



Cefalu



# Western Sicily

Palermo – Trapani – Agrigento

Rarely could a contrast be more marked than that between the European architecture and atmosphere of the east coast and the heavy North African influence prevalent in the west.



Today, the ancient and the modern, the gracious and the ugly stand side by side. The traveller often has to seek out what is to be seen and is richly rewarded upon finding it. **Palermo** is one of those intriguing cities of extremes. Graceful palazzos and villas from an era long since past contrast dramatically with modern flats and apartments. The Palace of the Normans - an imposing 12th century cathedral, the gardens of the Villa Giulia and the superb archaeological museum should not be missed.

**Cefalu**, on Sicily's scenic north coast, is a charming seaside resort and fishing village. The name, Cefalu, comes from the Greek for head (Cephalus), given to the craggy rock resembling a head that towers over the town. The Norman cathedral, built in the reign of Roger II in 1131, took 100 years to build and contains some fine examples of Byzantine mosaics.

Perched 750 metres above sea level, west of Palermo, is **Erice**. This well preserved medieval town's origins are shrouded in mystery, part fantasy and part reality. Surrounded by ancient walls, the town is reserved and quiet with magnificent views over the Egadi Islands. Located on the coast below is the small fishing village of Bonagia in Valderice-Mare, home to an impressive 6th century tower 'Torre Saracena' which today houses the Tonnara museum filled with many archaeological treasures

valued among the richest in Sicily. Close-by is the **Zingaro Nature Reserve** - one of the most picturesque and untouched places on the island as well as the well preserved archeological site of **Segesta**.

The towns of **Marsala** and **Mazara del Vallo** are located on Sicily's west coast. Marsala, famed for its sweet desert wine, is an attractive town with arcaded courtyards, high ageing buildings and two excellent museums - Museo Marsala housing archeological finds and Museo degli Arazzi with wonderful hand-stitched wool and silk tapestries depicting the capture of Jerusalem. Whereas the historic centre of Mazara del Vallo, also a major fishing port, houses the Piazza della Repubblica reputed to be one of the most beautiful Baroque squares in Sicily.

Further south is **Selinunte** (24km), one of the most impressive ancient Greek cities in Sicily since the ruins have never been built over. This ancient site retains an air of tranquility and mystery and is set in rolling countryside, on cliffs above the sea. A popular seaside resort, Selinunte boasts some good stretches of rock and sand beaches. A visit to the area would not be complete without a trip to see **Agrigento's** impressive archeological site 'The Valley of the Temples'. There are six Greek Temples including the Temple of Concord which is one of the best preserved Doric Temples of the ancient world.



Marsala



Palermo



## Hotel Centrale Palace, Palermo

- Airport: 30km Palermo / 208km Catania ■ 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast ■ Air-conditioning

This remodelled, 17th century stately home enjoys a privileged location on the busy Corso Vittorio Emanuele, within the historic centre of Palermo. Many of the capital city's historical sites, including the cathedral and the Massimo Theatre, are within walking distance. Attention to detail is apparent throughout this elegant building, from the classical decoration, to the excellent service provided.

**Accommodation:** 104 air-conditioned rooms including single rooms, classic rooms, neo-classical rooms, triple rooms, junior suites and suites ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath or shower), hairdryer, minibar, satellite and Pay TV, telephone, internet connection and safe deposit box ■ Classic rooms are furnished with antiques and some have a french balcony ■ Neo-classic rooms have modern furnishing and some have a terrace ■ 2 junior suites have a private terrace ■ Junior suites have tea/coffee making facilities in the room ■ The suites will accommodate two extra beds for adults or children ■ Due to the age and design of the building, all rooms vary in size.

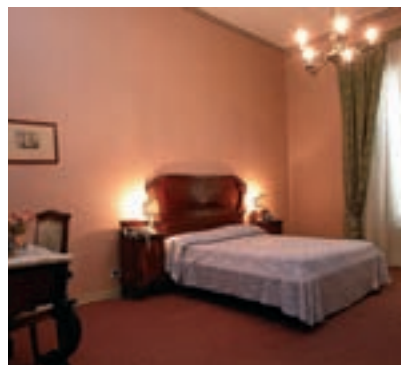
**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Terrace gourmet restaurant affording panoramic views over the roof-tops of Palermo ■ Lounge area ■ Bar ■ Fitness centre ■ Sauna (local charge) ■ Lift ■ Valet parking c.15 Euros per day payable locally ■ Central railway station is 1km away.

### Guideline price £ per person - 3 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Classic room, flights to Catania with British Airways and private transfers. Single room supplement on request. Alternative flights to Palermo with no frill carriers available on request.

Hotel Centrale Palace	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£670	£670	£660	£671

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



## Grand Hotel et des Palmes, Palermo

- Airport: 30km Palermo / 208km Catania ■ 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast ■ Air-conditioning

This elegant hotel, founded in 1874, had several alterations made in 1907 by one of Italy's foremost Art Nouveau architects, Enrico Ragusa. The alterations included the transformation of the foyer, now regarded as Europe's most attractive. Located in the historic city centre, the Grand Hotel has welcomed many famous and powerful political figures and seen several important events in the history of Sicily. The Prime Minister, Francesco Crispi, gave political lectures here in 1881. Richard Wagner finished writing his opera 'Parsifal' during his stay at the hotel and the armchair where the great composer sat is still conserved. The hotel also served as the headquarters of the Italian Allied Forces in 1943 and provided the official residence for General Charles Poletti.

**Accommodation:** 180 air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms, superior rooms, junior suites and suites ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath or shower), hairdryer, satellite TV, minibar and telephone ■ Due to the age and design of the building, all rooms vary in size ■ Many rooms will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ 'La Palmetta' restaurant serves Sicilian and international cuisine ■ 'Il Gattopardo' bar has daily evening musical entertainment ■ Two lifts ■ Parking (c.18 Euros per day payable locally).

### Guideline price £ per person - 3 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room, flights to Catania with British Airways and private transfers. Single room supplement on request. Alternative flights to Palermo with no frill carriers available on request.

Grand Hotel et des Palmes	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£673	£674	£647	£674

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

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Segesta

## Hotel Elimo, Erice

- Airports: 90km Palermo / 322km Catania
- 3-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Air-conditioning



This small, family-run hotel enjoys a central location within the walls of the ancient hilltop town of Erice. Access to a roof-top terrace affords wonderful views over the town, coastline and mountains. The hotel has been furnished in a simple yet homely style offering modern conveniences in comfortable surroundings.

Located in this 18th century building are well-appointed bedrooms which differ both in size and shape and public rooms nicely furnished with antiques and beautifully scented floral displays. Meals and buffet breakfast are served in the veranda restaurant with views over the spectacular landscape of the Egadi Islands and Mount Cofano promontory.

**Accommodation:** 21 air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms and suites ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath or shower), hairdryer, telephone, satellite TV, minibar and safe deposit box ■ Some rooms have a French balcony ■ The suites are open-plan and split-level with a designated living area with two single sofa beds. One suite has two bathrooms.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Panoramic restaurant serving traditional Italian cuisine ■ Bar ■ Lounge ■ Lift ■ Panoramic roof-top terrace ■ Pretty courtyard area ■ Parking nearby (local charge) ■ 7km from Valderice and 15km from Trapani.

### 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. Alternative flights to Palermo with no frill carriers available on request.

Hotel Elimo	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£778	£778	£805	£782

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## Baglio Vecchio, Selinunte

- Airports: 110km Palermo / 257km Catania
- Agriturismo
- Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Air-conditioning



Set in the silence of the Sicilian countryside, this family-run farmhouse, built in the 18th century, is well situated on the hills which descend from Partanna towards the sea and the ancient city and beach resort of Selinunte (13km). There are ten elegant guest rooms located on three floors with countryside views. Sicilian cuisine can be enjoyed in the dining room of the beautifully restored early 20th century wine cellar.

The farm buildings are set amidst centuries old olive groves and vast vineyards on this 130 hectare estate close to the River Belice. The property offers a wonderful rural setting, in a Mediterranean climate with constant mild temperatures all year round, for a totally relaxing holiday. Guests are invited to walk along various trails on the farm's nature reserve, play table tennis or simply laze about the pool with a good book. A delightful property, despite the owners' lack of English.

**Accommodation:** 10 air-conditioned rooms, all with bathroom (bath or shower), satellite TV and telephone ■ Two rooms (Bouganville and Ginestra) will accommodate two extra beds for children. Bouganville consists of two twin bedrooms ■ One room (Gelsomino which has one double bed and one single sofa bed) will accommodate three people ■ Four rooms on the first floor can be used for a family or group of friends by closing the door to that level ■ Four rooms on the second floor can also be joined in this manner ■ Zagara and Mandorlo on the second floor do not have

an en suite bathroom. The bathrooms (private) are accessed from the corridor.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Restaurant (closed one day a week. Nearest local restaurant is c. 13km) ■ Lounge ■ Kidney shaped outdoor swimming pool (6 x 14m) with views over the olive groves - open Jun-Sep ■ 130 hectare estate producing olive oil and wine ■ Agrigento (100km), Palermo (110km), Trapani (90km) and 13km to the sea ■ The owners (little English spoken) produce their own olive oil and wine ■ There are three dogs and one cat on the property ■ Free parking.

**Minimum stay:** 3 nights between 22-26Apr11, 01-05Jun11, 15Jul-15Sep11 and 08-11Dec11.

### 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. Alternative flights to Palermo with no frill carriers available on request.

Baglio Vecchio	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£578	£578	£597	£580

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Selinunte



Lido Costanza, Mazara del Vallo



## Kempinski Hotel Giardino di Costanza, Mazara del Vallo

- Airports: 90km Palermo / 277km Catania
- 5-star luxury hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Indoor swimming pool
- Air-conditioning

This beautiful property, surrounded by vineyards, olive groves and citrus orchards, is located 6km from Mazara del Vallo, the 'town of 100 churches', an important fishing harbour. The hotel is located 8km from the sea and within easy driving distance of Selinunte (35km), Segesta (60km) and Agrigento (115km). A truly five-star complex, the Giardino di Costanza wonderfully blends the old and the new. It is ideal for those wishing to visit the ancient historic sites of western Sicily yet relax in an oasis of comfort and luxuriate in exclusively designed furnishings.

**Accommodation:** 91 air-conditioned rooms including superior rooms, grand superior rooms, deluxe rooms, junior suites and suites ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath and separate shower), hairdryer, telephone, satellite TV, safe deposit box, minibar and terrace or balcony ■ Superior and grand superior rooms have a view over the inner garden and pool view ■ Grand Superior rooms have a terrace ■ Deluxe rooms have a balcony with vineyard or olive grove view ■ All rooms will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child ■ Some rooms (all twins) interconnect.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ 'Dubbesi' Sicilian gourmet restaurant ■ 'Citrus' pool bar and Saffron bar serving lunch with special kids menu ■ Wine cellar – tastings available ■ Lounge bar serving afternoon tea ■ Reading room ■ Daniela Steiner beauty and relaxation spa (2,100m<sup>2</sup>) with heated, indoor therapeutic pool (25 x 12.50m), 2 saunas, gym and 14 treatment rooms offering a variety of unique innovative treatments using natural products by Jean Klebert

- Boutique selling ceramics and accessories ■ Two lifts ■ Outdoor swimming pool (17 x 750m) and children's pool open Apr-Oct ■ Kid's 'Pony Junior Club' open from 09:00-19:00 for children aged between 4-12yrs old (free of charge) ■ Two tennis courts (free of charge) ■ Mountain bikes (free of charge) ■ Winter garden ■ 100,000m<sup>2</sup> landscaped park ■ Several patios and seating areas ■ Private beach club (c.15-minutes' drive from the hotel) with panoramic, ocean view restaurant and bar ■ A complimentary shuttle service operates between the hotel and lido 'Costanza' (rock/pebble beach) during the summer months. Sunbeds and umbrellas included ■ Free parking.

**Minimum stay:** 3 nights between 21-30Apr11 and 01-31Aug11

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

prices based on 2-sharing a Superior room with inner garden and pool view, flights to Catania with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement on request. Alternative flights to Palermo with no frill carriers available on request.

Kempinski Hotel Giardino di Costanza	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£1168	£1168	£1240	£1207

**Special Offer:** Stay 5 nights pay 4 nights between 01-20Apr11, 01May-30Jun11 and 19Sep-31Oct11.

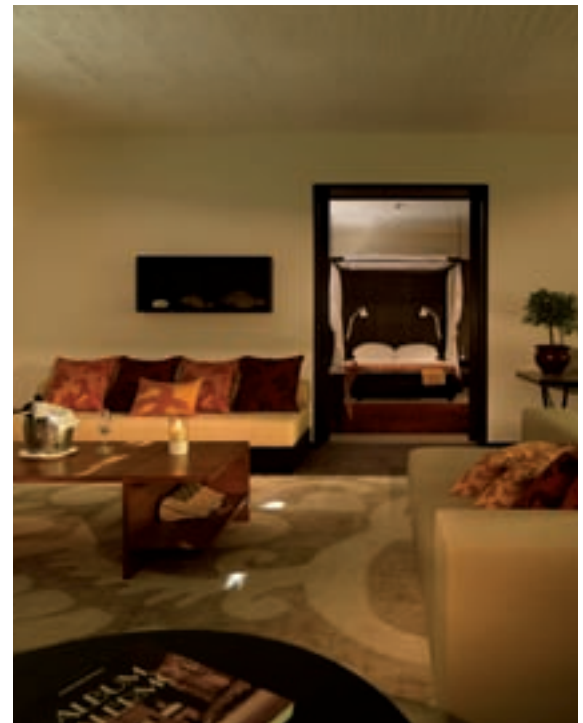
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Palermo



## Hotel Verdura Golf and Spa Resort, Sciacca

- Airport: 133km Palermo
- 5-star deluxe hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Indoor swimming pool
- Air-conditioning

Positioned on the southern shores of Sicily and set within 230 hectares of olive groves and gently rolling countryside the Hotel Verdura Golf & Spa Resort is a wonderful place in which to relax and unwind. In addition to the elegant accommodation, heated outdoor infinity pool and luxury spa, guests can choose between swimming in the clear waters of the Mediterranean or enjoy a round of golf on one of the two championship, 18 hole courses.

The rooms are in two buildings, Courtyard and Landscape, which are woven subtly into the landscape and offer a real sense of privacy and space. Natural materials such as stone, sand, wood and cane echo the traditional architecture of Sicily and rooms make imaginative use of both outdoor and indoor areas.

**Accommodation:** 203 air-conditioned rooms including deluxe rooms, superior rooms, junior suites, classic suites, grand suites and ambassador suites ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath and/or shower), hairdryer, telephone, internet connection (payable locally), satellite TV, safe deposit box, minibar and private terrace with sea view ■ Junior suites, classic suites, grand suites and the ambassador suites will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child ■ Grand, ambassador and presidential suites have a separate lounge ■ Most rooms interconnect.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ 'Buongiorno' restaurant ■ 'La Zagara' à la carte restaurant ■ 'Liola' Sicilian restaurant ■ 'La Granita' bar and 'Torre' bar ■ WIFI internet connection in the public rooms (payable locally) ■ Outdoor swimming pool (60 x 25m) open May-Oct ■ Pool bar serving light lunches during the summer months ■ 'La Galateria' ice cream bar ■ Sun terrace ■ Spa with gym, indoor pool (30 x 25m), sauna, Turkish bath and 4 Thalasso therapy pools ■ 3 golf courses (two 18 hole and one 9 hole course) ■ 6 Tennis courts (clay) ■ Private parking.

**Minimum stay:** 3 nights 22Apr-01May11 and 06-26Aug11.

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Deluxe room, flights to Catania with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement on request. Alternative flights to Palermo with no frill carriers available on request.

Hotel Verdura Golf & Spa Resort	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£1810	£1810	£2116	£2062

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The Valley of the Temples



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## Hotel della Valle, Agrigento

- Airports: 166km Catania/176km Palermo
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Air-conditioning

Surrounded by a large Mediterranean garden, the Hotel della Valle offers a small oasis away from the chaotic centre of Agrigento. Its location outside the city walls, affords panoramic views of the famous 'Valley of the Temples', which are illuminated by night. After a full day sightseeing, what better way to relax than by the pool or being pampered in the hotel's very own spa and wellness centre.

**Accommodation:** 114 rooms including standard rooms, junior suites and suites ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath or shower), hairdryer, telephone, internet connection, satellite TV, safe deposit box and minibar ■ 20 junior suites have a view of the Valley of the Temples ■ Suites have a Jacuzzi ■ Junior suites and suites have a separate lounge and will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ 'Giunone' restaurant serving international cuisine ■ 'Minerva' restaurant serving Sicilian dishes ■ Bar ■ Terrace ■ Mediterranean garden ■ Outdoor swimming pool (20 x 10m) open May–Oct ■ Poolside bar ■ Spa and wellness centre with Turkish bath, sauna and hydro massage pool ■ Lift ■ Free street 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 della Valle	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£645	£645	£666	£647

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## Azienda Fattoria Mosé, Agrigento

- Airports: 166km Catania/176km Palermo
- Agriturismo
- Bed & Breakfast (BB)
- Self Catering (SC)
- Outdoor swimming pool

This is the large country home of the Agnello family, which dates mainly from the 1800s although there is an older tower. Breakfast at the long table in the kitchen may include fresh ricotta cheese, homemade preserves of cherry, apricot, plum and orange, fig, fresh eggs and wonderful crusty bread. Meals include seasonal produce from the land: artichokes, aubergines, courgettes, almonds and pistachios. Dinner may be served on the terrace, under the trees with plenty of local wine. The farm covers some 50-hectares set in the countryside beside the famous Valley of the Temples (six Greek temples ranging from the vast Temple of Jupiter 480BC, to the almost perfect Temple of Concordia) at Agrigento. The house is surrounded by fruit orchards.

### Main House – BB

**Ground floor (sleeps 3) – 2 bedroom unit:** 1 twin and 1 single room with shared en-suite shower room (access is through the single room). Entrance for both rooms is through the twin bedroom ■ Two 1st floor rooms (sleeps 3): 1 twin and 1 single room each with private shower room across the corridor.

### Annexe – SC

**Two 1-bedroom apartments (sleeps 2):** 1 bedroom, bathroom (shower), lounge and kitchenette (gas oven).

**Three 2-bedroom apartments (sleeps 2+2):** 2 bedrooms, bathrooms (shower), lounge and kitchenette (gas oven).

**One 3-bedroom apartment (sleeps 6):** 3 bedrooms, two bathrooms (shower), lounge and kitchenette (gas oven).

**Minimum stay:** 7 nights in the apartments (Saturday arrivals only) and 2 nights in the main house.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Outdoor swimming pool (4x12m) open May–Oct ■ Meals on request locally ■ Azienda Fattoria Mosé supplies Fortnum and Mason in London with olive oil ■ The owners have several cats and a couple of dogs ■ 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.

Fattoria Mosé	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£667	£667	£689	£670

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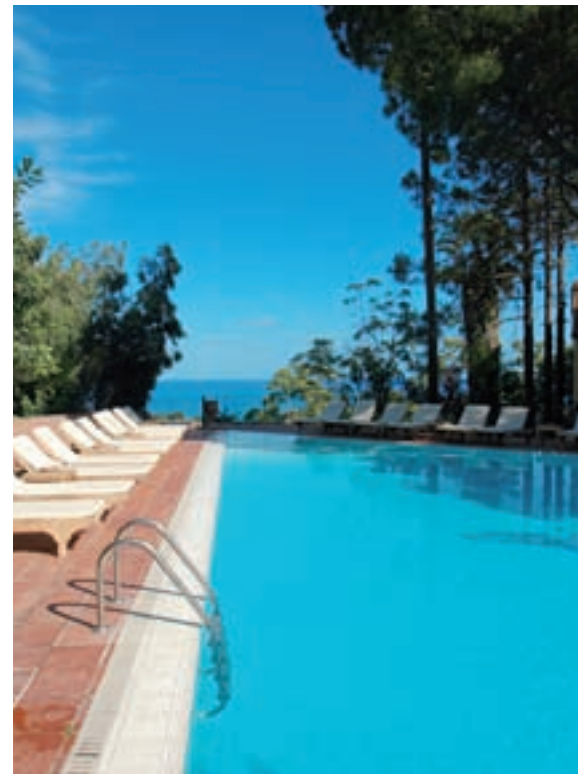




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## Hotel Alberi del Paradiso, Cefalu

- Airports: 90km Palermo/150km Catania
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Air-conditioning

Beautifully set within its own large Mediterranean gardens stands the Alberi del Paradiso, converted from an old manor house into a contemporary styled elegant 4-star hotel. Located on a hillside 800m (20-minutes' walk downhill) from the historic centre of Cefalu, this modern hotel offers comfortable accommodation in a quiet and natural setting. The hotel shuttle bus provides transfers to a private sandy beach and the medieval centre of the pretty fishing village of Cefalu.

**Accommodation:** 55 air-conditioned rooms including club rooms with garden view, superior rooms with balcony and garden view, deluxe rooms with balcony and side sea view, junior suites with a small terrace and sea view and classic suites with balcony and sea view ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath or shower), hairdryer, satellite TV, telephone, internet connection, safe deposit box and minibar ■ The classic suites and the paradise suite have a Jacuzzi ■ The club rooms, deluxe rooms and classic suite will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Restaurant serving traditional Sicilian cuisine. During the summer months, evening meals can be taken on the covered terrace ■ Bar serving snacks ■ Lift ■ Gym ■ Wellness centre with sauna, Turkish bath, Jacuzzi and massage and

beauty area (local charge) ■ Outdoor swimming pool (14 x 10m) open Apr-Oct (Beach towels provided) ■ Tennis court (free of charge) ■ 800m to a private beach club ■ A shuttle service operates between the hotel and 'Paradiso' beach (c.20-minutes' downhill walk) during the summer months ■ Train station is c.20-minutes' walk (regular service to Palermo c. 55-minutes' journey) ■ Free parking.

**Minimum stay:** 3 nights and 7 nights between 02Jul-23Sep11.

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Club room, flights to Catania with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement on request. Alternative flights to Palermo with no frill carriers available on request.

Hotel Alberi del Paradiso	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£756	£756	£866	£842

**Special Offers:** Stay 14 nights pay 12 nights between 02Jan-27May11 and 08Oct-23Dec11 ■ Stay 7 nights pay 6 nights between 02Jan-27May11 and 08Oct-23Dec11 ■ Couples celebrating their honeymoon or anniversary receive a complimentary bottle of Spumante and fruit in their room on arrival.

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



Hotel Relais Sant' Anastasia, Castelbuono



Resuttano

## Monaco di Mezzo, Resuttano

- Airports: 118km Catania/129km Palermo
- Agriturismo
- Bed & Breakfast
- Self Catering
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Air-conditioning



A short distance from the Madonie National Park (20km), set in the midst of a valley cultivated with durum wheat and Eucalyptus forests, this homestead of 160-hectares not only produces excellent organic olive oil and vegetables but also breeds cattle and horses. This 18th century farmhouse has been restored to its original state, retaining the local stone and timber, and is subdivided into a number of well appointed units. At the far end of the farmhouse is the reception, a lounge/library with open fireplace and a large dining room.

Excellent Sicilian cuisine is served at the long dining table and ingredients include fresh, home-made pasta, wild local mushrooms, asparagus and typical ricotta cheese, to name but a few. Vast expanses of rolling countryside and an established network of tracks and bridle-ways make the surrounding area ideal for walkers. Nearby villages worth visiting include Gangi (45km) and Polizzi (23km). This farm enjoys a remote, peaceful and beautiful location.

**Accommodation:** All the apartments have a kitchenette (fridge, electric oven and hobs and a toaster), satellite TV, hairdryer, iron, air-conditioning and heating ■ Welcome pack included (see page 110) ■ For larger parties apartments Bongiorno, Marchese and Capuano interconnect with a standard room.

**Nine Standard rooms – BB (sleeps 2):** Located on the ground or 1st floor and consist of double and bathroom (shower). Some will accommodate an extra bed.

**Four 1-bedroom apartments – SC (sleeps 2+2/3):** All units located on the ground floor and consist of a living room with

double sofa bed and kitchenette. Three apartments have stairs to a mezzanine level bedroom with a double and single bed and bathroom (shower). The fourth apartment is located on one level.

**Two 2-bedroom apartments – SC (sleeps 4+2):** Located on either the 1st or 2nd floor and consisting of a living room with double sofa bed, kitchenette, one double and one twin bedroom and bathroom (bath or shower).

**Amenities/Leisure:** Outdoor swimming pool (8 x 16m) open Jun-Sep ■ Horse riding, tennis and archery available on request (payable locally) ■ Closest restaurants and shops in Resuttano village (8km). The supermarket in Resuttano is open daily at 08:30-13:30 and 17:30-19:00 ■ Places of interest include: Madonie national park (20km) and Cefalu (60km).

**Minimum stay:** 3 nights

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room or 4-sharing a Two bedroom apartment, flights to Catania with British Airways and car hire (Group A – 2-sharing & Group C – 4-sharing - see page 108). Single room supplement on request. Alternative flights to Palermo with no frill carriers available on request.

Monaco di Mezzo	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
Standard room	£480	£480	£540	£481
2-bedroom apartment	£479	£479	£547	£481

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

## Hotel Relais Sant' Anastasia, Castelbuono

- Airports: 120km Palermo / 200km Catania
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Air-conditioning



The Abbey of Sant' Anastasia has been beautifully restored and transformed into a 4-star hotel offering the highest standard of accommodation. The Relais Sant' Anastasia is located on a hill overlooking a 500-hectare estate where the very best wines of the prestigious label 'Abbazia Santa Anastasia' are produced. This grand historical mansion, surrounded by the green rolling hills of the Madonie Mountains, is the perfect location for a tranquil relaxing stay in a unique setting near the medieval village of Castelbuono.

**Accommodation:** 29 spacious rooms including single rooms, classic rooms, deluxe rooms, junior suite and grand suites ■ All rooms have bathroom (shower, one deluxe room and one suite with bath), hairdryer, telephone, satellite and pay TV, minibar and safe deposit box ■ Two deluxe rooms have a view over the pool and valley ■ One suite is on two levels and one has a bath and shower ■ Many rooms will accommodate an extra bed.

**Amenities/Leisure:** Buffet breakfast ■ Bar ■ 'Corte dell'Abate' gastronomic restaurant serving traditional Sicilian cuisine ■ 'Abbazia Santa Anastasia' winery located adjacent to the Relais ■ Reading and music room with open fireplace and chess board ■ Complimentary internet connection ■ Outdoor swimming pool (30 x 10m) open Apr-Oct ■ 450 hectare estate of which 80 hectares are dedicated to the production of wine, 60 hectares to

olive groves and the remaining estate to ash, cork and oak trees ■ Places of interest include: Cefalu (13km) is the closest beach, Palermo centre (92km), Enna (133km) and Piazza Armerina (157km) ■ Free parking ■ Chapel.

**Open:** 01Apr11

### Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Club room, flights to Catania with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement on request. Alternative flights to Palermo with no frill carriers available on request.

Hotel Relais Sant' Anastasia	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£811	£811	£871	£847

**Special Offers:** Couples celebrating their honeymoon receive a complimentary bottle of red wine in their room on arrival ■ Stay 3 nights pay 2 nights all year excluding 24-25Apr11, 01May11, 02Jun11, 14-15Aug11, 01Nov11, 08Dec11 and 24-25Dec11 ■ Clients staying a minimum of 4 nights receive a complimentary evening meal per person (drinks excluded). Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



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## Western Sicily

The west of Sicily is very different from the ordered and industrious east. Whitewashed houses, palm trees, busy fishing harbours and sunburned lowlands seem more akin to Africa than Europe. Colonised by the Moors, western Sicily's great appeal is its unique Arabic flavour that sets it apart from the rest of the island. There is much to incite the senses here, from working fishing villages to one of Sicily's finest nature reserves, the Riserva Naturale dello Zingaro. The capital Palermo is at its heart and, with its wonderful architecture and nearby must-sees such as Monreale, is a definite attraction. To the west of the capital lies the medieval hilltop town of Erice and the island retreat of Mozia. Further south are the magnificent ruins at Agrigento where the remarkable Valley of the Temples will not fail to impress. Much of Sicilian history was shaped along these western shores, and much is left that is ancient, including the magnificent ruins at Segesta, whose temple has remained virtually intact for 2,500 years.

### Palermo

A visit to the Duomo, an impressive 12th century cathedral housing the tombs of Sicily's kings, is highly recommended. Other sights worth a visit are the Palazzo dei Normanni which contains the stunning Cappella Palatina where you can see wonderful mosaics; the Capuchin Catacombs (containing some 8000 mummies); the Archeological museum housing artifacts from Etruscan, Carthaginian, Roman and Hellenistic civilizations; and the Botanical Gardens, offering 30 acres of tranquility within the city.

### Erice

Erice, located in the province of Trapani, is perched on top of Mount Erice at around 750m above sea level and enjoys superb views over the sea as well as eastern Sicily, Trapani, Marsala, and the Egadi Islands. This quiet, unassuming town, enclosed by defensive walls, has a maze of cobbled streets and passageways, medieval piazzas and courtyards that will enchant any visitor.

### Wine country

Sicily's wine country lies to the east. The region was always known for its fine grapes, but it was the Englishman, John Woodhouse, who introduced the fortified wine business here in 1796, having already developed a similar product (Port wine) in Portugal. The early years of the 19th century saw the arrival of thousands of British troops in Sicily to support the armies of King Ferdinando I during his exile from Naples in view of the Napoleonic occupation of Italy. Many were based at Marsala. Soon other firms were to follow Woodhouse's example including Ingham, Good and Whitaker and Florio. The grape-growing region extends westward toward Salemi, Segesta and Sciacca.

### Monreale

The Cathedral of Monreale, built in 1174 by King William II, is the greatest of all the monuments of the Norman kings in northern Sicily. While the outside of the cathedral is predominantly plain, the inside walls are adorned with stunning mosaics - reputedly one of the world's largest displays of this art.

## Private Guided Tours from Palermo

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:

Private Excursions	Duration
Valley of the Temples, Agrigento	8-hours
Syracuse	10-hours
Palermo	4-hours
Cefalu	5-hours
Etna & Taormina	10-hours
Segesta & Selinunte	10-hours
Erice & Segesta	10-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 archaeological sites. Please ask us for a quotation.

## Tailor-made holidays in Sicily

We have outlined two 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!

### Western Sicily - 7 nights

Using direct flights from London Gatwick to Palermo with EasyJet and including transfers on arrival and 4 days car hire (pick up downtown office and drop off at the airport).

Nights	Accommodation	Location
3	Hotel Centrale Palace	Palermo (p 100)
4	Hotel Alberi del Paradiso	Cefalu (p 105)

### Eastern and Western Sicily - 14 nights

Using direct flights from London Gatwick to Palermo with EasyJet, return flights from Catania with British Airways and including transfer on arrival and 11 days car hire (pick up downtown office and drop off at the airport).

Nights	Accommodation	Location
3	Grand Hotel et des Palmes	Palermo (p 100)
2	Baglio Vecchio	Selinunte (p 101)
2	Azienda Fattoria Mose	Agrigento (p 104)
2	Relais Sant'Anastasia	Castelbuono (p 106)
2	Hotel Il Mulino	Capo d'Orlando (p 105)
3	Hotel Villa Diodoro	Taormina (p 80)



Segesta