

STOP-OVER IN CATANIA

VISITS and EXCURSIONS FROM CATANIA (4/7 nights minimum...): SUGGESTIONS

Besides being an interesting city of art, **CATANIA** is the ideal base for visiting all other localities in Eastern Sicily: plan daily visits from Catania

	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING	Very good restaurants SUGGESTIONS
Day 1	CATANIA: Fish market; Squares: Domo, Bellini, Università, Mazzini; Streets: Etnea, Crociferi, Sanguiliano, Umberto...	CATANIA Benedictine monastery, Botanical garden, Grec theatre, Bellini garden, Museums	CATANIA by night: 1. from Piazza Duomo to Piazza Currò and Piazza Castello Ursino 2. from Via Sanguiliano to P. Bellini	Restaur. ant Il Giardino di Bacco (Catania) Restaurant Me cumpari Turiddu (Catania)
Day 2	SAVOCA	TAORMINA	TAORMINA SEA CASTELMOLA	Restaurant Tischi Toschi (Taormina) Restaurant Maffei (Taormina)
Day 3	ETNA SOUTH Craters – mt 2000 (Nicolosi area)	ETNA NORTH and cellars GOLE ALCANTARA	ACIREALE ACITREZZA	Restaurant La Grotta (Acireale sea) Restaurant Federico (Acitrezza)
Day 4	SIRACUSA Archeologic park and Ortigia	NOTO	MARZAMEMI	Restaurant Campisi (Marzamemi) Restaurant Regina Lucia (Siracusa).
Day 5	PIAZZA ARMERINA Arch. Park: Villa romana del Casale	AGRIGENTO Valle dei Templi- Scala dei Turchi	SHOPPING OUTLET VALDITTAINO (optional)	Restaurant Fogher (Piazza Armerina) Restaurant La Madia (Licata)
Day 6	MODICA Historic baroque centre	IBLA (Ragusa) Historic baroque centre	SCICLI Historic baroque centre	Restaurant La Grotta (Scicli) Restaurant I Banchi (Ibla)
Day 7	PANTALICA Archeologic park Natural reserve of the Anapo	PALAZZOLO AKREIDE Historic baroque centre Archeologic park	CATANIA	Restaurant Corti Biscari (Catania) Restaurant Colapesce (Catania)

DISTANCES FROM CATANIA:

Acireale km 16, **Etna south** (Nicolosi area, mt 2000) km 38, **Taormina** km 60, **Siracusa** km 60, **Noto** km 60+30, **Piazza Armerina** km 110, **Pantalica** and **Palazzolo Akreide** km 100, **Ragusa/Scicli/Modica** km 110/140, **Agrigento** km 160, **Palermo** km 220, **Aeolian islands** km 125 (Port of Milazzo)

EXCURSIONS from B&B La Foresteria: daily guaranteed excursions with private car + driver. Departures, h 08.30 Reservation: La Foresteria

CATANIA ... SUGGESTIONS:

To visit, among others:

- the **Benedictine Monastery** (better the guided tour), 75 min
- Duomo and Università squares, Bellini Square** and the Massimo Theatre, Mazzini square, **Etnea street**, the **Greek-Roman Theatre** (via Vittorio Emanuele), the Norman **Ursino Castle**, Crociferi street
- the typical fish market the **Pescheria**, near Duomo square. Only in the morning, from Monday to Saturday,
- Agricultural market: Verga square and "Vecchia Dogana" (port): every Sunday H 08:00 / 12.30
- the Duomo and a few of the many baroque churches adorning the streets of the old town: Collegiata, **Badia S. Agata**, S. Agata carcere.....2 h.
- the **museums** (Zo-Ciminiere, Ursino Castle, Verga's house) and exhibitions at the Palace of Culture
- The Gardens: the Botanical Garden, Bellini gardens, 3 h
- the hamlet of San Giovanni Li Cuti and Acitrezza (at km 10)

In the evening (MOVIDA):

Dinner & movida: a) the street food Santa Filomena, b) stay behind" in the local haunts, Ostello in Currò square... c) Port of Catania

Movida...after dinner: at one of the many eating houses, we recommend:

- **Pub:** a stop in one of the over one hundred pub: filling the animated narrow streets and squares around the Ursino Castle, Currò Square., Via Crociferi-Sanguiliano, Bellini Square (Massimo Theatre), the "**Sal**", "**Newsky**", "**Scenario pubblico**", **Suk**
- **Bar** "**Bonu**", Corso Italia 23, corner Verga Sq., and above all at the "**Ma**", Via Vela 6, near Ursino Castle Sq., also offering live music, disco,

Theatre: prose shows, jazz concerts in many theatres (Bellini, Stabile, Metropolitan, Ambasciatori, Piccolo, De Curtis, Fellini, Brancati.....)

Cinema. In summer **outdoor cinema** ! Arena Argentina, Arena Adua and Arena Corsaro (at 650 mt from b&b)

QUALITY SHOPPING:

- Cartura**, papier-maché manufactured products (in antica Dogana-Port building)
- Beppe Gioie**, fashion jewelry and quality handcrafted jewelry (in Imbriani street 162),
- Camula**, Sicily ceramics (in via Etnea 270, in front of the entrance of Bellini Gardens)
- Cristaldi**, large selection of aeno-gastronomic products of excellence (in Corso Sicilia 81)
- Feltrinelli bookstore** (Via Etnea)
- Nonna Vincenza**, historical take-away pastry shop (in Piazza S. Placido).
- In the Etneastreet there are also the department store: **La Rinascente** and **Coin** (closing time h 20.30)
- For clothing it is preferable **Etnea street** and above all **Corso Italia**. Many shops are closed in the morning of Monday,
- Shopping center: **I Portali** (km 9), **Ikea** (km 6), **Etnapolis** (km 10), **Outlet Sicilia** Valdittaino (km 70 – shuttle from/to Catania)..

FOOD ITINERARY IN CATANIA

Recommended **restaurants** in the city centre. It is advisable to book (especially at W.E.) Indicative average rate: € 35.00 per person

- **Street food Via Santa Filomena:** in the pleasant street food (corner via Umberto at 100 mt from Via Etnea and the entrance of Bellini garden), where more are located pizzerias, restaurants, pub. This could be an excellent idea for a nice dinner
- **Colapesce**, in Viale XX Settembre, 78 (corner Trento sq.), with classic cuisine and a large possibility of choice – Tel 095 5873336
- **Me cumpari Turiddu**, in Piazza Turi Ferro (near piazza Stesicoro), with regional dishes, Tel 095 7150142;
- **Corte dei Biscari**, just outside Piazza Duomo (near the entrance of the harbor), essentially fish menus, Tel 342. 6831700;
- **Others recommended restaurants:** **Zenzero** (vegetarian), **Eusebio** (meat), **Oxidiana** (japanese), **Le 3 bocche** (fish), **Pentolaccia**

Excellent **pizzerias**, (also serving other simple dishes), Indicative average rate: € 12.00 per person

- **I Capricciusi**, in piazza Mazzini, tel 095 310219,
- **La Locanda Cerami**, in the beautiful via Crociferi, at nr 69 - Tel 095 2246782;
- **Il Vicolo**, in Via del Colosseo, 20 mt away from Piazza Stesicoro and stop-terminal bus 726 - Tel 095 8360730,
- **La Corte dei Medici** – Via Umberto 105 - Tel 095 2500143

Recommended wine bar: Il Cantiniere – Viale Libertà 153 – Razmataz, Via Montesano 17, Uzeta bistrò, Via Penninello 41

- **Special food package "La foresteria": € 85 (water included, wine or beer not included)**
- 1 typical tasting-dinner (pasta, arancino, caponata, pannelle, fish salade, cannolo...), at the B&B La Foresteria
- 1 dinner pizza menu, at the B&B La Foresteria (or the pizzeria I Capricciusi)
- 1 dinner with typical menu (2 courses + salade + fruit + digestif at the B&B La Foresteria or the trattoria La Pentolaccia,
- 1 tasting of typical Sicilian pastry, at the Pasticceria Nonna Vincenza

Some **bars** (where you can taste especially the typical arancino, cannolo, cassata, granita, ice cream...):

Along via Etnea and Duomo square: **Spinella**, **Savia**, **Prestipino**, **Duomo** - Along Piazza Europa and seaside promenade: **Europa**, **Epoca**, **Ernesto**,

Wine bar: Il Cantiniere (Viale Libertà,153),I Razmataz, (via Montesano 17)