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Golf Resort & Spa

101 WONDERS TO DISCOVER





Donnafugata Golf Resort & SPA

The perfect place to spend an extraordinary stay in Sicily. Located in the heart of this beautiful island characterized by a mild Mediterranean climate, the Resort is the ideal starting point to discover the charm of nature, the artistic and the gastronomic specialities of Ragusa and its surroundings, one of the most typical areas of the region.



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Sicily and the Province of Ragusa. Unforgettable lands.

Sicily is home to myths, legends and traditions having their roots in ancient times. Normans, Greeks, Romans, Arabs and Spanish have left lasting traces in the history of the island. The Sicilian Baroque art was born and found its highest expression in the province of Ragusa and the Val di Noto, listed as a World Heritage Site by Unesco. Cinema and television have taken advantage of the architectural features of cities such as Modica, Scicli and Ispica, giving them an international reputation. Moreover the wonderful beaches of Marina di Ragusa, Scoglitti, Sampieri and other nature reserves offer a dreamlike scenery. Walk among the olive trees surrounded by stone walls and give yourself up to the view of pastures on the horizon. This is the best way to discover the spectacular area of the province of Ragusa. Nowhere else you will find such charming and timeless atmosphere.



Discover the beautiful beaches, natural parks and baroque architecture of Ragusa, all within a short distance from the Resort. Donnafugata Golf Resort & SPA: 101 wonders of an unforgettable land.



Some Beaches not to be missed:

1. Randello
2. Maganuco
3. Punta Braccetto
4. Torre di Mezzo
5. Punta Secca
6. Donnalucata
7. Marina di Ragusa
8. Sampieri
9. Santa Maria del Focallo
10. Portopalo
11. Calamosche (Vendicari Nature Reserve)
12. Fontane Bianche (Syracuse)
13. Arenella (Syracuse)
14. Punta Asparano (Ognina)



Archeological Parks

15. Kaukana Archeological Park
16. Forza Archeological Park
17. Neapolis Archeological Area, Orecchio di Dionisio and Teatro Greco (Syracuse)



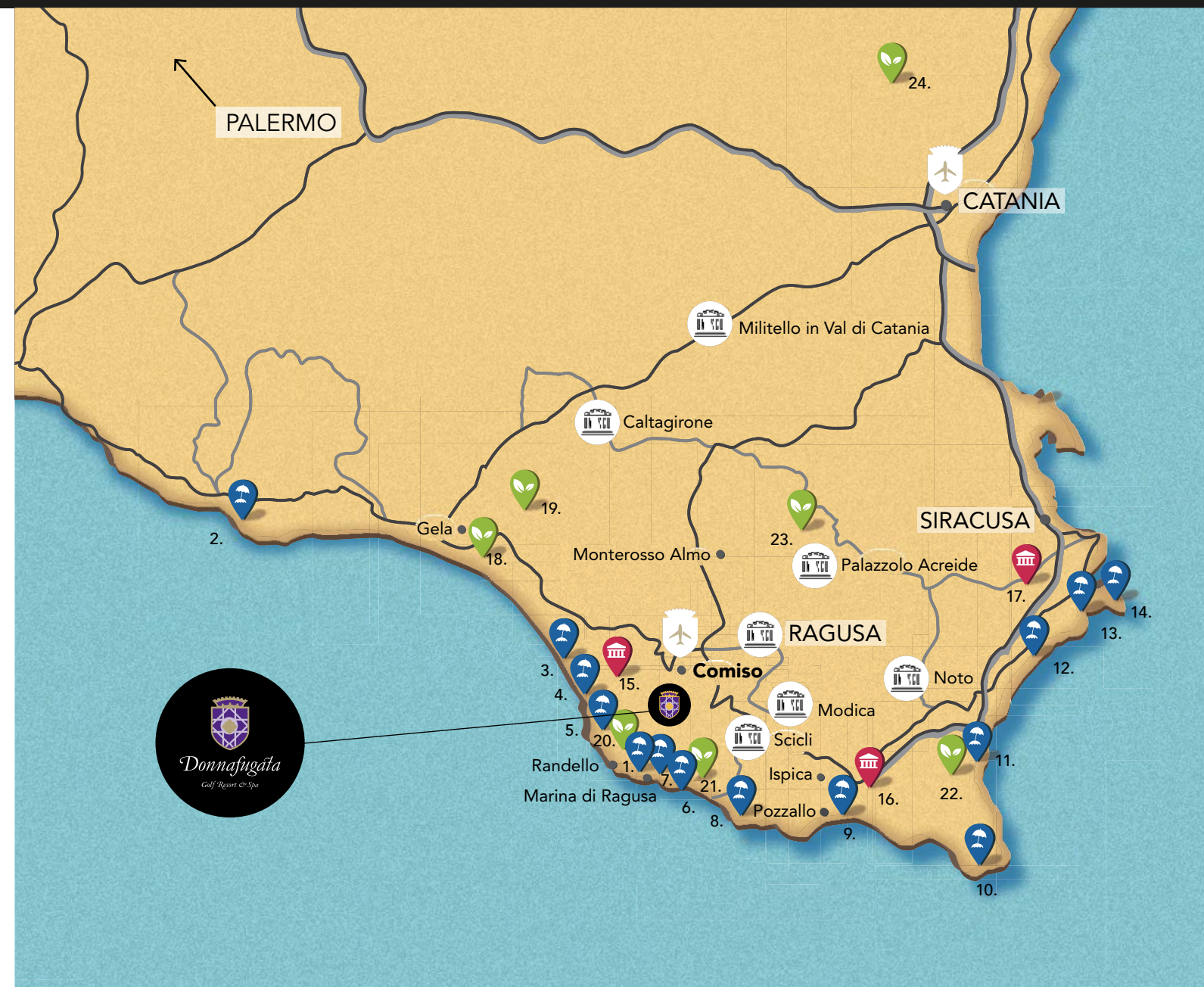
Nature Reserves

18. Biviere di Gela C
19. Sughereta di Niscemi Reserve
20. Irminio Nature Reserve
21. Biviere di Gela Reserve
22. Vendicari Nature Reserve
23. Iblean Mountains
24. Etna



UNESCO World Heritage Site

- Caltagirone
Militello in Val di Catania
Modica
Noto
Palazzolo Acreide
Ragusa
Scicli





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ART & HISTORY



1 THE VAL DI NOTO AND THE BAROQUE ART

THE TOWNS OF THE VAL DI NOTO
• 75 KM - 1 HOUR 20 MIN

The towns of the Val di Noto are UNESCO World Heritage sites. Caltagirone, Militello Val di Catania, Modica, Noto, Palazzolo Acreide, Ragusa and Scicli represent the culmination of Baroque art in Europe.

2 CARAVAGGIO IN SANTA CROCE CAMERINA

SANTA CROCE CAMERINA • 6 KM - 10 MIN

The Church is the most important monument of the town. Built in the 13th century and remodeled in the 18th, it has an internal copy of Caravaggio's "Madonna di Loreto".

Heading for the coast, to the village of Punta Secca, you can see the famous house of the tv series "Inspector Montalbano".

3 DONNAFUGATA CASTLE

DONNAFUGATA (RAGUSA) • 9 KM - 14 MIN

Donnafugata Castle is a magnificent aristocratic residence dating back to the late 19th century. Inside the rooms you can admire the fusion of different styles, from neo-classical to neo-Baroque. Outside, the garden combines historical monuments in perfect harmony with the Italian and English system.

4 THE ROMAN BATHS OF COMISO

COMISO • 15 KM - 15 MIN

Built in Roman times between the ancient source of Diana and the river Ippari, the baths have a wonderful mosaic floor portraying Neptune surrounded by two groups of Nereids. Moreover you can visit the tepidarium, a large polygonal nymphaeum, an alveus and the caldarium.

5 RAGUSA, CITY OF BRIDGES

RAGUSA • 24 KM - 34 MIN

Ragusa has been called the "City of Bridges", due to the presence of three suggestive structures that connect the valleys on which it lies. The city consists of two centres : Upper Ragusa, where you will find the Necropolis and the Iblean Archaeological Museum, and Ragusa Ibla, which preserves valuable evidence of Sicilian Baroque art.

6 DISCOVER ANCIENT TRADES

PROVINCE OF RAGUSA • 24 KM - 34 MIN

In all the province of Ragusa you can take guided tours of artisan workshops, in which tin, copper and wrought iron are treated according to the ancient methods.

7 SCICLI, THE CITY OF MONTALBANO

SCICLI • 30 KM - 40 MIN

The town, elegantly located in a valley among rocky hills, is full of baroque buildings. The Benevento Palace stands out among these for his splendor as one of the most interesting palaces of the entire province. The ex-monastery of San Michele houses the Museum of Mediterranean Costume, to be taken as a landmark for the costume and culture of the Val di Noto. The Town Hall and via Mormino Penn have become familiar to the fans of tv series "Inspector Montalbano". In the picture, the famous Montalbano's seaside house at Punta Secca.



8 MODICA AND ITS CAVES

MODICA • 37 KM - 40 MIN

The view of the old town perched on the hill is unique as well as the view of the surrounding canyons. The villas of Modica are in many cases part of the nearly seven hundred caves inhabited since prehistoric times.

9 GIARRATANA, THE PEARL OF IBLEAN MOUNTAINS

GIARRATANA • 44 KM - 50 MIN

The smallest town of the Val di Noto is located between the Iblean mountains and the river Irminio. The wide straight streets connect the lower and the upper part of the town and harmoniously combine with the spectacular surrounding scenery. Do not miss the visit of San Bartolomeo Apostolo Church, the patron saint of Giarratana.

10 THE CHURCHES OF MONTEROSSO ALMO

MONTEROSSO ALMO • 45 KM - 50 MIN

A charming agricultural center rebuilt in the 18th century, Monterosso Almo has been inhabited since ancient times, as testified by the Necropolis of Calaforno and the village of Monte Cassia. Do not miss the chance to visit the Basilica di San Giovanni Battista, the church Matrice di Santa Maria Assunta, the churches of Sant'Antonio Abate and of Sant'Anna.

11 THE TRADITION OF WATER MILLS

PALAZZOLO ACREIDE • 60 KM - 1 HOUR 15 MIN

The tradition of the mills in the province of Ragusa date back to the ancient times. Along the valley there are several buildings that still take advantage of the torrent's hydraulic energy to mill. The most famous is the mill of Santa Lucia, dating back to the 16th century, which houses the Museum of wheat milling.

12 PALAZZOLO ACREIDE, FUSION OF OLD AND NEW



PALAZZOLO ACREIDE • 60 KM - 1 HOUR 15 MIN

In Palazzolo Acreide Greek monuments blend with the 18th century features of the town, embellished with beautiful palaces and outstanding squares. The name Acreide was added to emphasize the bond which linked the old and the new people.

13 THE LATE RENAISSANCE OF MILITELLO IN VAL DI CATANIA



MILITELLO VAL DI CATANIA • 70 KM - 1 HOUR

Between 1604 and 1658, thanks to the contribution of Giovanna of Austria, the wife of Don Francesco Branciforti, Militello was turned into a thriving late Renaissance court. The town

housed the first printing of Sicily and one of the largest libraries of the island.

Must see: Majorana Palace, one of the few examples of 16th century architecture of the region, and Baroque monuments that overlook the streets of the centre.

14 THE CERAMICS OF CALTAGIRONE



CALTAGIRONE • 70 KM - 1 HOUR

Caltagirone is considered one of the most attractive cities in Sicily for its production of pottery which dates back to the times of Greek rule. The town is famous all over the world for the staircase of Santa Maria del Monte, decorated with colorful tiles, and the Baroque architecture.

15 COLORS OF NOTO



NOTO • 75 KM - 1 HOUR 20 MIN

Noto is characterized by spectacular squares, impressive staircases and richly decorated façades.

After the 1693 earthquake, the city was entirely rebuilt using local stone, which still colours the entire historic center with pink and golden shades. Do not miss the view from the terrace of the church of Santa Chiara.

16 MOSAICS OF PIAZZA ARMERINA

PIAZZA ARMERINA • 80 KM - 1 HOUR 15 MIN

Thanks to the mosaics of Villa Romana del Casale (picture below), Piazza Armerina was listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1997. The town, which is located 700 meters above sea level in the Sicilian hinterland, is still not very popular among tourists and this allows you to enjoy the silence and the beauty of historic buildings such as Palazzo Trigona and the 18th century Teatro Comunale.



17 THE CHARMING VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES

AGRIGENTO • 113 KM - 1 HOUR 50 MIN

One of the most unforgettable experiences during a holiday in Sicily is the visit of Agrigento and its temples surrounded by orange trees. Inscribed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, this archaeological site is one of the largest in Europe. There you can admire the remains of ten Doric order buildings (picture above), three sanctuaries, the Agora, a Olympeion and a Roman age Bouleuterion on Greek plan.

18 THE UNIQUENESS OF CATANIA

CATANIA • 116 KM - 1 HOUR 45 MIN

Catania is a unique place which offers a range of disparate views: there are, in fact, both Greek ruins and 18th century palaces. After the 1693 earthquake of the Val di Noto, the town was rebuilt thanks to the intervention of many artists such as Giovanni Battista Vaccarini, who gave a Baroque mark to the urban landscape.

19 ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM OF KAMARINA

CAMMARANA DISTRICT, SANTA CROCE CAMERINA
• 7 KM - 13 MIN

Kamarina, founded in the early 6th century B.C., important colony of Syracuse, today is a fascinating archaeological site overlooking the sea. The museum contains finds coming from the city, the necropolis and the surrounding area. The underwater pavilion is particularly relevant, including its amphorae and finds coming from the coast.

20 THE UNDERWATER WONDERS OF THE IBLEAN COAST

CAMMARANA DISTRICT, SANTA CROCE CAMERINA
• 13 KM - 20 MIN

The archaeological sites of Kamarina and Kaukana, will attract snorkeling and scuba diving tourists as it will be possible to visit the underwater remains of Roman and Byzantine ships, led by experienced guides. The tour includes a lunch in a typical farm and a demonstration of the production of ricotta cheese.

21 KAUKANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK

SANTA CROCE CAMERINA • 13 KM - 20 MIN

The Kaukana archaeological park extends as far as the beach "Lungomare delle anticaglie" where the remains of the settlement created by the survivors

of the destruction of Kamarina, an ancient colony of Syracuse, run out clinging to the ridge. Do not miss the open-air theater, where the sea and the ruins blend harmoniously.

22 DISCOVER MALTA ON CATAMARAN, THE ISLAND OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

POZZALLO • 45 KM - 1 HOUR

Do not miss a day trip to the charming island of the Knights Templar: Malta. It starts by catamaran from Pozzallo to the capital Valletta, where you can admire the Cathedral of San Giovanni (in the picture). Then the tour continues towards the old capital Mdina, through a magnificent panoramic view of the island surrounded by cobalt blue sea.



23 THE RARE BEAUTY OF THE VALLEY OF ANAPO AND PANTALICA

BUSCEMI, CASSARO, FERLA, PALAZZOLO ACREIDE, SORTINO • 60 KM - 1 HOUR 15 MIN

The Valley of Anapo, crossed by the river, is one of the best examples of environmental, landscape, archaeological and cultural values of the region. This area is Pantalica, the largest necropolis in the Mediterranean, with its five thousand artificial catacombs (picture on the right). Moreover don't forget to visit the "Palazzo del Principe", dating from the 12th century BC, which is of great importance.

24 THE ASPHALT PIT OF RAGUSA

RAGUSA • 24 KM - 34 MIN

A tour with an expert guide in industrial archeology shows the ancient techniques of extraction of the asphalt. The tour includes a lunch to enjoy local specialities and the opportunity to observe the making of ricotta cheese.

25 THE PIT OF ISPICA

BETWEEN MODICA AND ISPICA • 56 KM - 1 HOUR

The most massive pit of south-eastern Sicily is located in Ispica. The 13 km-long valley spreads out between the towns of Modica and Ispica and preserves prehistoric graves, Christian catacombs and rupestrian houses.



26 THE CAVE OF THE TRABACCHE

BUTTINO DISTRICT • 20 KM - 30 MIN

The "Cave of Trabacche" represents a significant evidence of late Roman funerary monumental architecture. To be noticed inside the site the presence of two canopy graves.

27 CENTOSCALE AND THE FORZA ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARKA

ISPICA • 50 KM - 1 HOUR

The most singular monument of this settlement, dating back to the Neolithic, is the "Centoscale", a very long underground staircase designed for water supplies. Some finds dating back a period ranging between the Early Bronze Age and 1693 are kept in the Antiquarium.



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LAND & NATURE



28 A BOAT TRIP ALONG THE IBLEAN COAST

MARINA DI RAGUSA • 13 KM - 20 MIN

Get in touch with nature and sea for one day and jump on board a fishing boat trip. A unique opportunity to discover the ancient techniques of fishing and to enjoy a plate of fresh fish.

29 THE VIEW OF THE COAST FROM THE SEA

MARINA DI RAGUSA • 13 KM - 20 MIN

An adventure on motorboat in the open sea, to admire the wild charm of the south coast of Sicily from a completely new point of view. Below, a view of the coast from the sea.



30 UNPOLLUTED LANDSCAPE IN THE BIOLOGICAL RESERVE OF THE RIVER IRMINIO

MARINA DI RAGUSA • 13 KM - 20 MIN

The particular configuration of the area has created quicksand dunes, differently shaped by the wind. After a visit to the cliffs overlooking the sea, you can rest in a farm to have lunch and taste cheese and wines, and admire the making of ricotta cheese.

31 QUAD BIKE TOUR INTO THE NATURE OF IBLEAN MOUNTAINS

BETTAFILAVA DISTRICT • 22 KM - 30 MIN

Quad bike excursion is perfect for venturing through the Iblean mountains. It starts by coasting the river Irminio and, after a stop under the bridge Costanzo, one of the highest in Europe, you pass along an old mule track.

32 THE SCENTS OF SICILY

IBLEAN COUNTRYSIDE • 24 KM - 34 MIN

Discover the Sicilian fragrances at a manufacturing company of officinal plants: from mint wild fennel to lime, from sage to pineapple. It is an experience that involves all the senses.

33 SICILIAN FLAVOURS

SCICLI • 30 KM - 40 MIN

Take the chance to enjoy the flavours and aromas of Sicily, land of aubergines, olives, tomatoes, but especially citrus fruits (in the picture). Visiting plant nurseries you will have the opportunity to learn the secrets of growing these fine specialities.

34 BIVIERE NATURE RESERVE OF GELA, THE LARGEST COASTAL LAKE OF SICILY

GELA • 27 KM - 34 MIN

The "Biviere of Gela" is the largest coastal lake in Sicily and was declared a wetland of international importance. In the nature reserve, thanks to special equipped sheds, you can admire many species of birds and enjoy guided tours to discover the local flora.

35 A HORSE OR BIKE RIDE IN SUGHERETA RESERVE OF NISCEMI

NISCEMI • 43 KM - 50 MIN

The symbol of the reserve is the cork. Contact the Environmental Education Center of Niscemi to organize a guided excursion, on a horse or mountain bike.



36 RIDE A DONKEY AT THE DAM OF SANTA ROSALIA

GIARRATANA • 45 KM - 50 MIN

The dam of Santa Rosalia is located near the town of Giarratana. It can be visited, led by a biologist, through an unusual means of transport: the donkey.

37 THE ROCKS OF THE RIVER TELLESIMO

BELLOCOZZO DISTRICT • 40 KM - 50 MIN

The river Tesellimo has eroded over the centuries the rocks of the area, creating a single tangle of canyons. Here, led by a biologist, you will discover the very particular fauna, with species that can be found only in this river.

38 THE TURTLES OF THE GARDEN "REGINA BIANCA"

NOTO • 75 KM - 1 HOUR 20 MIN

The garden, of Arab-Norman origin, is a natural oasis, the natural habitat of a protected species in danger of extinction: the Testudo Hermanni, tortoises of the Mediterranean.

39 BIRDWATCHING E SNORKELING AT VENDICARI NATURE RESERVE

NOTO • 75 KM - 1 HOUR 20 MIN

The "Vendicari Nature Reserve" is one of the most important passages of migratory birds in the Mediterranean. In addition to birdwatching in equipped areas, you can go snorkelling and discover the wonders of deep waters. The site is also interesting for the presence of ancient buildings such as the preservation of the tuna industry, disused since 1943, and the "Torre Sveva", dating back to the Middle Ages.

40 VOLCANOES OF SICILY

CALTAGIRONE • 70 KM - 1 HOUR

An unforgettable adventure in helicopter, during which you can closely observe the large craters of the island of Vulcano, Etna and Stromboli.

41 EOLIE, THE PEARLS OF MEDITERRANEAN

CALTAGIRONE • 70 KM - 1 HOUR

A helicopter tour to admire the Aeolian Islands (picture on the right), the pearls of Mediterranean Sea. From the crater of the island of Vulcano to the stacks of Lipari, you enjoy all the amazing beauty of the archipelago, viewed from the sky.

42 SPELEOLOGICAL ADVENTURE AT THE CAVE OF CANICATTINI BAGNI

CANICATTINI BAGNI • 80 KM - 1 HOUR 30 MIN

Access to the cave is possible only through speleological ropes or pegs. The interior of the cave is a true spectacle of stalactites and stalagmites making extravagant and bizarre shapes.

43 FAUNA OF NEBRODI OFF-ROAD

NEBRODI • 180 KM - 3 HOURS

Visitors are led by an expert guide off-road to enjoy unfamiliar terrains and the Mediterranean maquis. Along the way you can observe numerous species of animals, including horses Sanfratellani and the well-known black pig. Acerone is a necessary stop, one of the largest sycamores in Italy.





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FOOD



44 FOLLOWING THE WAY OF CERASUOLO VITTORIA DOCG WINE ROUTE

BETWEEN THE PROVINCES OF RAGUSA, CALTANISSETTA AND CATANIA • 24 KM - 35 MIN

The "Cerasuolo di Vittoria DOCG" wine route offers a rich experience of flavours, to be tasted together with the allure of Sicilian Baroque art and Art Nouveau. This is a high-quality gastronomic journey to discover the excellence of the island.



45 THE FLAVOURS OF RAGUSA CUISINE

PROVINCE OF RAGUSA

There is a wide range of culinary specialities, all to enjoy. Among the savoury delicacies you can try the scaccia, a type of flat bread; the pastieri, small meat pies of minced lamb and goat; the pignolata risen and lumpy dough; macco, a bean soup. There is also a wide selection of pastries, among the best in Italy: from the typical mandarin cake to the famous Sicilian cannoli, from the cassata to the almond pastry, from prickly pears ice cream to nucatoli. The cookies 'mpanatigghi, made of chocolate and meat are very special.

46 THE 18TH CENTURY IN A TYPICAL FARM

RAGUSA • 24 KM - 35 MIN

Enjoy a different day having lunch in an old farmhouse in the countryside of Ragusa. In addition to taste cheese and Sicilian wines, you can observe the making of ricotta cheese.

47 CHIARAMONTE GULFI: THE CITY OF OIL

CHIARAMONTE GULFI • 36 KM - 45 MIN

Chiaramonte Gulfi is famous worldwide for the quality of its oil (picture on the left). Among the several museums of the town, the most important is the one dedicated to "liquid gold" of the area. Between late November and December, the center is adorned for the occasion with the exhibition "Olio and nons'Olio": from soap to ice cream, a journey through the different usages of this product.

48 TASTE THE INTENSE FLAVOUR OF THE "MONTI IBLEI DOP" OIL

PROVINCES OF RAGUSA, SYRACUSE AND CATANIA • 30 KM - 40 MIN

You can tell a good oil not only by its colour, but also by an intense and fruity aroma and by bitter and spicy flavour: these are the characteristics of "Monti Iblei DOP" oil, exclusively produced in the provinces of Ragusa, Syracuse and Catania.

49 ALL THE STARS OF RAGUSA

PROVINCE OF RAGUSA • 37 KM - 40 MIN

The Sicilian cuisine is characterized by influences of culinary traditions of the peoples who have passed through. In the province of Ragusa there are three Michelin-starred restaurants: "La Gazza Ladra" (Modica), "La Fenice" (Villa Carlotta) and "La Locanda Don Serafino" (Ragusa).

50 ENJOY THE "CACIOCAVALLO RAGUSANO DOP"

PROVINCE OF RAGUSA. NOTO, PALAZZOLO ACREIDE AND ROSOLINI (SYRACUSE) • 60 KM - 1 HOUR 10 MIN

It is one of the oldest cheeses in Sicily: information about its production date back to the 16th century. Visiting a cheese factory you can admire the making of this typical product, and combine it with a taste of the best Sicilian wines.

51 THE VAL DI NOTO WINE ROUTE

BETWEEN THE PROVINCES OF SYRACUSE AND RAGUSA • 50 KM - 1 HOUR

A trip to visit the most important wineries of the six towns of south-eastern Sicily, to enjoy some high-quality wines such as "Moscato di Noto DOC" and "Eloro DOC".

52 MODICA, SWEET LIKE CHOCOLATE

MODICA • 37 KM - 40 MIN

Modica is famous worldwide for its granular and crumbly chocolate, made according to the Aztec tradition. Its flavour is unique due to the aromas used: cinnamon, vanilla, pepper, almonds and typical Sicilian citrus fruits (see picture below). In the 19th century historical chocolate shops you can participate in a "chocolate tasting", and discover the ancient methods to make chocolate, one of the most delicious in the world.



53 THE "STRADA DEL VINO E DEI SAPORI" OF CASTELLI NISSENI

PROVINCE OF CALTANISSETTA • 100 KM - 1 HOUR E 40 MIN

Along the "Strada del Vino e dei Saporì" of Castelli Nisseni there are many cottages, excellent wineries and restaurants. A tour to taste the local cuisine and precious wines such as the "County Sclafani DOC", the "Riesi DOC" and "Cerasuolo di Vittoria DOCG".



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SPORT & WELLNESS



54 A DAY IN THE NAME OF GOLF

DONNAFUGATA GOLF RESORT & SPA

Donnafugata Golf Resort & SPA has two golf courses with 18 holes and a driving range for those who want to approach the discipline for the first time. There are lessons for beginners held by the most famous golfers, who will teach not only the technique but also the psychology of the game and the fitting of the equipment.

55 RELAX IN THE ENCHANTING DONNAFUGATA GOLF RESORT & SPA

DONNAFUGATA GOLF RESORT & SPA

The Resort provides its guests with bikes to spend some time in the beautiful colours and intense perfumes of Sicily. Once you finish the excursion, there is nothing better than taking care of your physical and emotional wellness in the spa, and relax yourself thanks to a massage with choice of Modica chocolate or local citrus fruits.

56 GOING FISHING IN THE BLUE SEA OF SICILY

MARINA DI RAGUSA • 13 KM - 20 MIN

From Marina di Ragusa you can go on board for a fishing trip, and experience different techniques: trolling close to the surface or deep, bolentino

(bottom fishing) day and night. Equipment and baits are provided by the crew.

57 CONTROL THE WAVES WITH KITESURFING

MARINA DI RAGUSA • 13 KM - 20 MIN

The most adventurous can try out kitesurfing, a fascinating discipline that combines paragliding and surfing. A few steps from Donnafugata Golf Resort & SPA you can rent the equipment and participate in individual and group lessons.

58 4,200 METERS OF ADRENALINA

MARINA DI MODICA • 39 KM - 50 MIN

Skydiving is definitely an extraordinary experience, recommended to lovers of strong emotions. After a brief introductory lesson it is the time to launch, firmly attached to a specialized instructor. To experience the thrill of a free fall at 4,200 meters, as shown in the picture.



59 BALLOON TOUR OF SICILY

CATANIA • 116 KM - 1 HOUR 45 MIN

Who has never dreamed of soaring into the clouds in a hot-air balloon and floating above countries, forests, lakes, dragged by the wind? In Catania, this dream comes true.

60 THE DISCOVERY OF SAILING TO ACITREZZA

CATANIA • 116 KM - 1 HOUR 45 MIN

From a sailing boat you can admire the Aci Castello medieval castle of lava, the Acitrezza Marine Reserve and the "Grotte di Ulisse". You can try to sail driven by the skippers on board, snorkel in the marine reserve of the Cyclops and spotting cetaceans. The landing place is Acitrezza, where you can crown the day with a Sicilian granita or with a plate of fresh fish.

61 WALKING IN THE MOUNT ETNA

ETNA • 160 KM - 2 HOURS 30 MIN

Specialized guides are available to anyone who wants to hike around the volcano exploring craters, canyons, trees and the beautiful "Valle del Bove". In the picture, the unique landscape of Mount Etna.





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TRADITIONS & FOLKLORE





62 VITTORIA JAZZ FESTIVAL AND WINE CERASUOLO

VITTORIA • 14 KM - 20 MIN

An international event that combines music and wine. An opportunity to try the typical "Cerasuolo di Vittoria DOCG", to the sound of jazz.

63 INTERNATIONAL ORGAN FESTIVAL NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

RAGUSA • 24 KM - 34 MIN

Ragusa, with its rich architectural period heritage, is the perfect setting for an exhibition dedicated to Baroque organ music.

64 IBLEAN JAZZ FESTIVAL - JUNE

RAGUSA IBLA • 24 KM - 33 MIN

A week full of experimental jazz music in Ragusa. The festival hosts a range of modern musicians coming from all over the world.

65 FEAST OF SAN GIORGIO - JUNE

RAGUSA • 24 KM - 33 MIN

The relics of the saint, kept in the Santa Cassa, are carried during a procession through the streets of Ragusa to the church, festively decorated for the occasion. The ceremony

has its peak in the launch of the Saint's statue, accompanied by music and dancing.

66 COSTAIBLEA FILM FESTIVAL - DECEMBER

SCICLI • 30 KM - 40 MIN

Born in 1991 in Scicli, it soon became a fixture in the calendar of Italian cinema events thanks to the participation of famous directors and actors.

67 THE MEDIEVAL CARNIVAL OF CHIARAMONTE GULFI

CHIARAMONTE GULFI • 36 KM - 45 MIN

The Middle Ages come back to life for four days through masks, dances and music. You can also enjoy the sausage, typical product of the area, still made according to ancient local traditions.

68 CHOCOMODICA - DECEMBER

MODICA • 37 KM - 40 MIN

The festival dedicated to artisan chocolate of Modica is an unmissable opportunity to discover the processing methods of the master chocolatiers and visit the baroque beauties of the town.

69 FLAVOURS OF CULTURE - DECEMBER

MODICA • 37 KM - 40 MIN

This event seals the union between the monumental heritage and traditional flavours of Modica. In these days you can participate in guided tours of the museums, the house of Salvatore Quasimodo and the "Grotte Vestite", and you can enjoy typical products like the chocolate.

70 THE ONION FEST - AUGUST

GIARRATANA • 45 KM - 50 MIN

Dedicated to the local production, the onion fest takes place in the month of August in Giarratana "Agosto giarratanese" that hosts sports competitions, folk dances and cultural events.

71 FEAST OF SAN GIOVANNI BATTISTA SEPTEMBER

MONTEROSSO ALMO • 45 KM - 50 MIN

Tradition has it that eight trumpet-calls recall the Egyptian people to the streets, where the statue of the saint will be displayed. Banners finely embroidered in gold and the fireworks round out the experience of this religious ceremony that dates back to the twelfth century.



72 THE FISH FESTIVAL - AUGUST

POZZALLO • 45 KM - 1 HOUR

The fish festival (picture above) of Pozzallo takes place, since 1967, in one of the most beautiful beaches of the region. Fish is the undoubted star of the six days, cooked in a huge pan with a diameter of four meters and served directly to the participants.

73 CAROTISPICA - MAGGIO

ISPICA • 50 KM - 1 HOUR

The event highlights the importance of the carrot, a typical product in the area. In these days some guided tours are organized to the art nouveau palaces of Ispica, Baroque churches and the "Parco della Forza".



74 THE HOLY WEEK IN SICILY

ISPICA • 50 KM - 1 HOUR

This is one of the most important and spectacular religious rites of all Sicily which consist of a succession of processions and holy representations with participants wearing masks, according to a cult tradition that has its roots in the 17th century.

75 THE CARNIVAL OF PALAZZOLO ACREIDE

PALAZZOLO ACREIDE • 60 KM - 1 HOUR 15 MIN

The Carnival of Palazzolo Acreide is the oldest in Sicily. Between dances, dress parades, bonfire and singing competitions do not miss the opportunity to taste traditional typical delicacies. Like the making of a long sausage, which is rolled up, cooked on the grill and offered to the public.



76 REVIVE THE DEEDS OF CHARLEMAGNE AT THE PUPPET THEATRE

CALTAGIRONE • 70 KM - 1 HOUR

The Sicilian Puppet Theatre Museum was listed as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. The theatre of Caltagirone was opened after the end of World War I, and renovated in 1978. Inside, there is a permanent exhibition of puppets of different historical periods. The creativity and imagination of the artists let the public revive the heroic deeds of stories of chivalry. Guaranteed fun for kids and adults.

77 CERAMICS FESTIVAL OF CALTAGIRONE

CALTAGIRONE • 70 KM - 1 HOUR

Visitors can see the ceramist at work while they create decorations from clay, a tradition which gave popularity to Caltagirone all over the world. Debates, workshops and musical events are held during the festival. Beside, detail of a decorated tile.

78 THE INFIORATA OF NOTO - MAY

NOTO • 75 KM - 1 HOUR 20 MIN

The event, which takes place on the third Sunday of May, is one of the most well-known and appreciated throughout Sicily for its greatness. The master florists work during the night to lay a



carpet of more than 400,000 flowers representing real paintings. Above, detail of the "Infiorata", the theme is "Japan."

79 THE PALIO OF NORMANS - AUGUST

PIAZZA ARMERINA • 80 KM - 1 HOUR 15 MIN

The "Palio of Normans" at Piazza Armerina dates back to the 17th century. Ladies, knights, troops and military forces, music and dances evoke the medieval atmosphere waiting for the "Quintana", the exciting carousel where four knights face each other.

80 SANT'AGATA FESTIVAL - FEBRUARY AND AUGUST

CATANIA • 116 KM - 1 HOUR 45 MIN

The festival was declared as Ethno-Anthropological Heritage of the City of Catania in the world. There are three days of cult, devotion,

folklore, traditions that don't exist elsewhere, during which the old town glares thanks to impressive artistic lighting.

81 THE NIGHT OF GIUFÀ - JULY

NOTO • 75 KM - 1 HOUR 20 MIN

The festival dedicated to the literary figure of the fool sage Giufà is held in Noto, between the Town Hall Square and the baroque staircase of the Cathedral of San Nicolò, one of the most spectacular architectural contexts of eastern Sicily.

82 LIVING CRÈCHES - DECEMBER

VARIOUS CITIES

The representation of the Nativity is a moment of intense participation: everybody takes part in the reconstruction of a real village around the Holy Family, evoking the everyday gestures, traditions and crafts of a rural past that has been passed down over the centuries.

For this reason, the crèches are often set in particular places outside the city: the ones of Ispica and Noto are in the Iblean pits, surrounded by caves, rocks and olive trees. Other times they are set in medieval villages or in the streets of the historic districts, as in Caltagirone or Monterosso Almo.



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CINEMA & LITERATURE



83 THRILLING ADVENTURES OF INSPECTOR MONTALBANO

VARIOUS CITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF RAGUSA
• 6 KM - 10 MIN

A tour that lead you to the locations of the famous TV series: Punta Secca, where the house with the terrace overlooking the beach is located, the town hall of Scicli, Ragusa Ibla square, the countryside of Ragusa and many seaside resorts.

84 REVIVE THE CHARM OF "THE LEOPARD"

CASTLE OF DONNAFUGATA • 9 KM - 14 MIN

The Castle of Donnafugata, noble house from the late 19th century, was the location of Luchino Visconti's famous masterpiece. A guided tour through the rooms offers the opportunity to relive the most exciting scenes of the novel and the movie.

85 A VERY SICILIAN STORY: "IL CAPO DEI CAPI"

CATANIA, MARINA DI RAGUSA, MONTEROSSO ALMO, VITTORIA • 24 KM - 34 MIN

Il "Capo dei capi " is a miniseries that tells the life of mafia boss Salvatore Riina. A tour along the filming locations: Monterosso Almo, Vittoria, Acate, Marina di Ragusa and Scicli.

86 ALONG THE ROAD OF "THE STAR MAKER"

RAGUSA IBLA AND MONTEROSSO ALMO • 24 KM - 34 MIN

The roads between Ragusa and Monterosso Almo are the fascinating scenery where Tornatore set the events of conman Joe Morelli in the movie "The Star maker".

87 A VISIT TO THE HOUSE OF "MARIANNA UCRIA"

CHIARAMONTE GULFI • 36 KM - 45 MIN

The movie won three "David di Donatello" awards for Best Picture, Cinematography and Costume Design, and was mainly filmed at "Villa Fegotto" (picture below), a typical Iblean country farm.



88 MODICA, THE TOWN OF SALVATORE QUASIMODO

MODICA • 37 KM - 40 MIN

Modica (picture on the right) was the birthplace of notorious poet Salvatore Quasimodo. Here you can visit his home and a literary park dedicated to him. The town is also the setting of the novel "Blind Argus ", written by the Sicilian writer Gesualdo Bufalino.

89 ISPICA AND "DIVORCE ITALIAN STYLE"

PROVINCE OF RAGUSA • 50 KM - 1 HOUR

"Divorce Italian Style" is a 1961 comedy movie directed by Pietro Germi, which was filmed almost entirely in Ispica. Today you can visit locations and landscapes that are often very different from that time, and you can notice that the obelisk of the movie does not exist in reality.

90 ACITREZZA AND "I MALAVOGLIA"

ACITREZZA • 125 KM - 1 HOUR 45 MIN

The town has become famous thanks to a classic of Italian literature: "I Malavoglia" by Giovanni Verga. In 1948 it was also the location of the Italian neorealism masterpiece "La Terra Trema" of Luchino Visconti and Antonio Pietrangeli.





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TEAM BUILDING



91 GOLF & TEAM BUILDING

DONNAFUGATA GOLF RESORT & SPA

Emotional control, concentration and strategic skills: qualities you need both for playing golf and for management. Experts from the Golf Academy of Donnafugata Golf Resort & SPA are available for beginners lessons, private lessons or to organize mini-golf tournaments.

92 SICILIAN DINNER

DONNAFUGATA GOLF RESORT & SPA

A sophisticated and elegant evening to relive the charm of the Sicilian tradition of culinary delicacies, high-quality wines, typical installations, dancing performances and puppet theater.

93 MURDER MISTERY DINNER

RAGUSA • 24 KM - 33 MIN

A "Murder mystery dinner" is a very enthralling format that turns a dinner into an interactive theatrical game.

During the evening, diners must help the detective to solve a mystery, examining clues and interrogating directly the actors. An alternative night that involves fun, team building, training and psychology.

94 FOLK DANCES

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At Donnafugata Golf Resort & SPA you can try the most famous folk art of Sicily, the tarantella. With the help of great teachers you can learn the first steps of this traditional dance, which has always been shrouded in a magic and religious halo.

95 WINE TASTING

DONNAFUGATA GOLF RESORT & SPA

In the ancient wine-cellar of Donnafugata Golf Resort & SPA, now turned into a cozy wine bar, you can taste the excellent local wine and participate in oenology courses.

96 PHOTOGRAPHIC TREASURE HUNT

VARIOUS CITIES

The treasure hunt consists of collecting a range of monuments, legends and curiosities of the city, with an instant camera and a booklet.

The routes suggested are between Ragusa Ibla and Upper Ragusa, and between the upper and lower part of Modica. The best way to preserve an original memory of the stay in Sicily.



97 SPORT FOR ALL THE YEAR

VARIOUS CITIES

The mild climate throughout the year allows you to enjoy many outdoor activities from jogging on the natural area of Donnafugata Golf Resort & SPA to trekking on the Iblean mountains, from kitesurfing (picture above) to quad bike or horse ride excursions.

98 GASTRONOMY WORKSHOP

RAGUSA • 24 KM - 35 MIN

A workshop that combines gastronomy and culture. The participants, after having attended the explanation on the processing of dairy products and their ripening, take the working tools in their hands for cooking typical

products: bread, pies, ravioli, cavatelli, sausage and ricotta cannoli. Lunch will consist of the specialities prepared in advance.

99 THE MAKING OF RICOTTA CHEESE

VARIOUS CITIES

In some ancient farmhouses it is possible to organize workshops for the making of ricotta cheese.

Participants compete in first person in the processing of this typical product of Ragusa.

100 BAROQUE PARTY

VARIOUS CITIES

The land of Baroque Art evokes its ancient glory with elegant masked balls.

The guests wear handmade masks and can experience the thrill of dancing in a 18th-century atmosphere.

101 CARVING CHOCOLATE

MODICA • 37 KM - 40 MIN

In Modica you can organize chocolate sculpting competitions and participate in classes to learn how to make this delicacy.



“...The harmonious unity between sky and sea and between sea and land ... even who experienced them only once, will own them forever”

Goethe



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