capital city. Proceed to the cliffs at Dingli stopping en-route at the early Christian catacombs in Rabat. After lunch pass by the San Anton botanical gardens near the Presidential Palace then spend some time at the crafts centre at Ta' Qali and finish the tour admiring Mosta's majestic dome. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

DAY 12 WEDNESDAY

After breakfast tour ends. Transfer to airport.



Traditional Dghajsa in Vittoriosa Marina, Malta



Castello di Caccamo, Palermo

GRAND TOUR A - PALERMO

**7 NIGHTS - SATURDAY TO SATURDAY
STARTS IN PALERMO ENDS IN PALERMO**

FULL BOARD - TOUR IS IN ENGLISH & SPANISH

DAY 1 SATURDAY

Palermo

Arrival at Palermo. Transfer to hotel in Palermo for welcome cocktail, dinner and overnight in Palermo.

DAY 2 SUNDAY

Cefalu – Piazza Armerina – Catania area

Depart for Cefalu a former fishing village, now a charming coastal resort with its imposing Norman Cathedral. Stroll through the ancient narrow streets and see the medieval wash-house built into the rock. Carry on to Piazza Armerina. Lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon visit the world famous Villa Romana del Casale UNESCO World Heritage Site housing the largest collection of Roman mosaics in the world. Continue to Catania. Dinner and overnight at Viagrande near the Etna Park.

DAY 3 MONDAY

Mt Etna – Taormina – Catania area

Weather conditions permitting, excursion to Mt Etna the highest active volcano in Europe, to a height of 1900 metres to visit the Sylvester craters. Stop on the way in the village of Zafferana Etnea "the city of honey" for a tasting. Back to your hotel for lunch. In the afternoon depart for the charming resort of Taormina founded in 400 BC wonderfully located on a hill-top overlooking the sea and Mt Etna. Time at leisure to explore this elegant resort and visit the breath-taking Roman-Greek theatre. Dinner in a local restaurant in Taormina's historic centre. Overnight at Viagrande near the Etna park

DAY 4 TUESDAY

Siracusa – Noto – Ragusa

Depart for Siracusa. Visit the archaeological area including the Latomie of the Paradise and the Dyonisos "Ear". Enjoy the historic baroque centre Ortigia visiting the Cathedral and Arethusa Fountain and Temple of Apollo. Continue through the vibrant food market finishing in a Sicilian street food delicatessen vintage shop for

a light lunch with several samples of typically Sicilian appetizers. In the afternoon on to Noto one of the most beautiful cities in Sicily. A UNESCO World Heritage Site full of baroque splendour it is most famous for its fine Cathedral. On to Ragusa for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5 WEDNESDAY

Ragusa – Modica – Agrigento

Explore ancient Ragusa a city divided in 2 during the earthquake of 1693. Visit the historical centre of "Ibla" with its stunning palaces and churches. Depart for Modica famous for its churches and scenic squares as well as its production of chocolate using ancient traditional methods. Enjoy a chocolate tasting. Lunch in a local restaurant. After lunch continue to Agrigento and a visit of the magnificent Valley of the Temples which include the well-preserved Temple of Concord plus Juno and Heracles – fine examples of Greek civilization. Dinner and overnight in Agrigento..

DAY 6 THURSDAY

Selinunte – Marsala – Palermo

Depart for a visit of the archaeological park at Selinunte with its impressive Temples and Acropolis. After the visit stop at a local farmhouse (famous for olive oil production) for olive oil tasting before having lunch. On to Marsala on the west coast renowned for its production of sweet wine. Visit of the historical centre and a prestigious winery to learn of its production and sample the end result. On to Palermo for dinner and overnight.

DAY 7 FRIDAY

Palermo – Monreale

Visit the city of Palermo one of the richest cities on the island for history and art. Take in the wonderful Arab-Norman Cathedral, Palatine Chapel and Quattro Canti. Lunch in a local restaurant. Proceed to Monreale for a visit of its vast Norman Cathedral with its splendid cloister built in the 12th century and encrusted with magnificent mosaics. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. Dinner and overnight in Palermo.

DAY 8 SATURDAY

After breakfast end of tour.



Traditional salt ponds near Trapani

Grand Tours-

Sicily Mini Tours

GRAND TOUR B – CATANIA

**6 NIGHTS – SUNDAY TO SATURDAY
STARTS IN CATANIA ENDS IN PALERMO**

FULL BOARD - TOUR IS IN ENGLISH & SPANISH

DAY 1 SUNDAY

Catania area

Arrive at Catania. Transfer to hotel at Viagrande, Etna Park for dinner and overnight.

DAY 2 MONDAY

Mt Etna – Taormina

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DAY 3 TUESDAY

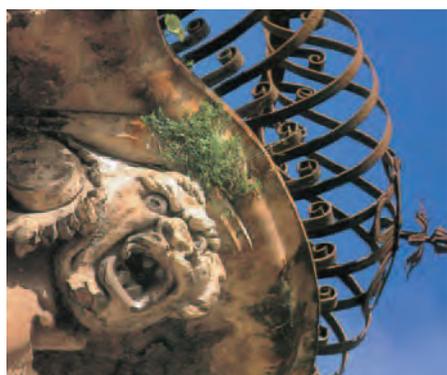
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DAY 4 WEDNESDAY

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A typical Baroque balcony



Temple Concordia, Agrigento

DAY 5 THURSDAY

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DAY 7 SATURDAY

After breakfast end of tour.

CAROUSEL MINI TOUR - A

**4 NIGHTS - SATURDAY TO WEDNESDAY
STARTS IN CATANIA ENDS IN PALERMO**

*HALF BOARD - PLUS LUNCH DAY 3
TOUR IS IN ENGLISH ONLY*

DAY 1 SATURDAY

Catania

Transfer to hotel in Catania. Welcome cocktail, dinner and overnight in Catania.

DAY 2 SUNDAY

Catania – Siracusa – Modica – Ragusa

Depart for Siracusa, visit the archaeological area including the Latomie of the Paradise and the Dyionisos “Ear”. Continue to Ortigia, the baroque historical centre of the city to visit the Cathedral and the Arethuse fountain. Lunch at leisure. Depart for Modica whose architecture is an outstanding example of baroque art. Also famed for it’s production of chocolate using traditional methods you will visit a chocolate factory and have the opportunity to create your own. Dinner and overnight in Ragusa with the option of visiting the ancient city “Ibla” by night (subject to minimum numbers). Supplement to pay locally.

DAY 3 MONDAY

Ragusa – Piazza Armerina – Agrigento

Depart for Piazza Armerina to visit the famous well preserved mosaics at Villa Romana del Casale depicting mythological and hunting themes. Lunch in a typical Sicilian restaurant serving local specialities. After lunch on to Agrigento for a guided tour of The Valley Of The Temples a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Dinner and overnight in Agrigento.

DAY 4 TUESDAY

Monreale – Palermo

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Benedictine Cloister built in the 12th Century and covered with magnificent mosaics. On to Palermo, sample it’s famous street food whilst wandering through the City’s historic centre visiting the Cathedral and the Palazzo Mirto which dates back to the 17th Century and offering a glimpse of the lavish, lost world of Sicilian nobility. Dinner and overnight in Palermo.

DAY 5 WEDNESDAY

After breakfast end of tour.

CAROUSEL MINI TOUR - B

**4 NIGHTS - TUESDAY TO SATURDAY
STARTS IN PALERMO ENDS IN TAORMINA**

*HALF BOARD - PLUS LUNCH DAY 3
TOUR IS IN ENGLISH ONLY*

DAY 1 TUESDAY

Palermo

Transfer to hotel in Palermo. Time at leisure to explore Palermo. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Palermo

DAY 2 WEDNESDAY

Erice – Marsala – Trapani – Palermo

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DAY 3 THURSDAY

Cefalu – Nebrodi Park – Taormina

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DAY 4 FRIDAY

Taormina – Optional excursion to Mt Etna

Morning either at leisure to explore this elegant resort with its splendid Roman-Greek Theatre or possible optional excursion to Mt Etna (numbers and weather permitting) climbing to a height of 1800 metres. Supplement payable locally. Lunch at leisure. Return to Taormina with time free to stroll along the Corso Umberto enjoying the wonderful array of cafes, pastry shops and smart boutiques or visit the delightful hill-top village of Castelmola perched above Taormina. Farewell dinner and overnight in Taormina.

DAY 5 SATURDAY

After breakfast end of tour.



Taormina

Taormina lies in the mountains above the Straits of Messina mid-way between Catania and Messina, with glorious views of Mount Etna, especially from its Greek theatre, still used today for many festivities, including the prestigious Taormina Film Festival. The theatre is just one of many Greek, Roman and mediaeval monuments and ruins in the area.

Today, the town devotes itself to visitors all year round. It has become the most popular destination in Sicily, because of its mild climate, especially in winter, and successful combination of modern tourism amenities with an ancient past. Old-established hotels from the very grand to the pleasantly simple, the variety of restaurants and efficient tourist facilities cater for every taste, and the main street with many quaint side lanes offers shopping delights for Sicilian curios, smart clothes and antiques.

A cable car takes you quickly down to Taormina Mare to relax between more vigorous expeditions to the many and varied surrounding attractions. This makes it as easy to base a holiday near the beach as in the town itself.

Take a day, even two, to explore Europe's largest active volcano, Mount Etna. Full day and half day excursions operate frequently from Taormina allowing you to explore the volcano from various aspects. Or for those wishing to explore at their own pace it is an easy journey with a hire car.

In early evening, there can be few moments to match sitting with a glass of Sicilian wine as the sun sets over Taormina's spectacular panorama. And, if you are lucky, Etna may erupt and add a fireworks display to your experience.



Grand Hotel Timeo

Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo

★★★★★ Deluxe

Built in 1873 as a private residence the Timeo is an impressive building with breathtaking views. It stands in 25,000 square metres of luxuriant parkland which includes a swimming pool and sun terrace and occupies a unique position next to the Greek theatre just a few minutes walk from the centre of Taormina. Owned by Orient Express the hotel has been tastefully furnished to offer the highest standard of luxury and comfort.. The spacious public rooms are tastefully decorated to provide a relaxing atmosphere. Dining in summer is on the large outdoor terrace with panoramic views over the bay of Naxos and Mount Etna. Guests may use the private beach and facilities at sister hotel Villa Sant Andrea. Accommodation is in the main hotel or Villa Flora building depending on room type.

FACILITIES

- 70 rooms and suites, sea/garden view
- restaurant
- lounge
- bar
- heated swimming pool
- fitness centre
- air conditioning
- lift
- complimentary shuttle to Belmond Hotel Villa Sant Andrea



Grand Hotel Timeo



Grand Hotel Timeo

Taormina

The Ashbee

★★★★★ **Luxury**

Located in a 20th Century Sicilian villa in the heart of Taormina, Hotel Ashbee was designed by renowned English Arts and Crafts architect Charles Robert Ashbee. Built as a private villa in 1908 it has been lovingly restored into this small elegant hotel with the most stunning views over Taormina's coastline (and beyond to the mainland of Italy on a clear day). Service here is welcoming and friendly. Each of the 25 rooms and suites housed within the hotel's grounds are unique and have been individually styled using a clever mix of ancient and contemporary design with fine antique and hand crafted furniture together with richly coloured fabrics. The sun terrace surrounding the infinity swimming pool with its panoramic view over the bay is a perfect place to relax and enjoy a cocktail or afternoon tea. Dining is a culinary delight in the hotel's St George restaurant which is renowned for it's excellent menu serving classic Sicilian and Mediterranean dishes.

FACILITIES

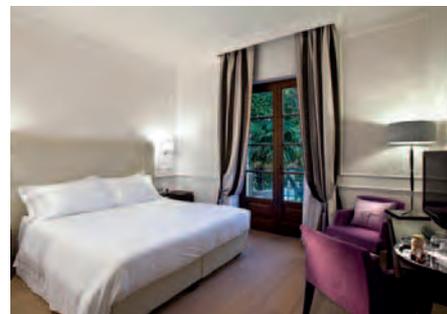
- 15 rooms 9 suites b/w wc
- restaurant
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool & terrace
- air conditioning
- lift



Hotel Ashbee



Hotel Ashbee



Hotel Ashbee



Villa Sant Andrea

Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea

★★★★★ **Luxury**

The delightful Villa Sant Andrea started life in the 19th century as an elegant family home now owned by Orient Express. It has been tastefully converted into an hotel retaining many of its antique furnishings which include an impressive collection of antique books. The bedrooms are stylishly furnished in harmony with the public rooms which have a cosy welcoming atmosphere. The hotel's restaurant overlooking the bay has an excellent reputation. There is a bar on the panoramic terrace and a piano bar most evenings in the summer months. The hotel is set amongst beautiful tropical gardens leading down to its own private stretch of beach equipped with sun beds and umbrellas. Guests may also use the facilities at Grand hotel Timeo – sister to Villa Sant Andrea.

FACILITIES

- 60 rooms and suites (some sea view and balcony)
- restaurant
- lounge
- 2 bars
- private beach
- heated swimming pool
- health and fitness centre
- air conditioning
- complimentary shuttle to Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo
- lift



Villa Sant Andrea

Taormina

Mazzaro Sea Palace ★★★★★

Enjoying a most enviable position on Taormina's stunning bay of Mazzaro the hotel Mazzaro Sea Palace is an excellent choice for those wishing to take advantage of a relaxing seaside location whilst having easy access by cable car for the 4 minute journey up to Taormina's picturesque resort centre with its famous Greek Theatre, wealth of good restaurants, cafes and smart shops. Delightfully furnished in contemporary style the hotel's guest bedrooms are light and spacious, offering a high level of comfort and all have large sea facing balcony/terraces. The hotel's dedicated staff will ensure you receive excellent friendly and attentive service deserving of its 5* status. During summer months a lavish breakfast, lunch and dinner are served on the sea-front terrace.

FACILITIES

- 82 rooms and suites b/s wc balcony/ terrace and sea view
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool and sun terrace
- private beach
- wellness centre
- air conditioning
- lift



Mazzaro Sea Palace



Mazzaro Sea Palace



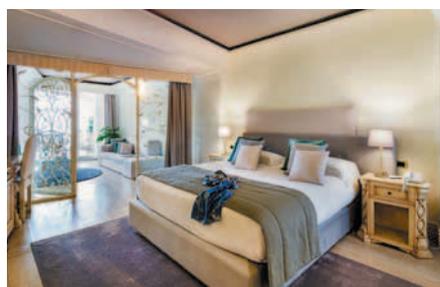
Mazzaro Sea Palace



Grand Hotel Atlantis Bay



Grand Hotel Atlantis Bay



Grand Hotel Atlantis Bay

Grand Hotel Atlantis Bay ★★★★★

Carved into the cliff on a private bay this enchanting sea-front hotel is ideally located for those wishing to escape Taormina's bustling heart. Yet you are just a short stroll away from the cable car taking you on the 4 minute ride up to its picturesque historic centre where you will find a fine assortment of restaurants, cafes, elegant shops and breath-taking Greek Theatre which hosts performances during the year. Furnished to a high standard the individually styled guest rooms all have sea views with balcony or terrace. Dining at the hotel's Ippocampo restaurant can be enjoyed on the sea-front terrace where you will be served fine traditional dishes using local ingredients with a modern twist. The single track local railway line passing near the hotel runs through to Messina.

FACILITIES

- 78 rooms and suites b/s wc balcony and sea view
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool and sun terrace
- private beach
- wellness centre and gym
- air conditioning
- lift



Taormina

Grand Hotel San Pietro ★★★★★

Built in the early 20th century for 2 Danish sisters Grand hotel San Pietro takes its name from the Byzantine church of St. Peter just in front of the hotel. It is situated in a uniquely peaceful location offering splendid views of Mount Etna and idyllic Isola Bella. This luxurious hotel is cut off from the traffic of the town and only a 10 minute walk from Taormina's beautiful historic centre and the pretty public gardens at Villa Comunale, perfect for an evening stroll. Recently renovated, the bedrooms and public areas are elegantly furnished in traditional style. A shuttle service is available to Lido La Caravella in the summer months. Guests can indulge in a relaxing aperitif with the finest Sicilian liquors and wines at the hotel's elegant piano bar, followed by a romantic meal of Sicilian delicacies at the panoramic Rotonda sul Mare restaurant.

FACILITIES

- 63 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- lounge
- swimming pool
- beach facilities
- gym and spa
- air conditioning
- lift



Grand Hotel San Pietro



Grand Hotel San Pietro



Hotel Villa Diodoro



Hotel Villa Diodoro

Hotel Villa Diodoro ★★★★★

Occupying a fabulous position within lush Mediterranean gardens Villa Diodoro has uninterrupted Mount Etna and sea views from its large pool and sun terrace as well as from many of its guest rooms. The hotel offers stylish 4* accommodation with furnishings in classical Sicilian style. The restaurant menu offers a good choice of Mediterranean and international dishes and there is a lunchtime bar service by the pool in summer months. A shuttle service to a private beach is available to guests usually from May – Sept (payable locally). Taormina centre is easily reached with a 5 minute stroll through the colourful public gardens. A short walk from the main street the hotel has a health and beauty centre offering a range of relaxing treatments.

FACILITIES

- 102 rooms and suites b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar and poolside bar
- swimming pool
- shuttle service to sister hotel's private beach
- gym and spa
- air conditioning
- lift

Taormina

Villa Belvedere ★★★★★

One of the first hotels to open in Taormina in 1902 the attractive Belvedere is still run by the charming Pecaut family and exudes a welcoming, friendly atmosphere. Occupying a marvellous position overlooking the bay, the hotel is a short walk from the centre of Taormina through the fragrant botanical gardens and close to the town's many smart shops and restaurants. Elegantly furnished rooms, luxurious apartments (which include all services of the hotel) and fabulous pool area are key features along with a poolside bar serving mouth-watering home cooked dishes.

FACILITIES

- 49 rooms & apartments b/s wc sea view
French balcony or terrace
- lounge
- breakfast room
- poolside restaurant
- swimming pool
- air conditioning
- lift



Villa Belvedere



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Villa Belvedere



Hotel Caparena



Hotel Caparena



Hotel Caparena

Hotel Caparena ★★★★★

Hotel Caparena is set in lush Mediterranean gardens by the sea perfectly located for those wishing to enjoy a relaxing beach location but with the advantage of having easy access up to Taormina's historic resort centre 2.5 miles away using the hotel's regular complimentary minibus shuttle service. Guest rooms and the public areas are bright and spacious offering comfortable accommodation. The hotel's private beach is separated from the hotel by the local single track railway line and accessed via a short underpass. Among the facilities at hotel Caparena are the wellness spa offering a range of treatments, a gym and at the weekends during July and August there is a disco on the beach.

FACILITIES

- 83 rooms and suites bs/bc (some with balcony and sea view)
- restaurant
- bar
- pool bar
- swimming pool and sun terrace
- wellness spa
- gym
- air conditioning
- lift

Taormina

Casa Turchetti ★★★★★

Hidden away yet in the heart of Taormina is the beautiful Casa Turchetti. Built in the late 1800s this historic house takes its name from the "Maestro Turchetti" who as a piano tutor turned it into a house for musicians. Having recently been totally renovated each of the 6 individually styled rooms are uniquely furnished to the highest standard boasting the finest linens, antique and hand-crafted furniture all lovingly sourced with great attention to detail taking care to retain the character of its origin. It has a stunning roof-top terrace with breathtaking views of the bay and Mount Etna. Family owned, Casa Turchetti offers the warmest of hospitality, including a most lavish Sicilian buffet breakfast with tempting homemade delicacies served on the panoramic terrace.

FACILITIES

- 6 rooms b/s wc
- breakfast room
- rooftop terrace
- air conditioning
- lift



Casa Turchetti



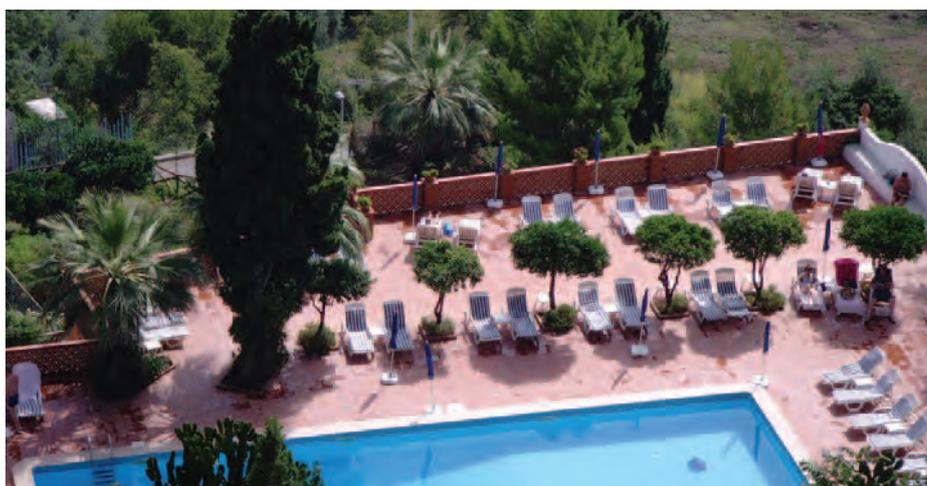
Casa Turchetti



Grand Hotel Miramare



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Grand Hotel Miramare ★★★★★

Set in beautiful extensive gardens and approx 6 minutes' walk from the centre of Taormina Grand hotel Miramare is a former large villa built in 1922 for an aristocratic family. It has been elegantly transformed into the fine hotel it is today. Terraced into the cliff-side it has spectacular sea views across Mazzaro and Isolabella bay. Guest bedrooms are stylishly decorated, all with minibar and satellite tv and public areas are light and spacious. The swimming pool and tennis court are in a panoramic position overlooking the sea and are reached by 186 steps through the verdant terraced gardens, however, access via a lift is planned for so please check when making an enquiry. A footpath with steps down to the beach is a short walk away. The cable car entrance taking you down to the beach is also close by.

FACILITIES

- 68 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool & sun terrace
- poolside bar
- tennis court
- air conditioning
- lift

Taormina

Villa Paradiso ★★★★★

Owned by the same family since 1892 everything about this charming, popular hotel reflects the expert professionalism and care devoted to it by the proprietor Salvatore Martorana and his family. Situated in the very centre of Taormina it is next door to the colourful botanical gardens and public tennis courts. The hotel's rooftop restaurant has spectacular views of Mount Etna and the bay of Mazzaro. From June to mid October Villa Paradiso runs a regular free shuttle service to its exclusive beach club set on a quiet stretch of private beach with swimming pool, sun terrace and restaurant all set amongst exotic tropical gardens.

FACILITIES

- 38 rooms b/s wc balcony (some with sea or Mount Etna view)
- lounge
- bar
- beach club with swimming pool & restaurant
- roof-top restaurant
- air conditioning
- lift



Villa Paradiso



Villa Paradiso



Villa Paradiso



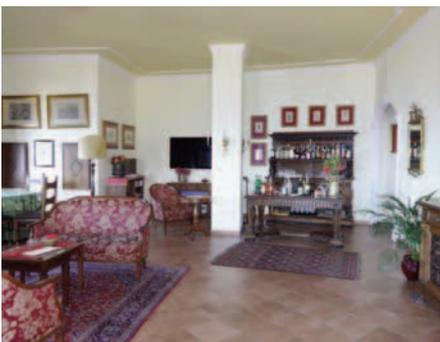
Hotel Sirius

Hotel Sirius ★★★★★

In a wonderful position approx 6 minutes' walk from the centre of Taormina this charming hotel is reached by a steep drive and terraced into the hill-side it boasts fabulous sea views. It is ideally placed for the 4 minute cable car ride to the beach for those who prefer not to make the 15 minute walk. The Sirius hotel has a welcoming, traditionally furnished lounge and bar, swimming pool and sun terrace. Bedrooms are a good size, most with balconies overlooking the sea.

FACILITIES

- 41 rooms b/s wc (most with sea view and balcony)
- restaurant
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool
- air conditioning
- lift



Hotel Sirius



Hotel Sirius

Taormina

Hotel Villa Angela ★★★★★

Carved into the cliff-side and perched above the town of Taormina this elegant modern villa style hotel has been built and lovingly furnished to a very high standard using the finest traditional, local materials. Set in a tranquil location close to the village of Castelmola the centre of Taormina is easily reached on foot in approximately 15 minutes. The hotel operates a regular & frequent shuttle service, there is also a local bus. Each deluxe bedroom and suite has a large flower-filled terrace with breath-taking views of the sea and Mount Etna. The swimming pool and surrounding sun terrace also have similar spectacular views. The friendly welcoming staff make Villa Angela a wonderful, relaxing retreat from the bussle of Taormina town.

FACILITIES

- 21 rooms b/s wc terrace/balcony sea view
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool
- shuttle service
- air conditioning
- lift
- free parking



Hotel Villa Angela



Hotel Villa Angela



La Pensione Svizzera



La Pensione Svizzera

La Pensione Svizzera ★★★

An elegant palazzo built in the 1920s, La Pensione Svizzera has been run by the Vinciguerra family in a quintessentially Sicilian manner for over 80 years. Set on Taormina's stunning hillside renowned for the most spectacular panorama over the city and Mediterranean the hotel is ideally placed for exploring on foot the fine array of restaurants, cafes and shops as well as the famous Greek Theatre that Taormina offers. The hotel is tastefully furnished and has a pretty palm tree garden and terrace. Hospitality here is inviting and friendly. The cable car to the beach is just a moment's walk away where you can pick up the shuttle service to the hotel's private beach at Lido Tropicana.

FACILITIES

- 22 rooms b/s wc
- breakfast room
- bar
- garden
- private beach
- lift
- air conditioning



Taormina

Isabella ★★★

Situated in the heart of Taormina on the fashionable traffic-free Corso Umberto, this well run, quiet little hotel is ideally placed for the many restaurants and cafes of Taormina. The hotel offers a good standard of accommodation and bedrooms are tastefully furnished. In the summer months the hotel's roof-top breakfast terrace with its panoramic views over Taormina town and the sea is a stunning feature. Guests may use the beach at sister hotel Lido Caparena free of charge.

FACILITIES

- 31 rooms b/s wc (some with balcony overlooking the sea)
- lounge
- bar
- beach facilities
- roof-top breakfast terrace
- air conditioning
- lift



Isabella



Isabella



Isabella

Taormina - Castelmola



Castelmola

Perched high above Taormina on top of the mountain suspended between sky and sea is the picturesque setting for the charming village of Castelmola. Breathtaking views across Taormina and the surrounding countryside dominated by Mount Etna make this an excellent location for a quiet, relaxing break.

Amongst the exotic flora including Agaves, Aloes, Capers and Prickly Pears remains of the village's mediaeval castle can still be visited and Castelmola's ancient mosaic paved streets are another reminder of times past, even though today they are host to the popular cafes, restaurants and small shops selling locally made crafts. For those wishing to visit nearby Taormina (approximately 4 kilometres away) there is a regular day-time bus service to the town. From here it is a short cable-car ride to the beach.



Hotel Villa Sonia

Hotel Villa Sonia ★★★★★

In an enviable position high up in Castelmola, with stunning views over Mount Etna and the surrounding countryside, the splendid Villa Sonia is a haven of peace and tranquility. Decorated in the cool Mediterranean style the hotel exudes a welcoming, friendly atmosphere and among its facilities boasts attractive tiled terraces, inviting swimming pool with surrounding sun terrace and an excellent restaurant where meals are served al fresco during the summer months. Rooms are spacious and individually styled and in addition there are 5 cottage rooms in the hotel gardens with large furnished terraces and stunning Mt Etna views. These are popular for those seeking peace and tranquility and are accessed by a lot of steps winding through the hotel gardens.

FACILITIES

- 44 rooms b/s wc tv
- restaurant
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool
- poolside snack bar
- sauna and Jacuzzi (payable locally)
- air conditioning (high season)
- lift
- free shuttle to Taormina 3 times daily
- beach service (payable locally)



Hotel Villa Sonia

Catania & Foothills of Mount Etna

Mount Etna is an awe-inspiring sight and one of the world's most active volcanos. It lies on the east side of the island between the city of Catania and the resort of Taormina is the highest volcano in Europe and is constantly changing shape as it regularly vents and erupts.

The mountain's fertile lower slopes are host to the most varied vegetation on the island including palm trees, prickly pears and agaves along with an abundance of citrus and olive trees. The area is also famous for producing first-class wines. Among the small villages clinging to the foothills of the mountain and well

worth visiting are Zafferana Etnea, San Giovanni La Punta, Randazzo and the gorge of Alcantara.

Catania is the island's second largest city. Destroyed by the great earthquake of 1693 the city was rebuilt in the baroque style of the day, a fine example being Piazza del Duomo – site of the ancient Roman baths. The main shopping street Via Etnea is an amazing 2 miles long and famous for its smart shops, restaurants and cafes. Catania has a long stretch of coastline boasting fine sandy beaches.

Il Principe Catania ★★★★★

Hotel Il Principe Catania occupies a recently restored aristocratic building in a much sought after location in the heart of Catania's baroque historical centre. It is also just a few minutes walk from the Piazza Duomo and the famous Via Etnea with its fashionable shops and large choice of restaurants and cafes. Guest bedrooms are comfortable and elegantly furnished in modern style. From here you are well placed for visiting Mount Etna and its surrounding villages. Siracusa and the popular resort of Taormina are both within an hour's drive. It is approximately 20 minutes walk to the beach.

FACILITIES

- 80 Rooms & suites b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- Small wellness centre & steam room
- lift
- air conditioning



Il Principe Catania



Il Principe Catania



Hotel Villa Romeo



Hotel Villa Romeo



Hotel Villa Romeo

Hotel Villa Romeo ★★★★★

An elegant and sophisticated hotel within easy reach of the railway station, Hotel Villa Romeo boasts the only hotel in central Catania to have three terrace gardens, each filled with a colourful display of plants and flowers. This is a retreat within the city as guests benefit from being in a fabulous central location as well as being shielded from the everyday noise of the city centre with some rooms opening onto the lush terrace gardens. The hotel's interior is furnished in traditional style. You are perfectly placed here for exploring the many riches of the city of Catania including the baroque Piazza del Duomo, Fontana dell'Elefante and Cathedral of St. Agata. Catania also has a bustling open-air market. The central railway station and bus terminal are very close by offering easy access to beaches and the airport.

FACILITIES

- 25 rooms b/s wc
- breakfast room
- garden with bar
- air conditioning
- lift

Catania & Foothills of Mount Etna

Villa Neri Hotel & Spa ★★★★★

Embedded in the hillside within the Etna Regional Park and 4 kilometres from the small ancient town of Linguaglossa the luxurious hotel Villa Neri is owned and run by the charming Neri family. Surrounded by beautiful verdant gardens in a peaceful setting the hotel's stylish modern interior offers elegant guest bedrooms and suites and a swimming pool with fabulous views of Mount Etna - a perfect retreat to relax and watch the volcano puffing away. The hotel's excellent restaurant serves fine gourmet Sicilian dishes using many local ingredients and breakfast also includes an array of locally grown produce. The spa has a wide range of treatments using local spices, herbs and citrus as well as a Jacuzzi, sauna and ice fountain. For golf enthusiasts the Il Picciolo golf club is approximately 10 minutes drive away.

FACILITIES

- 24 rooms & suites b/s wc (most with balcony or terrace)
- restaurant
- bar & pool bar
- swimming pool and terrace
- spa
- courtesy bicycles
- air conditioning
- lift



Villa Neri Hotel & Spa



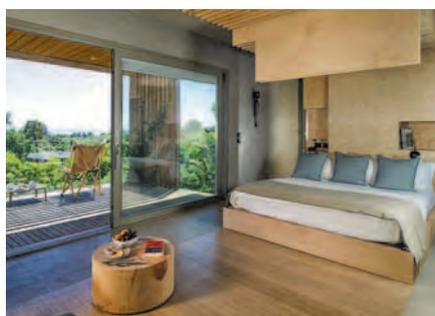
Villa Neri Hotel & Spa



Donna Carmela



Donna Carmela



Donna Carmela

Donna Carmela ★★★★★

With the imposing Mt Etna and clear blue sea as its back-drop Donna Carmela occupies a stunning rural location mid-way between Acireale and Taormina. Dating back to the late 19th Century this elegant boutique hotel has been luxuriously furnished in modern contemporary style. Breakfast includes home-made preserves and pastries and at lunch and dinner you will be served delightful seasonal dishes using home-grown ingredients. The extensive grounds – over 1200 acres – include the most stunning Mediterranean and sub-tropical gardens planted in “zones” with over 5000 varieties of plants. As well as citrus and olive groves Donna Carmela also has one of the largest plant nurseries of its kind in Europe with many specimens being sent to the Chelsea Flower Show. A real garden lover's delight. Among the services offered by the hotel for those without a car a shuttle service to local areas of interest is available according to demand.

FACILITIES

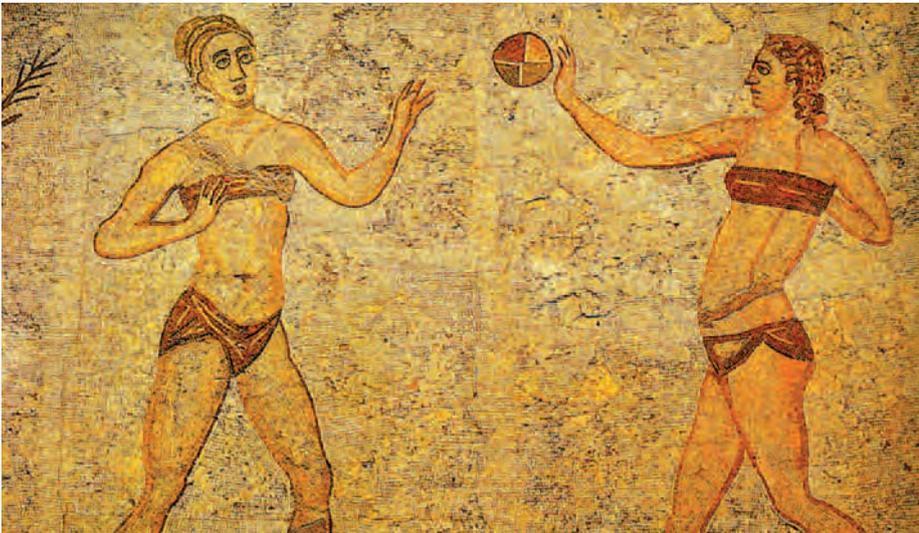
- 29 rooms and suites and garden lodges b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool and sun terrace
- spa/gym
- complimentary bicycle hire
- air conditioning

Piazza Armerina and surrounding area

The hill-top town of Piazza Armerina lies 32 kilometres south of Enna and is most famous for housing Sicily's finest Roman monument "Villa del Casale". Completed in the 4th century the imperial villa was originally owned by Diocletian's co-Emperor Maximian and later occupied by the Norman Kings. Its magnificently preserved mosaics – including the famous "bikini girls" make this treasure a site not to be missed. The centre of Piazza Armerina is dominated by its 13th century cathedral and surrounding the central piazza is the 18th century Palazzo di Citta and the baroque church of San Rocco.

Close to Piazza Armerina is the pretty town of Enna. Largely medieval Enna is in the very centre of Sicily perched 930 metres high with far-reaching views of surrounding almond and olive groves all the way to Mount Etna. With its easy links to Palermo, Cefalu and Catania it is a great place to stop en route for lunch.

An hour south of Piazza Armerina will bring you to Caltagirone famous for its ancient and modern ceramics. The streets are lined with workshops and galleries and its most spectacular feature is La Scala, a majolica-tiled stairway of 142 steps sweeping from the Piazza del Municipio up to the 18th century church of Santa Maria del Monte. There is also a ceramics museum housed in the public gardens.



Piazza Armerina



Hotel Villa Trigona

Hotel Villa Trigona Bed and Breakfast

★★★★

Set in beautiful rural countryside yet less than 1 kilometre from Piazza Armerina nestles this historic B+B. Here you are perfectly placed for visiting the famous Villa Romana, Morgantina and the Staircase of Santa Maria del Monte. Mountain bikes can be hired to explore the local countryside. Villa Trigona is an 18th Century villa set among extensive gardens of olive and citrus trees with pine and oak woods. A swimming pool completes the picture. The interior is charming with cosy lounges and a small library and is furnished in traditional Sicilian style including many antiques in keeping with its heritage. It has a great reputation for serving good home-cooked and locally sourced dishes with friendly service and in the summer months breakfast and dinner are served in the attractive courtyard.

FACILITIES

- 14 bedrooms
- 2 lounges
- library
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool
- air-conditioning
- mountain bike hire
- children's playground
- games room



Hotel Villa Trigona



Siracusa

In Saracen, Byzantium and Bourbon times, the city suffered invasion and then 'salvation' from opposing forces. Siracusa, the "fairest of cities" according to the Roman Cicero, was a powerhouse of intellectual thought in that part of the Mediterranean colonised by the Greeks. It was home to Archimedes, who is reputed to have set the Roman fleet on fire by reflecting a mirror onto ships' sails. He is also the man who ran naked through the streets crying 'Eureka' ("I have found it") after making a scientific discovery in his bath.

Not surprisingly, Siracusa has a wealth of ancient remains, including the pillars in the splendidly simple Christian cathedral dating from the seventh century. Its magnificent 15,000-seat theatre, the best preserved outside Greece, was the venue for



Palazzo Beneventano, Siracusa

first nights of some plays by Aeschylus, the greatest of Greek dramatists. Classical plays are still performed here today.

The island of Ortigia, joined to the mainland of Siracusa by two bridges, is a fascinating web of ancient baroque buildings and narrow streets with two main piazzas buzzing with an assortment of restaurants, bars and cafes. It boasts a wealth of ancient treasures including the Cathedral, Arethusa fountain Palazzo Bellomo housing the city's fine arts museum which includes works by Caravaggio and Antonello da Messina. From the harbour it is possible in high season to take a short boat trip across to a quiet sandy beach.

Ortea Palace ★★★★★ Luxury

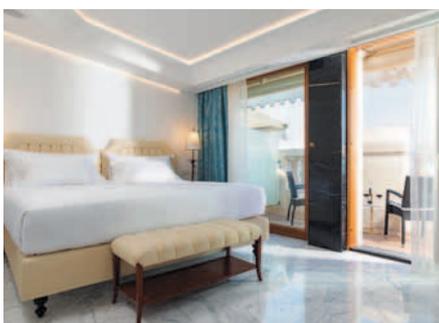
The luxury hotel Ortea Palace occupies an imposing position by the water's edge at the entrance to historical Ortigia. It started life in the early 1900's as Siracusa's post office headquarters and in 2018 was lavishly converted into a stunning luxurious hotel whilst still retaining the glory of its former heritage. The interior is an opulent mix of marble, glass and elegant furnishings. Public areas include a heated indoor swimming pool, spa and fitness centre. From here you are perfectly placed to explore on foot Ortigia's historic monuments and fine baroque architecture as well as its many restaurants, cafes and shops.

FACILITIES

- 75 rooms and suites b/s wc
- 2 restaurants
- bar
- indoor swimming pool
- spa/wellness centre
- fitness centre
- hairdresser
- air conditioning
- lift



Ortea Palace



Ortea Palace



Ortea Palace

Siracusa

Grand Hotel Ortigia ★★★★★

First built in the 1900s Grand Hotel Ortigia was completely reconstructed in 1995 from its original shell. It has been furnished to a high standard incorporating all modern comforts with careful attention to detail retaining many archaeological features in its "little museum". It occupies a splendid position right in front of Ortigia's harbour where, in high season, there is a boat service to the hotel's private sandy beach approximately 15 minutes away. Breakfast is taken in the top floor restaurant and terrace where dinner is also served offering a good mix of Sicilian and international cuisine and has fabulous panoramic views across Ortigia and the sea.

FACILITIES

- 58 rooms and suites b/s wc
- restaurant and roof terrace
- lounge
- bar
- wellness centre
- air conditioning
- lift



Grand Hotel Ortigia



Grand Hotel Ortigia



Grand Hotel Ortigia



Grand Hotel Villa Politi

Grand Hotel Villa Politi ★★★★★

This grand old villa, dating back to the end of 18th century, is situated in an enviable position on the edge of the famous historic archaeological site Latomie dei Cappuccini. The hotel (the oldest in Siracusa) has been refurbished to a high standard whilst still retaining all of its characteristic charm and elegance. The bedrooms and public areas are elegantly furnished in the traditional style of the hotel. There is a good sized swimming pool with a large surrounding sun terrace and ample space for car parking.

FACILITIES

- 100 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool
- air conditioning
- lift



Grand Hotel Villa Politi



Grand Hotel Villa Politi

Siracusa

Henry's House ★★★★★

Lovingly restored, this ancient building in historic Ortigia is a fabulous boutique hotel with superb sea views and quaint little terraces. With its welcoming and friendly service, Henry's House is owned and run by a charming family who have taken great care in renovating the hotel incorporating a wonderful array of antique and contemporary art collected over the years and each of the 12 bedrooms and suites has been individually and lovingly styled with carefully chosen antique and modern furnishings. Breakfast is a plentiful feast of home-cooked delicacies served on the terrace overlooking the sea. The Cathedral and many shops and restaurants are a few minutes walk away.

FACILITIES

- 12 rooms and suites b/s wc
- lounge
- breakfast room
- terrace
- air conditioning
- lift



Henry's House



Henry's House



Henry's House



Hotel Alqila



Hotel Alqila



Hotel Alqila

Hotel Alqila ★★★★★

This elegantly restored 19th century building is situated in the heart of Siracusa's historic centre of Ortigia and has fabulous sea views. Decorated to a very high standard it's recent transformation has been sympathetically styled in keeping with the original structure of the building. All the bedrooms are tastefully and individually furnished with a wonderful combination of antique and Mediterranean style. It has an excellent restaurant offering a fine mixture of Mediterranean, Sicilian and International dishes. Service here is friendly and welcoming.

FACILITIES

- 30 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- lift
- air conditioning

Siracusa



A Siracusa Street

Hotel Gutkowski ★★★

Hotel Gutkowski is situated in a great location on Lungomare di Levante, the waterfront promenade of Ortigia, the small island which is the historical heart of Siracusa and ideally placed for strolling out to restaurants and cafes. This family-owned, small and inviting hotel comprises of two 19th century buildings, once inhabited by craftsmen and fishermen, now tastefully renovated into 25 exclusive rooms and a 1-bedroom apartment retaining the simplistic beauty of the original architecture. The hotel is decorated in a light, minimal, nautical style with every item of furniture chosen carefully to adhere to the relaxed and friendly atmosphere hotel Gutkoski exudes. Each room is unique with some overlooking the ocean.

FACILITIES

- 25 rooms b/s wc
- 1-bed apartment with lounge/kitchen b/s wc
- breakfast room
- wine bar/restaurant
- air conditioning
- lift



Hotel Gutkowski



Hotel Gutkowski



Piazza Archimede



La Via della Giudecca

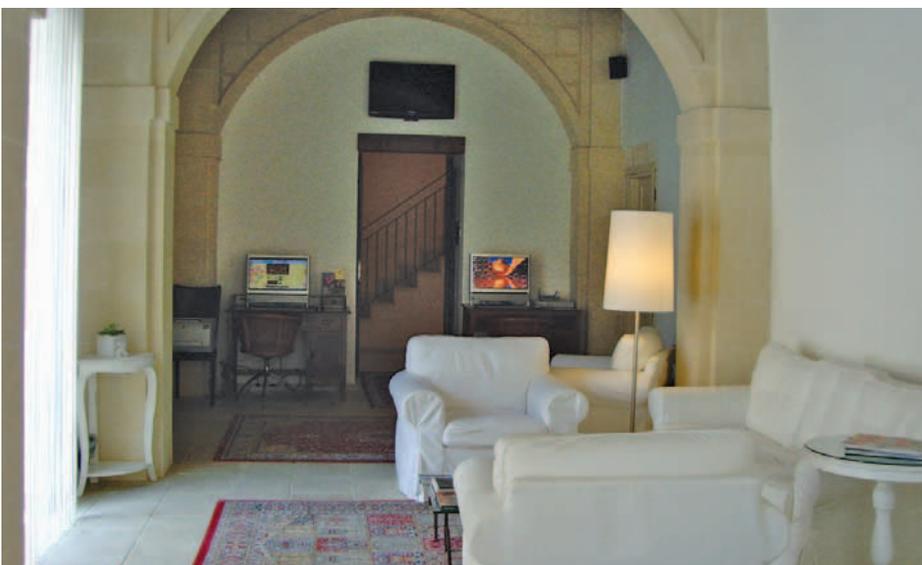
La Via della Giudecca ★★★

Bed and Breakfast

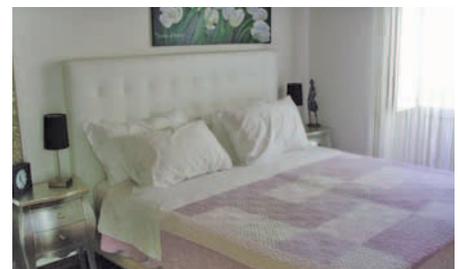
This charming bed and breakfast is located in the old Jewish quarter of the beautiful island of Ortigia, Siracuse's historical heart and just a few minutes walk to restaurants, cafes and shops. The 15th century building of the hotel has been carefully restored to its original splendour, adding to the magic of this enchanting neighbourhood. The bedrooms and bathrooms, in contrast to the hotel's antique exterior, have been lovingly renovated in a very elegant minimalist style to offer every comfort. In addition La via Della Giudecca also has some apartments which are furnished to the same high standard and well-equipped for self-catering.

FACILITIES

- 7 rooms b/s wc
- breakfast room
- air conditioning



La Via della Giudecca



La Via della Giudecca

Siracusa

Alla Giudecca Residence Hotel

★★★★

Set in a magnificent location in the very heart of Ortigia – the historic centre of Siracuse – this charming hotel started life as an ancient Jewish ritual purification baths dating back to the Byzantine period. Discovered only recently and remarkably intact the baths can be visited with the hotel's permission. The entrance to this fifteenth century palazzo is reached through a narrow street and ancient courtyard where you will be welcomed with warm hospitality. The 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom apartments are housed in 2 buildings tastefully and elegantly furnished and include a small kitchenette.

FACILITIES

- 23 1 & 2-bedroom apartments
- breakfast room
- bar
- air conditioning



Alla Giudecca Residence Hotel



Alla Giudecca Residence Hotel



Alla Giudecca Residence Hotel

Noto area

Noto lies approximately 52 kilometres south-west of Siracusa. A Unesco World Heritage site it is considered to be the finest baroque town in Sicily. Completely devastated in the earthquake of 1693 the city was rebuilt in the style of the day with beautiful honey-coloured stone buildings with ornate churches and monuments surrounding attractive piazzas. Along its coastline are beautiful unspoilt beaches.

Located between Noto and Ragusa running down between the Iblei mountains is the Vendicari Nature Reserve a large strip of marshy coastline. As a protected habitat for migratory birds it is home to a wide variety of species, among them stork, flamingo and black-winged stilt (adopted as the Vendicari emblem as it is native to the area).



Masseria della Volpe



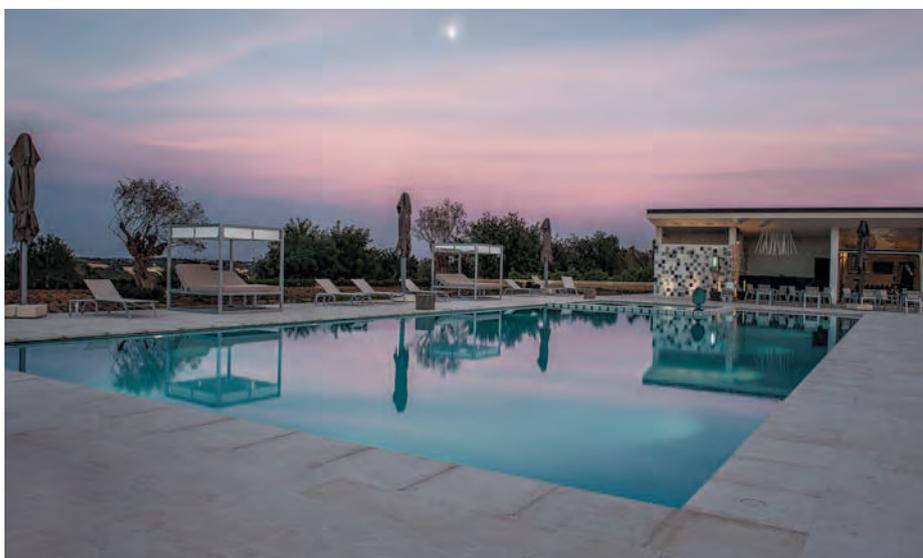
Masseria della Volpe

Masseria della Volpe ★★★★★

For those seeking peace and tranquillity in idyllic rural surroundings and with warm, friendly hospitality Masseria della Volpe is a perfect choice. This small luxury boutique hotel is set in the Val di Noto countryside between Noto and Modica and is close to the attractive coastal towns of Marzamemi and Pozzallo where you are also well placed for visiting the historic southern baroque region of Sicily. Masseria della Volpe boasts extensive gardens rich in olive, carob and citrus trees and a large swimming pool and terrace. There is also a spa offering a range of treatments using local organic products. The hotel's interior is beautifully furnished to a high standard using traditional hand-made Sicilian tiles and local lava stone. Some of the stylish guest bedrooms open onto lovely gardens, others have a balcony or terrace. The restaurant serves excellent Sicilian and Mediterranean dishes which include home-grown organic ingredients.

FACILITIES

- 22 rooms & suites B/s wc + 1 3-bed room self-catering apartment
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool and terrace
- spa & small gym
- bicycle hire
- tennis court
- air conditioning



Masseria della Volpe

Noto area

Casal di Noto (Apart/hotel)

★★★★

This attractive 18th Century fortified farmhouse is located between Modica and Noto in the tranquil countryside of Val di Noto surrounded by extensive verdant gardens with olive, fruit and carob trees. Renovated to a high standard whilst keeping the ancient charm of the original structure Casal di Noto offers a combination of hotel and apartment accommodation. Made up of 14 spacious individual suites each one sleeps either 2, 3 or 4 people and all have a large open-plan living room/kitchen and a sleeping area and are well equipped for self catering as well as including complimentary breakfast. The suite interiors are bright, contemporary in design and comfortably furnished, each with its own small garden. Other features include a swimming pool and decked sun terrace. Within 20-30 minutes drive are the baroque towns of Noto, Modica, Scicli and Ragusa and the pretty seaside fishing village of Marzamemi.

FACILITIES

- 14 self-catering suites b/s wc garden
- complimentary breakfast
- bar
- swimming pool and sun terrace
- bicycle rental
- air conditioning



Casal di Noto



Casal di Noto

Noto



Gagliardi boutique hotel



Gagliardi boutique hotel



Gagliardi boutique hotel

Gagliardi boutique hotel ★★★★★

Enjoying a unique position in the heart of Noto, UNESCO World Heritage Site for its fine examples of baroque architecture Gagliardi boutique hotel built as a palazzo in the 19th Century has been carefully transformed into a chic, elegant hotel whilst retaining the warm welcome and charm of an ancient Sicilian family home. With just 10 guest rooms including 3 suites it is stylishly furnished in a mix of traditional and contemporary design. The lounge also serves as an art gallery. A major feature and a great place to relax with a coffee or a cocktail is the hotel's large, comfortably furnished roof-top terrace. It has stunning views of Noto's major monuments including the imposing Cathedral of San Nicolo. There is also a small secluded garden where breakfast is served in the summer months.

FACILITIES

- 10 rooms and suites b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- roof-top terrace
- garden
- air conditioning
- lift

Noto area

Masseria Degli Ulivi★★★★

Originally a country house dating from the late 1800s the Masseria Degli Ulivi is a typical example of Iblean architecture from this period. It is set in the quiet rural countryside 9 kilometres from Noto. The Masseria surrounds an attractive internal courtyard and is decorated in complimentary rustic style using traditional materials and handmade floor tiles. The extensive gardens rich with olive and carob trees also house a large swimming pool and terrace. The restaurant has an excellent reputation for serving fine local dishes using locally grown seasonal ingredients.

FACILITIES

- 16 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- lounge area
- bar
- swimming pool
- air conditioning



Masseria Degli Ulivi



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Hotel Villa Mediterranea



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Hotel Villa Mediterranea★★★★

Located on the picturesque promenade of Noto Marina this is a small, cosy quintessentially Mediterranean hotel. Family-run, it started life as the family's own villa which has a secluded, exotic garden and spectacular sea views. It is the perfect place for a relaxing beach-side break exuding a warm and friendly atmosphere. Here you are also well-placed to explore Noto, the epicentre of Sicilian baroque which also comprises of Scicli, Modica and Ragusa. Also within easy access are the nature reserves of Vendicari, Cava Grande and Pantalica .

FACILITIES

- 15 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- swimming pool
- private beach access
- air conditioning



Hotel Villa Mediterranea

Ragusa, Marina di Ragusa & Modica

The province of Ragusa occupies the Southeastern tip of Sicily. Largely off the beaten tourist track its unspoilt coastline of little inlets with natural ports alternating with long sandy beaches make it ideal for bathing.

Ragusa is divided in two by a deep gorge. The old city called Ragusa Ibla (named after the Iblei mountains) and Ragusa Superiore (the modern upper town) were created after the devastating earthquake of 1693 split the city in two. Ragusa Ibla with its network of ancient narrow streets and alleys was reconstructed from the city ruins maintaining its medieval city plan with the addition of new buildings and monuments that transformed it into a gem of Baroque architecture which was the style greatly favoured by the architects of this period. A fine example is the famous church the Basilica di San Giorgio built in 1739 by Rosario Gagliardi one of the leading architects of this time.

Ragusa Superiore was built in line with 18th century standards with wide straight and symmetrical streets at the heart of which lies the richly decorated cathedral of San Giovanni Battista. The resort of Marina di Ragusa has a beautiful soft sandy beach and a leisurely stroll along the promenade will lead you to the resort centre with plenty of restaurants, shops and cafes to choose from.

Just 8 kilometres southeast of Ragusa lies the baroque town of Modica. Split in two the upper town rescued from the 1693 earthquake is dramatically perched on a ridge on the slopes of the Iblei mountains, and the lower town houses the bustling main street, shops, cafes and piazzas. Modica has a wealth of fine decorative architecture most noticeably in its churches and monuments.



Ragusa



Eremo della Giubiliana

Eremo della Giubiliana ★★★★★

Hidden in the quiet countryside a few kilometres south of Ragusa is this lovingly converted 15th century convent - the Eremo della Giubiliana. Family owned and with a welcoming atmosphere it has retained many ancient artefacts in its meticulous restoration using original materials to create the exquisite country house it is today. Dining is outdoors in the summer months and the hotel is proud to offer good Sicilian cuisine, much of which is organically grown on their extensive estate which includes a swimming pool and a private airfield from where they organise a variety of excursions by air using their own aircraft.

FACILITIES

- 25 rooms b/s wc tv
- restaurant
- lounge/bar
- swimming pool
- mountain bike hire
- private beach (8km)
- air conditioning



Eremo della Giubiliana



Eremo della Giubiliana

Ragusa

San Giorgio Palace Hotel ★★★★★

Dating back to the 18th Century the building of San Giorgio Palace is just a few steps away from the Piazza Duomo housing the famous majestic Cathedral of San Giorgio in the heart of Ragusa Ibla. With careful restoration completed in 2010 this small, friendly hotel has maintained its original architectural heritage and combined it with a luxurious modern interior. The hotel entrance is reached by a spectacular 42 metres long natural tunnel. Rooms are spacious and well furnished and the restaurant has stunning views over the valley of Santa Domenica.

FACILITIES

- 28 rooms and suites b/s wc
- restaurant
- garden & terrace
- air-conditioning
- lift



San Giorgio Palace Hotel



San Giorgio Palace Hotel



San Giorgio Palace Hotel



View from Hotel Dell Orologio terrace



Hotel Dell Orologio



Hotel Dell Orologio

Hotel Dell Orologio ★★★★★

Bed and Breakfast and Apartments

Sitting right in the heart of Ibla Ragusa's historic centre and in an elevated position Dell Orologio is a unique hotel in Ragusa. The building dates back to the late 19th Century and consists of a central building with 5 additional annex buildings in the vicinity housing the remainder of the 24 bedrooms and apartments. These have all been named after painters from the Scicli group of artists (whose works adorn the walls) and have been carefully crafted and furnished to reflect the baroque exuberance of Ragusa with simple elegance providing comfortable and spacious accommodation. Attention to detail here is shown in the warm welcome you will receive. It is just a few minutes walk to the Cathedral and many other architectural treasures Ibla has to offer as well as plenty of restaurants, shops and cafes.

FACILITIES

- 24 bedrooms and 1-bedroom apartments bs/wc
- breakfast room
- bar
- air conditioning
- mountain bike hire

Ragusa

Ibla Resort Bed and Breakfast ★★★

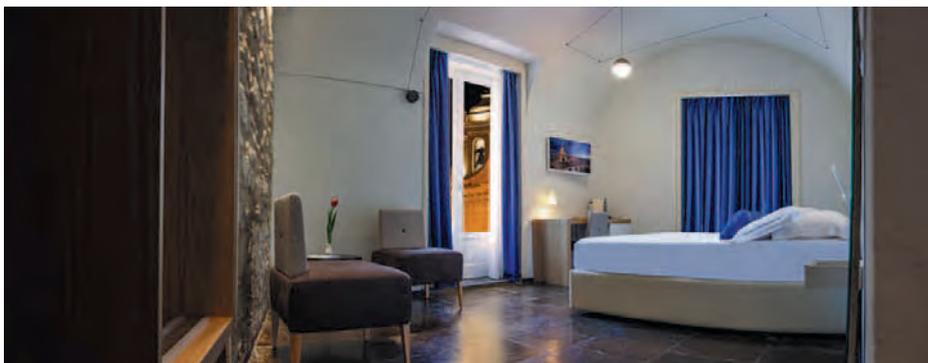
Ibla Resort is a charming B+B in the heart of Historic Ragusa Ibla. This small property of 8 rooms and suites all unique in character and size are individually decorated in contemporary style to a high standard in cool colours. The rooms are spread over several traditional baroque buildings close to the main reception area which also houses the breakfast room and terrace with its stunning panoramic views over Ragusa Ibla. In the evenings there is a wine bar on the roof terrace. It is a short stroll to Piazza Duomo and many restaurants, cafes and shops as well as the walkway of a few hundred steps up to Ragusa Superiore.

FACILITIES

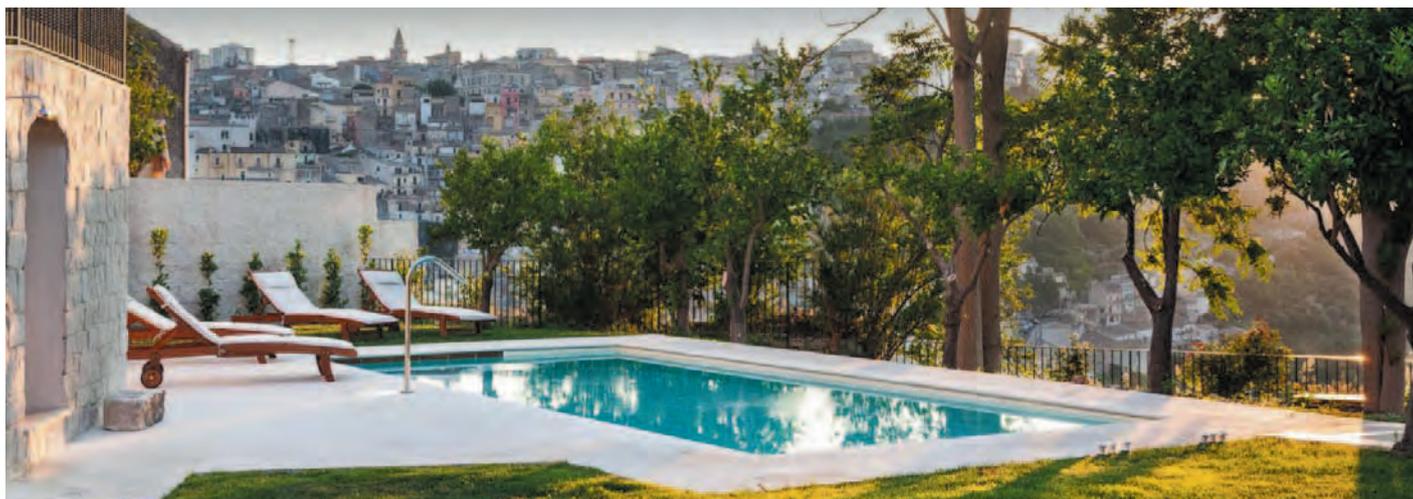
- 8 rooms & suites b/s wc
- breakfast room
- terrace
- bar
- air-conditioning



Ibla Resort



Ibla Resort



Giardino sul Duomo



Giardino sul Duomo

Giardino sul Duomo ★★★

Bed and Breakfast

From the moment you arrive this delightful B+B exudes friendly hospitality. Situated right in the heart of historic Ragusa Ibla you are a stone's throw from the Duomo and plenty of surrounding restaurants, shops and cafes. The spacious rooms are individually furnished in classic style and are spread over several buildings some of which overlook the garden or the Cathedral. A lavish breakfast is served in the garden or conservatory and includes a variety of homemade cakes and jams. The citrus garden and swimming pool are a rare find in this area – a welcome place to relax after a long day's sightseeing.

FACILITIES

- 10 rooms and junior suites b/s wc
- breakfast room conservatory
- garden
- Swimming pool
- air-conditioning

Marina di Ragusa

La Scibina Apartments & B&B

Marina di Ragusa/sleeps 2 - 6

Formerly an almond warehouse La Scibina has been transformed into a fabulous small family-run property consisting of 7 spacious apartments elegantly furnished in bright contemporary design. Having studios, 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom units they can comfortably accommodate from 2 – 6 people. Each apartment is individually styled to a high standard and provides tasteful modern accommodation set within attractive grounds which include a fruit and herb garden. The swimming pool (solar heated in the winter months) is surrounded by a large furnished sun terrace. The bedrooms in the apartments are all en-suite and the 1st floor rooms can be individually used as hotel rooms on a bed & breakfast basis. Daily maid service is included. Breakfast is lavish using many local products and if required is payable locally for those renting the apartments (included in the price for those using the rooms on B+B basis). Marina di Ragusa's fine long sandy beach is approximately 6 minutes walk away and there are plenty of shops and restaurants also within a short walking distance along the promenade.



La Scibina apartments



La Scibina apartments



La Scibina apartments

FACILITIES

- 4 x 1 bedroom / 2 bathroom apartments
- 2 x 2 bedroom / 3 bathroom apartments
- 1 x studio / 1 bathroom apartment
- breakfast room
- swimming pool (heated in winter months)
- sun terrace
- pool bar
- small gym
- reading room with small library
- children's swimming pool and play area
- air-conditioning



La Moresca



La Moresca

La Moresca ★★★★★

Dating back to 1926 this charming boutique hotel La Moresca combines historic elegance and modern comfort with its clever mix of Art Nouveau features and contemporary furnishings. All 15 bedrooms have been individually styled taking care to incorporate local materials. Hospitality is a key feature with a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. In the summer months breakfast is served in the pretty courtyard garden. The central location of La Moresca makes it ideal for the short stroll to the fine sandy beach and resort centre offering an array of restaurants, cafes and shops. Ragusa, Scicli, Modica and Noto are all within easy driving distance.

FACILITIES

- 15 rooms & suites b/s wc
- breakfast room/bar
- courtyard garden
- air conditioning

Modica

L'Orangerie Bed and Breakfast ★★★

Tucked away, yet nestling right in the heart of Modica and set among exotic, fragrant citrus gardens is the charming, stylish L'Orangerie. This small and quaint bed and breakfast establishment is family owned and dates back to the latter half of the 19th century. Each bedroom and apartment is styled and decorated to retain its original character and is a perfect blend of historic and contemporary design. The apartments are equipped for self-catering and consist of a lounge with sofa bed and kitchen area, a separate double bedroom and bathroom.

FACILITIES

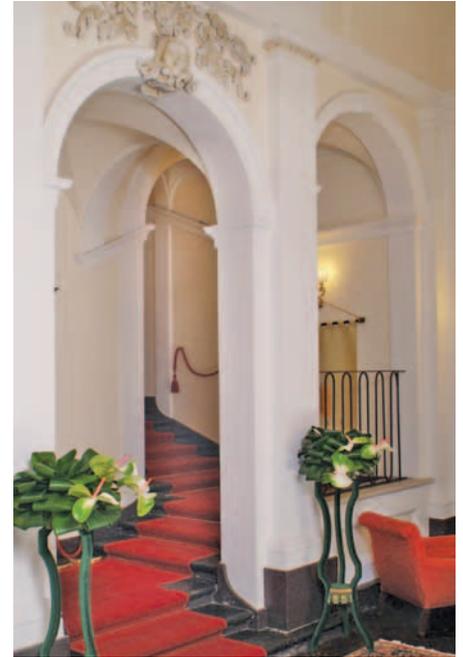
- 5 bedrooms b/s wc
- 2 apartments
- air conditioning



L'Orangerie



L'Orangerie



Palazzo Failla



Palazzo Failla



Palazzo Failla

Palazzo Failla ★★★

Palazzo Failla is a historic mansion set high in the heart of the ancient town of Modica with its wealth of baroque monuments including the stately Cathedral of San Giorgio. With its warm welcoming atmosphere fine attention to detail has been paid to the hotel's interior which maintains much of its original splendour including frescoed ceilings, antique furniture and traditional local ceramics. All the rooms are individually and elegantly styled to offer comfortable accommodation. Palazzo Failla's restaurant Locanda del Colonnello located in the centre of Modica has an excellent reputation for serving traditional dishes with a modern twist and a fine selection of wines including many locally grown..

FACILITIES

- 10 rooms b/s wc
- café/tea room
- bar
- conference room
- air conditioning
- lift

Agrigento

Not only is Agrigento one of Sicily's finest ancient cities, it was also one of the first to have a democratic constitution, written by the philosopher Empedocles, a native of the city, who for centuries dominated medical and physical theories in European history.

The sight of the rising or setting sun gleaming on the soft golden sandstone of the temples is quite unforgettable. Sicily has many ancient ruins, but none surpass the glory that is Agrigento. The structures date back to the fifth and sixth centuries, when it was settled by Greeks from Rhodes and Greek Sicilians. There are nine Doric temples in all, dedicated to various gods. The most well-preserved and striking of them, the Concordia, is arguably the best-preserved temple in the world outside the Hephaestion in Athens. Its excellent state of preservation today comes partly from its use for many centuries later as a Christian church.

It is possible to visit the ruins on one's own from nine in the morning until one hour before sunset, or with one of the specialist guides who vividly bring to life the history and architectural styles of the Valley.

Today, seasonal wild flowers grow among the ruins and temples and provide an idyllic setting for the folklore and musical events held throughout the summer.



Temple of Concordia, Agrigento



Villa Athena



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Villa Athena ★★★★★ Luxury

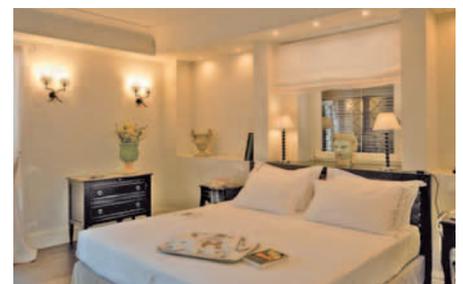
An undoubted attraction of this delightful hotel is its breathtaking location in the Valley Of The Temples archaeological park a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Illuminated at night the Temples provides a spectacular back-drop to enjoying the hotel's excellent cuisine on the outdoor terrace. Originally an 18th century villa the hotel has recently undergone complete refurbishment and offers tastefully decorated bedrooms and suites boasting fine furnishings whilst maintaining the style of the original villa.. The gardens filled with citrus and olive trees and the swimming pool with surrounding sun terrace are a perfect way to relax and enjoy the unique view of the Temple Of Concordia.

FACILITIES

- 27 rooms and suites (some with Temple view)
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool
- air conditioning
- lift



Villa Athena



Villa Athena

Agrigento

Colleverde Park Hotel ★★★★★

You will be greeted with a warm welcome here. Set in lush colourful parkland overlooking the sea and the Valley Of The Temples hotel Colleverde Park is ideally located for visiting this historic archaeological treasure. It is located approximately 2 kilometres from the city centre and offers modern, comfortable accommodation adorned with Sicilian furniture and local ceramics. The delightful mediterranean gardens are a wonderful place to relax in after exploring the Temple ruins which can be reached on foot with a 15 minute walk or a short drive. Dining is al fresco in the summer months with the restaurant serving a fine combination of good local and international dishes.

FACILITIES

- 53 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- air-conditioning
- lift



Colleverde Park Hotel



A Greek temple at Agrigento



Colleverde Park Hotel



Baglio della Luna

Baglio della Luna ★★★★★

Located just a few kilometres from the centre of Agrigento this charming hotel is ideally placed for visiting the ancient Temples and enjoying the beach. Set in the countryside among the Valley of the Temples it is also a short distance to the long sandy beach of San Leone. The building of the Baglio dates back to the 18th century and offers classic style accommodation in attractive surroundings. Bedrooms are located in the main Baglio and the ancient watchtower. There is a small wellness centre and hot tub. Baglio della Luna enjoys wonderful views of the ancient Temples which being flood-lit at night are a spectacular sight to enjoy whilst dining in the hotel's attractive courtyard and wandering through the luxuriant gardens. The hotel's restaurant has a good reputation for excellent Sicilian cuisine.

FACILITIES

- 23 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- hot tub
- garden
- air conditioning



Baglio della Luna



Baglio della Luna



Selinunte, Menfi & Marsala

Located between Agrigento and Marsala on the west coast of Sicily Selinunte is home to the impressive remains of 8 Greek Temples. This westernmost colony was founded around 650BC and clashes with Segesta and its Carthaginian allies followed by earthquakes later devastated the area. The gigantic size of the resurrected Temples suggests its enormous wealth and prosperity in its heyday. Below the archaeological site is a coastline of unspoilt beautiful golden beaches. In addition to its famous wines Marsala has some fine exhibits in its archaeological museum. It is also a short distance to the tiny island of Mozia which houses a fascinating collection of artifacts dating back to Phoenecian times. As well as being a thriving wine producing area Menfi has an attractive coastline with some fine sandy beaches including the popular Porto Palo.



Greek Temple at Selinunte

La Foresteria Planeta Estate



On a hill top surrounded by lush vineyards and olive groves reaching to the sea in the distance this charming country hotel is a real gem. Located 10 minutes drive from Menfi and 25 minutes from Selinunte La Foresteria has just 14 comfortable rooms each individually styled and decorated in warm colours. With a cosy, intimate feel it oozes generous hospitality. The heart of this home is undoubtedly its kitchen. A food lover's delight La Foresteria has an amazing wine cellar and the restaurant has a reputation for serving fabulous traditional and contemporary Sicilian dishes emphasising fresh local ingredients. Cooking classes, wine-tasting and a Planeta wine tour are among the facilities offered. Complimentary access to the sandy beach at Lido Fiori and its facilities is a 5 minute drive away.

FACILITIES

- 14 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool and sun terrace
- complimentary bikes
- Fitness centre
- air conditioning



La Foresteria Planeta Estate



La Foresteria Planeta Estate



Baglio San Vincenzo



Baglio San Vincenzo

Baglio San Vincenzo ★★★★★

Sitting in the heart of the countryside and enveloped by lush vineyards, citrus and olive groves Baglio San Vincenzo is located 2.5 kilometres from Menfi, a 30 minute drive from Selinunte and 15 minutes to the coast with its fine sandy beaches. This rural agriturismo residence, parts of which date back to the 17th century is built comprising of a small cluster of buildings surrounding an attractive courtyard. There are 12 bedrooms and suites each furnished in traditional Sicilian style. Locally produced wine can be sampled at Baglio San Vincenzo's restaurant which also houses an ancient mill-stone once used for crushing grapes.

FACILITIES

- 12 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool and terrace
- air conditioning

Selinunte, Menfi & Marsala

Villa Sogno ★★★★★ Bed and Breakfast

Located in the unspoilt countryside near Castelvetrano and Selinunte and just a few minutes from beautiful pristine beaches this small family run hotel is a little gem. Villa Sogno dates back to 1900 and was completely restored in 2006 in the neo-classic style. With just 6 individually and elegantly furnished rooms it offers the comfort of an hotel, the ambience of a private house and the services of a great bed and breakfast. The swimming pool and sun terrace are a great place to relax in the gardens of citrus and olive trees. There is also a small gymnasium.

FACILITIES

- 6 rooms b/s wc
- breakfast room
- lounge/reading room
- swimming pool (approx May - Oct.)
- gymnasium
- air conditioning



Villa Sogno



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Baglio Oneto

Baglio Oneto ★★★★★

Perched on a hill in the green Marsala countryside this ancient fortified Baglio was built in 1700 as a winery. It has been carefully restored with additional rooms added in keeping with its original architecture and character using local materials to form this elegant hotel. Immersed in its own vineyard and gardens the Baglio has been in the Oneto family for generations and is still a working family winery today. Tastings and a winery tour is available to guests. Bedrooms are spacious and traditional in design with far reaching views over the vineyards or Egadi Islands. From here you are well placed to explore the West side of Sicily as it is a short drive into Marsala (8 kilometres), and the salt flats of Trapani. The island of Mozia and the 3 Egadi Islands are easily reachable from Marsala by car and a short boat trip.

FACILITIES

- 49 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool & terrace
- air conditioning
- lift



Baglio Oneto



Baglio Oneto

San Vito Lo Capo

Jutting out at the northwest tip of Sicily is the rugged coastline of San Vito Lo Capo. A pretty, unspoilt resort renowned for its long stretch of glorious white sandy beach against a backdrop of jagged mountains, it has a bustling harbour filled with fashionable yachts and many good restaurants and trattorias serving local specialities, including seafood and couscous. Much of the small town is pedestrianised and lined with tempting cafés, bars and shops.

Its origins as an ancient Roman port can still be seen near the town's old tuna fishery where fish was kept in offshore stone fish tanks. At San Vito Lo Capo there is the entrance to the Zingaro nature reserve – over 7 kilometres of stunning clifftop walks through an amazing 700 varieties of fragrant Mediterranean trees, flowers and shrubs and many species of migrant and indigenous birds including eagles and peregrine falcons. There are also remnants of stone-age settlements and paths leading down to beach coves for secluded bathing.

Hotel Zingaro ★★★

This small charming hotel is family run and ideally situated for the town centre and sandy beach of San Vito Lo Capo approx 6 minutes walk away. The hotel has a large roof terrace with sun beds and Jacuzzi available in high season and its restaurant opens onto an attractive courtyard terrace for alfresco dining. With its cool tiles and wrought iron furniture hotel Zingaro is tastefully furnished and offers a comfortable, welcoming stay.

FACILITIES

- 9 rooms b/s balcony
- restaurant
- bar
- roof terrace
- air conditioning



Hotel Zingaro



Hotel Zingaro



Zingaro nature reserve



Hotel Araba Fenice



Hotel Araba Fenice

Hotel Araba Fenice ★★★

Araba Fenice is a small 2-storey modern hotel built in 2005 in the traditional low-rise style of the area. The beautiful white powder-sand beach is a few metres away where guests can take advantage of complimentary deck chairs and umbrellas. The town centre is also just a stroll away with its fine array of shops, cafes and restaurants - many serving local dishes with a North African influence. Having only 10 rooms you will receive a very warm and friendly service from the proprietor and staff who are keen to extend their local knowledge and arrange excursions to places such as the Zingaro Nature Reserve and Selinunte.

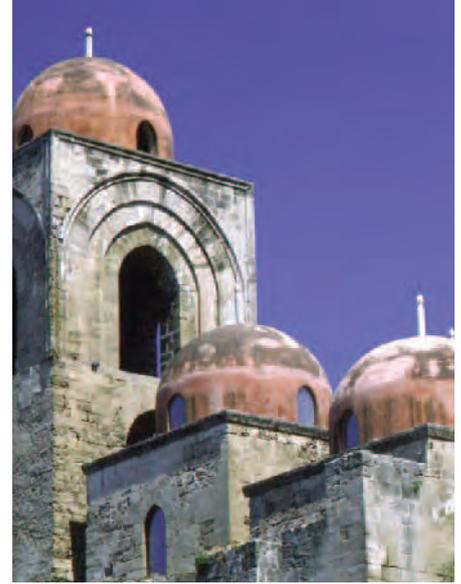
FACILITIES

- 10 rooms b/s wc
- breakfast room
- bar
- courtyard garden
- air conditioning

Palermo

Palermo on the north west coast of Sicily is the island's capital city and one of its leading ports. Of all Sicily's cities, it most strikingly embraces all aspects of the island's later history from the Arab, Norman and Spanish invasions to the influences of the Belle Epoque era. The differing styles of architecture and artistic treasures are a feast for the eyes, while the city's turbulent history is ever-present in the busy streets. Visitors can sample the animated local lifestyle in the enormous open markets, particularly the Vucciria, or delve into the historic past in the Cathedral, huge churches like Santa Caterina, a splendid example of Sicilian baroque, museums, magnificent palaces, beautiful squares and a wonderful botanical garden.

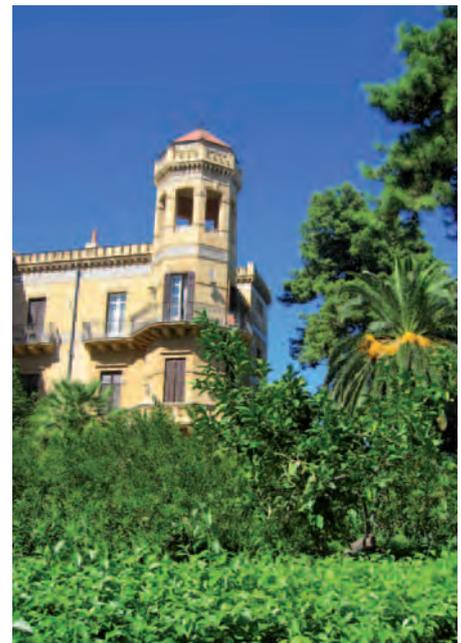
For anyone looking for alternatives to city centre sights, Palermo has a fascinating hinterland. Day or half-day trips offer the beautiful Norman monastery at Monreale in the mountains behind Palermo, the brooding lonely Greek ruins of Segesta and Selinunte, or the rustic pleasures of the natural park in the Madonie mountains. All visitors to Palermo should try the city's famous pasta con sarde at least once. Listing its diverse ingredients - salted sardines, sultanas, pine nuts, fennel, tomato sauce and saffron - gives only a hint of the combined flavours of this exhilarating dish. If you favour sandy beaches then Palermo's popular resort of Mondello has a 2km stretch of fine golden coastline



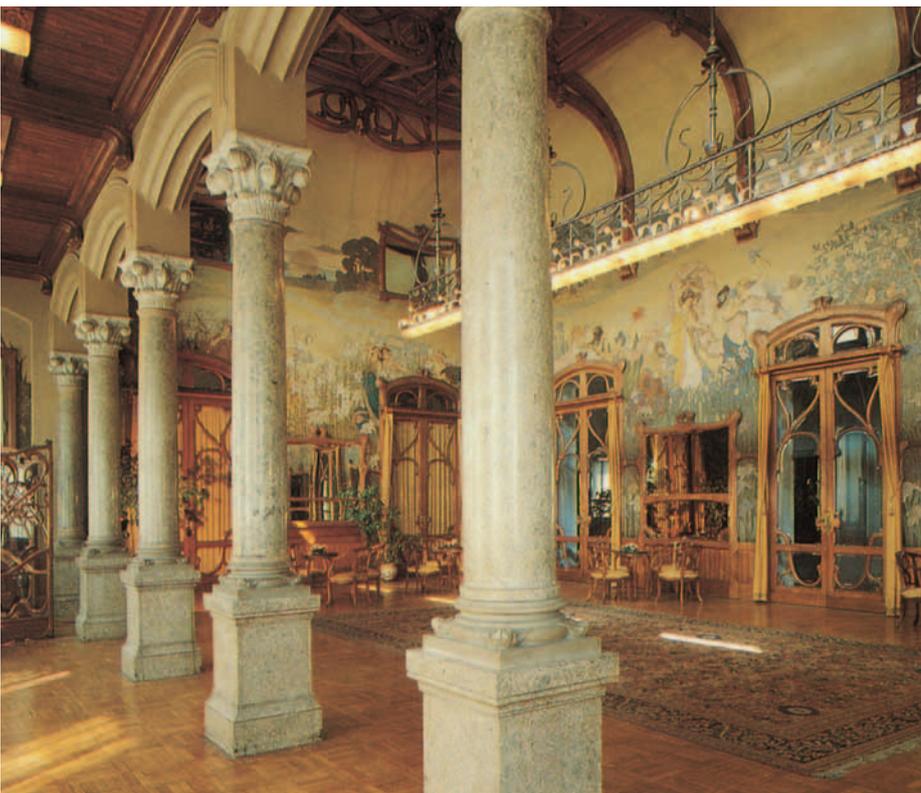
San Giovanni Degli Eremiti - Palermo



Grand Hotel Villa Igiea



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Grand Hotel Villa Igiea

Grand Hotel Villa Igiea ★★★★★

One of the most beautiful luxury hotels in Sicily, the world famous Villa Igiea was built and magnificently decorated in 1898. The elegant and spacious public rooms have preserved many of their original furnishings and decor and are a most stunning feature. The bedrooms, too, are grandly furnished in the same style and have views towards the gardens and harbour. The hotel is surrounded by extensive tropical terraced gardens which lead down to the attractive swimming pool and sun terrace overlooking the sea and harbour.

FACILITIES

- 116 rooms b/s wc tv minibar
- 6 suites
- restaurant
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool
- tennis
- air conditioning
- lift



Palermo

Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa ★★★★★

Tucked around the corner from the busy main streets of Palermo's city centre you will find Grand hotel Piazza Borsa. It's well appointed central location is close to many major attractions including the church of San Francesco d'Assisi and the Quattro Canti and makes it an ideal choice for those wishing to explore the wealth of important monuments that Palermo boasts. The central area of the hotel dates back to the 16th Century when it started life as a convent and its key feature is the imposing cloister courtyard transformed into a lounge flooded with light. Bedrooms are elegantly furnished in contemporary style. Service here is friendly and welcoming.

FACILITIES

- 127 rooms b/s wc
- lounge/bar
- restaurant
- wellness centre/gym
- air conditioning
- lift



Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa



Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa



Grand Hotel et Des Palmes



Grand Hotel et Des Palmes



Grand Hotel et Des Palmes

Grand Hotel et Des Palmes ★★★★★

Built in 1856 originally as a private residence the Des Palmes was converted to an hotel in 1907 by one of Italy's foremost Art Nouveau architects. It's stylish public rooms have an elegant charm about them making for a nostalgic and friendly atmosphere. The hotel is located in the heart of this ancient city on the Via Roma - known for it's fine selection of smart shops and good restaurants - and very close to many of Palermo's famous monuments making it an ideal place from which to explore on foot.

FACILITIES

- 182 rooms b/s wc tv minibar
- restaurant
- lounge
- bar
- air conditioning
- lift

Palermo

Hotel Principe di Villafranca



A warm welcome will greet you at this modern boutique hotel. Located in a quiet residential area of Palermo close to an assortment of restaurants, cafes and fashionable shops Priincipe di Villafranca is a small, friendly establishment. An artistic theme runs throughout the hotel with the guest bedrooms decorated in contemporary style featuring modern Sicilian artworks and the public areas housing a selection of antique paintings and masterpieces by ancient Sicilian furniture makers. For those arriving with a hire car the addition of an underground car park is a bonus. The historic centre including the Politeama and Massimo Theatres is around 15 minutes walk away

FACILITIES

- 32 rooms and suites b/s wc
- restaurant
- lounge bar
- library
- Air conditioning
- lift



Hotel Principe di Villafranca



Hotel Principe di Villafranca



Hotel Principe di Villafranca



Palermo Cathedral



Hotel Posta

Hotel Posta ★★★

This charming and characterful 1920s hotel is known as the "artists hotel" as it has attracted many famous actors over the years whose photographs adorn the breakfast room's walls. From the moment you arrive you will be immersed in its warm and friendly atmosphere. Hotel Posta is in a great location in the historic centre having the advantage of being just off the Via Roma – one of Palermo's smartest shopping streets – yet quiet and very centrally positioned just a short stroll away from key landmarks including Massimo Theatre and Politeama Theatre. Rooms are decorated in elegant contemporary style.

FACILITIES

- 30 rooms b/s wc
- breakfast room
- lounge
- bar
- roof top terrace
- air conditioning
- lift



Hotel Posta

Palermo

Palazzo Natoli ★★★★★

Bed and Breakfast

Set in an 18th century noble residence this delightful little B&B is truly a gem. Situated in a central location in the heart of Palermo it is a perfect choice for exploring the city's famous landmarks on foot including the Cathedral, Teatro Massimo, Quattro Canti as well as its colourful markets. At Palazzo Natoli great attention to detail has been paid to the elegantly furnished spacious rooms. Guests can enjoy a good breakfast consisting of many locally sourced and organic products. There is also a bistro offering home-made Sicilian dishes. Palazzo Natoli also offer a spacious 1-bedroom apartment with well-equipped kitchen.

FACILITIES

- 9 rooms b/s wc
- 1 apartment with 1 large double bedroom b/s wc, kitchen, 2 balconies
- breakfast room/bistro
- air conditioning



Palazzo Natoli



Palazzo Natoli



Palazzo Natoli



Residenza Wagner



Residenza Wagner

Residenza Wagner ★★★

Bed and Breakfast

This is a charming converted townhouse set in a fashionable area in the historic centre of Palermo. The city's key attractions including the archaeological museum and Teatro Massimo as well as a fine assortment of restaurants, cafes and shops are a short walk away. The B&B's interior is bright and modern in style with 6 good sized comfortable en-suite bedrooms as well as a lounge which has a small balcony/terrace. An ideal place to relax with a good book or a glass of wine. From the moment you arrive you will be greeted with warm, friendly service.

FACILITIES

- 6 double bedrooms b/s wc
- lounge
- breakfast room
- air conditioning
- lift



Residenza Wagner

Cefalù



Cefalù Cathedral

In Cefalù, the visitor has a glimpse of the everyday life of Sicilians. The town, once inhabited solely by fishermen and sailors going about their daily tasks, is now becoming a major tourist resort.

Its setting is idyllic, hugging the coast with narrow picturesque streets running down to the harbour and beaches and the whole town situated around a gigantic rock, the Cephaloedium. The town was originally a strong-hold of the Himerians, but it



Cefalù

was later conquered by the Romans, Saracens and Normans, so it has the characteristic ruins and churches which pepper so much of Sicily. The cathedral is one of the finest examples of Norman architecture, begun by Roger II in 1131, with the apse and presbytery decorated with what may be the oldest and arguably the best-preserved mosaics of the mediaeval era in Sicily. There are easy day trips to the Aeolian Islands, and the

bargain ceramics centre of S. Stefano di Camastro with its roadside shops is only a few miles to the east. Westward lies Termini Imerese, an ancient spa where thermal waters can still be drunk, and which has been restored to peace and tranquillity since the new motorway has cut it off from the main traffic route.

Cefalu Sea Palace ★★★★★

In an enviable position right by the golden sandy sea front Cefalu Sea Palace is a modern hotel offering a good range of facilities including a private section of beach well equipped with sunbeds and brollies, swimming pool with large sun terrace, wellness centre with a wide choice of treatments and a gym. With it's bright, spacious accommodation the guest rooms are comfortably furnished and come with either sea or garden views and balconies. Well located for a good mix of relaxation and culture it is an easy 10 minute stroll along the sea front promenade into the historic centre with it's narrow cobbled streets, wide variety of restaurants and shops and it's magnificent Norman Cathedral.

FACILITIES

- 83 rooms b/s wc balcony sea or garden view
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool and sun terrace
- private section of beach with facilities
- room terrace
- wellness spa and gym
- air conditioning
- lift



Cefalu Sea Palace



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Cefalù

Alberi Del Paradiso ★★★★★

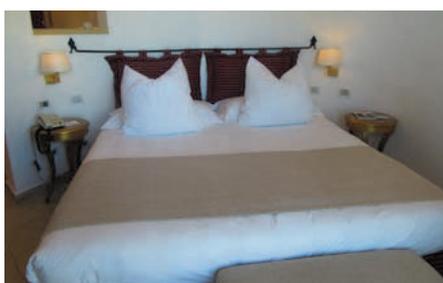
In a peaceful location perched on a hill above the popular resort of Cefalu the Alberi Del Paradiso is surrounded by extensive gardens with secluded terraces. It has a large swimming pool and sun terrace and also operates a free shuttle service in high season to its private area of beach with sun beds and umbrellas. The hotel is attractively decorated and offers a high standard of service with a warm friendly atmosphere. The hotel restaurant has an excellent reputation for serving fine cuisine. Cefalu beach and town are a steep 10 – 15 minute walk away.

FACILITIES

- 55 rooms b/s wc (most with sea view and balcony)
- restaurant and outdoor dining terrace
- bar
- swimming pool and sun terrace
- private beach
- tennis court
- fitness centre
- air conditioning
- lift



Alberi Del Paradiso



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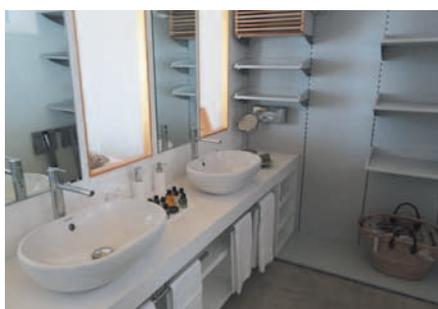
Alberi Del Paradiso



Hotel Le Galette



Hotel Le Galette



Hotel Le Galette

Hotel Le Galette ★★★★★

This attractive Mediterranean style hotel is situated just outside Cefalu' centre (approximately 15-20 minutes walk) in a prime location overlooking the sea. It consists of 3 2-storey white-washed buildings arranged around the swimming pool, terrace and garden. Steps from the garden lead down to a secluded private bathing terrace onto the sea. Guest rooms are modern in style and elegantly furnished. Divided into 2 categories the "No. 5 rooms" are the largest and most luxuriously furnished with a patio or terrace and fabulous sea views. The "Garden and Bay rooms" also have a patio or terrace, most with a sea view. The hotel's restaurant has a reputation for offering excellent local and Mediterranean cuisine and both dinner and breakfast are served in the garden during summer months. The hotel has a weekly folklore evening in summer. A local single track railway line from Messina to Palermo runs next to the grounds. The hotel operates a complimentary shuttle service to its sandy beach (shared with sister hotel Alberi del Paradiso).

FACILITIES

- 55 rooms & suites b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- Swimming pool and terrace
- private beach
- air conditioning

Cefalù

Hotel Tourist ★★★

Hotel Tourist is a charming and friendly modern hotel. Occupying an enviable position on Cefalù's sea front just across the road from its private sandy beach this is a superb location not only for enjoying the hotel's good sized swimming pool and sun terrace along with its beach and facilities but also for exploring the historical centre of Cefalù - an easy 15 minute stroll away along the sea front promenade - with its ancient cobbled streets, Norman Cathedral and good assortment of restaurants, shops and cafes. The hotel's bedrooms are light, spacious and simply furnished with many having a balcony with sea view. For those wishing to visit Sicily's Capital, Palermo, there is a good train service from Cefalù to Palermo centre taking just under 1 hour - perfect for a day trip.

FACILITIES

- 46 rooms & suites b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool and terrace
- private beach
- air conditioning
- lift



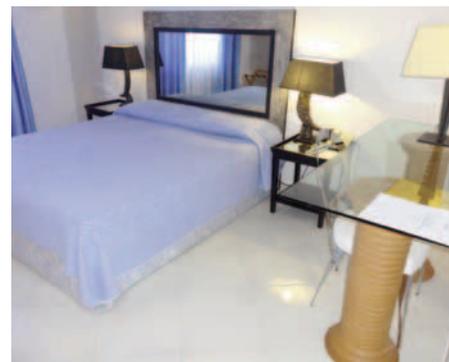
Hotel Tourist



Hotel Tourist



Hotel Kalura



Hotel Kalura

Hotel Kalura ★★★

Situated just outside the picturesque fishing town of Cefalù, the Kalura is in a quiet location on a cliff top. The hotel has its own private sandy beach which is reached by a long flight of steps down from the hotel. Providing excellent value for money the hotel offers a range of leisure activities which include tennis and mini golf. There is also a large swimming pool and an outdoor dining terrace. The bedrooms are comfortable and well furnished. The town centre is approximately 2 km away (20 minutes walk).

FACILITIES

- 80 rooms b/s wc
- 2 restaurants
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool & children's pool
- bicycle hire
- tennis
- table tennis
- mini golf
- air conditioning (payable locally)
- lift



Hotel Kalura

Aeolian Islands

The Aeolian islands are a group of seven volcanic islands just 45 minutes by hydrofoil from Milazzo and 1 hour 15 minutes from Messina. Famed for centuries by the cognoscenti for their association with Greek and Roman civilisations the islands offer a different and slightly mysterious world from that of mainland Sicily. The oldest are Alicudi and Filicudi which are approximately 1 million years old and the most recent are Vulcano and Stromboli which still have volcanic activity.

Architecture here is quite unique with houses built from the local lava and pumice stone and mainly painted white. Only Lipari and Salina permit cars from outside and the smaller islands offer the rare experience today of an almost vehicle-free environment. Services between the islands are good and visitors have a choice of hydrofoils or more leisurely car ferries.

Vulcano is the closest to Sicily's mainland and its lunar landscape still shows traces of the last eruption in 1890 which shaped its rocky coastline. It is possible to walk to the crater's peak – and also experience the pungent smell of the sulphurous gas it exudes. Its beach is of fine, soft black sand, the sea bubbling with hot springs and its famous hot mud pool is reputed to cure rheumatic ailments.

Lipari



Hotel Mea



Hotel Mea



Marina Corta Lipari

Lipari is the largest and liveliest of the islands and according to mythology claims that it was the home of Aeolus, god of winds, who gave Ulysses a bag of winds to assist him during his ten-year Odyssey around the eastern Mediterranean Sea. Among its attractions Lipari has a superb archaeological museum, spa baths and Roman sauna cave. A trip round the island by scooter is the best way to explore the small villages and admire the breathtaking views of the other islands.

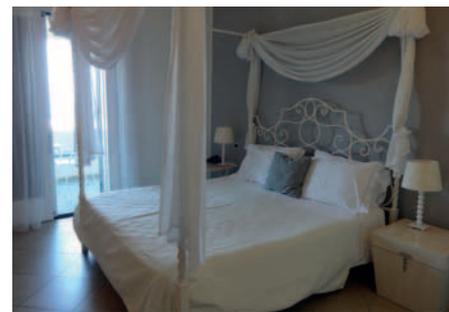
The second largest island, also the highest is **Salina**. With its twin peaks it is surprisingly green and fertile. It is here that the grapes for the famous dessert wine malvasia are grown along with capers and olives. The island, consisting of three small towns, is quiet and relaxing.

Panarea is the smallest and arguably the most beautiful of the islands with stunning views of Stromboli. Very fashionable with the "jet-set" in the summer months, it has clear blue waters surrounding a rocky coastline and is much

favoured by scuba divers and snorkellers. With the absence of cars and with its rich and colourful sub-tropical vegetation Panarea is a prime example of how life can still be lived at nature's pace.

Stromboli is the furthest away from the mainland. It is most famous for its spectacular "fireworks" display and is the only volcano in Europe with permanently eruptive activity. An early evening climb to the crater can be undertaken with a guide and takes approximately three hours to go up – two to come down.

The crystal clear waters surrounding the Aeolian islands make it a diving and snorkelling haven. Courses at all levels can be arranged and equipment hired locally.



Hotel Mea

Hotel Mea ★★★★★

This hotel is a haven of modern luxury built on traditional, local ideals. The brilliantly white exterior of the hotel terrace and pool area, and the beautiful panoramic view the terrace beholds has an immediate calming effect on guests. Hotel Mea is situated centrally at only a five minute walk from the port, yet peacefully tucked away from any unwanted noise or traffic. Rooms open out onto meandering garden pathways which are ornamented with olive (olive trees), a Sicilian talisman of good luck. The sophisticated restaurant Chimera, boasts a traditional menu comprising of locally sourced vegetables, fruit, and fresh fish. The interior of the hotel is a refreshing fusion of a modern minimalist taste, a traditional Eolian style, as well as Moorish undertones, as a result of which each room is uniquely adorned and decorated. Guests can enjoy the idyllic terrace and pool area as the hotel hosts open air aperitivo, cocktail hour and on occasion live music events.

FACILITIES

- 37 rooms b/s wc - most with patio sea/mountain view
- 2 garden suites
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool with hydromassage area
- air conditioning
- lift

Lipari

Aeolian Islands

Residence La Giara ★★★★★

Apartments/Hotel

La Giara combines the freedom of self catering with the luxury of 4* hotel service with breakfast included, served in their breakfast room and daily maid service. This small complex of apartments is set in pretty gardens with swimming pool in a quiet location approximately 200 metres from the centre of Lipari and a few minutes from the harbour. The Residence is of typical Aeolian architecture and has well-equipped modern accommodation consisting of studios for 2 and 3 people and 1-bedroom apartments for 4 - 6 people. All have a balcony or terrace. Laundry service is available if required.

FACILITIES

- 20 apartments b/s wc
- laundry
- swimming pool
- air conditioning
- breakfast included



Residence la Giara



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Villa Enrica



Villa Enrica

Villa Enrica ★★★★★

This charming boutique hotel is set on a hill just above Lipari town with picturesque views of the island's bay and harbour. Extensive Mediterranean gardens including olive, almond and citrus groves surround the swimming pool and sun terrace making it a haven of peace and tranquility. Villa Enrica is attractively decorated using a fine mix of locally sourced materials combined with a modern flair and each of the 11 individually styled bedrooms has its own furnished patio with sea or garden view. In fine weather breakfast is served on a pretty terrace overlooking the sea. The hotel offers a free shuttle service to and from Lipari town and harbour which takes just a few minutes or on foot the journey time is approximately 7 minutes – uphill coming back takes a little longer. Here you are ideally placed for visiting the other Aeolian Islands by hydrofoil and ferry.

FACILITIES

- 17 rooms b/s wc patio
- breakfast room and terrace
- swimming pool
- gardens
- air conditioning

Lipari

Aeolian Islands

Giardino sul Mare ★★★

Superior

The 'garden over the sea' is just that. Perched at the water's edge and set amidst lush tropical gardens looking out over the bay of Lipari, the Giardino sul Mare is ideally placed for the harbour, and the town centre can easily be reached within approx 6 minutes walk. Set within the grounds is the swimming pool (and small children's pool) and surrounding sun terrace. There are also steps down onto the rocks into the sea. The hotel restaurant serves excellent local cuisine.

FACILITIES

- 46 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- lounge/bar
- swimming pool
- tv room
- air conditioning
- lift



Giardino sul Mare



Quattrocchi, Lipari



Rocce Azzurre bathing Platform



Giardino sul Mare



Giardino sul Mare



Rocce Azzurre



Rocce Azzurre

Rocce Azzurre ★★★ Superior

This small and enchanting family-run hotel enjoys an excellent position right on the edge of a rocky promontory directly above the sea, commanding spectacular views across the bay. It is a short walk from the harbour and approx 6 minutes walk from the town centre. Simply furnished in Mediterranean style the Rocce Azzurre also has a private bathing platform with sun beds and a pretty outdoor dining terrace plus a relaxing newly built spa on the roof terrace.

FACILITIES

- 33 rooms b/s wc sea view
- restaurant & terrace
- bar
- spa
- air conditioning
- lift

Vulcano

Aeolian Islands

Vulcano Therasia Resort

★★★★★

Situated in a quiet, stunning location on the Vulcanello promontory of Vulcano the Therasia has unique, breath-taking views of all 7 of the Aeolian Islands. Using only local materials the hotel has been beautifully reconstructed with marble and terracotta tiles and lava stone from Mount Etna. The cool Mediterranean style bedrooms are elegantly furnished with soft pastel linens and attractive stone bathrooms. Therasia boasts a 1 Michelin star restaurant Il Cappero offering a unique take on traditional Sicilian cuisine as well as its L'Arcipelago restaurant serving a good mix of Sicilian and Mediterranean dishes with dining on the long terrace with panoramic views. For those wishing to bathe in the clear turquoise sea there are steps down from the terrace. The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle service to and from the port where you can hop on a hydrofoil to the other Aeolian Islands.

FACILITIES

- 95 rooms and suites
- 2 swimming pools (approx May - Oct)
- restaurant (2 in high season)
- shuttle service to beach (approx May - Oct)
- lounge
- bar
- complimentary shuttle service to port
- complimentary minibar (soft drinks)
- wellness centre
- air conditioning
- lift



Therasia



Therasia



Therasia



Hotel Garden

Hotel Garden ★★★★★

Hotel Garden is well located on the island of Vulcano. Approximately 5 minutes walk from the soft black sand beach and geothermal pools and around 10 minutes walk from the island's centre with its fine array of restaurants, cafes and shops makes it a good choice for a relaxing stay in peaceful green surroundings. For the more energetic hikers it is possible to climb to the top of the volcano which dominates the island. Hotel Garden was built in the 1970s in typical low-rise Aeolian style with a swimming pool set in attractive gardens and has bright, comfortable, modern accommodation with most of the guest bedrooms having a balcony overlooking the garden. The restaurant offers a menu of fine Sicilian and Mediterranean cuisine served on the terrace in summer months.

FACILITIES

- 37 rooms & suites b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- lounge
- swimming pool and terrace
- air conditioning



Hotel Garden

Salina

Aeolian Islands

Hotel Capo Faro ★★★★★

For those seeking peace and tranquility you need look no further than the elegant resort which is Capo Faro. Famous for its production of wines including the local dessert wine Malvasia the hotel is set among 15 acres of vineyards surrounding a fabulous swimming pool with far-reaching views over the sea and the islands of Panarea and Stromboli. Consisting of a small cluster of attractive white-washed cottages built in the cool Aeolian style all 20 bedrooms are individually furnished, again in keeping with the local style and have large terraces with sea views. Capo Faro's excellent restaurant serves a fine assortment of traditional dishes using local produce accompanied by an assortment of it's home grown wines. The hotel is situated midway between the villages of Malfa and Santa Marina which are each approximately 3 kilometres away. Scooter hire can be arranged directly from the hotel and is a great way to explore the island. There is also a local bus service. The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to a small private beach between June and September.

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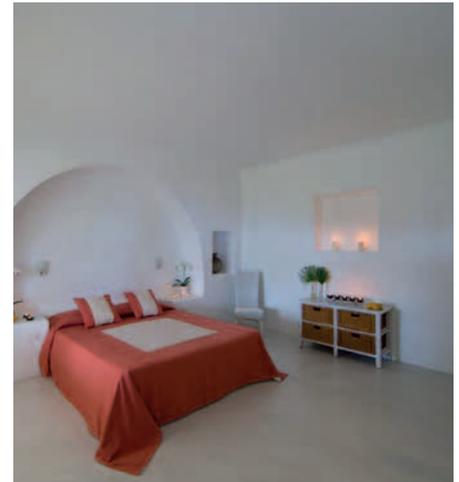
- 20 rooms b/s wc sea view & terrace
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool & sun terrace
- tennis court
- air conditioning



Hotel Capo Faro



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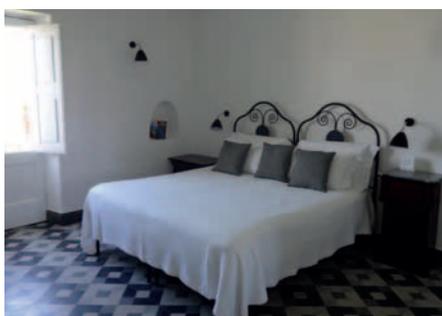
Hotel Signum

Hotel Signum ★★★★★

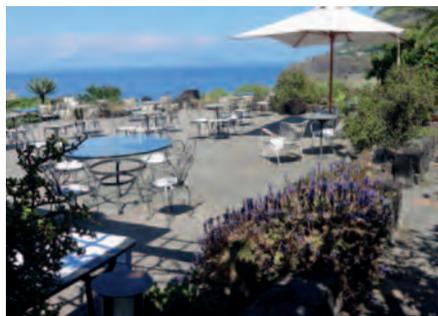
Occupying a panoramic location in this beautiful tranquil island hotel Signum is located in the sleepy village of Malfa on the north coast of Salina. Oozing charm and warm hospitality this family-run hotel is made up of a cluster of traditional pastel coloured Aeolian buildings dotted amongst pretty, lush gardens where each bedroom is tastefully and individually decorated in traditional style with fine linens. The bathrooms include natural products used in their exclusive spa and wellness centre where an extensive range of treatments are available. The Signum's restaurant is renowned for its excellent cuisine – particularly seafood - and fine wine. The swimming pool and terrace have breathtaking views of Panarea and sunsets are magnificent. A short walk through the hotel gardens will lead you to the town and nearby pebble beach.

FACILITIES

- 30 rooms bs wc
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool
- spa and wellness centre
- air conditioning



Hotel Signum



Hotel Signum

Salina

Aeolian Islands

Hotel Mamma Santina ★★★★★

Located in a quiet location 200 metres from the beach and 400 metres from the port of Santa Marina this welcoming family-run hotel is perched on a hill at the top of Santa Marina village. Built and furnished in the attractive Aeolian style typical of the island architecture the hotel also has an excellent restaurant with panoramic views serving mouth-watering local dishes created from traditional Sicilian recipes. Surrounding its swimming pool is a large sun terrace overlooking the islands of Panarea and Stromboli.

FACILITIES

- 16 rooms with sea or garden view balcony/terrace
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool
- air conditioning



Hotel Mamma Santina



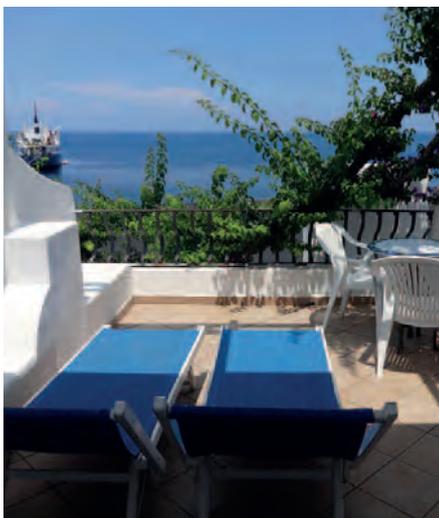
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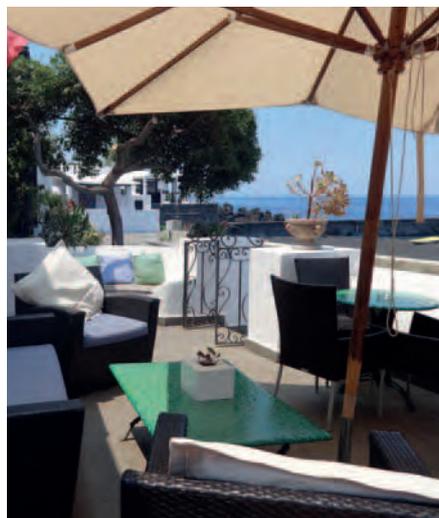
Hotel Mamma Santina



La Sirenetta Park



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La Sirenetta Park

Stromboli

Aeolian Islands

La Sirenetta Park ★★★★★

The hotel La Sirenetta on the brooding island of Stromboli occupies a fabulous sea-front location and is just a short walk from the harbour. In front of the hotel the black sandy beach makes a stunning contrast to the clear turquoise sea. The hotel is typically Aeolian in style built in white stone and surrounded by beautiful flower-filled gardens. The hotel prides itself on its friendly service and excellent local cuisine. From here you can climb the constantly erupting volcano – guides can be hired locally for the more adventurous. You may also take a course in scuba-diving, wind-surfing or water-skiing. In front of the hotel is the black soft sandy beach which is in stunning contrast to the clear turquoise sea.

FACILITIES

- 45 rooms b/s wc
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool
- tennis court
- beauty centre
- water sports available to hire



Panarea

Aeolian Islands

Hotel Quartara ★★★★★

Located approximately 5 minutes walk from the port this small family-managed hotel offers a warm and charming welcome to the tiny island of Panarea. Typically Aeolian in style with its cool whitewashed buildings hotel Quartara is thoughtfully furnished using local materials including lava stone floors and hand-crafted furniture and decorated with locally painted ceramics. The hotel's Broccia restaurant has acquired a justifiably excellent reputation for creating good local and international dishes using locally grown produce.

FACILITIES

- 13 rooms b/s wc some with sea view and balcony
- restaurant
- bar
- tv room
- jacuzzi with hydromassage
- air conditioning



Hotel Quartara



Hotel Quartara



Hotel Quartara



Panarea



Hotel Cincotta



Hotel Cincotta



Hotel Cincotta

Hotel Cincotta ★★★

In a fantastic setting overlooking the tiny harbour of Panarea hotel Cincotta offers a warm welcome with friendly hospitality. It is a few minutes walk in to the centre of the village and 200 metres from the port – ideal for visiting the other islands or renting a small boat to explore the tiny deserted coves around Panarea. In keeping with the island's architecture the hotel style is typically Aeolian, low rise with white-washed walls and simple but charming interiors. Outside is an inviting swimming pool and sun terrace with direct access to the sea as well as a large dining terrace and bar with stunning views of the sea and the island of Stromboli. The restaurant which is open from 30/5 – 30/9 has an excellent reputation for serving fine local, seasonal produce as well as a good mix of Mediterranean dishes. Local seafood is a particular speciality.

FACILITIES

- 29 rooms b/s wc terrace
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool & terrace
- air conditioning

Panarea

Aeolian Islands

Hotel Raya ★★★★★

Clinging to the rocks of the beautiful small island of Panarea is the exclusive and charming hotel Raya. Renowned for its quirky mixture of Aeolian and oriental tastes the hotel is arranged over 2 locations – the reception area and restaurant (also its night club which opens during the summer months) is located by the harbour front and the guest bedrooms and the swimming pool are housed a 5 or 6 minute walk away (reached by an uphill slope and steps). Here the rooms are spacious, white-washed and tastefully furnished in Aeolian and Oriental style. They have large terraces with breath-taking views over the sea to the island of Stromboli (a short boat journey away). The hotel's popular restaurant serves a good mix of Sicilian and Mediterranean dishes. With no cars on the island Raya is the perfect place to relax and watch the fireworks of Stromboli gently erupting in the distance.

FACILITIES

- 36 rooms & suites b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool & terrace



Hotel Raya



Hotel Raya



Hotel La Canna



Hotel La Canna



Hotel La Canna

Filicudi

Aeolian Islands

Hotel La Canna ★★★

The quiet little island of Filicudi with its unspoilt rugged beauty, extinct volcanos and Bronze Age village is home to the charming hotel La Canna. Arriving here you will be greeted with warm and friendly hospitality and stunning views (situated 100 metres above the sea on a clear day it is possible to see 5 of the other 6 Aeolian Islands). With just 14 rooms service is key and the owners are proud of their excellent restaurant which offers traditional Sicilian dishes using ingredients from the hotel's garden and freshly caught fish served on the panoramic terrace. The main activities on the island are diving and hiking or for the less energetic a gentle swim in La Canna's pool or lounging on the terrace is the ideal way to unwind and relax.

FACILITIES

- 14 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- swimming pool
- garden
- small library
- air conditioning

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Isola Bella apartments



Isola Bella apartments

Taormina/Sleeps 4-6

Isola Bella is a complex of luxurious 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom apartments located in a splendid panoramic position between Taormina's historic centre and the sea. Set in an exclusive residential complex with a swimming pool and surrounding terrace the apartments have far-reaching coastal views. The stylish accommodation is light and spacious and contemporary in design with each apartment boasting a fabulous terrace overlooking the sea. The 2-bedroom apartments have an open-plan lounge/diner with kitchenette and the 3-bedroom apartment has a large living room and separate kitchen/diner. Taormina centre is approx 2 km away and it is approx. 1.5 km to the sea.

GENERAL FACILITIES

- swimming pool
- parking
- bedrooms & bathrooms cleaned twice weekly
- air-conditioning

Apartment 1 – sleeps up to 6

- 3 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- Living room
- kitchen/dining room
- terrace

Apartment 2, 3, 4 & 5 – sleep up to 4

- 2 bedrooms
- 1 bathroom
- living/dining room with kitchenette
- terrace

Apartment 6 – sleeps up to 4

- 2 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- living/dining room with kitchenette
- terrace

Apartment 7 with Jacuzzi – sleeps up to 4

- 2 bedrooms
- 1 bathroom
- living/dining room with kitchenette
- terrace with jacuzzi



Isola Bella apartments



Isola Bella apartments



Isola Bella apartments



Isola Bella Apartments



lancu apartments

Taormina/Apartments Sleeps 2 - 4

lancu is a small complex of 7 newly built 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom luxury apartments with a swimming pool and surrounding terrace. Located at the foot of Taormina and just across the road from the sea they are ideally placed for enjoying the beach facilities at Mazzaro which boasts a good choice of restaurants and cafes. Each of the spacious apartments has a beautifully light interior with sliding glass doors opening on to a furnished terrace overlooking the sea and is elegantly furnished in contemporary style incorporating local natural Sicilian stone and ceramics. The modern kitchen is well equipped for self-catering including a dishwasher. From here it is just a few minutes walk away from the cable car taking you up to Taormina centre – a journey of approximately 4 minutes. As an added bonus breakfast is included.

FACILITIES

- 7 apartments (1-bedroom and 2-bedroom with b/s wc)
- open-plan lounge/dining kitchen
- terraces with sea view
- swimming pool with sun terrace
- daily cleaning



lancu apartments



lancu apartments



Torre Isolabella Apartments



Torre Isolabella Apartments



Torre Isolabella Apartments



Torre Isolabella apartment

Taormina/Sleeps 3

Unique and exclusive, Torre Isola Bella is a luxury apartment in Taormina. Located in a stunning panoramic position, this prestigious property boasts an amazing terrace with Jacuzzi and spectacular views of the bay and of Isola Bella. Converted from an old tower it has been tastefully restored to a charming apartment spread over three floors. It is not suitable for families with children. At entrance level there is a large living/dining room with kitchenette, a panoramic balcony, a small single bedroom and a bathroom with shower. On the upper mezzanine floor in the loft there is a double bedroom and a bathroom with shower. The top floor houses a further bathroom with shower and large sun terrace with Jacuzzi offering breath-taking coastal views. Exquisitely finished and furnished with authentic design pieces the apartment has satellite TV, home sound system, washing machine and dryer. Situated on the road between Taormina town centre and the sea, you are within walking distance of the beach and of the cable car up to the old town centre.

FACILITIES

- 1 double bedroom
- 1 small single bedroom
- 3 bathrooms b/s wc
- large open-plan lounge/dining/kitchen
- large terrace with Jacuzzi
- balcony
- air conditioning



Terra Rossa apartments

Taormina/Apartments Sleeps 2 - 5

This self-catering complex of small detached villas is attractively set amongst its own pretty gardens with swimming pool and superb views over the sea. It is in a quiet location midway between the town of Taormina and the beach, both of which can be reached by a large number of steps or by road. Each villa houses a studio apartment on the ground floor with patio and a 2-bedroom apartment above with terrace. All are equipped with basic cooking facilities including a 2-ring hob.

FACILITIES

- 35 apartments b/s wc & patio/terrace
- swimming pool & sun terrace
- reception lounge
- breakfast room



Terra Rossa



Terra Rossa



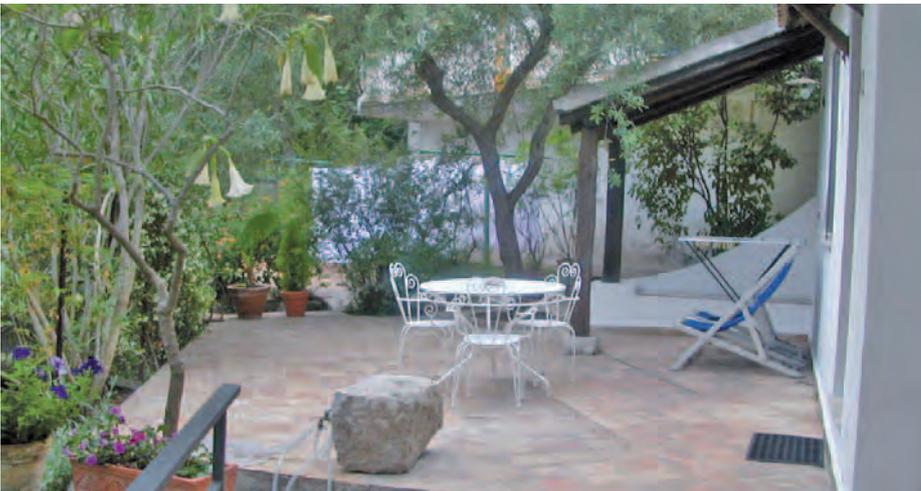
Terra Rossa



Villaggio Placido Apartments



Villaggio Placido Apartments



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Villaggio Placido Apartments

Taormina /Sleeps 2 - 5

Scattered amongst beautiful secluded gardens the Villaggio Placido holds a prime location below the cliff-top town of Taormina. These individual houses, all with private patio or garden, are well furnished and equipped for self-catering, the accommodation consisting of studios, 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom apartments for between 2-5 people. Direct access to the beach is reached by steps leading from the gardens and there are many bars and restaurants close by.

FACILITIES

- 10 apartments b/s wc patio/terrace
- beach access
- gardens



Le Villette Aloe & Agave apartments

Taormina/Each apartment Sleeps 6

Le Villette comprises 2 elegant modern apartments which are well located close to the centre of fashionable Taormina. A short walk will lead you into the town centre with its vast array of restaurants, cafes and smart shops. Taormina's ancient Greek Theatre which regularly hosts concerts & events from all over the world is approximately 10 mins walk away. Each of the spacious 2 – bedroom apartments features its own large panoramic sun terrace equipped for lounging, outdoor dining and with a Jacuzzi and gazebo. The cable car for the 4 minute journey down to the beach is a few minutes walk away.

FACILITIES (EACH APARTMENT)

- 2 double bedrooms
- 1 bathroom
- living/dining room with double sofa-bed & kitchenette (including dishwasher & washing machine)
- large furnished terrace with barbeque, Jacuzzi & shower
- air conditioning



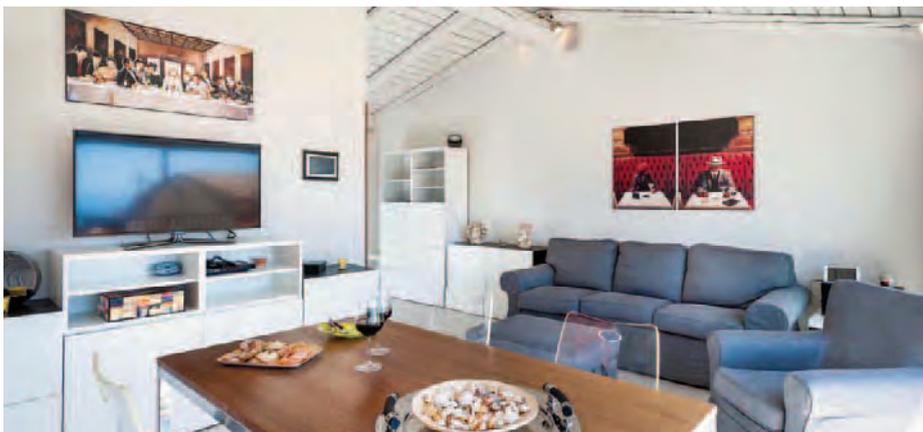
Le Villette Aloe & Agave apartments



Le Villette Aloe & Agave apartments



Taormina suite



Taormina suite



Taormina suite

Taormina/Apartment Sleeps 4

This exclusive apartment is in the centre of Taormina a few steps away from fashionable pedestrianised street Corso Umberto. Occupying the top floor of a 3-storey building the apartment is well laid out and tastefully furnished in modern style. It has 2 double bedrooms (1 en-suite) and from its open-plan living area has large French windows opening on to a delightful dining terrace with views over terracotta roofs to the sea. It is perfectly situated for sampling Taormina's large selection of elegant restaurants, cafes and shops. The cable car down to the beach is a short walk away.

FACILITIES

- 2 double bedrooms (1 en-suite)
- bathroom
- open-plan living/dining room with kitchenette
- terrace
- air conditioning (payable locally)



TAORMINA ●

Miseria e Nobilità

Taormina/apartment sleeps 4

A beautiful Sicilian property in a characteristic street in the historical centre of Taormina the Miseria e Nobilita apartment is just a few metres on foot from the elegant pedestrianised street Corso Umberto. The apartment, on three floors, has two spacious double bedrooms, two bathrooms, a well-equipped kitchen and a wonderful furnished terrace. Recently renovated, the house has been tastefully decorated to incorporate a good mix of modern and antique furniture and fittings. Ideal for those seeking a central location with easy access to restaurants, cafes, shops and cable car to the beach.

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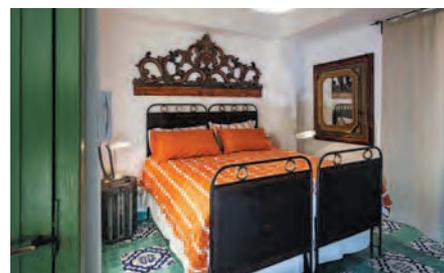
- 2 double bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- lounge/dining/kitchen (including dishwasher)
- laundry room
- 2 balconies
- Dining terrace
- air conditioning



Miseria e Nobilita



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Villa Luce



TAORMINA ●

Villa Luce

Letojanni (near Taormina)/sleeps 7

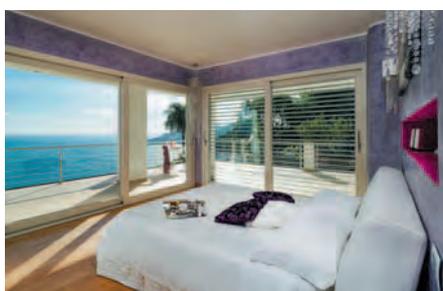
Villa Luce is a fabulous villa with swimming pool in an elevated position on the edge of Letojanni, a renowned seaside resort a few kilometres along the coast from Taormina. Surrounded by a lush, well-tended Mediterranean garden this exclusive property enjoys a panoramic location with breath-taking views towards Taormina's bay and the sea. Refined and elegant, Villa Luce is spread over two levels and offers a comfortable interior. On the ground floor there is a spacious living/dining room with kitchen and glass doors that open directly onto a large furnished terrace, three bedrooms and a bathroom with shower. A contemporary spiral staircase and an external staircase lead up to the first floor housing the master bedroom with panoramic terrace and bathroom with shower and bathtub. The villa comes with safe, dishwasher, washing machine and dryer. From here it is just a few minutes drive to the beaches of Letojanni, Mazzarò and Isola Bella.

FACILITIES

- 3 double bedrooms (1 with French bed)
- 1 single bedroom
- 2 bathrooms
- lounge/dining room
- kitchen
- 2 terraces
- swimming pool
- garden
- air conditioning



Villa Luce



Villa Luce



Opera Home

Catania/sleeps 4

Opera Home in the historic centre of Catania is a luxury apartment with terrace which has been recently restored and tastefully furnished in an elegant, refined style. Set on the third floor (top floor with a lift) of a building just a few steps away from the famous Via Etnea and Villa Bellini this prestigious apartment offers exquisite rooms and a charming atmosphere. A spacious, well-appointed entrance leads into a living area which includes a large sitting room with ornamental stone fireplace, a dining room, modern kitchen and a bright, cosy TV room. Equally inviting are the master bedroom with a luxurious en-suite bathroom with whirlpool tub and shower. There is a second double bedroom and a further bathroom with shower. Outside, the furnished terrace is the perfect spot for delicious al fresco aperitifs. The apartment comes with stereo system, 4 TVs, satellite receiver, dishwasher and heating. Catania's historic monuments, churches and fabulous bustling fish market can be easily reached on foot as well as a host of restaurants cafes and smart shops.



Opera Home

FACILITIES

- 2 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- lounge
- dining room
- Kitchen
- tv room
- terrace



Opera Home



Opera Home



Villa Rosaetnea



Villa Rosaetnea

Slopes of Mount Etna/Villa sleeps 12

Located 15 kilometres from Catania and set in the countryside of the quiet village of Trecastagni (which translates at "three chestnut trees") on the slopes of Mount Etna, RosaEtnea is a beautiful modern villa surrounded by extensive, lush Mediterranean gardens and has fine terraces with panoramic views. Spread over 3 floors the villa's modern architecture is combined with an elegant, tasteful classical interior. Rooms are spacious, bright and stylishly furnished with many antiques and marble fittings rekindling the days of elegant Sicilian residential culture. RosaEtnea has an impressive swimming pool and sun terrace. It is an ideal villa for a large family or group of friends to relax in comfortable surroundings.

FACILITIES

- 6 bedrooms
- 8 bathrooms
- living/dining room
- 2nd living room
- kitchen
- swimming pool & terrace
- air conditioning (payable locally)



Villa Rosaetnea



Villa Rosaetnea



Slopes of Etna

Le Capinera

Trecastagni/Zaffarana Etnea/villa sleeps 6

La Capinera is a splendid spacious 4-bedroom villa located on the slopes of Mount Etna, between the characteristic villages of Zaffarana Etnea and Trecastagni. Set in a quiet, sunny and panoramic location, the property enjoys fabulous views from every angle: behind lies Mount Illice and to the front the view stretches across the countryside to the sea. It is surrounded by a well-kept garden which frames large furnished terraces and a beautiful saltwater pool (chlorine-free). The villa offers comfortable accommodation and has a bright, spacious interior. From here you are well placed for visiting the extensive Mount Etna Park, several wineries as well as Taormina, Catania and Syracuse.

FACILITIES

- 2 double bedrooms
- 1 bedroom with French bed
- 1 single bedroom
- 2 bathrooms plus 1 bathroom with toilet and basin
- lounge/dining room
- kitchen (including washing machine and dishwasher)
- large terrace & garden
- swimming pool



La Capinera



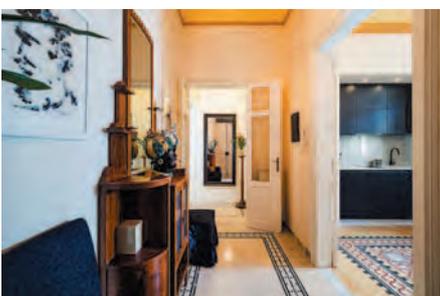
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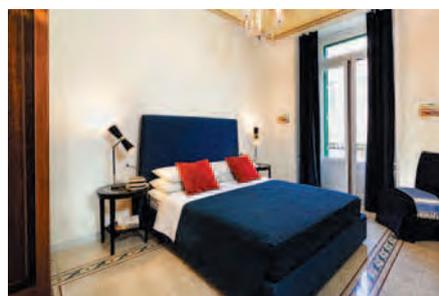
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Zia Sara



Zia Sara



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NOTO

Zia Sara

Noto/Sleeps 3

Zia Sara in Noto is a delightful apartment situated just a few steps from the sights and attractions of this charming baroque town and a UNESCO world heritage site. Set on the first floor of an old building, recently restored Zia Sara apartment is furnished with taste and attention to detail. Small and cosy, it includes a living room with sofa bed and kitchenette, a double bedroom with balcony and a bathroom with shower. The apartment also comes satellite TV, washing machine and safe. Its convenient location allows easy access to restaurants, cafés, shops and also to the most beautiful churches and noble buildings of Noto's historic centre, including corso Vittorio Emanuele with its wonderful baroque buildings, the Cathedral, Palazzo Ducezio and Palazzo Nicolaci. Easily reachable by car is the Vendicari nature reserve with its splendid beaches as well as the other baroque cities of Syracuse, Modica, Scicli and Ragusa-Ibla.

FACILITIES

- 1 double bedroom
- 1 bathroom
- lounge/diner with kitchen area
- sofa bed
- balcony
- air conditioning



Villa Brezza Marina

Noto/sleeps 6

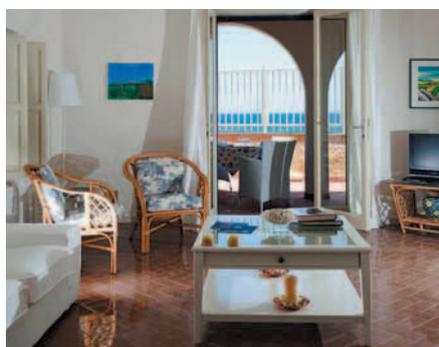
Brezza Marina is a splendid sea-front villa sporting a privileged position on Sicily's south eastern coast. It sits in the small village of Calabernardo on the edge of the Vendicari nature reserve and just a few kilometres away from the baroque town of Noto (a UNESCO cultural heritage site). Recently restored, the villa is delightfully furnished throughout with stylish bright décor, and boasts a fully fitted kitchen and a cosy living room opening onto the terrace. A sandy beach just 20 metres away makes it an ideal choice for a family holiday as well as being well placed for exploring the many sites and attractions in the area including the baroque towns of Syracuse, Ragusa, Scicli and Modica and the nature reserves of Vendicari and Cavagrande del Cassibile. The seaside villages of Marzamemi and Portopalo are also nearby.

FACILITIES

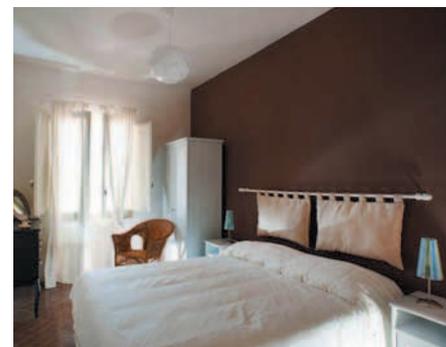
- 2 double bedrooms
- 1 twin bedroom
- 3 bathrooms
- lounge
- kitchen
- dining room
- terrace & garden
- air conditioning



Villa Brezza Marina



Villa Brezza Marina



Villa Brezza Marina



Villa Dora



Villa Dora

South East (Ispica/Rosolini)/ sleeps 6

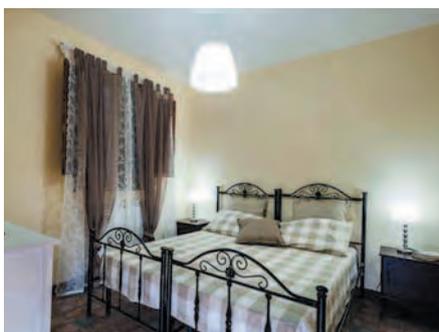
Villa Dora is a beautiful country property with swimming pool situated in the south-east corner of Sicily, between the villages of Ispica and Rosolini. Set in a sunny, quiet location the villa offers far-reaching views over the surrounding countryside with its typical carob, olive and citrus trees. A well-kept garden surrounds the villa & its spacious terrace and infinity swimming pool with Jacuzzi. Recently built, the villa is on two levels. Outside, in a separate annexe housing a second kitchen with wood-fired oven and bbq. From here you are ideally placed for visiting the baroque towns of Modica, Noto, Ragusa and Scicli as well as the sandy beaches of Pozzallo and Portopalo.

FACILITIES

- 3 bedrooms/2 bathrooms
- Living room
- Kitchen (with washing machine and dish washer)
- Swimming pool
- Furnished terrace & garden
- Annexe with 2nd kitchen, wood-fire oven & bbq
- Air conditioning



Villa Dora



Villa Dora



NOTO ●

Casal di Noto Apart/hotel

Casal di Noto – Please see page 23



MARINA DI MODICA ●

Villa Lidia

Marina di Modica/Sleeps 6

Villa Lidia is a beautiful sea-front villa just a stone's throw from the small bay of Marina di Modica on Sicily's popular south coast. Here the beach is fabulous golden sand with a fine promenade. The interior of this single-storey villa is decorated in cool blue and white Mediterranean style colours and outside it has wonderful spacious terraces well-equipped for lounging and dining as well as a well-kept garden. 3 bedrooms (2 double/twin and 1 single) and spacious living areas make it ideal for a family holiday. All within 30 kilometres and easily reached by car are the Vendicari Nature Reserve, Noto, Ragusa and Donnafugata golf course.

FACILITIES

- 3 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms
- living room with sofa bed
- large kitchen
- terraces
- outside shower
- air conditioning (payable locally)



Villa Lidia



Villa Lidia



Villa Lidia



Villa Baglio Amore



MODICA ●

Villa Baglio Amore

Modica/Ragusa/Sleeps 7

In a lovely countryside location 8 kilometres from the attractive baroque town of Modica Baglio Amore was once a charming rural "baglio" (farm dwelling). Built around an internal courtyard that includes the manor house the single storey baglio has been expertly renovated and provides very elegant stylish accommodation arranged to comfortably sleep 7 with 3 double bedrooms (1 with additional sofa bed) and 3 bathrooms. Outside is a swimming pool (occasionally also used by the owner) and sun terrace and a luxuriant garden adorned with citrus fruit and Mediterranean plants. Here you are ideally situated for visiting the beautiful baroque towns of Ragusa, Scicli and Noto as well as the popular Donnafugata golf course.

FACILITIES

- 3 bedrooms & 3 bathrooms
- large living/dining room with kitchen
- swimming pool
- terrace
- laundry
- air conditioning (payable locally)



Villa Baglio Amore



Villa Baglio Amore



MARINA DI MODICA ●

Dolce Mare apartments

Marina di Modica/Sleeps 5

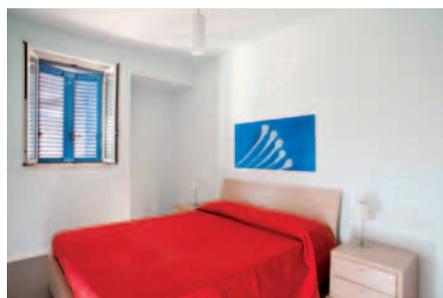
Dolce Mare is a modern complex of apartments built in Mediterranean style situated just a stone's throw away from the beautiful, wide sandy beach of Marina di Modica, a renowned seaside resort on the southern coast of Sicily, 30 km South of Ragusa. It houses seven apartments, all with their own entrance and terrace with splendid sea views. Each apartment comes with a garage parking space. The bright interiors are modern and simple in design and tastefully furnished. The location is ideal for exploring the surrounding areas of Modica, Ragusa, Scicli, Noto and Siracusa.

FACILITIES

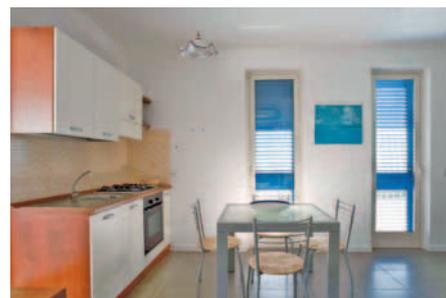
- 2 twin/double bedrooms
- 1 bathroom
- kitchen/living room with sofa bed
- terrace
- air-conditioning
- outdoor shower



Dolce Mare apartments



Dolce Mare apartments



Dolce Mare apartments



Villa Muriel Apartments



Villa Muriel Apartments



Villa Muriel Apartments



RAGUSA ●

Villa Muriel Apartments

Donnalucata (Ragusa)

2-bedroom sleeps 3

3-bedroom sleeps 6

Villa Muriel is a comfortable beachside property divided into three independent apartments situated a few kilometres away from the fishing village of Donnalucata. Overlooking a delightful garden the apartments have direct access to a beautiful sandy beach. There are 2 apartments on the ground floor with a kitchen/living room, three double bedrooms, two bathrooms, a covered terrace and a part of the shared garden. On the first floor is a smaller apartment with an exclusive panoramic terrace, a kitchen/living room, a double bedroom, a single bedroom and a bathroom. It is accessed via an external spiral staircase. Tastefully furnished they have an espresso coffee maker and washing machine (the larger apartments also have a dishwasher). Villa Muriel is well placed for visiting Scicli, Modica, Ragusa and Noto as well as the beach resort of Marina di Ragusa and the Donnafugata Castle.

FACILITIES

- 2 x 3-bedroom / 2 bathroom apartments, living room / kitchen, terrace
- 1 x 2- bedrooms / 1 bathroom apartment, living room / kitchen, terrace
- garden
- air conditioning (payable locally)



RAGUSA

Casale Balate Villa

Ragusa/sleeps 9

Casale Balate is a beautiful 4-bedroom villa with swimming pool set in the countryside near the town of Ragusa and the Donnafugata Castle. Framed by century-old olive and carob trees Casale Balata enjoys splendid views over the surrounding countryside from its large terraces, garden and pool. The house has a comfortable interior spread over two floors. On the ground floor is a large living area with dining room and kitchen, two bedrooms (1 double/1 twin), a bathroom with shower and another toilet with laundry area. The first floor with sloping ceilings has a living-room/study and two double bedrooms en-suite. The villa is also equipped with washing machine and dishwasher. The nearest sandy beach is 15 kilometres away. The baroque towns of Modica and Ragusa are easily accessible by car.

FACILITIES

- 4 bedrooms /4 bathrooms
- living room
- kitchen
- swimming pool
- terrace & garden



Casale Balate Villa



Casale Balate Villa



Allegro apartments



Allegro apartments



Allegro apartments



SIRACUSA

Allegro apartments

Siracusa/sleep 2-4

Allegro apartments are located in the heart of Ortigia – Siracusa's historic centre. Housed over 2 floors this 18th Century property is typical of the baroque period and has been sympathetically restored and converted into 23 charming and stylish apartments. Divided into open-plan studios for 2 people and 1-bedroom apartments with separate lounge with sofa-bed and kitchen which comfortably sleep up to 4 people some have a balcony or terrace and all enjoy the services of a 4* establishment with daily cleaning included. The rooftop bar/terrace is the perfect place to unwind and enjoy pre-dinner drinks with a wonderful sea view. A fine selection of restaurants, cafes and shops are moments away.

FACILITIES

- 24 studio & 1-bedroom apartments
- Breakfast available
- Bar
- Roof terrace
- air conditioning



Duomo Suite

Siracusa (Ortigia) / Sleeps 4

Duomo Suite in Syracuse is a wonderful apartment which has been recently restored and tastefully furnished. Combining modern and traditional decor, the apartment is equipped including a washing machine and dishwasher. Set on the second floor of an old building right in the heart of Ortigia between the main square Piazza Duomo and Piazzetta San Rocco, it is the ideal option for couples or small families looking for a special holiday in one of Sicily's most beautiful towns. Duomo Suite consists of a living/dining room, a modern, spacious kitchen, a double bedroom with en-suite bathroom, a twin bedroom and a further bathroom with shower. The apartment boasts 3 delightful French balconies offering lovely sea views. From here you have a wealth of sights and attractions on your doorstep including Aretusa's fountain and the seafront, Corso Matteotti, the main shopping street, and the ancient Jewish Giudecca's quarter.

FACILITIES

- 1 double bedroom
- 1 twin bedroom
- 2 bathrooms
- lounge/dining room
- large kitchen
- 3 French balconies
- air conditioning



Duomo Suite



Duomo Suite



Duomo Suite



La Pigna Bianca Villa



La Pigna Bianca Villa



La Pigna Bianca Villa



La Pigna Bianca Villa

Trapani/sleeps 5

La Pigna Bianca is a beautiful villa with swimming pool located near Trapani halfway between the nature reserve of the salt pans and the Stagnone lagoon. The property, which overlooks its lovely garden offers large, panoramic terraces and a private wellness room. Set in a quiet residential area, the house is single storey and includes a living/dining room with kitchen area, a master double bedroom with en-suite bathroom and two further bedrooms (1 twin and 1 with French bed) which share a bathroom. In addition, accessed from outside, is the wellness room with sauna, whirlpool tub, multi-sensory shower and bathroom. Furnished with taste, the villa also has a washing machine and dishwasher. La Pigna Bianca is 3 kilometres to the nearest sandy beach and 10 kilometres from Trapani making it ideal for visiting the Egadi Islands, Erice, the Zingaro nature reserve at San Vito Lo Capo and the archaeological site of Segesta.

FACILITIES

- 3 bedrooms / 3 bathrooms
- living/dining room with kitchen
- swimming pool
- terrace and garden
- wellness room
- air conditioning (payable locally)



Villa Cialoma

Castellammare del Golfo/Sleeps 5

This beautiful villa with private swimming pool can be found on the northwest coast of Sicily 9km from Castellammare del Golfo. It is 800m to the sea and is situated on the road between the Guidaloca bay and the ancient village of Scopello. You are also within an easy drive of the beautiful white sandy beach of San Vito Lo Capo and the Zingaro Natural Reserve. Villa Cialoma is encompassed by an idyllic exotic garden with palm trees and colourful Mediterranean plants and a well tended lawn. It also has fabulous terraces with sea views – perfectly equipped for outdoor living. Its bright, well-proportioned interior is tastefully furnished with all mod cons.

FACILITIES

- 3 bedrooms & 1 bathroom
- kitchen/living room
- swimming pool
- terraces and garden
- barbecue
- washing machine
- air conditioning



Villa Cialoma



Villa Cialoma



Villa Cialoma



Casa Valderice



Casa Valderice



Casa Valderice



Casa Valderice

Erice/sleeps 5

Casa Valderice is a beautiful villa with swimming pool situated in a panoramic location, in the vicinity of Trapani in western Sicily. This newly built property enjoys splendid views of Mount Cofano and the sea. Surrounded by a luxuriant garden, the house is on one level and offers a splendid pool and two large, well-equipped terraces with dining area, outdoor kitchen and a barbeque. Carefully furnished in a delightful country style it includes a living room with fireplace, dining area, kitchen, a double bedroom, a twin bedroom, a single bedroom and two bathrooms. Just 3 kilometres from the sea from here you are also well placed for visiting the wonderful surrounding areas of Erice, Trapani, Marsala and the Egadis Islands. The Zingaro nature reserve and the archaeological sites of Segesta and Selinunte are also within easy reach by car.

FACILITIES

- 3 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- living room with separate dining area
- kitchen
- outdoor kitchen
- swimming pool & terrace
- air conditioning



Maison Soleil

Trapani/sleeps 6

Maison Jolie

Trapani/sleeps 6

Located in the Northwest region of Sicily Maison Soleil & Maison Jolie are 2 beautiful, comfortable villas. Almost identical both are situated side by side in the small seaside village of Cornino, just one and a half kilometres from its sandy beach. Set in a quiet residential area, these recently built villas are each surrounded by their own spacious terrace which has a dining area including a barbecue and surrounded by a well-tended garden. The bright modern interiors feature cosy rooms similarly furnished with taste in contemporary style. On the ground floor of each is a living room with fireplace, a dining area, a kitchen and a bathroom with shower. A modern staircase (without hand rail) leads up to the 1st floor where each villa has three bedrooms and a bathroom. Besides being ideally located for the lovely beach of Baia Cornino, this is a good base for exploring the towns of Trapani, Erice and Marsala as well as the Egadi islands and Selinunte and the nature reserves of Mount Cofano and Lo Zingaro on the Northwestern tip.



Maison Soleil



Maison Soleil



Maison Soleil

MAISON SOLEIL – FACILITIES

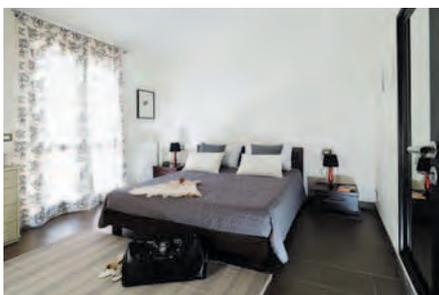
- 3 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- living/dining room
- kitchen
- terrace & garden
- air-conditioning (payable locally)

MAISON JOLIE – FACILITIES

- 3 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- living/dining room
- kitchen
- terrace & garden
- air-conditioning (payable locally)



Maison Jolie



Maison Jolie



Maison Jolie





Lisca Bianca House

San Vito Lo Capo/sleeps 6

Lisca Bianca is a newly built house in the popular seaside resort of San Vito Lo Capo. The property is in a great location just a few steps from the silver sandy beach and a few hundred metres from the centre of the resort. The house has tastefully furnished well proportioned rooms. The ground floor has a kitchen with living area and a bathroom whilst the first floor houses the sleeping area with 2 double bedrooms, 1 twin bedroom and a bathroom. On the upper floor there is a beautiful sun terrace offering pleasant sea views. The house is also equipped with a washing machine, dishwasher, and bbq. Lisca Bianca is a great base for visiting the main towns and attractions in the north-west of Sicily including the Zingaro nature reserve, Scopello, Erice, and the Egadis as well as the temple of Segesta.

FACILITIES

- 3 bedrooms /2 bathrooms
- living room / kitchen
- terrace
- air conditioning (payable locally)



Lisca Bianca House



Lisca Bianca House



Spuma di Mare apartments

San Vito Lo Capo

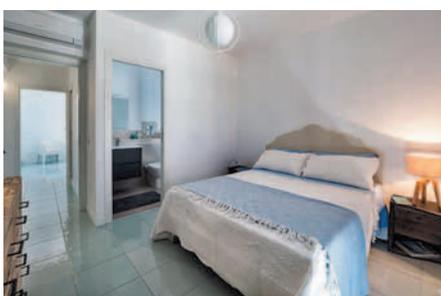
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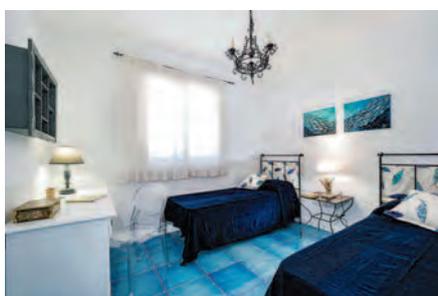
Spuma di Mare is a characteristic house divided into two modern independent apartments. Being just a few steps from the silver sand beach and a few hundred metres from the centre of the resort with its fine array of shops, restaurants and cafes, Spuma di Mare apartments are a great choice for those looking for a beach-side location. Each apartment has its own private outdoor area equipped with garden furniture. The apartment Delfino on the first floor features a ground floor patio and 2nd floor roof terrace (via spiral staircase) with sea view. Apartment Riccio on the ground floor has a spacious terrace. Both apartments include a kitchen/living room, two bedrooms and two bathrooms and are furnished with taste and comfort in mind. Both have a parking space. Spuma di Mare is a good base for visiting the main towns and attractions in the north-west of Sicily including the Zingaro nature reserve, Scopello, Erice and the Egadi islands.



Spuma di Mare apartments



Spuma di Mare apartments



Spuma di Mare apartments

FACILITIES

- 1 double bedroom en-suite
- 1 double/twin bedroom
- 1 separate bathroom
- kitchen/living room (plus sofa-bed in apartment Riccio)
- terrace
- air conditioning



Blue Bay apartments

Cefalu/sleeps 4

Blue Bay is a fabulous complex of 20 modern studio apartments equipped for self-catering but with the bonus of having daily breakfast included. Terraced into the cliff-side with stunning sea views from every apartment Blue Bay sits high above its own private secluded pebble beach which is equipped with sun beds and brollies. Contemporary and minimalist in style each one-room apartment is spacious and furnished with a modern kitchenette and each has a large terrace overlooking the sea. In addition to the breakfast room there is also a bar where you will be sure to receive warm and friendly service. The historic centre of Cefalu is approximately 15-20 minutes walk away or for the less energetic the local bus stops close to the complex and bicycles are also available. For those arriving by car parking is available on-site and free of charge.

FACILITIES

- 20 x 1-room apartments b/s wc
- individual large terraces
- breakfast room
- bar
- private beach
- parking
- air conditioning



Blue Bay apartments



Blue Bay apartments



Blue Bay apartments



Fontana Barone Apartments



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Fontana Barone apartments

Cefalu/sleeps 6

Just on the outskirts of the historic town of Cefalu, this residence of individual villas is set in a haven of exotic plants, in a peaceful spot away from the traffic. Family friendly, Fontana Barone independent villas sleep up to 6 people and have both outdoor and indoor living areas arranged over 2 floors. As well as the well-equipped interior accommodation comprising of 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms plus a large open-plan lounge with 2 sofa-beds each has its own garden and terrace with pergola housing an outside kitchen, perfect for al fresco dining. The swimming pool and surrounding sun terrace is shared by all the villas. Daily cleaning of the villas is included (except the kitchen) and a change of linen twice a week. The nearest beach is just 500m away.

FACILITIES

- 2 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms
- lounge/kitchen
- outdoor kitchen
- garden & terrace
- barbecue
- shared swimming pool & children's pool
- bar
- children's playground
- air conditioning



We have a selection of apartments in the heart of Cefalù resort and close to its beautiful sandy beach. The accommodation which is on 1st, 2nd or 3rd floor is mostly located in an assortment of characterful historic buildings many with panoramic views across Cefalù town, the Cathedral and the sea. Each apartment is spacious and consists of 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom or 3-bedroom accommodation sleeping from 2-8 guests. Here are a couple of the apartments on offer.

Arte Mare & Blu House

Cefalù/sleeps 6

This comfortable property sits in the medieval centre of Cefalù. The house which sprawls over 4 levels is reached via a small path with steps. From one of the house's two terraces there is an enchanting view over the roofs of Cefalù, the twelfth-century Norman cathedral. The house has two entrances. From the ground floor entrance, you are just a few minutes away from the cathedral and the sea. The other entrance is on the second floor, leading into the living and dining area with a view of La Rocca, the impressive Cefalù fortress. One of the terraces also offers an al fresco cooking and barbecue area. Accommodation is arranged as follows: On the ground floor is a living room with double sofa-bed. The 1st floor has a double bedroom, bathroom and balcony. The 2nd floor has a living/dining room kitchen, bathroom and a patio with dining terrace and bbq. The 3rd floor has a double bedroom, bathroom and terrace. The interior is decorated in warm colours and features original ceiling beams.

FACILITIES

- 2 bedrooms / 3 bathrooms
- living room with double sofa-bed
- living room / kitchen / diner
- terrace and balcony
- Air conditioning (payable locally)



Arte Mare & Blu House



Arte Mare & Blu House



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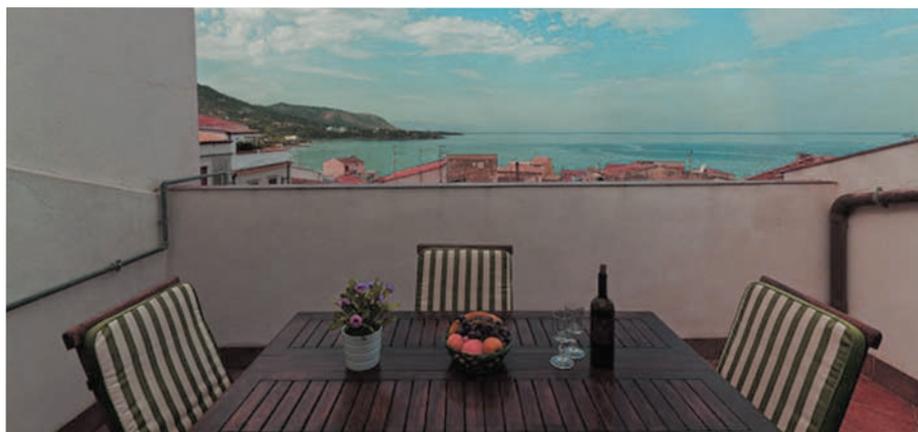
Centro apartment

Cefalù/sleeps 7

Centro is a comfortable, spacious apartment located right in the centre of the historical area of Cefalù, just a few meters from the main sandy beach and from the Norman Cathedral of Cefalù (Piazza Duomo) and the ancient wash-house. It is also very convenient for the wide selection of restaurants, shops and cafes on the doorstep as well as the railway station which is less than 10 minutes walk away. The train journey to Palermo is around 1 hour. The apartment is located on the 3rd floor of a beautiful historical building, and is spread over 2 levels. On the first level there is an open-plan living area with sofa-bed, two double bedrooms, a bathroom with shower and a balcony with sea view. On the 2nd level there is one twin bedroom, one bathroom with shower and a fully equipped spacious kitchen. There is also a terrace overlooking the beaches of Cefalù

FACILITIES

- 2 double bedrooms & 1 twin bedroom
- 2 bathrooms
- lounge
- kitchen
- terrace and balcony



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A Sicilian Dream Wedding



Palazzo Santo Stefano

For an unforgettable experience let us take the stress out of planning your special day.

With breathtaking scenery, great food and charming hospitality Sicily is the perfect location for a romantic wedding and a memorable honeymoon. You may wish to choose a low-key wedding with just the two of you and your witnesses, alternatively you may like to invite family and friends to share your day with a catered reception at a local hotel, restaurant or countryside venue which we will be delighted to arrange for you.

Sicily has an abundance of romantic islands and resorts from the tiny idyllic Aeolian island of Panarea to the picturesque hill-top resort of Taormina with its stunning back-drop of Mount Etna. To help guide you in choosing your perfect honeymoon spot our expert team have first-hand knowledge of all our properties and locations and will be delighted to offer assistance and advice.

We are pleased to offer discounted rates on all our hotels and apartments for you and your guests. Please ask us for details.



Our Sicilian civil wedding package

Taormina has been chosen by us as our top wedding venue for its stunning location and glamorous life-style and together with our experienced resident wedding co-ordinator we will tailor-make your wedding to suit your own individual requirements arranging as much or as little of the special day as you wish. There are certain compulsory elements which have been included in our standard wedding package listed below. We ask you please to note that your documents will be required at least six weeks prior to your wedding day and as there is only one wedding performed each day in Taormina early booking is strongly recommended.

Catholic church weddings can also be arranged. Please ask us for details.

What is included

- Organisation and coordination of the civil marriage ceremony at Palazzo Santo Stefano
- Administration costs (excluding Euro registry fees and Consular fees €600 (€800 for weekends) at time of going to press.
- Processing of documentation

- Visit to town hall with our co-ordinator for signing declaration of intent to marry 1 or 2 days prior to the wedding day.
- Interpreter for the wedding ceremony (which is conducted in Italian)
- Wedding co-ordinator on hand during the wedding day
- Multi-lingual marriage certificate

Price – please refer to our price list enclosed

Optional extras payable locally (credit cards not accepted)

- Transport to and from the ceremony (private car, horse and carriage etc)
- Music at the ceremony
- Floral arrangements
- Professional photographer and DVD service
- Hairdressing and beauty treatments
- Witnesses (if not providing your own)
- Anglican Church
- Reception and catering

For further information and bookings please contact our reservations team.



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