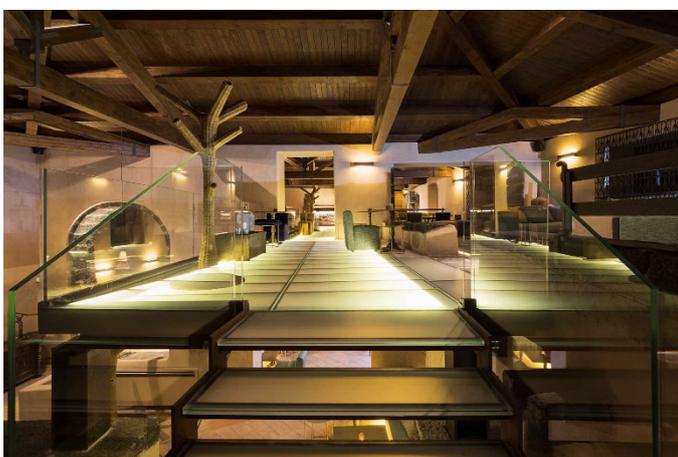
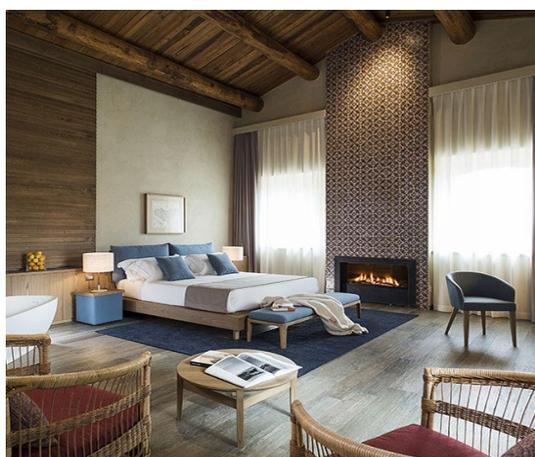




## VILLA SAN GIULIANO

Etna – SICILY Region





### Location

Rising up over the Island of Sicily, near the coast touching on the Messina Strait, Etna is the European Continent's most active volcano, and one of the entire world's biggest; now it has earned its stripes as an UNESCO World Heritage Site (June, 2013).

Etna represents a natural, terrestrial scientific laboratory, and its volcanic zones and intense eruptions have been observed and talked about since Antiquity. Writings referring to Etna date as far back as 2,700 years ago, leading the UNESCO World Heritage Centre to declare it as "one of the most documented world records among Volcanoes." "Its craters, ashes, lava flows, caverns and depression known as Valle del Bove make Etna a privileged destination and important center of international research with a long history that has been influential on volcanology, geology and the other earth sciences." Not only, but its "fame, scientific importance and cultural and pedagogical elements are significant on a global level." All are reasons for which UNESCO chose to make the Sicilian mount a member of the World Heritage group.

Centuries and centuries of eruptions have modified Etna's outer lying landscape, transforming the typical Mediterranean flora and fauna of Sicily into an evocative, almost-lunar environment. The area is protected by the vast Etna Natural Park, established in 1987.

Visitors can wander the park via a few natural paths, open to everyone, and the volcano's smaller openings, produced by eruptions over time, are dispersed all around, at varying altitudes. In fact, these openings are easily-accessible and therefore present an excellent opportunity for researchers and excursionists. Besides those scholars that have known and studied Etna for years, tourists also find in the volcano an intriguing destination that makes the draw to Sicily and the beautiful Province of Catania that much greater.

The ties between Catania and Mt. Etna are indissoluble: Etna dominates the city from on high, redesigning the vast panorama that runs from the coastal strip facing the Ionian Sea, to the extensive countryside dotted with orange groves and vineyards, forests thriving with oaks and chestnuts, and even the stark, lunar terrain that gradually becomes more noticeable as it nears Etna's peak. The view from the top is almost heart stopping, so spectacular that it arrives all the way to the Island of Malta.

An eruption at night offers the opportunity for a highly-suggestive scene, with the impressive river of lava that slowly travels the mountainside, and with its gushes of bright red that light up the sky – it is an experience like no other.

Icon of Sicily, Etna is an essential stop for tourists visiting the magical Isle, even in winter, when the entire setting becomes an exceptional place for skiing and other winter sports.

### Property

The dream of a noble past which become modern hospitality. A charming boutique hotel obtained by an historical Mansion House in the heart of Etna between nature and culture.

Around the inner court are located the buildings of the Main Villa, the house of the farmer and the Palmento, the wine press cellar which was restored to its original splendor. Relais san Giuliano has comfortable rooms with an elegant personality, a SPA, a swimming pool in the garden area, a restaurant and a lounge bar, perfect for your walk through Sicilia's food and wine experience.

The intact charm of the Mansion House, the research of fine furniture and love for details makes Relais San Giuliano the ideal Boutique Hotel for your holiday based on relax, to discover Catania and the suggestive land around Mount Etna.

### Rooms

Relais San Giuliano has 9 rooms and 4 suites with large space, bright and comfortable for a long stay, ideal for the entire family. Each and every room is equipped with fine furniture to give the right balance between



antique and modern. The masterly use of natural material such as wood, iron, terracotta, ceramic and glass gives a note of personality to the rooms.

Price starting from: 200 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** – 55km away

**Catania** – 35km away

**Siracusa** – 100km away

Activities (transfer to be added till Taormina: 85 sedan / 112 minivan)

**Etna Sunset with jeep:** 101 euro per pax

**Agrigento & Piazza Armerina:** 52 euro per pax

**Sicilian cooking class:** 70 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): 85 euro

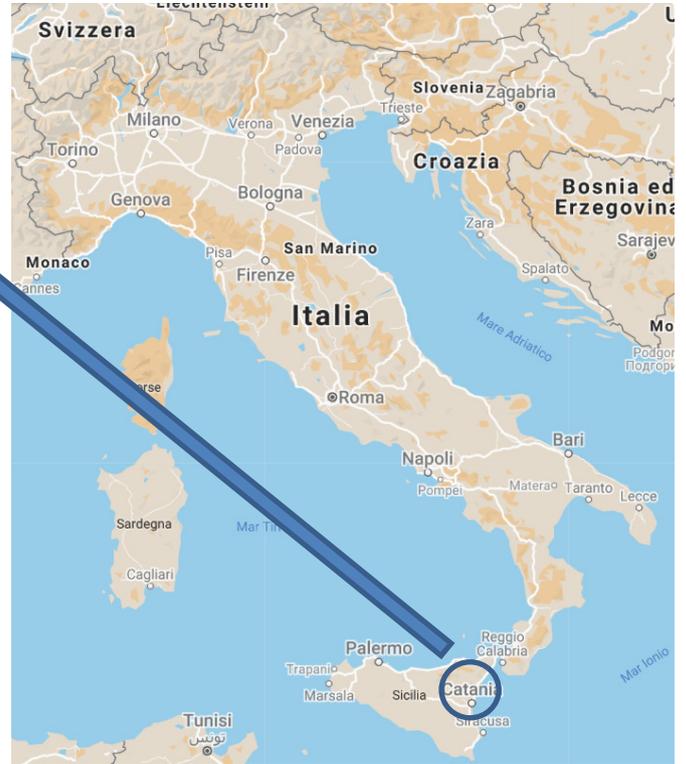
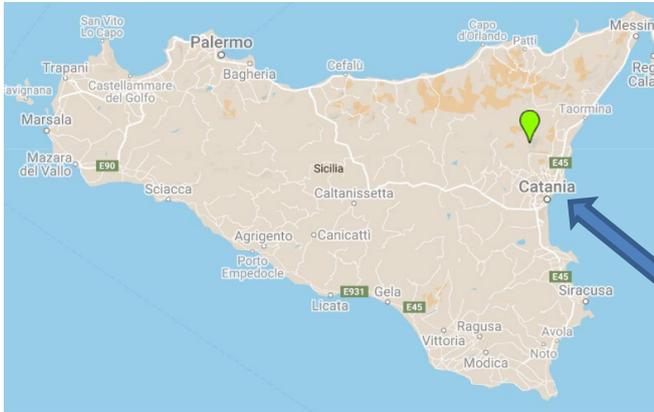
Minivan (max 6 pax with bags): 112 euro

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

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