



Syracusa

# Eastern Sicily

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One of the first Mediterranean holiday destinations, Sicily is the most richly endowed island in the Mediterranean, steeped in history and legend and in every respect an island of contrasts.



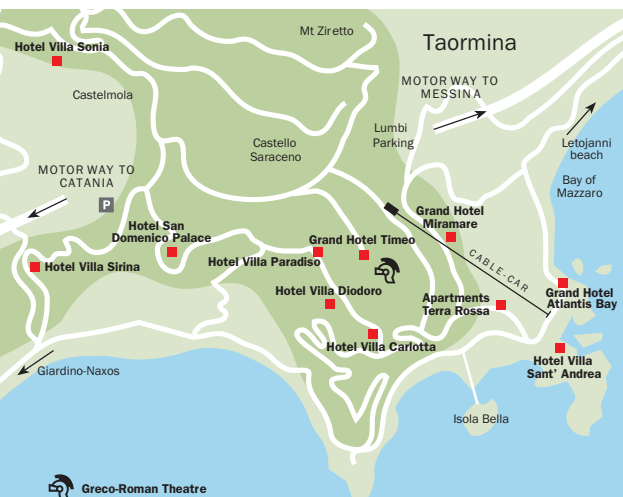
Few places can match **Taormina's** superb position perched on a series of high terraces overhung with semi-tropical gardens, surveying a breathtakingly beautiful coastline. Wherever you are, Mount Etna towers above. Taormina has an elegance and style created by a rich history in which the Greeks, Romans and Spaniards all had a hand. The beautiful villas and palazzos blend in with delightful narrow streets, small cafes, restaurants and well-kept gardens to create a relaxing environment.

For those who hire a car, the coastline between Catania and Taormina has many fishing villages like **Acitrezza** and **Acireale** with excellent restaurants serving a variety of sea food. Some of the best stretches of coastline can be found on the northern Tyrrhenian coast between **Cefalu** and **Capo d'Orlando**. Here you will find clean stony beaches backed, for the most part, by extensive orange and lemon groves.

**Catania** is the dynamic and fashionable second city of Sicily. The city boasts one of the greatest Roman ruins - the Amphitheatre in Piazza Steseicoro, the baroque Piazza del Duomo and the Cathedral of Santa Agatha where the composer Bellini is buried. The village of **San Giovanni La Punta**, 11km north of Catania, is well located en route to the foothills of Mount Etna - perfectly positioned to visit Europe's tallest volcano at 3,320m.

**Syracuse**, founded by the Greeks in the 7th century BC, became a centre of learning and culture. By the 15th century BC it was considered the centre of the civilised world. Today it is the provincial capital, retaining ancient Roman ruins, one of the largest Greek theatres in the world and a fascinating array of classic monuments and Baroque facades. As well as possessing a rich cultural history, Syracuse is set in breathtaking natural surroundings from the peaceful bay of Porto Grande to the stunning backdrops of Mount Etna and the Iblea Mountains.

The impressive Baroque south-east of Sicily can be easily accessed from the hilltop town of **Modica**. Surrounded by wild countryside and rolling hills, just 30-minutes south of **Ragusa**, the upper town of Modica is watched over by the 18th century façade of San Giorgio, a worthy rival to the church of the same name in Ragusa Ibla. Highlights of this area include the well preserved architecture of **Noto** with its perfectly proportioned, tree lined Piazza Municipio - one of Sicily's finest Baroque squares and the unsung towns of **Leonforte**, **Troina** and **Nicosia** which can be reached along winding panoramic roads passing through mountain ranges.



## Hotel Villa Paradiso, Taormina

- Airport: 68km Catania ■ 4-star hotel ■ Bed & Breakfast
- Use of outdoor swimming pool ■ Air-conditioning

The Hotel Villa Paradiso is a charming family-managed property located just a few minutes' walk from the historical centre of Taormina. From its roof-top restaurant 'Settimo Cielo', the hotel affords breathtaking views over the Bay of Naxos, Mount Etna and the public gardens. A daily shuttle bus runs down to the 'Paradise Beach Club' in Letojanni where guests have free use of the facilities including a salt water swimming pool and direct access to a long sandy beach.

**Accommodation:** 37 rooms air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms (garden or side sea view) and junior suites with side sea and Mount Etna view ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath and shower), hairdryer, telephone and satellite TV ■ The junior suites will accommodate extra beds for an adult or two children.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast served on the roof-top restaurant ■ Panoramic roof-top restaurant 'Settimo Cielo' specialising in Sicilian cuisine ■ 'Ginger' bar and small library ■ WIFI internet connection in the lobby (payable locally) ■ Lift ■ Free access to the 'Paradise Beach Club' in Letojanni (open 01Jun-15Oct) including a shaded garden area, restaurant, bar, changing facilities, outdoor salt water swimming pool (18 x 7m) and direct access to a long sandy beach. A complimentary shuttle bus service to the beach club runs twice daily (c.10-minutes' journey) in June, September and October and three times daily in July and August ■ Access to a nearby fitness centre (local charge) ■ Tennis courts available in the public gardens opposite. Guests receive the first 55-minutes of tennis free ■ Limited free parking (3 spaces). Additional parking available 150m from the hotel c.14 Euros per day.

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room with garden or side sea view, flights to Catania with British Airways and private transfers. Single room supplement on request.

Hotel Villa Paradiso	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£668	£738	£752	£767

**Special Offer:** Stay 7 nights pay 6 nights all year.

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



## Hotel Villa Diodoro, Taormina

- Airport: 68km Catania ■ 4-star hotel ■ Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool ■ Air-conditioning

The Hotel Villa Diodoro, perched on a hillside overlooking the sea and coastal resort of Giardini-Naxos, is well positioned in a tranquil setting, only 10-minutes walk from the historic centre. The guest rooms are elegant and comfortable, decorated in Mediterranean style with modern facilities and many of the open areas and terraces offer spectacular views of Mount Etna. Surrounded by well cultivated, semi-tropical gardens is a large panoramic swimming pool with pool bar serving light snacks. From June to October, a shuttle bus runs to the beach at nearby Lido Caparena or, guests can walk (c.15-minutes) to the cable car which connects to the Mazzaro beach resort.

**Accommodation:** 99 air-conditioned standard rooms and deluxe rooms ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath or shower), hairdryer, safe deposit box, satellite TV, telephone and minibar ■ Air-conditioning included between Jun-Sep only ■ Standard rooms overlook either the entrance/parking area, garden or sea (side/full view) ■ Deluxe rooms have a sea and Etna view ■ Rooms with garden and sea views have a private covered balcony ■ Many rooms will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Panoramic restaurant ■ Lounge ■ Piano-bar ■ Two lifts ■ Outdoor swimming pool (25 x 12.50m) and children's pool open May-Sep – access down 53 steps. Pool towels are provided locally ■ Panoramic pool terrace with direct sea views and views towards Giardini-Naxos and Mount Etna ■ Large, semi-tropical garden ■ Wellness centre with fully equipped gym and treatment rooms ■ Regular shuttle service running to and from the beach at Lido Caparena 3km away c.4 Euros for a return journey – (payable locally) ■ Cable car down to Mazzaro is c.2 Euros each way ■ Free parking ■ Not suitable for people with walking difficulties. There are several steps leading down to the main entrance and access to the swimming pool is through a terraced garden.

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room with balcony and garden view, flights to Catania with British Airways and private transfers. Single room supplement on request.

Hotel Villa Diodoro	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£475	£743	£657	£749

**Special Offers:** Couples celebrating their honeymoon or anniversary receive a complimentary bottle of Sparkling wine and flowers in their room on arrival ■ Stay 7 nights pay 6 nights between 02-31Jan11, 01-31Jul11 and 15-30Oct11 ■ Stay 14 nights pay 12 nights between 02-31Jan11, 01-31Jul11 and 15-30Oct11.

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Greco-Roman Theatre, Taormina

## Grand Hotel Miramare, Taormina

- Airport: 68km Catania
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Air-conditioning



A good, centrally located hotel with a beautiful panorama of the Bay of Mazzaro and Isola Bella. The Miramare, set in its own extensive terraced gardens, is one of the few hotels in Taormina that provides ample parking (40 spaces) for guests. The interiors are traditionally decorated with spacious public rooms and a large open-air, panoramic terrace with views over the swimming pool and the eastern coastline of Sicily. The historical centre of Taormina is within easy walking distance (c.10-minutes) of the hotel and from mid May to October a shuttle bus service is available to transfer guests to a private beach with umbrellas and chairs.

**Accommodation:** 68 air-conditioned rooms including classic rooms with sea view (some with a French balcony), superior rooms with sea view and terrace, junior suites with sea view and balcony or terrace and a suite, all with sea view and balcony or terrace ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath and/or shower), hairdryer, satellite TV, safe deposit box, telephone and minibar ■ Many rooms will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Panoramic restaurant serving regional and International cuisine ■ Lift ■ American bar and lounge that open onto a panoramic terrace ■ Outdoor swimming pool (19 x 9.60m) open Apr-Oct – reached by 190 steps ■ Pool snack bar open Apr-Oct ■ Tennis court (payable locally c.10 Euros for 45-minutes court use and racket and ball hire) ■ c.5-minutes' walk to the cable car that leads down to the beaches at Mazzaro (c.2 Euros each way) ■ Courtesy shuttle service to 'Lido Tropicana' from mid May to Oct (payable locally c.7 Euros per person) ■ Parking (c.10 Euros per day) payable

locally ■ 10% reduction off the green fees at 'Il Picciolo' golf course (27km).

**Minimum stay:** 3 nights or 7 nights between 13-20Aug11.

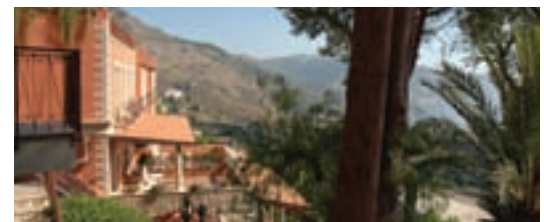
### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Classic room with sea view, flights to Catania with British Airways and private transfers. Single room supplement on request.

Grand Hotel Miramare	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£793	£893	£912	£898

**Special Offers:** Couples celebrating their honeymoon or anniversary receive a complimentary bottle of Sparkling wine in their room on arrival ■ Clients staying on a Bed and Breakfast basis receive a 15% reduction on the price of a la carte meals.

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## Hotel Villa Carlotta, Taormina

- Airport: 68km Catania
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Air-conditioning



Hotel Villa Carlotta is perched on the hillside below Taormina's historic centre bordered by colourful bougainvillea and set amidst Mediterranean palm and olive groves. This gothic style villa, built in 1896, has been completely renovated in keeping with the original architecture and boasts the finest in contemporary Italian design within an ancient setting. The lush garden, perfumed with the scent of orange and lemon trees, affords stunning views over Mount Etna and the sea. An ideal choice for those special occasions.

**Accommodation:** 23 air-conditioned rooms including deluxe rooms, junior suites and suites ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath and/or shower), hairdryer, telephone, satellite TV, safe deposit box, tea and coffee making facilities, WIFI internet connection and minibar ■ The deluxe rooms have a French balcony with sea view ■ The junior suites have either a French balcony and sea view, or a terrace with garden view. The junior suites will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child ■ The suites have a double bedroom, separate living room and will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Panoramic roof-top breakfast room (buffet) with terrace leading to a small and cosy lounge ■ Bar with complimentary WIFI internet connection and well preserved Byzantine catacombs ■ Tea room ■ Outdoor swimming pool (5 x 5m) open May-Sep ■ Pool bar ■ Solarium ■ Lift ■ Private parking including valet service payable locally c.15 Euros per day ■ Complimentary shuttle bus service to the beach at 'Lido

Stockholm' (2km) between May-Sep ■ 5-minutes' walk to local shops and restaurants ■ Public gym (400m) ■ The villa has an original Roman stone road within the grounds.

**Minimum stay:** 2 nights

**Open:** 20Feb-30Nov11

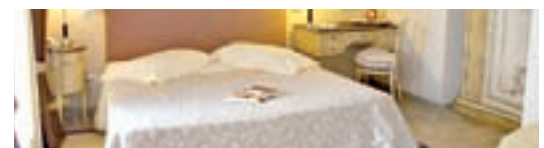
### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Deluxe room with French balcony and sea view, flights to Catania with British Airways and private transfers. Single room supplement on request.

Hotel Villa Carlotta	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Nov
	£1248	£1248	£1279	£1256

**Special Offers:** Couples celebrating their honeymoon or anniversary receive a complimentary bottle of Spumante and fruit in their room on arrival.

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## Hotel San Domenico Palace, Taormina

- Airport: 68km Catania
- 5-star deluxe hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Air-conditioning

Since 1896, the Hotel San Domenico Palace has been renowned for its high standard of accommodation and hospitality. Affording superb views of the coastline, Mount Etna and the Greco-Roman theatre, this five-star hotel stands alone in its own extensive gardens in the heart of Taormina. A tranquil location that, in our opinion, could hardly be bettered.

Built as a monastery in 1430, the Hotel San Domenico Palace has retained many of the buildings original structures. Today, guests staying at the hotel have access to the ancient cloisters and are able to view frescoes and furniture, dating from this period, throughout the ancient convent wing. The hotel provides a guided tour of the property twice a week in order to enable guests to fully appreciate its unique history. An elegant and gracious hotel in an excellent location!

**Accommodation:** 105 air-conditioned rooms located in two hotel wings, one is the Convent (old wing) and the other is the Grand Hotel (new wing) ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath and shower), hairdryer, satellite TV, telephone, WIFI internet connection (payable locally), safe deposit box and minibar ■ All suites have a CD Player ■ Some rooms interconnect.

**Convent:** 49 rooms including single rooms, classic rooms with view of the ancient cloisters or the Italian gardens, superior rooms with garden or sea view, suites with French balcony and sea view and a suite with garden view.

**Grand Hotel:** 56 rooms including deluxe rooms, executive rooms, junior suites and suites, all with balcony and sea view ■ The deluxe rooms, executive rooms, junior suites and suites have a French balcony or full balcony and views to the sea and along the hillside to Taormina and the Greco-Roman theatre ■ Many executive rooms in the Grand Hotel, and the junior suites and suites, will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child ■ The junior suites have a designated living area ■ The suites have a separate bedroom and living room. One suite has a Jacuzzi located on its balcony.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Four restaurants specialising in traditional Sicilian cuisine: 'L'Antico Refetterio' (named after the monks dining room and open in winter only) serving lunch and dinner; 'Les Bougainvilles' panoramic, summer restaurant; Il Giardino dei Limoni' restaurant (located by the pool) and 'Principe Cerami' 1 Michelin star gourmet restaurant (dinner only - closed Mondays) ■ 'L'Oratorio dei Frati' tea room and lounge bar ■ Cloister Grand Bar ■ Piano bar ■ Card room and TV lounge ■ Outdoor heated swimming pool (18 x 6m) open Apr-Oct ■ Sun terrace with panoramic views ■ Small fitness room and massage rooms ■ Clothes boutique ■ WIFI internet connection (payable locally) ■ Lift in the 'Grand Hotel' only ■ Gardens ■ Free parking ■ Tennis courts close-by.

**Minimum stay:** 3 nights between 21-26Apr11.

**Notes:** It is advisable to pre-book a table for dinner locally ■ Children up to 4 years are not allowed in the restaurants ■ Children aged 4-8 years are allowed in the restaurant 'Principe Cerami' between 19:30-20:30 and in restaurant 'Les Bougainvilles' only.

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Classic room, flights to Catania with British Airways and private transfers. Single room supplement on request.

Hotel San Domenico Palace	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£1164	£1164	£1232	£1242

**Special Offers:** Couples celebrating their honeymoon, and staying a minimum of 5-nights in a Junior suite or Suite, receive a complimentary bottle of Champagne, fruit and flowers in their room on arrival ■ Stay 4 nights pay 3 nights between 04Jan-31Mar11 and 11Oct-27Dec11 ■ Stay 14 nights pay 12 nights between 04Jan-27Dec11 ■ Stay 7 nights pay 6 nights between 01Apr-31Oct11. Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



View of the Grand Hotel Timeo



## Grand Hotel Timeo, Taormina

- Airport: 68km Catania
- 5-star luxury hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Air-conditioning

The Grand Hotel Timeo occupies an unrivalled position on Monte Tauro, nestling beneath the open-air Greco-Roman theatre in the heart of Taormina. Located within an extensive private garden with magnolias, cypress, olive and palm trees, this 5-star hotel affords breathtaking views of Mount Etna and the Mediterranean Sea. Illustrious guests over the years have included Sir Winston Churchill, DH Lawrence and more recently Robert De Niro.

The building dates from 1873 and is sumptuously decorated throughout in a neoclassical style that recalls the elegance of this period. Guests can soak up the sun by the pool, enjoy a relaxing massage in the wellness centre or take the shuttle bus to the private beach that belongs to their sister hotel, the Villa Sant'Andrea in Taormina-Mare. An exquisite property.

**Accommodation:** 70 air-conditioned rooms including superior rooms, premium rooms, deluxe rooms, superior junior suites, deluxe junior suites, executive junior suites, superior suites, deluxe suites and a 2-bedroom presidential suite with large terrace and sea view ■ All rooms have a bathroom (bath and shower), hairdryer, telephone, satellite TV, DVD player, ipod station, complimentary WIFI internet connection, minibar and safe deposit box ■ Superior rooms have a small balcony and garden view ■ Premium rooms have a small balcony and a sea view ■ Deluxe rooms have a terrace and sea view ■ Superior junior suites have a French balcony with full or side sea view and some have two bathrooms (bath and shower) ■ Deluxe junior suites have terrace and sea view ■ Executive junior suites have a sea view ■ Superior suites have balcony and garden view ■ Deluxe suites have terrace and sea view ■ The presidential suite has two bedrooms, lounge and large terrace ■ Some rooms interconnect ■ Junior suites and suites will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child ■ The view from some rooms is slightly obscured by trees.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Excellent panoramic restaurant serving traditional Sicilian cuisine (formal dress code for dinner) ■ Poolside restaurant 'Il Giardino di Baccho', serving light meals (salads, seafood and pizzas) between 13:00-16:00 ■ Bar 'La Zagara' ■ Lounge with piano - daily musical entertainment between 25Mar-13Nov ■ Panoramic terrace with views towards Mount Etna and the Mediterranean sea ■ Complimentary use of a computer with internet connection ■ Two lifts ■ Outdoor heated (26°C constant temperature) swimming pool (16 x 8m) open all year ■ Pool bar (serves snacks) is open 09:00-19:00 ■ Gym ■ Wellness centre with sauna, Turkish bath, four treatment rooms and hairdressers ■ Extensive gardens (25,000m<sup>2</sup> / 6 acres) ■ Long panoramic terrace with sea views ■ Use of the private beach at the Villa Sant'Andrea in Taormina-Mare overlooking the enchanting Bay of Mazzaro ■ A regular, complimentary shuttle bus service is provided between the two properties. Guests have free use of the facilities at the Villa Sant'Andrea and clients on half board basis can choose to dine at either the Villa Timeo or the Villa Sant'Andrea ■ Free parking within the gardens (separate entrance and help with luggage provided) ■ There are several events taking place in Taormina between Jun-Sep including the Taormina film festival, pop concerts, operas and theatre productions.

**Open:** 25Mar-12Nov11

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Superior room, flights to Catania with British Airways and private transfers. Single room supplement on request.

Grand Hotel Timeo	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Nov
	£1323	£1323	£1607	£1576

**Special Offer:** Stay 4 nights pay 3 nights.

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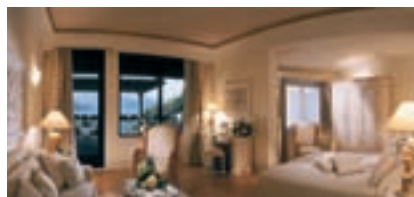


## Grand Hotel Atlantis Bay, Taormina-Mare

- Airport: 68km Catania
- 5-star luxury hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Air-conditioning

The Grand Hotel Atlantis Bay, has been completely renovated and restyled to create a modern 'design' hotel with light furnishings, stained beech effect woodwork and partially exposed stone walls. It is ideally located on the beach in the Bay of Mermaids and within walking distance of the cable-car connecting Mazzaro with Taormina. This luxurious hotel offers high levels of service and comfort in refined surroundings. The locally renowned restaurant with terrace overlooking the Bay serves an excellent range of traditional Sicilian dishes.

**Accommodation:** 86 air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms, junior suites and suites ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath or shower), hairdryer, satellite TV, telephone, safe deposit box, minibar, and terrace with sea view ■ The junior suites have a designated living area ■ The suites have a separate living room and bathroom (Jacuzzi



and shower) ■ All rooms will accommodate an extra bed for a child ■ Some rooms interconnect.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Restaurant ■ Lounge ■ Piano bar ■ Outdoor salt-water swimming pool (23 x 10m) open Apr-Oct overlooking the bay ■ Private beach (shingle) ■ Sun terrace with sun loungers and umbrellas ■ Fitness centre ■ Lift ■ Free parking.

**Minimum stay:** 3 nights between 30Jul-05Aug11 and 7 nights between 06-19Aug11  
**Open:** 19Mar-14Nov11

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room with terrace  
**Atlantis Bay**, flights to Catania with British Airways and private transfers. Single room supplement on request.

Grand Hotel	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Nov
	£1094	£1134	£1472	£1309

**Special Offers:** Couples celebrating their honeymoon or anniversary receive a complimentary bottle of Spumante and a basket of fruit in their room on arrival ■ Stay 4 nights pay 3 nights between 19Mar-07May11 and 30Sep-14Nov11.

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



## Terra Rossa Apartments, Taormina

- Airport: 68km Catania
- Self Catering
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Electric fan (on request and payable locally)

A collection of nine small cottages situated on the slopes below Taormina and above the beach resort of Mazzaro. Splendid views from the gardens towards the sea and Isola Bella can be enjoyed from the swimming pool and sun terrace. Each cottage consists of three self-contained units, being two studio apartments on the ground floor and one 2-bedroom apartment located on the first floor.

**Eighteen studios – Ground Floor (sleeps 2+1):** Open-plan room with twin beds, bathroom (shower), telephone, safe deposit box, kitchenette (2 electric cooking rings and a fridge) and a covered terrace with tables and chairs. The studio will accommodate an extra bed for a child.

**Nine 2-bedroom apartments – First Floor (sleeps 4+1):** Two twin/double bedrooms, bathroom (shower), living room with single sofa bed, telephone, safe deposit box and kitchenette (4 electric cooking rings and a fridge) and a balcony with table and chairs.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Outdoor swimming pool (6 x 12m) open Apr–Oct ■ Resident's lounge

■ Continental breakfast can be arranged on request (payable locally c.5 Euros per person per day)  
■ Access to the beach is down 391 steps. Beach charges are not included ■ c.10-minutes' walk from the closest supermarket. Larger supermarkets are a 5km drive ■ c.25-minutes' walk uphill to Taormina's historic centre (steep in parts) ■ Parking payable locally c.50 Euros per week. Free parking outside the gates.

**Notes:** Weekly linen charge and final cleaning included ■ Reception is open between 09:00-20:00.

**Minimum stay:** 7 nights  
**Arrivals:** Saturday

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Studio, flights to Catania with British Airways and private transfers. Single room supplement on request.

Terra Rossa Apartments	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
Studio	£469	£533	£541	£535
1-bedroom apartment	£395	£443	£449	£444

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.





Castelmola Syracuse



## Hotel Villa Sonia, Castelmola

- Airport: 73km Catania ■ 4-star hotel ■ Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool ■ Air-conditioning

This charming family-run hotel is located at the entrance to the delightful mountain top village of Castelmola. The village offers a good selection of bars and restaurants and the Hotel Villa Sonia is just a short, uphill, stroll from the main street where guests will delight at the spectacular views towards Mount Etna and Taormina. The hotel rooms are nicely decorated in a typical Sicilian style, with many antique furnishings and all with modern facilities.

The hotel is authentic in its hospitality where clients' needs are well catered for ensuring that they have a most enjoyable stay. The highly personalised service is complemented by the traditional home-cooked Sicilian dishes. For those who do not want to venture out too far, the hotel offers an attractive swimming pool and terrace with a shaded bar and restaurant.

**Accommodation:** 44 air-conditioned rooms including classic rooms, superior rooms, deluxe rooms and suites ■ All rooms have bathroom (shower, a few rooms have a bath), hairdryer, satellite TV, telephone, safe deposit box and minibar ■ Air-conditioning included 15Jul-16Sep only ■ Classic rooms have a balcony or terrace, some have Etna view ■ Superior rooms have a balcony or terrace with a view of Mount Etna and the sea. Some superior rooms will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child ■ Deluxe rooms have a Jacuzzi, a large balcony or terrace with Etna view and will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child ■ The 'Etna' suite has a double bed, bathroom (bath and shower), separate living room with double sofa bed for two children and a large terrace ■ The 'Venere' suite is one large room with a double bed, one single bed, two separate shower rooms and a large balcony with pool and Etna view.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast - served on the terrace during the summer months ■ Refined restaurant 'Parco Reale' ■ Bar ■ Wine cellar ■ Internet connection (payable locally) ■ Lift ■ Outdoor swimming pool (12 x 5m) open Apr-Oct ■ Sauna ■ Solarium ■ Parking payable locally c.4 Euros per day ■ Daily bus service to Taormina (07:20-18:45) ■ Free shuttle service to Taormina (twice daily) ■ A taxi (c.10-minutes' drive) to Taormina costs c.15 Euros.

**Minimum stay:** 3 nights  
**Open:** 15Mar-30Oct11

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Classic room with balcony or terrace and Etna view, flights to Catania with British Airways and private transfers. Single room supplement on request.

Hotel Villa Sonia	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Oct
	£869	£869	£888	£874

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



## Hotel Villa Sirina, Taormina-Mare

- Airport: 68km Catania ■ 4-star hotel ■ Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool ■ Air-conditioning

The Hotel Villa Sirina is a family-run property situated on the slopes directly below the historic centre of Taormina. Surrounded by a garden of bay trees and a citrus orchard, this restored country home has been converted into a small, intimate hotel offering a warm, friendly environment.

Guests can take breakfast on the open terrace facing the pool and dine at a number of fine restaurants located in Taormina (c.1km) – the local bus stops every half hour just 600 metres from the property on its way up to Taormina. Alternatively, choose from one of the many pizzerias, trattorias and restaurants stretching along Giardini-Naxos' waterfront (c.600 metres).

**Accommodation:** 15 air-conditioned standard rooms and 1 junior suite ■ All rooms have bathroom (shower, only 2 with bath), hairdryer, minibar, safe deposit box, satellite TV, telephone, internet connection (payable locally) and balcony or terrace ■ Air-conditioning included at preset times 15Jun-30Sep ■ Some rooms interconnect ■ 10 rooms have a distant sea view (sea view room supplements payable locally 15 Euros per room per night – subject to availability) and 5 have inland hill view ■ Many rooms will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child ■ The junior suite is open-plan with a small designated sitting area, bathroom (bath and separate shower) and a small covered terrace.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast - served on the terrace during the summer months ■ TV and reading room ■ WIFI internet connection (payable locally) available throughout the hotel ■ Outdoor swimming pool (10.50 x 5.50m) open May-Oct ■ Pool bar ■ Sun terrace partly shaded by trees ■ Free parking ■ Taormina can be reached by hire car, taxi (c. 15 Euros) or bus (c.1 Euro). There is a bus stop directly outside of the property ■ A local taxi from Villa Sirina to Giardini-Naxos costs c.15 Euros each way ■ 500m walk to the closest restaurant ■ c. 15-minutes' walk to shops in Giardini-Naxos

**Minimum stay:** 3 nights  
**Open:** 01Apr-31Oct11

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

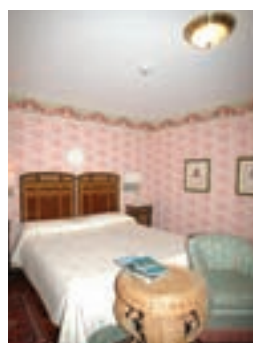
Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room, flights to Catania with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement on request.

Hotel Villa Sirina	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Oct
	£795	£892	£811	£896

**Special Offer:** Couples celebrating their honeymoon, and staying a minimum of 5 nights, receive a complimentary bottle of Spumante in their room on arrival.  
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Mount Etna



## Hotel Villa Paradiso dell' Etna, San Giovanni La Punta

- Airports: 25km Catania ■ 4-star hotel ■ Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool ■ Air-conditioning

This charming old-fashioned Villa is set in its own parkland at the foothills of Mount Etna. The hotel, which first opened in 1927, was occupied by Rommel's army during World War II and then was used as a military hospital before reopening to the public in the late 1940's. It has been beautifully restored, in keeping with its original design, with Liberty décor, frescoed walls, rich antique furnishings and romantic fireplaces. This small, stylish property is an ideal base from which to visit Mount Etna.

**Accommodation:** 34 air-conditioned rooms including single rooms, standard rooms and suites ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath or shower), hairdryer, satellite and Pay TV, telephone, complimentary internet connection, safe deposit box, minibar, French balcony and a view of Mount Etna or the gardens ■ The suites, two with Mount Etna view and two with pool view, have a Jacuzzi, a separate living room and will accommodate two extra beds for children ■ Rooms on the lower floor have a larger balcony with garden view.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Restaurant 'La Pigna' serves traditional Sicilian cuisine and opens on to a garden terrace ■ Comfortable lounges ■ Wine cellar ■ Panoramic roof terrace with view of Mount Etna ■ Lift ■ Outdoor swimming pool (14 x 7m) open May-Oct and heated Apr-May and 21Sep-20Oct ■ Fitness centre with free use of a sauna and mini gym ■ Piano-bar (August) ■ Free parking ■ c.10-minutes' drive to the beaches (rocky) at Acireale ■ 10km from Catania centre ■ c.40-minutes' drive from 'Il Picciolo' golf club. Clients of the Hotel Villa Paradiso dell'Etna receive a 20% reduction off the green fees ■ Every Sunday (Jun-Sep) there is a disco in the adjacent park with buffet meal (payable locally).

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room with balcony, flights to Catania with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement on request.

Villa Paradiso dell'Etna	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£838	£880	£820	£880

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



## Hotel Romano Palace, Catania

- Airport: 1.6km Catania ■ 5-star hotel ■ Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool ■ Air-conditioning

Hotel Romano Palace stands in a privileged position, across the road from a fine sandy beach, in private parkland covering 25,000m<sup>2</sup>. This stylish property features a traditional Mediterranean exterior with a vast atrium fashioned with vaulted arches and rustic furnishings. Each of the beautifully furnished guest rooms, located on two floors, have a balcony or terrace. Within the gardens are several comfortable seating areas and a large outdoor swimming pool and whirlpool. A good base for exploring Catania, Mount Etna and the east coast of Sicily.

**Accommodation:** 104 air-conditioned rooms including classic rooms, superior rooms, deluxe rooms and suites ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath and/or shower), hairdryer, satellite TV and Pay TV, telephone, radio alarm, complimentary WIFI internet connection, safe deposit box, minibar and balcony or terrace ■ Classic rooms overlook either the 'Boschetto della Playa' or the hotel's parking area ■ Superior rooms overlook the hotel garden and the Arab Fountain ■ Deluxe rooms have a terrace overlooking the swimming pool ■ Some classic rooms and deluxe rooms will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child ■ Suites have a Jacuzzi.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ 'Il Coriandolo' gourmet restaurant serves a range of Sicilian dishes accompanied by an extensive wine list ■ 'Posidonia' restaurant offering a selection of Mediterranean and international dishes ■ Lounge ■ Piano bar serving light snacks ■ Complimentary WIFI internet connection in the public areas ■ Lift ■ Outdoor swimming pool (8 x 18m) open Apr-Oct ■ Pool bar (Jun-Sep) ■ Complimentary hotel shuttle service to the centre of Catania ■ Local taxi from the hotel to the town centre (5km) is c.15 Euro each way ■ Free secure parking.

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Classic room, flights to Catania with British Airways and private transfers. Single room supplement on request.

Hotel Romano Palace	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£695	£740	£736	£744

**Special Offers:** Couples celebrating their honeymoon receive a complimentary bottle of Spumante in their room on arrival ■ Stay 7 nights pay 6 nights.

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



Syracuse



Syracuse



## Grand Hotel Ortigia, Syracuse

- Airport: 50km Catania
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Air-conditioning

Located a few metres from the sea in the fabulous historic centre of Ortigia Island, the Grand Hotel Ortigia epitomises an elegant era long since passed. The hotel was renovated and refurbished in the original 'Liberty' décor, so maintaining its unique atmosphere.

**Accommodation:** 58 air-conditioned rooms including single rooms, standard rooms, junior suites, a senior suite and a deluxe suite ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath and/or shower), hairdryer, satellite TV, telephone, radio, safe deposit box and minibar ■ 11 standard rooms, 7 junior suites and the deluxe suite have a sea view ■ All rooms on the third floor have a balcony (three also have sea

view) ■ The junior suites have a living area on the ground floor and bedroom on a mezzanine floor and some will accommodate two extra beds for children ■ The deluxe suite has a mezzanine floor and two bathrooms, one with Jacuzzi.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Bar 'Athena' ■ Internet connection (payable locally) at reception ■ Lift ■ 'Piccolo Museum' displaying columns from the original structure ■ Roof garden restaurant with superb views of Porto Grande ■ Private sandy beach, which can be reached by car (c.20-minutes) or by a public shuttle boat (mid Jun–mid Sep) payable locally c.5 Euros return ■ Free parking.



### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room, flights to Catania with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement on request.

Grand Hotel Ortigia	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£1023	£1023	£981	£1029

**Special Offers:** Couples celebrating their honeymoon or anniversary receive a complimentary bottle of Spumante in their room on arrival.

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



## Hotel des Etrangers et Miramare, Syracuse

- Airport: 50km Catania
- 5-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Air-conditioning

The Hotel des Etrangers et Miramare occupies a privileged and panoramic position on the sea front of the Ortigia island, close to both the Cathedral square and San Rocco square. Decorated throughout in liberty style and with pieces of antique furniture, this elegant hotel boasts a classic, yet comfortable and homely atmosphere and attention to detail is apparent throughout. One of the highlights of the hotel is the wonderful panoramic restaurant and roof-top terrace, which afford magnificent views over Porto Grande harbour. This is the perfect place from which to watch the sunset and unwind after a day exploring this fascinating medieval city.

**Accommodation:** 78 air-conditioned rooms including guest rooms plus with side sea view, deluxe rooms and junior suites ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath and/or shower), hairdryer, telephone, minibar, satellite TV, WIFI internet connection (payable locally) and safe deposit box ■ Some guest rooms plus have a French balcony ■ Deluxe rooms have a Jacuzzi bath and French balcony with views over Porto Grande harbour and the sea ■ The junior suites have a designated living area and French balcony with views over Porto Grande harbour and the sea ■ Deluxe rooms and junior suites will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Panoramic roof terrace with a 'Roof Garden' restaurant serving traditional Mediterranean cuisine. Average cost of a meal is 80 Euros per person for a 4-course meal ■ TV lounge and bar ■ Lift ■ Bike hire on request ■ c.2-minutes' walk to the Cathedral and Piazza Duomo ■ c.5-minutes' walk to bars, restaurants and shops ■ c.15-minutes' drive to the archaeological park ■ c.20-minutes' by boat to the beach ■ Syracuse train station is 2km away ■ Metered parking - pay and display (blue lines) or limited free parking (white lines).

**Minimum stay:** 3 nights between 01Apr-30Jun11 and 01Aug-31Oct11

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Guest room plus with side sea view, flights to Catania with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement on request.

Hotel des Etrangers et Miramare	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£725	£725	£618	£654

**Special Offers:** Stay 4 nights pay 3 nights ■ Stay 7 nights pay 5 nights.

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.





Syracuse



La Rosa sul Mare, Syracuse



## Grand Hotel Villa Politi, Syracuse

- Airport: 50km Catania ■ 4-star hotel ■ Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool ■ Air-conditioning

This beautifully remodelled hotel, originally constructed in 1862 by the Politi family, is situated within the ancient park of Latomie dei Cappuccini just minutes from the archaeological sites of Neapolis, which include the Greek theatre and the Roman Amphitheatre.

The hotel is extremely proud of its history. In 1955, the Grand Hotel Villa Politi welcomed Sir Winston Churchill and today, the room in which he stayed has been modernised to create a spacious suite with views over the ancient limestone quarries to the front of the hotel. The Italian royal family also stayed at the property in 1933 and a picture taken during this visit is included in the hotel's brochure. Care has been taken to retain the original beauty and character of the property.

**Accommodation:** 100 air-conditioned rooms including single rooms, standard rooms, superior rooms, deluxe rooms, junior suites and suites ■ All rooms are elegantly furnished and have bathroom (bath or shower), hairdryer, satellite TV, telephone, safe deposit box and minibar ■ The deluxe rooms are spacious and have a Jacuzzi ■ Rear rooms have views over the pool and front rooms face the quarries ■ Due to the age of the building all rooms vary in size ■ Many rooms will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child.

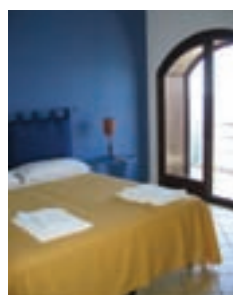
**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Restaurant specialising in traditional Sicilian cuisine ■ Lounge area ■ Bar ■ Lift ■ Outdoor swimming pool (32 x 9m) open Apr-Oct ■ Sun terrace and pool bar ■ Free parking ■ 1km from the archaeological sites of Neapolis ■ 2km from the historical centre of Ortigia island.

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room, flights to Catania with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement on request.

Grand Hotel Villa Politi	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£595	£677	£615	£681

**Special Offers:** Couples celebrating their honeymoon or anniversary receive a complimentary bottle of Spumante in their room on arrival ■ Stay 7 nights pay 6 nights ■ Stay 14 nights pay 12 nights ■ Stay 5 nights pay 4 nights between 01May-30Jun11 and 01Sep-31Oct11. Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



## La Rosa sul Mare, Syracuse

- Airport: 50km Catania ■ 4-star Aparthotel ■ Self Catering
- Outdoor swimming pool ■ Air-conditioning

La Rosa sul Mare apartments are located on the borders of the national park of Plemmirio di Syracuse, famed for its white rock cliffs and spacious terraces overlooking the Ionian Sea. The property consists of nine apartments, each of which has been beautifully renovated to provide a high standard of accommodation. Surrounded by well-maintained Mediterranean gardens and within easy walking distance of the rocky sea-shore (a flight of steps lead down from the property), this property is the perfect base for those wishing to relax by the pool, yet within easy reach of the historic town of Syracuse (7km).

### Accommodation:

**One studio (sleeps 2):** The studio, located in front of the pool, has a double bedroom, bathroom (shower), hairdryer, corner kitchenette (4 electric hobs, cooker and fridge-freezer), satellite TV, telephone, safe deposit box and balcony and/or terrace with garden or sea view.

**Six 1-bedroom apartments (sleeps 2+2):** A double bedroom, bathroom (shower), hairdryer, living room with double sofa bed, fully equipped kitchenette (4 electric hobs, cooker and fridge-freezer), satellite TV, telephone, safe deposit box and balcony with garden or sea view.

**Two 2-bedroom apartments (sleeps 4+2):** Two double bedrooms, two bathrooms (shower), hairdryer, living room with double sofa bed, fully equipped kitchenette (4 electric hobs, electric cooker and fridge-freezer), satellite TV, telephone, safe deposit box and terrace with garden or sea view.



**Notes:** Weekly change of linen included ■ Final cleaning payable locally c.35 Euros per unit ■ Air-conditioning is provided free of charge for a maximum of 6-hours per day. If air-conditioning is required for a longer period of time, a local charge of 10 Euros per day is applicable ■ Refundable breakage deposit of 150 Euros (cash) is payable on arrival.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Sunbathing platform on the rocky shore (summer months) with parasols and deck chairs ■ Outdoor swimming pool open May-Oct ■ Laundry facilities ■ Mini market 300m ■ Closest restaurant is 1km drive ■ c.10-minutes' drive from the sandy beaches at Fontane Bianche and Arenella ■ Free parking, except for secure parking where a charge of c.50 Euros per week is required.

**Minimum stay:** 7 nights (Saturday arrivals only)

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Studio or 4-sharing a Two bedroom apartment, flights to Catania with British Airways and car hire (Group A – 2 sharing – or Group C – 4-sharing - see page 108).

#### La Rosa sul Mare

	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
Studio	£524	£762	£835	£812
Two-bedroom apartment	£404	£545	£618	£596

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



Hotel Villa Gussio Nicoletti



## Hotel Villa Gussio Nicoletti, Leonforte

- Airports: 82km Catania/184km Palermo
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pools
- Air-conditioning



**H**otel Villa Gussio Nicoletti, is a listed building of historical importance dating back to the 1900's. The property is set in the rural heartland of Sicily, amidst the hills of Enna and several natural park reserves. It was one of the largest producers of Sicilian wine of the 18th century. Today, it operates as a spa hotel offering a high standard of accommodation within a splendid Sicilian estate.

**Accommodation:** 49 air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms and junior suites, divided between three buildings - the Villa, Hotel and Sicilian Baglio ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath or shower), hairdryer, satellite TV, telephone, safe deposit box, internet connection (payable locally), minibar and garden or pool view ■ The standard rooms have a shower ■ The junior suites have a Jacuzzi.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Trattoria and Pizzeria with wood burning oven ■ Wine bar ■ 'Il Torchio' restaurant serving traditional à la carte Sicilian cuisine. Average price of a meal is 40 Euros per person ■ Library ■ 'Isolotto' (1400m<sup>2</sup>)

lagoon-style swimming pool with sun terrace and pool bar ■ 'Clotilde' swimming pool (20 x 9m) with sun terrace ■ Beauty spa 'Principessa Angelica' with Jacuzzi, Turkish bath and treatment rooms offering thermal treatments and massages ■ 14 hectare estate ■ 25km from Enna and 45km from Piazza Armerina ■ The village of Leonforte is 12km away ■ Free parking.

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room, flights to Catania with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement on request.

Hotel Villa Gussio Nicoletti	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£741	£741	£950	£924

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



## Hotel Palazzo Failla, Modica

- Airport: 110km Catania
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Air-conditioning



**L**ocated in the historic heart of Modica Alta, this elegant boutique hotel is housed in an 18th century building with an ornate baroque façade. The antique furnishings, frescoed ceilings and original flooring make for a charming property full of hidden gems. There are seven guest rooms, located on two floors, each individually designed with decorative furniture and colourful ceramic floors. The junior suite, decorated in Venetian style, has a beautiful frescoed ceiling with Liberty-style chandeliers. Guests can enjoy Sicilian dishes in the restaurant, and coffees, pastries and wine in the adjoining café bar. Tastings of typical chocolate from Modica, local excursions and excellent personal service make this hotel an ideal choice to explore an area of Sicily off the beaten tourist track.

**Accommodation:** 10 air-conditioned rooms including single rooms, classic rooms, superior rooms, deluxe rooms and a junior suite ■ All rooms have bathroom (shower), hairdryer, satellite and Pay TV, telephone, complimentary WIFI internet connection, safe deposit box and minibar ■ The classic and single rooms have sloped attic ceilings ■ One classic and one single room can be closed off for a family or friends ■ One superior room has a small terrace ■ One deluxe room is adorned with ceramic floor tiles ■ The junior suite has a designated seating area with single sofa bed and two balconies ■ Lift to the second floor. Two rooms are accessed by a further six steps.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Restaurant 'La Gazza Ladra' opens on to a terrace serving Sicilian and international cuisine ■ 'Caffe Blandini' offers a choice of afternoon tea, espresso coffee, Sicilian ice cream and a selection of fine wines and delicious cakes ■ Small roof garden ■ Massage room for Shiatsu treatment (payable locally) ■ c.15-minutes' walk (down 285 steps) to Corso Umberto main shopping street ■ Valet parking (c. 12 Euros per day) ■ Nearby points of interest: Castello dei Conti (200m), Duomo di San Giorgio (300m), Cava d'Ispica grottos (4km), Ragusa Ibla (9km) and Donna Fugata Castle (20km).

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Classic room, flights to Catania with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement on request.

Hotel Palazzo Failla	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£585	£585	£562	£685

**Special Offers:** Stay 4 nights pay 3 nights between 01Jan-28Feb11, 01-15Jul11 and 01-30Nov11 ■ Clients staying a minimum of 3 nights receive a complimentary evening meal per person (drinks excluded).

\* Offers are not cumulative

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



Nebrodi Mountains



Capo d'Orlando Marina



## Casali di Margello, Capo d'Orlando

- Airports: 160km Palermo/171km Catania
- Agriturismo
- Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pools



The Casali di Margello farm is perched in the Nebrodi hills in the Fitalia valley, a corner of the 'real Sicily', where traditional Sicilian hospitality is preserved. The estate stretches over 55 hectares of rolling hills 300m above sea level and shaded by a profusion of olive groves and orchards of chestnut, walnut and citrus trees.

Accommodation is offered in various farmhouses, built in the early 1800's, that have been restored in keeping with their original architecture. The eight tasteful yet simply furnished guest rooms have wooden ceiling beams and terracotta floors. A restaurant and bar are housed in the old Oil Mill with the original presses and equipment on display. Between the guest rooms and the Oil Mill is a swimming pool (6 x 12m) open May-Oct and a second swimming pool (6 x 15m) is located 500 metres away.

**Accommodation:** 8 rooms, all with bathroom (shower), hairdryer, satellite TV, mini fridge and heater ■ Some rooms (Capriata, Ulivo, Forno and Mangiatoia) will accommodate two extra beds, on a mezzanine level, for children ■ Three rooms, Ulivo, Mangiatoria and Pecoraio, are located 500m from the restaurant and bar, close to the second swimming pool ■ Linen change every 2 to 3 days ■ Daily cleaning and change of hand towels.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Barbecue in the garden for client's use ■ The family Costanzo-Ciminata produce their own olive oil and grow herbs which are used in the preparation of the regional dishes offered in the restaurant ■ Bar with panoramic terrace with views over the surrounding countryside ■ Well maintained gardens ■ Two outdoor swimming pools set 500m apart (6 x 12m and 6 x 15m) open May-Oct ■ Excursions to the Nebrodi park and the Aeolian islands can be arranged locally ■ Historic sites within easy reach are Messina (100km), Taormina (103km), Etna (50km), Milazzo (85km) ■ 5km from the village of San Salvatore ■ 15km from Capo d'Orlando ■ Please note due to the large number of steps this property is not suitable for those with walking difficulties ■ Free parking.

**Minimum stay:** 2 nights; 3 nights between 02Apr-31Jul11 and 31Aug-10Dec11 and 7 nights between 01-30Aug11.

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room, flights to Catania with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement on request.

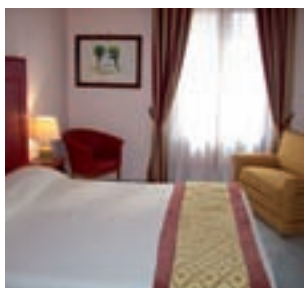
Casali di Margello	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£659	£659	£682	£662

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



## Hotel Il Mulino, Capo d'Orlando

- Airport: 175 Palermo/193km Catania
- 3-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Air-conditioning



Hotel Il Mulino is centrally located on the beachfront in the small seaside resort of Capo d'Orlando. This prime position affords direct access to a 14km stretch of sandy beach and excellent views towards the Aeolian Islands - namely Lipari, Vulcano, Salina, Alicudi and Filicudi. The hotel is also within good striking distance of a shopping area with bars, restaurants and a train station. Capo d'Orlando is an ideal base from which to explore the scenic north coast and the tiny hilltop villages set in the rolling valleys of the Nebrodi National Park.

**Accommodation:** 99 air-conditioned rooms including single rooms, standard rooms, triple rooms and mini suites ■ All rooms have bathroom (shower), hairdryer, satellite TV (some with Pay TV), telephone, safe deposit box, WIFI internet connection (payable locally), minibar and French balcony ■ Single rooms have a French bed ■ 20 standard rooms have a sea view ■ The mini suites, which have no particular view, have a separate lounge which will accommodate extra beds for an adult or two children.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Restaurant serving regional and Mediterranean cuisine ■ Bar and lounge ■ Computer access in lounge area (payable locally) ■ Two lifts ■ Beach equipment payable locally - parasols and deck chairs (c.5 Euros per day), sun-loungers (c.6 Euros per day) and beach towels (c.3 Euros per person per day) ■ Free parking available on the sea front ■ Parking garage within 200m (payable locally c.5 Euros per day when booked through the hotel) ■ c.300m from the train station – day trips to Cefalu and Palermo possible ■ Daily boat excursions from Capo d'Orlando to the Aeolian islands (mid June to mid Sept) c.1-hour 15-minutes. Visit Vulcano for c.35 Euros pp and Stromboli for c. 60 Euros pp.

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room, flights to Catania with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement.

Hotel Il Mulino	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£593	£593	£636	£595

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



Residence Galati



Residence Galati



## Residence Galati, Capo d'Orlando

- Airport: 175 Palermo/ 193km Catania
- Apartments
- Self Catering
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Air-conditioning

Located on the hillside above the charming seaside resort of Capo d'Orlando, the Residence Galati is a collection of modern apartments and villas set within their own private estate. Each spacious air-conditioned unit has a fully equipped kitchen and living room with dining table and comfortable seating. Within the extensive grounds is an outdoor swimming pool equipped with parasols and sun-loungers, a children's play area and an amphitheatre for live performances in the summer. Guests wanting to spend the day by the sea in Capo d'Orlando can use the facilities at the Hotel Il Mulino, located opposite the beach, in the centre of the town.

**Accommodation:** 12 air-conditioned buildings: Three units with 4 two-bedroom apartments and 1 one-bedroom apartment and 9 units with 2 two-bedroom apartments, all with private entrance ■ All apartments have a bathroom (shower), hairdryer, living room with kitchenette, dining table and comfortable seating, TV, telephone, balcony or terrace and private parking ■ All apartments will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Outdoor swimming pool (15 x 9m) open Apr–Oct with parasols and sun-loungers ■ Children's play area ■ Open-air amphitheatre with live performances in summer ■ Small shop at reception selling basic food items – deliveries on request and payable locally ■ Complimentary shuttle bus service to the long sandy beach, stretching 14km, at Capo d'Orlando ■ Daily boat excursions from Capo d'Orlando to the Aeolian islands (mid June to mid Sept) c.1-hour 15-minutes journey. Visit Vulcano for c.35 Euros per person or Stromboli for c. 60 Euros per person ■ 5km to Capo d'Orlando and the train station – day trips to Cefalu and Palermo possible ■ Visit the Nebrodi National Park where it is possible to enjoy mountain walks along valleys, lakes, rivers and tiny historical villages and taste the very best of traditional Sicilian food and wine.

**Minimum stay:** 7 nights  
**Arrivals:** Saturday

**Notes:** A refundable deposit of 100 Euros per apartment is payable upon arrival ■ Electricity usage payable on departure ■ Final cleaning included.

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a One bedroom apartment or 4-sharing a Two bedroom apartment, flights to Catania with British Airways and car hire (Group A – 2 sharing – or Group C – 4-sharing - see page 108).

Residence Galati	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
One-bedroom apartment	£402	£402	£498	£402
Two-bedroom apartment	£347	£347	£391	£348

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.





Syracuse

## Eastern Sicily

**S**icily may be Italian but that does not mean that she is tied to the 'mother' country by its apron strings. No, Sicily is an island unto herself, individual, formidable and often quite beautiful.

### Catania

For all its Baroque grandeur, the city and capital of Sicily, is not frequented by the same number of tourists who flock to Syracuse and Taormina. Most people briefly pass through Catania on their way to Mount Etna or Syracuse. That is unfortunate because, Catania has something to offer those willing to unveil its historic treasures. The city has two Roman amphitheatres and an Odeon; Ursino Castle is a 13th century coastal fortress, located in Piazza Federico di Svevia, and houses a museum; and many of Catania's wide streets and wonderful palaces date from the 18th century. There are two large street markets that are particularly interesting and sell everything from food and clothing to traditional handicrafts.

Catania is also a good point for making connections to other places when travelling by train or bus. There are fairly frequent train departures to Taormina, Syracuse, Messina and the mainland.

### Mount Etna

Known locally, simply, as 'the mountain', Europe's greatest natural wonder is a living, sacred mountain of legend and myth. Mount Etna is Sicily's highest peak at approximately 3320 metres, its height changes with each eruption. It is not generally regarded as being particularly dangerous as thousands of people live on its slopes and in the surrounding areas, but it has been destructive in the past. Visits to its summit are not always possible

but when permitted are a thrilling experience. Take a jeep excursion to the upper regions, which are covered with snow for four months of the year. Dress warmly in summer too; it's always cool at the top.

### Nebrodi Mountains

The Nebrodi Mountains host a unique and wonderful ecosystem, marked by thick woods, high pastures, an abundance of lakes, rivers and natural springs, and a wide variety of plants and animals. To the west are the Madonie Mountains, to the east the Peloritani Mountains, to the north the Tyrrhenian Sea and the Aeolian Islands, and to the south the mighty Mount Etna.

This lush green mountainous region offers the great beauty and elegance of the Nebrodi Griffon and Golden Eagle. Small medieval villages retain age-old traditions and typical produce, from Nebrodian black swine sausages to local cheeses, are particularly tasty and renowned. From here you can visit one of the many splendid Tyrrhenian beaches, inlets and resorts such as Capo d'Orlando, Brolo and Tindari.

### Piazza Armerina

Villa Romana del Casale, located 5km outside the town of Piazza Armerina, is an imposing Roman Villa and one of the most luxurious of its kind containing the richest, largest and most complex collection of Roman mosaics in the world. This ancient site, inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List, is definitely worth a visit.

### Taormina

Some would say that, despite the crowds in summer, Taormina is indisputably the loveliest resort in Sicily. Few places can match its superb, natural position

perched on a series of high terraces overhung with semi-tropical gardens, surveying a breathtakingly beautiful coastline. There is a cable-car (c.2 Euros each way) that runs down to the shingle/rock beaches of Mazzaro. The sand beaches of Giardini Naxos and Letojanni are both easily reached by bus.

In addition to the fantastic beaches, the town itself has winding medieval streets and tiny alleyways which hide great restaurants, cafés and ice cream bars. Locally, the Greco-Roman theatre, the Odeon and the medieval palaces and churches provide a great deal of interest. A trip to the spitting crater of Mount Etna (when the mountain is not erupting) is an unforgettable experience and Taormina is well situated for day trips to Catania, the Aeolian islands and the historically wealthy town of Syracuse. For those who hire a car, the coastline between Catania and Taormina is home to many fishing villages like Acitrezza and Acireale with excellent restaurants serving a variety of sea foods.

### Syracuse

Syracuse and the old town centre of the city, Ortigia, have been appointed as UNESCO World Heritage Site and is a must for anyone visiting Sicily. A city of amazing culture and history, Syracuse is unsurpassed for its ancient architecture. Castello Maniace, an impressive fortification standing on the tip of Ortigia Island, guards one of Syracuse's two ports - the views across the sea from here are superb. Then there is Piazza del Duomo, considered to be one of Italy's most beautiful piazzas, which is home to the city's ancient and splendid Duomo. The old town on Ortigia Island is a compact area of small, narrow streets, ideal for exploring.



Syracuse



Nebrodi mountains

## Regular Excursions from Taormina

Sicily is a fascinating island steeped in history and with many spectacular sites. In order to make the most of your stay on this Mediterranean island why not opt for a private or public tour? The following public coach tours can be pre-booked with Sunvil or arranged locally.

Regular Excursions	Price (per person)
Agrigento & Piazza Armerina (Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday 06:00-19:30)	£53.00 adult £27.00 child
Valle dell'Etna & Alcantara (Sunday 07:30-17:00)	£85.00 adult £43.00 child
Palermo & Monreale (Wednesday & Saturday 05:45-19:30)	£58.00 adult £29.00 child
Panarea & Stromboli, Aeolian Islands (Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday 09:30-24:00)	£90.00 adult £45.00 child
Syracuse (Monday & Thursday 07:30-17:00)	£47.00 adult £24.00 child
Vulcano & Lipari, Aeolian Islands (Monday, Wednesday & Friday 06:30-19:00)	£69.00 adult £35.00 child

### Notes

1. Child age 2-12 years.
2. Entrance fees are not included in our prices and are payable locally. Clients aged 18 years or under and 65 years or over gain free entry (passport required locally as proof of age).
3. The departure dates and times are subject to change. Please check at the time of booking.



Mount Etna



Syracuse

## Private Excursions from Taormina and Syracuse

Guided visits are highly recommended for all those who wish to gain more than just a superficial impression of their destination. The expert guides are enthusiastic, extremely knowledgeable and provide fascinating insights into the past and present of their home town or the archaeological site. Choose from:

Regular Excursions	Duration
Catania	4-hours
Etna	4-hours
Noto	4-hours
Etna & Taormina	8-hours
Noto & Modica	8-hours
Syracuse	8-hours
Piazza Armerina & Agrigento	8-hours
Piazza Armerina & Caltagirone	8-hours
Agrigento	8-hours
Palermo	8-hours

**Notes** Prices (on request) vary depending on the number of people and the dates of the tour. Local guides will meet clients at the archeological sites. Please ask us for a quotation.

## Tailor-made holidays in Sicily

We have outlined three itineraries below, but these are merely suggestions and can be modified to suit individual requirements. Itineraries in Sicily using car, private transfers or trains, or a combination of the three, can be arranged. Multi-centre holidays with mainland Italy, Sicily and Lipari are also possible. Take a short city break in Rome or Sorrento followed by a week in a beautiful Sicilian property – the possibilities are endless!

### Eastern Sicily – 14 nights

Using direct scheduled flights from London Gatwick to Catania with British Airways and including 14 days car hire (airport to airport).

Nights	Accommodation	Location
3	Grand Hotel Ortigia	Syracuse (p 87)
2	Hotel Palazzo Failla	Modica (p 89)
2	Hotel Villa Gussio Nicoletti	Leonforte (p 89)
3	Casali di Margello	Capo d'Orlando (p 90)
4	Hotel Villa Carlotta	Taormina (p 81)

### Eastern Sicily and Lipari – 8 nights

Using direct scheduled flights from London Gatwick to Catania with British Airways and including private transfers.

Nights	Accommodation	Location
4	Hotel Rocce Azzurre	Lipari (p 96)
4	Hotel Villa Paradiso	Taormina (p 80)

### Eastern and Western Sicily – 12 nights

Using direct scheduled flights from London Gatwick to Catania with British Airways and including 12 days car hire (airport to airport).

Nights	Accommodation	Location
3	Grand Hotel Villa Politi	Syracuse (p 88)
3	Hotel della Valle	Agrigento (p 104)
3	Hotel Alberi del Paradiso	Cefalu (p 105)
3	Grand Hotel Miramare	Taormina (p 81)