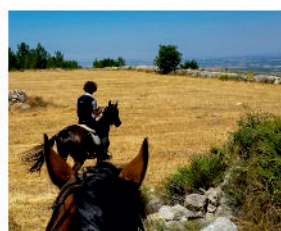




WELCOME

Dear guests, dear friends welcome to the nice "Provincia Iblea". We hope you will enjoy the natural beauty of the area and a pleasant stay in our accommodation. To increase your comfort, you will have at your disposal a wide array of "on-demand" services as result of a consolidated partnership with our reliable experts. Furthermore, our team uses the collaboration of different partners (restaurants, pizzerias, shops and companies) who are waiting for you to offer the highest quality products and highly qualified services. Inside the brochure, you can find a list and the descriptions of the activity of these partners and use it as a "discount voucher" (from 10% to 15%) at any time and as many times as you want, just download the QR-Code on your smartphone. Thanks for your time and have a nice holiday!

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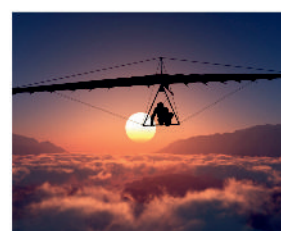
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We are located along the southern coast of Sicily, home of the famous TV show "Il Commissario Montalbano". Our holiday homes are not only located in the Baroque Cities of Ragusa Ibla, Scicli and Modica, but also along the wonderful southern Mediterranean coast, which offers breathtaking sunsets and amazing beaches of the finest golden sand. The southern coast of Sicily offers some of the most beautiful and fascinating views, they extend from the river Ippari, place of the ancient Kamarina (founded in 598 B.C.), beyond the river Irminio and ending in Pozzallo (with its main port which can take you directly to the island of Malta), and is host to hundreds of thousands of tourists who come for the beautiful weather, the cool breeze and crystalline waters. The Hyblean coast and its surroundings offer natural and rare architectural sights that capture the attention of numerous tourists who come for the history of the place, its baroque buildings and its rich culture.



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Twenty kilometers from Marina di Ragusa, we find the marvelous baroque Cities of the Val di Noto which are UNESCO World Heritage Centers: Ragusa Ibla, Modica and Scicli. The Donnafugata Resort, which is only 10 Km away, offers one of the best Golf courses in the area. The province of Ragusa, rich in folkloric and religious tradition, offers some of the finest cultural activities which include religious festivals, processions and rituals. The various feasts and festivals promote the diverse typical produce and products of each city and make the Iblean coast one of the most interesting and lively places to see all year round. The numerous festivals celebrating the diversity and uniqueness of typical local products, along with food and wine events, celebrate the top ten products of the season, among which we can find cheese from Ragusa (Caciocavallo), olive oil from Monti Iblei, the Cerasuolo wine from Vittoria and the chocolate of Modica that give the Iblea province its renowned "Food Valley" name. In addition, exhibitions, film festivals and literary events are the greatest historic and artistic heritage of the Iblea province. We hope to see you take part in this wonderful and extraordinary experience with us so you can bring back home some of the most beautiful and unforgettable memories of your life.



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FISH MARKETS

SCOGLITTI (Market Ittico – Via Genova,32)

DONNALUCATA (Via Pirandello – Near the port)

PUNTA SECCA (Porticciolo in Piazza Faro)



CASTLES

ARAGONESE CASTLE OF COMISO (RG) – CITY CENTER

Historical documents of the XIII-XIV century already talked about the castle of Comiso, it is described as "... feudum Comisi cum aliis fortificiis et edificis ...", so already before the end of the fourteenth century Comiso was surrounded by solid walls all around its perimeter and had towers and a castle with a moat in front of it. At around 1392 the ownership of the castle passed from Federico Speciaro to Count Cabrera, while in 1453 it was sold to Periconio Naselli, Baron of the Mastra, whose descendant Gaspare Naselli in 1571 was appointed Count of Comiso by Filippo I of Sicily. Since then and for many centuries, the castle became the permanent residence of the Naselli family. That is until 1693, when an earthquake caused much of the castle to collapse except for the main tower. The work to restore it continued until the beginning of the eighteenth century, but the transformation of the castle into a noble palace came to a halt when the Viceroy Christopher Fernandez of Cordova came to visit, staying for some time in Comiso along his whole court. At the time of the Bourbons, the castle remained abandoned, that is until 1841, when a part of it was transformed into a theater and later passed on to the municipality, while the lower part was used as a district prison. Nowadays the castle is owned by the Nifosi family, direct descendants from the Barons of Canalazzi who, till today, still live there.



CASTLE ARAGONESE - COMISO



CASTLE ARAGONESE

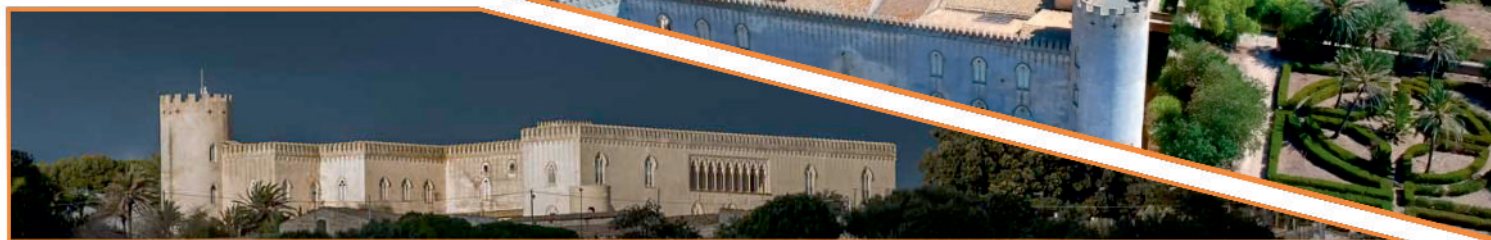


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DONNAFUGATA CASTLE

Contrary to what one may think, the Donnafugata Castle was not a real medieval castle but a sumptuous noble residence of the late 1800s. Its dwellings overlooked the vast properties of the rich Arezzo De Spuches family. The building covers an area of about 2.500 square meters with a large Neo-Gothic façade crowned by two side towers that welcomes all visitors. The first construction of the castle is believed to be commissioned by the Chiaramonte family, counts of Modica, in the XIV century. In the fifteenth century it seems that it could have been one of Bernardo Cabrera's residences, at the time, a great executioner of the Kingdom of Sicily. The construction of the of the castle, formerly known as the Bellio-Cabrera fiefdom, was purchased in 1648 by Vincenzo Arezzo-La Rocca, Baron of Serri or Serre, who turned it into his country house. Most of the construction, however, was due to one of his descendants, Baron Corrado Arezzo, an eclectic man of studies and politics. A few decades later, the property was passed on to Clementina Paternò di Manganelli, widow of the Viscount Gaetano Combes de Lestrade. Finally, in 1982, after many years of neglect and abandonment, the property went to the Municipality of Ragusa who, after many years of hard work and restoration, made it usable again.



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MUSEUMS AND ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES

ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE OF KAUCANA (ANTIQUITIES) – (SANTA CROCE DI CAMERINA, RG)

The archaeological site of Kaucana is located east of Cape Scalambri in the "Antiquities" area. This area was already known in the late-ancient times as a port village where all communications to the island of Malta and North Africa passed through. It's interesting the fact that writers from the byzantine era wrote about Kaucana in a military operation related to the war against the vandals.

KAMARINA (CAMMARATA REGION, NEAR SCOGLITTI)

The Museum is a precious monument of terrestrial and submarine archeological heritage that preserves the history of the territory from the prehistoric to the medieval ages. It is located a few kilometers from Santa Croce Camerina in a rural farmhouse that dates back to the 1800's. The Regional Archaeological Museum of Kamarina is located at the headland of the town, a place inhabited by people since the bronze ages until the modern age and it includes the space of the farm of the late 1800's that was installed on the ancient acropolis and encasing the temple of Athena, deity of the Greek city. Of the temple, transformed in the byzantine or medieval ages into a church, remains visible only the south wall of the cella, the foundations and the paved courtyards inserted into the museum's walkways.

CIVIC MUSEUM OF RAGUSA (NEAR VIA ROMA, RAGUSA'S HISTORIC CENTER)

The museum is located in Ragusa (near via Roma in the historic center) and traces the history of the Hyblean territory from the prehistoric to the byzantine era. Don't miss "The Warrior of Castiglione", a tombstone with an ancient bas-relief and inscription (perhaps the oldest in all of Great Greece).

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MUSEUM OF PEASANT TIMES (VIA SAN VITO, INSIDE OF PALAZZO ZACCO, RAGUSA)

The inclusion of the Museum within the late-baroque building finds its justification in the architectural genetics of the Zacco palace. Indeed, there is a very strong connection between the baroque city and the Ragusan countryside. Nobles and the rich bourgeois drew their economic resources from the surrounding lands, especially from the peasant labor.

ITALIAN HUNGARIAN MUSEUM (VITTORIA, RG)

On December 14th, 1995, in Vittoria, province of Ragusa, the Italian-Hungarian Museum was born out of the collaboration of the Italian and Hungarian Ministries of Defenses, but above all, by the will of the Municipal Administration and the help of the Magyar State. The museum was built where the biggest prison in Sicily once stood. It is the place where the military stories and events of the two nations are reconstructed thanks to the precious collaboration of the largest Military Museum of Europe: the Military Museum of Budapest.

LIBERTY MUSEUM HOUSE (CHIARAMONTE GULFI, RG)

The Liberty House Museum is a place unique in the Sicilian region, born from the private collection of Emiliana Figliuoli, where we find precious objects made by artists such as Renè Lalique, Legras and Calderoni as well as home furnishings designed by Ernesto Basile and Carlo Zen. In the museum house, every object is placed in its natural setting so that they can best tell their story as well as their intended function. Upon arrival we find a welcoming entrance and Sicilian furniture made by Ernesto Basile, we can also see a dining room with two sideboards inspired by the Nancy school and a budoir with a Habillée table, where the lady of the house spent her time, we can also find a precious porcelain bibelot located on the marble dressing table. A Singer sewing machine from the early 1900s is also present in the house. In the room prepared for visits there is a console, a mirror in mahogany frame with polychrome glass, an armchair, a silent servant with three inlaid wooden shelves and, on the wall, a hanging vase holder in polychrome ceramic; a real dive into the past to live intensely.

COMICS MUSEUM OF SANTA CROCE CAMERINA (RG)

The Xanadu Association's comic museum, founded in 2002 in Santa Croce, was a unique experiment in Italy created by its founding members: Giuseppe Miccichè and his wife Lina Canto. It was a dream come true for those who wanted to do research (there have been numerous collaborations with schools) or revisiting past worlds, where the roots that lie at the basis of our current way of thinking and being reside. The name "Xanadu" evokes in the mind the entrance into a fantasy world in which comic strips are the main form of expression of the real changes that society has undergone since its birth, presented in a uniquely expressive form, for all to see.



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FESTIVALS

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CUTTLEFISH FESTIVAL OF DONNALUCATA

The ancient port of Donnalucata becomes the stage for a small fishing village's seafood history and gastronomy where you can taste the different ways fresh cuttlefish is prepared and served.



TOMATO FESTIVAL OF SAMPIERI

This festival takes place in Sampieri, a splendid little seaside village that is part of Scicli. Here you can experience a part of culinary history by sampling the many dishes prepared following ancient recipes and traditions.



FISH FESTIVAL IN POZZALLO

The 48th Fish Festival of Pozzallo represents one of Sicily's most ancient and renowned events where the visitor can partake in the taste and acquisition of the most exquisite local fish products and dishes.



ONION FESTIVAL OF GIARRATANA

The 14th of August marks the traditional Giarratana's summer festival dedicated to the different products and dishes elaborated with its famous onions; experienced through art, traditions, tastings, folklore, music and its artisan market.



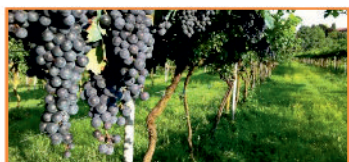
BREAD FESTIVAL OF MONTEROSSO ALMO

It's a Midsummer festival celebrating Monterosso's unique homemade breads that transcends all expectations.



FESTIVAL OF THE "MITILUGGHIA" IN ACATE

Festival dedicated to the "Mitilugghia", a typical recipe of Iblean cuisine. The recipe is an Arab derivation with many tasty variations including sweet fried bread pasta.



GRAPE FESTIVAL OF ROCCAZZO DI CHIARAMONTE GULFI

A traditional festival that takes place under traditional genuineness which manages to capture an increasing number of visitors wanting a taste of the classic flavors of its grape harvests.



FESTIVAL OF THE FREE-RANGE ROOSTER OF CHIARAMONTE GULFI

Traditional Sicilian festival that captures the uniqueness and variety of its products, dishes and traditions while maintaining and increasing its number of visitors each year.



FESTIVAL OF THE CARROT OF ISPICA

It's a traditional festival that captures the essence of local products and recipes.



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BAROQUE CITIES

MODICA, SCICLI, RAGUSA IBLA

The late Hyblean baroque, peculiar compared to the European baroque, was born thanks to the work of skilled artisans who sculpted the local limestone while giving rise to scenographic façades, furious or grinning faces, corbels, cherubs, masks and balconies with rounded shapes that marked an exuberant and grotesque architecture that bears witness to the highly artistic, historical and cultural value of the Province of Ragusa.

RAGUSA



NATURAL RESERVES

IRMINIO RIVER MOUTH (ORNITHOLOGICAL OBSERVATORY)

The charming province of Ragusa holds two natural reserves of immense beauty and importance: the Irminio River Natural Reserve and the Pino d'Aleppo Natural Reserve. It is in these places where history tells us so much about the island's as well as the province's past.

Here, nature finds its place to express itself in its full splendor. The Irminio River originates in Monte Lauro and it's the longest waterway in the entire province of Ragusa. The Natural Reserve was established in 1985 and it's managed by the Regional Province of Ragusa. The reserve was established with the intention of protecting the mouth of the Irminio River which is located in the territories of Scicli and Ragusa. The natural reserve is to be found along a piece of jutting coastal land that stretches into the Mediterranean Sea, where the green of the vegetation and the blue of the sea melt into one if not for a small band of beautiful white sand.

PINO D'ALEPPO

The Pino d'Aleppo Natural Reserve was established in 1990 and it's managed by the Regional Province of Ragusa along with the Department of Territories, Environment and Civil Protection. This reserve was established in order to protect and preserve the native species of *Pinus Halepensis* and to rebuild the old pine forest destroyed by human interaction. This reserve extends between the cities of Ragusa, Vittoria and Comiso and occupies the lower part of the river Ippari.



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PANTALICA

The reserve extends for most of the territories of Ferla, Cassaro and Sortino and it is where most of its famous catacombs are located. It's crossed by the Anapo and the Calcinara River that flow through the region's characteristic v-shaped canyons. It includes multiple ecosystems: the valley of the Anapo River, with its source being on Mount Lauro in the Iblei Mountains and flowing into the port of Syracuse, the Pantalica Valley and the Cava Grande stream.

VENDICARI (SP 19 NOTO-PACCHINO)

The Vendicari Reserve is of utmost importance to the region due to the presence of marshes that serve as a resting place for the migration of different species of birds. It was officially established in 1984 but made usable for the public in 1989. The reserve is managed by the Regional State Forest Company. It covers about 1512 hectares and it's located in a narrow marshy coastal strip of fundamental importance for many migratory bird species.

RANDELLO NATURE RESERVE (FORESTRY)

The Randello Natural Reserve is a vast protected pine forest that overlooks the sea, located between Punta Braccetto and Scoglitti. In the past, it was a private hunting reserve, today it's primarily made up of pine forest and other varieties of trees including thorny oak, eucalyptus, myrtle, cypress and other Mediterranean species. It also offers a suggestive beach characterized by the presence of poly form shells. Near the reserve, the ruins of some necropolises belonging to the archaeological site of Kamarina can be found. Legambiente and the Italian Touring Club have considered it among the most beautiful beach in Italy, including it in the "Guida Blu 2014".



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