



VILLA FAVORITA

Noto – SICILY Region





Location

Located on the highlands dominating the Asinaro Valley stands Noto, the cradle of Sicilian Baroque art, and one of the most beautiful towns in Sicily - in addition to being a World Heritage Site.

Noto is labeled the "Garden of Stone," and when we walk through its streets, we can understand why: the buildings, churches, stuccowork, decor and embellishments narrate the ostentation that swathed Sicily in the 18th Century.

The Porta Reale demarcates the entrance to the historic center, passing through the elegant Corso Vittorio Emanuele, divided into three main squares. Piazza del Municipio opens out with its regal stairway leading to the Cathedral courtyard, itself delimited on either side by two bell towers.

Three 19th-century buildings – the Palazzo Vescovile, Palazzo Lanolina and Palazzo Ducezio - mark out the piazza's perimeter, a jewel box of architectonic treasures.

A short distance away is the monumental Complex of Santissimo Salvatore, hosting a monastery, Basilica and seminary, each designed according to different styles perfectly blended harmoniously into one - a very picturesque and impressive synthesis.

A visit to the Church of Santa Chiara is a must on an itinerary of the Province. It is elaborately decorated with stuccowork, putti and colonnades that correspond to the interior sculptures and paintings.

Equally-beautiful is the Church of San Domenico, a masterpiece by Rosario Gagliardi; its convex façade, decorated with columns, anticipates the beauty within.

Vincenzo Sinatra, one of the architects who contributed to Noto's rebirth, built the concave Church of Montevergini. The Church meets Nicolaci Street, where we can glimpse the splendid balconies adorning the exterior of Palazzo Nicolaci Villadorata. Finally, the exterior décor and precious frescoes of Mazza's Palazzo Trigona is a triumph.

Noto is absolutely ideal for a visit any time of year. Summer is the season to marry cultural itineraries with trips to the limpid Sicilian sea, while autumn welcomes those traveling the Val di Noto.

Situated in southeastern Sicily, Val di Noto (the Noto Valley) – with its eight gorgeous late-Baroque cities – became one of the Italian UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 2002. The eight cities are: Caltagirone, Militello Val di Catania, Catania, Modica, Noto, Palazzolo Acreide, Ragusa and Scicli. These cities already existed during the Medieval Age, but were rebuilt (in part or entirely) after the catastrophic earthquake of 1693. Having followed the stylistic model predominant during the era, the cities' architecture, urban plan and decorations constitute the culmination of one of the last periods of Baroque's flourish in Europe.

Known in Antiquity as Ibla, Ragusa features two rather different city centers, one re-constructed from the ground up, in the new style, after the events of 1693, and the other according to its original Medieval look. An itinerary through the Baroque in Ragusa winds among nine principal churches (e.g. San Giovanni Battista, San Giorgio, Santa Maria dei Miracoli), and seven palazzi (including the Cancelleria, Bertini, and Cosentini).

Property

Villa Favorita was built in 1752 as a summer residence. It is a place where the charm of an authentic Sicilian baroque house has been saved across generations of one family. The relais, surrounded by citrus groves and almond trees, sits on a slight hill and this gives it a spectacular look over all the beauties of the Val di Noto. Villa Favorita Relais, placed in the Val di Noto in the heart of Baroque Sicily and was born with the transformation of the 18th century villa property of the Di Lorenzo barons of Granieri marquis of Castelluccio family. Villa Favorita is located a few kilometers from Noto and the sea. The perfect base for your vacation and to explore the surrounding area.



Rooms

Our rooms are the result of a careful restructuring that has as its objective the preservation of the original structure and the respect of the constraints of the Ministry of cultural heritage. Each room is unique and equipped with all comforts. The bathrooms have all been renovated in 2019.

Price starting from: 140 euro per room per night with breakfast included

Amenities included:

- ✓ Free upgrade (upon availability)
- ✓ Welcome drink

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Surroundings & Activities

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Surroundings:

Taormina – 142km away

Etna Volcano – 121km away

Catania – 90km away

Siracusa – 36km away

Activities (transfer to be added till Taormina: 170 sedan / 225 minivan)

Etna Sunset with jeep: 101 euro per pax

Agrigento & Piazza Armerina: 52 euro per pax

Sicilian cooking class: 88 euro per pax

Pizza class: 59 euro per pax

Godfather tour: 135 euro per pax

Panarea & Stromboli islands: 89 euro per pax

Lipari & Vulcano islands: 75 euro per pax

Map & Accessibility

Our transfers: prices per car, one way

Night supplement 25% apply for services from 8pm to 7am

Closest airport: **Catania**, 1hr away

By sedan (max 2 pax with bags): 125 euro

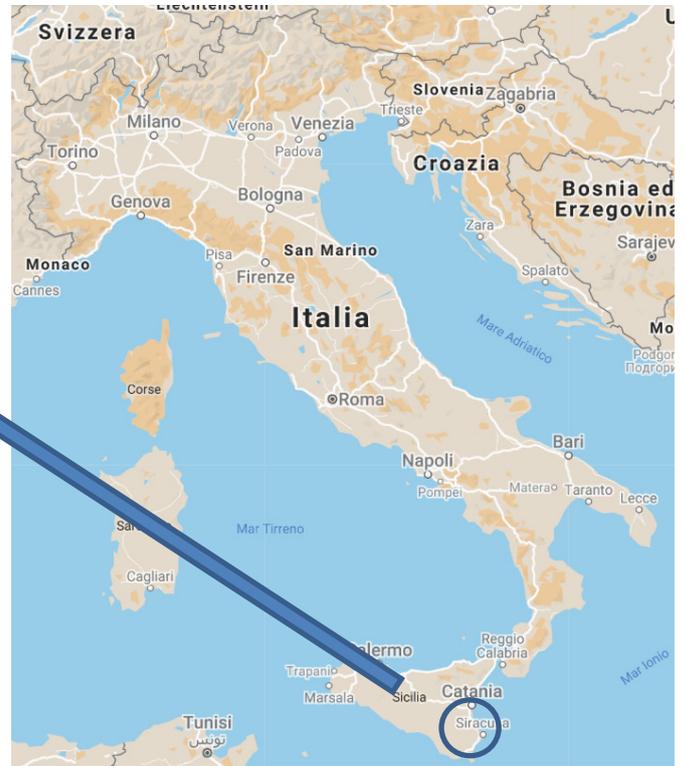
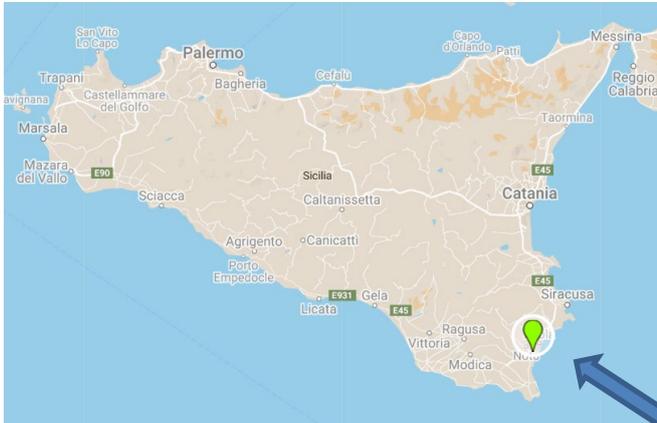
Minivan (max 6 pax with bags): 165 euro

Closest railway station: **Catania**, 1hr away

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