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# Sicily



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# **TAORMINA**

Words won't be enough to describe the beauty of this village.

Located on the western shore of Sicily, the Greeks already realized how special this place was and settle down here as the Romans and many others did after. Taormina is a very popular destination but unless you decide to live in the upper part of the town where most attractions, hotels, shops, and restaurants are, the outskirts are very quiet and enjoyable.

On sunny clear days, you can almost touch the Etna Vulcano and the shore is barely 15 minutes away. Catania's biggest town and airport is less than an hour away. Public services here work much better than in other areas of Sicily thanks to tourism.

Population 11,000



# CEFALU'

Cefalù faces the north and is approx 1 hour away from Palermo by train. It's one of the most charming villages in Sicily, pretty busy in the summer, throughout the decades' many resorts and hotels have been built along the coast, but it's still very enjoyable to live in a place changing so much according to the season.

The city is dominated by a monumental rock that rises up to almost 1000ft in height, already known as the "promontory of Hercules" on which the Temple of Diana stands. The town, its architecture, and style have been influenced through the centuries by many populations who arrived here by sea.

Sitting on a bench with gelato at the little port where the lights reflect in the water is a must-do thing for the locals.





### CASTELMOLA

If you like to be in the area of Taormina but you are also looking for a much quieter place, Castelmola might be the right village for you.

This small village is a real genuine natural terrace built on the ruins of an ancient castle that, over time has assumed a concave and smooth shape. The main square is a mosaic of white lava stone, bordered by tree-lined and shady pavements. The view is spectacular.

In general, the urban design is very nice, the street names, the street numbers, and signs are almost always in stone and wrought iron. The doors and windows of the houses are framed in Taormina stone and the houses are covered in light colors ranging from a delicate yellow to antique rose. The Sicilian-style roof tiles are still on the roofs and, excluding some questionable buildings from the 60s to 70s, everything is as you would expect from a Sicilian village.

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### ACITREZZA

The town is in the municipality of Aci Castello on the eastern coast only a few miles away from Catania that has a big international airport.

Acitrezza is famous among Italians because is the setting for Giovanni Verga's seminal novel I Malavoglia, but the town today is a lively seaside resort and not a fishermen's village plagued by poverty and ancient rivalries anymore.

Breathtaking landscapes, the most famous being the Faraglioni, three sea stacks, and five rocks standing out of the sea in front of the village. This is a perfect location if you wish to be close to the water, close to a bigger city with all services but still in a quiet area.

Population 5,000



## **SALEMI**

Salemi, a hilltop town surrounded by the glimmering green of vineyards and olive groves, rises around its ancient medieval Castle.

The village looks delightful with its maze of stone-paved narrow streets and is part of the club of "The Most Beautiful Villages of Italy". Like many other villages in Italy, Salemi has been colonized by several civilizations but its current name comes from the Arabian word Salam, which means peace.

Closest airports Palermo and Catania, both less than an hour away. The town has a strategic position, you can easily reach the northern and eastern shore to explore many famous attractions like the Greek temples of Segesta and Selinunte, the Marine Reserve of Zingaro, Agrigento, Palermo, and many others.

Population 10,600





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