



SELF DRIVE 2019 SPECIALS departing from CATANIA

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Eastern Sicily Baroque itinerary departure from Catania

From Catania to Siracusa, from Caltagirone to Noto and Palazzolo Acreide, an itinerary to immerse yourself in the charme of the Sicilian baroque style, discovering magic and unique places that have a millenary history. The "thème porteur" is certainly the Baroque, however it is not only a simple "journey" throughout the baroque style, because this rich territory has also natural, environmental and archaeological resources.

1st day: Catania

Arrival at the Airport of Catania – Car delivery and transfer to Catania

Overnight: Catania area

2nd day: Catania - Ragusa Ibla - Modica – Scicli – Ragusa area

From Catania to Ragusa – Km 105 (Highway + State road + Provincial road – about 1h40)

From Ragusa to Modica – Km 16 (State road - about 25min)

From Modica to Scicli – Km 10 (Provincial road - about 00h15)

Ragusa Ibla, the first thing that strikes is the breathtaking city view from the bends of corso Mazzini. It looks like a painting, with the grey colour of its buildings in contrast with the green around, revived by the colours of the buildings and the Majolica domes of the church of Santa Maria dell'Itria. The majestic Dome of San Giorgio, erected at the beginning of the XVIIIth century, has an impressive baroque construction.

Modica, beautiful town that, like all the other towns of Val di Noto, was rebuilt after the earthquake of 1693, and is typically in baroque style. Another reason to visit it is its chocolate production, the best of the island.

Scicli, small village of the countryside, full of beautiful baroque buildings, is normally not included in the classic tourist itineraries.

Recommended tours: Ragusa: the Cathedral of San Giovanni, the church of Purgatory, Madonna dell'Itria, Palazzo Battaglia, Palazzo Cosentini, Palazzo Cancelleria, Palazzo La Rocca; Modica: San Giorgio Dome, the city mansion near the church of S. Rosario, the churches of San Pietro and S. Maria of Bethlem famous for its Crib, the Ethnographic Museum and the Palazzo Mercenari; Scicli: the church of San Matteo that dominates the city, the church of San Bartolomeo, while among the civilian buildings there are Palazzo Beneventano and Palazzo Fava and don't forget to try the famous «granita» (water-ice drink).

Overnight: Ragusa area

3rd day: Ragusa - Siracusa – Noto – Palazzolo Acreide – Siracusa area

From Ragusa to Siracusa - Km 88 (State road + Highway – about 1h00)

From Siracusa to Noto – Km 37 (Highway + State road + Provincial road – about 00h30)

From Noto to Palazzolo Acreide – Km 30 (State road - about 00h38)

Siracusa to enjoy the living proof of the Sicilian Baroque almost entirely concentrated around Piazza del Duomo, heart of the social and religious life of the town.

Noto full of art and charm town, has earned the name of "city of the Baroque", for its baroque buildings and churches. Today is nominated by the Unesco "World heritage Site". The ancient Val di Noto considered the biggest yard in Sicilian history and, for what we know, probably the biggest experimentation laboratory of international baroque patterns.

Palazzolo Acreide small, but fascinating, jewel of baroque architecture normally not considered in the usual tours.

Recommended tours: in Siracusa, the Cathedral with its beautiful square "Piazza Duomo", the church of S. Lucia alla Badia, the Senate Palace, Palazzo Beneventano, Palazzo Borgia, the Ear of di Dionisio, the Neapolis Park, the Greek theatre, the Roman amphitheatre and Ortigia where visitors can admire the source Aretusa with its luxuriant plants of papyrus. The centre of Noto, where there are the most important monuments, expressions of the baroque style (the Cathedral, the noble buildings and the Town Hall); Palazzolo Acreide: Church of San Sebastiano, San Paolo, the Cathedral and the church of the Annunciation, the church of Montevergine.

Overnight: Siracusa area

4th day: Siracusa - Catania and the baroque footprint

From Siracusa to Catania – Km 65 (State road + highway – 45mn)

Catania beautiful city of the "black" baroque, with the classic baroque style of Giovan Battista Vaccarini, which alternates the black lava rock with the white limestone, so different from the other towns of Val di Noto.

Recommended tours: Piazza Duomo with its magnificence sandstone and basalt facade and, Palazzo dei Chierici, Palazzo degli Elefanti, Town Hall. The eighteenth century Palazzo Biscari that was built by the most illustrious architects of that time, the road of the Crociferi, expression of the Catania baroque, the majestic Monastery of the Benedictines.

Overnight: Catania area

5th day: Departure

Departure from the Airport Fontanarossa – Catania