

# *Experiences*



# Syracuse

## *A journey through time and history*



### **The city of many souls!**

Syracuse in all its beauty, the ancient capital of Magna Graecia opulent and superb, with its sights, tastes and scents the highest expression of a millennial Mediterranean culture.

A surprising fusion of styles and dominations with different souls, which made it a truly unique place. In every corner, traces of ancient civilizations in a succession of emotions in which to get lost.

**A journey through history among the main monuments of the ancient city:**

The magnificent **Greek Theater**, the **Latomie**, the fabulous **Ear of Dionysius** and the **Roman Amphitheater** and, of course, the unmissable **Neapolis Archaeological Park** to fill your sight and heart with beauty.

Get lost in the alleys of **Ortigia**, the most fascinating neighborhood of ancient traditions in Syracuse. Be seduced by the beauty of Piazza Duomo with a visit to the splendid cathedral and be breathless before the enchanting nymph Arethusa!

All this is Syracuse, a city capable of giving you strong emotions for a multi-sensory experience that will deliver indelible memories.



## **Evo 4 You! Discovering the oil mills of the territory**

It is right here, between the sea and the hills that the “green gold” of Sicily is born: **Extra virgin olive oil**, heritage of the island’s history, story of Syracuse’s culture and territory. Excellence and indispensable ingredient to enrich the taste of all dishes of traditional Mediterranean cuisine.

Knowledge, ambition, tenacity, and the strength of a generous territory with a strong agricultural vocation. Respect for nature, traditions, authenticity, handed down from generation to generation.

Walk among the olive groves, appreciate the majesty of the trees and immerse yourself in the typical rural atmosphere of the Syracuse countryside.

Discover all the secrets, techniques and stages of oil production with exclusive visits to local oil mills, **tasting various types of oil accompanied by samples of the local food and wine**, for a taste experience among the flavors and aromas of good Sicilian food.

Sink your hands into the earth, smell its perfume, breathe deeply, taste... and you will understand everything, EVO oil will have no more secrets for you!

Recommended experience also for children and your pets.

# *On the route of Ulysses Marzamemi, S. Lorenzo and Vendicari dal mare*



## **Into the Blue! Boat excursion in and around Marzamemi**

Let's face it, a stay in Syracuse cannot fail to include a boat excursion in its beautiful sea. The adventure begins even before embarking precisely in **Marzamemi**, one of the best-known seaside villages in all of Sicily, with its ancient charm, made up of small blond sandstone houses with peeling walls, and then the old tuna fishery, its picturesque church, the small restaurants with wooden tables outside, evoking atmospheres of the nearby Aegean, and again the large typical Sicilian ceramic vases and the colorful flowers everywhere.

Here where the sun pokes in everywhere and where the sea and sky compete for who is bluest, get ready for an experience to carry in your heart.

At the **marina in Marzamemi** you can **rent a boat (40hp) for your exclusive use**, sailing along Sicily's beautiful east coast, but don't forget to visit the picturesque fishing village first (just a 10-minute walk away).

**Skirt the beach of San Lorenzo and the reserve of Vendicari**, follow the breath of the sea, find refreshment by diving into the crystal clear waters, edging from beach to beach, or head south to the **irresistible lure of Portopalo di Capo Passero** suggestive watershed and crossroads of sailors of all times...

Turn off the engine and look at the horizon, **you are in Mediterranean history!**



*Etna e Taormina*  
*From ancient volcano to sea*

**On the roof of Europe's highest volcano  
turning our gaze to the pearl of the Mediterranean**

What an extraordinary island our Sicily is! Able to offer you in a handful of minutes a leap of 3000m altitude. There where mountain and sea chase each other in breathtaking naturalistic scenery, showing themselves in all their strength and beauty, an excursion awaits you that puts everyone in agreement. **Whether you prefer sea or mountains you are in the right place!**

Learn about Etna's history and its natural, wildlife and floral heritage. Arriving at **Rifugio Sapienza at an elevation of 1,900m**, you can explore the volcano's paths and continue with a **walk-trekking to the Silvestri craters**, or ascend to an elevation of 2,500m by the convenient cable car, or even go off-road to an elevation of 3,000m.

Lose yourself in the surreal atmosphere of a lava, lunar, monochromatic landscape, let yourself be carried away by the magic of a timeless place, suspended in an indefinite dimension.

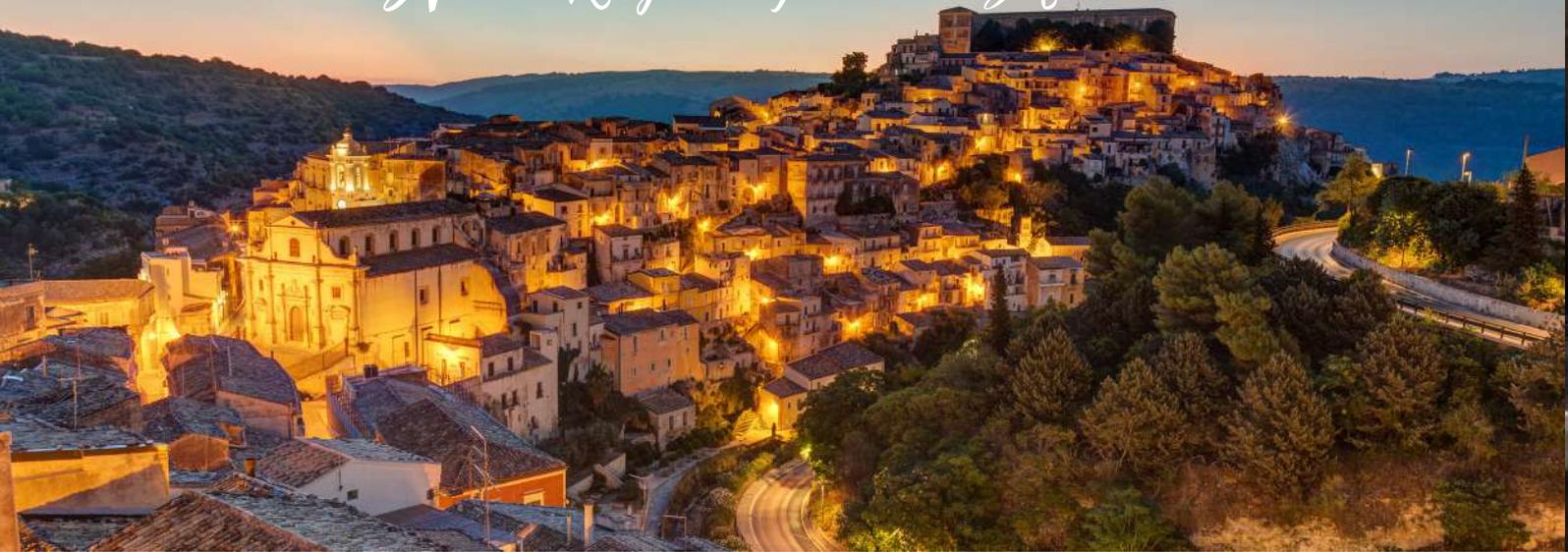
Then turn around, **look at the nearby sea on the horizon** and contemplate all the extraordinariness of this wonderful island.

And then down, hairpin bend after hairpin bend, to the sea and its marvelous **Taormina**, pearl of the Mediterranean, an exclusive town built sheer on a jagged cliff, one of the most prestigious and refined tourist centers in eastern Sicily.

Stroll along the city's splendid main street, with its medieval cathedral and castles, lose yourself in the picturesque alleys to enjoy their magical atmosphere.

An unforgettable day, full of contrasting and unprecedented emotions with the flavor of forest, lava and sea and salt.

# Exploring the Baroque Noto, Ragusa Ibla and Modica



## Great decorative exuberance, architectural language of a people

Immerse yourself in **Sicilian Baroque**, intuit its strong sense of theatricality in this beautiful experience that will surprise you with rural nature scenery unexpectedly interrupted by art towns with extraordinary architectural expressions.

Walk the master avenues, browse through alleys, pause in squares and direct your gaze to the marvelous perspective and scenic plays of this unique style. Perceive its warmth, joy and strong sense of expressive freedom as the cultural redemption of an entire territory.

**Noto** with a visit from the Porta Reale, the main entrance to the city, through Corso Vittorio Emanuele among magnificent buildings and the stunning facades of the Church of Santa Chiara, to the majestic Cathedral of Noto, with its imposing staircase that dominates the entire historic center and then the Ducezio Palace, now the seat of the city's municipality.

And then off... to the charming **Ragusa Ibla** with its Cathedral of St. George, the ancient portal of the Norman era, the Hyblean Garden, which offers visitors a beautiful naturalistic view of the Hyblean Mountains and the Irminio Valley, up to La Rocca Palace with its balconies full of picturesque ornamental masks.

And to end on a sweet note, set off for the famous **Modica**, where architectural sophistication blends with the confectionary delights of its sublime chocolate. You will discover the historic center, with the charming Piazza and Cathedral and, of course, the Antico Laboratorio where you can taste the world-famous artisanal chocolate, Modica's confectionery excellence. An experience to satisfy all the senses, there where sight and palate find the ultimate fulfillment.



*Ancient native grape varieties*  
*In the kingdom of Nero d'Avola and Moscato di Noto*

### **Visit to the winery and tasting of wines and typical products**

Wine and the vine, since ancient times narrators of the history of this splendid territory of ours, where the vine has been growing spontaneously since before the arrival of the Greeks. This is how fine wines and famous grapes are born in Sicily, including **Nero D'avola** and **Moscato di Noto**.

Lose yourself among the rows of vines, tread the soft limestone soil, feel the warmth of the sun that only becomes tepid at dusk, breathe in the smell of the grapes and the sea breezes that bring Mediterranean and brackish scents.

Treat yourself to a beautiful walk through the vineyards and a visit to local wineries and vineyards. You will discover all the production processes and innovative techniques that respect the tradition of these ancient, prized vines. **Taste the not-to-be-missed Nero d'Avola and Moscato di Noto wines**, accompanied by a kilometer 0 aperitif with cheeses, olives, tomatoes, and more.

Don't miss this intense taste of this corner of Sicily, a land of gentle valleys and plateaus sloping down to the coast, among picturesque villages and scenic Baroque architecture that sum up, even in their wines and foods, their soul.



*The Great Nature Reserve  
Vendicari and Marzamemi*

## **Unspoiled nature and fishing villages**

Spend a day in the **unspoiled nature of the Vendicari Nature Reserve** and get lost in the alleys of the enchanting fishermen's village of Marzamemi-different emotions one territory.

There where man and nature coexist in a symbiotic relationship of respect, you will be surprised at how alongside places that bear witness to ancient civilizations, such authentic and wild natural areas have been preserved.

At the **Vendicari Nature Reserve**, you can immerse yourself in the wildlife beauty of this area. You will **admire numerous species of migratory birds** such as herons, cormorants and, with luck, even flamingos. The dense vegetation alternates with the crystal clear sea offering a spectacular play of colors, and when you arrive at the first beach you will admire the striking remains of the Tonnara di Vendicari.

The experience continues with a visit to **Marzamemi**, the charming fishing village of Arab origin, with its ancient charm. Small blond sandstone houses with peeling walls, and then the old tuna fishery, its picturesque church, small restaurants with wooden tables outside, evoking atmospheres of the nearby Aegean, and again the large typical Sicilian ceramic vases and colorful flowers everywhere.