



EXPERIENCES IN SICILY



WELCOME TO SICILY

Two dream-like settings in Taormina await our guests. Perched high on the rocky east coast, next to the ancient Greek Theatre, Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo enjoys stunning views over the glittering sea and majestic Mount Etna. Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea, set on its own private beach in Taormina Mare, is a lush hideaway on a serene turquoise bay. Guests are welcome to enjoy the facilities at both, hopping on the private shuttle that takes just 15 minutes. When you can tear yourself away, Sicily's enticing attractions range from baroque towns, idyllic islands and artisan shops to the marvels of Etna herself. Just talk to the Concierge and a host of activities can be arranged.

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Within our walls



BEACH CABANAS

Located in a secluded area of the beach, the six exclusive cabanas at Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea enable guests to relax in their own personal sanctuary beside the azure sea.

Perfect for up to four people, each stylish cabana is furnished with a comfortable sofa, table, tented veranda and two sun loungers. Guests have access to soft drinks from the minibar, a bottle of sparkling wine, chilled fresh fruit, Evian water spray and complimentary WiFi. A dedicated waiter is on hand to cater to every whim, such as a relaxing massage overlooking the bay and lunch prepared by our Chef using local ingredients. The cabanas can be rented either daily or for a guest's entire stay.



Available all day from 8.30am-7pm. They can also be hired for a private evening celebration, such as a romantic candlelit dinner with a bespoke menu.



BARBECUE ON THE BEACH

Every Sunday, Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea's beach is illuminated with candles and torches and the scents of delicious grilled fish, meats and vegetables waft enticingly over the bay.

Let our chef barbecue the catch of the day, or another irresistible speciality, in front of you, and then settle down to dine overlooking the water.



From 8pm every Sunday night.
Reservation recommended.

CANDLELIT DINNER ON THE BEACH

As evening falls, the private beach at Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea takes on a magic of its own. With the sea gently lapping in the distance and a sky full of twinkling stars, it provides the perfect setting for a romantic dinner. Enjoy a specially prepared menu for two, served by your exclusive waiter, in a uniquely intimate atmosphere.



Please speak to the Concierge to arrange.





INTO THE BLUE: DINNER WITH FLOATING CONCERT

Discover the enchanting light and dazzling waters of Mazarò Bay aboard a colourful Sicilian boat. On a private sunset cruise, guided by local fishermen, you will witness intense vermilion reflections on the deep-blue water as you explore the bay's hidden coves. Visit the beautiful Grotta Azzurra, or Blue Grotto, a natural cave that plays host to a fascinating underwater world of sea urchins, shrimp, corals, occasional sponges and moray eels.

Return to the bay, where a private floating concert awaits. From their own boat, musicians and singers serenade you with opera classics, such as local composer Vincenzo Bellini's masterpiece, *Norma*, setting the scene for a romantic dinner either on board or in one of the luxurious cabanas on Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea's private beach.

And for a final touch, sample the Sicilian wine of love—"Lamuri"—produced with passion from a selection of Nero d'Avola grapes by local winemaker Tasca d'Almerita.





OPEN-AIR WELLNESS TREATMENTS

Surrounded by tranquil, exotic gardens, Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea's Wellness Centre perfectly captures the rejuvenating essence of Sicily.

A heavenly range of spa treatments draws on fragrant orange flowers, amber, sandalwood and jasmine. Enjoy soothing, open-air massages and a selection of nourishing rituals for women, men, couples and even children.



Please book your treatment in advance.
Ask at the Wellness Centre for a menu.

YOGA ON THE BEACH

Start your day in super-relaxed style with a yoga class on Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea's private beach. Rise with the sun, when the sea is calm, the bay still asleep and the boats still docked, to stretch, recharge and meditate. Guided by an expert teacher, you will end the session feeling serene and re-energised.



Available on request. Please speak to the Concierge.





ARANCINI AND CHAMPAGNE EVENINGS

Indulge in Sicilian street food accompanied by elegant French fizz on Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo's celebrated Literary Terrace. Arancini—deep-fried, ragu-filled rice balls—are a delicious regional speciality with an ancient history. They were first introduced in the 800s by Arab invaders, who imported rice and saffron to the island. However, subsequent refinements, such as coating the balls in breadcrumbs to make them easily portable, have given the savoury snacks a distinctly Sicilian twist—so much so that no visit to the island is complete without a taste of a crunchy, golden arancino.



Weekly on the Literary Terrace. The day may vary according to performances at the Greek Theatre.



SICILIAN TRATTORIA NIGHT

Embrace the Sicilian spirit during this authentic evening, which sees the Pool Restaurant at Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo transformed into a traditional trattoria. Savour an array of sumptuous local dishes and enjoy a convivial atmosphere with live music.



BESPOKE CHEF'S DINNER

Celebrate a special occasion or surprise a loved one with an evening of haute cuisine exclusively imagined and prepared for you by Executive Chef Roberto Toro. He will collaborate with you to devise a unique menu, choosing the style of cuisine, the sumptuous ingredients, number of courses, wine selection and table setting. This unforgettable dining experience can be held in an enchanting, private location of your choice in the hotel or grounds and is enhanced by personalised butler service.



Suitable for couples or larger gatherings. Please book at least 2 days in advance.



PIC-CHIC

Add a touch of "chic" to your picnic by letting Executive Chef Roberto Toro conjure up an elegant alfresco spread. Whether it's lunch on the grass, on a boat or by the sea, enjoy a delicious menu that ignites the imagination and complements the locale. For example, colourful pastas that echo the picturesque views, accompanied by shrimp, mozzarella, olives, capers and tomatoes. Tasty skewers, or convenient pies filled with cheeses, meats or seasonal vegetables. And for dessert, perhaps fruit tarts or carrot, apple and chocolate cake. All packed into a beautiful basket with a bottle of sparkling rosé.



Picnics can be fully customised to your tastes and requirements. Ask the Concierge for details.



Explore Taormina



WALKING TOUR OF TAORMINA AND THE GREEK THEATRE

Perched above the turquoise sea, surrounded by mountains and with majestic Etna as a backdrop, Taormina is the pearl of Sicily.

Enjoy a private walking tour of the town, strolling down narrow backstreets, past flower-filled balconies to soak up the ambience, before viewing the magnificent Greek Theatre, adjacent to Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo. Built in the 3rd century to stage drama and musical productions, the amphitheatre was renovated and expanded by the Romans to be used for games and gladiatorial battles. It is so well preserved that it is still used today as a breathtaking setting for concerts, ballets, opera performances and awards ceremonies.



The walking tour lasts around 3 hours.
Please book at reception.



APE TOUR OF TAORMINA

Follow in the footsteps of yesteryear's Hollywood stars and celebrities by taking a spin in the world's most glamorous three-wheeler, the Ape Calessino. Starting at Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo, in the company of an expert driver, set off on a Dolce Vita Tour of Taormina.

Visit Casa Cuseni, located high above Taormina's rooftops, a beautiful, honey-stuccoed residence built by British painter Robert Kitson in the early 20th century. Linger a while at the town's Botanical Gardens before descending to the sparkling coast and Mazzarò Bay—perhaps stopping for a picnic on Isola Bella beach. Head up to the pretty hilltop village of Castelmola to gaze at the views and indulge in a glass of almond wine at Café San Giorgio, once a regular haunt of Sir Winston Churchill.

Return to Taormina for a wander along Corso Umberto I, the bustling main thoroughfare where Orson Welles, DH Lawrence and Truman Capote were known to browse. And for a glorious finale, stop for refreshment at one of Tennessee Williams' favourite watering holes, Wunderbar, admiring the panoramic vistas of the bay and Mount Etna.



Ask the Concierge to arrange your tour.



ARTISAN SHOPPING TOUR

Unearth unexpected finds on an exclusive shopping tour of Taormina and beyond, discovering sartorial experiences and irresistible Sicilian treats.

Meet local craftspeople who are still passionate about their traditions, for example Micaela Spadoni, who has put a contemporary spin on the Sicilian coffa bag, or Luigi Di Caro, who makes bespoke footwear based not only on the shape of your feet, but your personality. Visit Bronte, where the treasured *pistacia vera* is cultivated in Etna's fertile soils. See the nutty gems being harvested in September and sample pistachio-based delicacies, from mouth-watering ice cream to arancini, in all the local cafes.



Ask the Concierge to arrange your tour.

CALTAGIRONE CERAMIC CLASSES

Swirling designs, vibrant colours, ornate and intricate patterns are all characteristics of Caltagirone ceramics, named after the Catania baroque hilltop town where pottery has been a way of life for more than a millennium.

At the family-owned shop Managò, which resembles an Aladdin's Cave of ceramics, you can discover a wealth of handcrafted pieces, including pottery from Palermo and Sciacca, and even learn the art of creating them yourself. Join an expert ceramicist to craft anthropomorphic vases, jugs, dishes or decorative objects, fire them in the ancient kiln and then paint them in ebullient local style.



Please ask the Concierge for details.





Take to
the water



COMPLIMENTARY BOAT TOUR

While away a morning or afternoon soaking up the sun as you cruise around Sicily's stunning east coast and the Ionian Sea. Our complimentary tours, exclusive to hotel guests, operate from mid-May to mid-September.



Tours are available at 11am, 1pm and 3pm, and last 90 minutes. Children must be 4 years or older. Please book your place with the Concierge.

BOAT TOURS OF TAORMINA BAY

Sicilian Sea Traditions

For centuries, Sicilian fishermen decorated their boats in eye-catching colours, creating vibrant, bobbing fleets that were used for fishing right up until the 1960s. Motifs such as the beautiful, tempting siren and the eye, meant to bring good luck, were commonly used in the designs.

Take an enchanting voyage in one of these comfortable, gaily painted vessels, setting off from Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea to explore the many natural attractions of the area.



Boat tours are personalised to your preferences. Please ask the Concierge for details.

The Big 5

Departing from the beach at Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea, join friendly Captain aboard his traditional boat for an excursion to five delightful stops including a chance for a refreshing swim.

- 1st stop - Blue Grotto, Taormina. The mesmerising cave is famed for its intense blue waters.
- 2nd stop - Isola Bella. This tiny island is a protected nature reserve abounding in rich vegetation, several bird species and interesting reptiles.
- 3rd stop - Cape Taormina and the Gulf of Giardini Naxos. According to legend, Naxos was created when a Greek sailor, Teocles, was so enchanted by the coastline he built a colony there.
- 4th stop - Fortune Cave. Used during World War II to hide weapons, today it is a silent cavern teeming with marine life.
- 5th stop - Return to Mazzarò and Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea via the dreamlike Sirens' Bay and intriguingly named Uncle Gennaro's Rock.



The cruise can be customised to your interests. Please ask the Concierge for details.



WATER SPORTS

Snorkelling/diving

Explore the crystal-clear waters off Sicily's beautiful coastline. Discover a teeming underwater world in the Blue Grotto and surrounding bay, or swim in the marine park of Isola Bella, surrounded by a rich variety of flora and fauna. Learn about the area's history by glimpsing archaeological remains from the Greek/Roman period or, for the more experienced, dive down to an ancient shipwreck.

Kayaking

Embark on a relaxing kayak tour through the serene waters, led by an expert guide.

Paddle surf

In this popular sport, you stand upright on a board while propelling yourself along with the paddle. Ride the waves or glide down the coast and view Taormina from a completely different perspective. A great fitness workout, the sport is easy to master for anyone aged 10 years and up.



Ask the Concierge for details of any of the above activities.

ROMANTIC SUNSET CRUISE

Be mesmerised by the sun setting over the water and Sicily's iconic volcano on this blissful evening cruise. Step aboard to be served a sparkling cocktail and delicious local appetisers. Cruise the amazing Bay of Giardini, prosecco in hand, as the sky blazes red and deep orange over the bluest of seas.



The boat departs at 4pm and returns at 8pm. Guests embark at Mazzarò Beach.

BOAT FISHING

Join local fishermen as they head out from the beaches of Taormina. Stopping at a depth of 15-30m, you can try your hand at landing bream, bass, garfish or other small and medium varieties in the Ionian Sea.



Fishing takes place all day, from dawn to sunset. Ask the Concierge for details.



CYCLOPS RIVIERA CRUISE

Set sail on a legendary voyage around lush, lava-strewn landscapes shaped by Europe's largest volcano and depicted in famous mythical adventures. Glide past the fishing village of Acitrezza, where eight volcanic stacks, or faraglioni, were allegedly formed by the cyclops Polyphemus hurling large boulders at Ulysses' ships. Journey through the Timpa di Acireale nature reserve and view the black lava-stone castle of Aci Castello, just one of the many 'acis' in the area named after a mortal shepherd boy with whom a sea goddess fell in love. Admire picturesque villages, verdant vegetation and one of the most beautiful protected marine areas in the world.

Fresh drinks and fruit are provided on this private charter, but if you wish to stop for lunch, the charming trattoria Il Porticciolo on the pier of Capo Mulini is heartily recommended.



A full-day, 8-hour cruise for up to 10 people leaves from Belmond's private beach in Mazzarò Bay.



AEOLIAN ISLANDS BY BOAT

Lipari and Vulcano

Lipari is the largest of the UNESCO-protected, ruggedly volcanic Aeolian Islands. Dominating Lipari Town, an impressive castle and ancient fortified walls overlook the picturesque harbour. Greek ruins, a cathedral and an archaeological museum can also be explored in the town, while elsewhere on the lush island there are white pebble beaches lapped by turquoise waters and breathtakingly beautiful coves only accessible by boat. The nearby island of Vulcano was believed by the Romans to be the home of the fire god Vulcan's workshop. Still smoking today, it draws visitors to climb the crater, explore the therapeutic mud baths and hot springs or swim off the volcanic beaches.



A full-day boat trip departs from Port of Portorosa or Milazzo at 9.30am and returns at 6.30pm.

Panarea and Stromboli

These two islands, off the north coast of Sicily, offer a contrasting Aeolian experience. Panarea, the smallest inhabited island in the archipelago, draws the international jet set, Hollywood A-listers and superyacht owners. They are not lured to glitzy attractions, but to the tranquil isolation: picturesque whitewashed streets, a handful of restaurants, bars and shops, deserted coves and crystalline waters. The more dramatic Stromboli, home to an active volcano, is where you find the spectacular Sciara del Fuoco, a steep, incandescent lava slope that flows down from the crater into the sizzling sea and is particularly mesmerising at night.



A full-day boat trip departs from Port of Portorosa or Milazzo at 9.30am and returns at 6.30pm, or departs at 3pm and returns at 11pm.



Discover
Mount Etna



TREKKING ON ETNA

Exploring the constantly evolving lava landscapes of Europe's most impressive volcano is an unmissable highlight of a visit to Sicily. On this tour you head to a mountain station, and walk up to the two inactive Silvestri craters (an altitude of nearly 2000m), which date from the 1892 eruption. Discover some of the most recent lava flows, skirt around the rims of craters, dodge steam vents and be wowed by the lunar-like scenery.

Admire the black, reds and greens of the mountains and, when the clouds clear, gain spectacular views across the island. You will trek up to an altitude of nearly 3000m, so take warm clothing and wear sturdy walking shoes/boots.



Half-day (around 5 hours) or full-day (7 hours) tours are available with an English-speaking driver in a comfortable limousine or minivan.

Various types of tours (walking, by Jeep, etc.) with different levels of difficulty can be arranged with our Concierge, who will be delighted to suggest the best excursion based on your preferences.

Both the northern and southern sides of Etna can be visited - the southern side can be reached by cable car at an altitude of 2.700 metres, while the northern side is walkable for a complete immersion in nature.



WINERIES ON ETNA

This tour combines a fascinating trek on Mount Etna with a tasting of some exceptional volcanic wines.

Your driver takes you to the mountain station, Rifugio Sapienza, where you board a cable car to ascend to the craters. At 2500m you alight to hop on a minibus or jeep to continue to the summit, a height of 2950m (please wear appropriate clothing and footwear). Here you enjoy a short, guided walk and some time at leisure to admire the views and take photographs.

You then return to the base and meet up with your driver, who will whizz you off to a boutique winery on the volcano's lower slopes. Enjoy a delectable lunch and a fantastic tasting of Etna wines led by an expert vinologist.



Tours with an English-speaking driver depart from the hotel at 8.30am.

ETNA WINE TOUR BY VINTAGE TRAIN

Take the opportunity to sample some of the stunning wines produced on Etna's fertile slopes, combined with a journey on the volcano's enchanting Circumetnea Railway. Board the curvaceous and beautifully restored La Littorina train to travel through lava fields and vineyards. Alight to visit a renowned boutique winery, explore its terraces and cellars, meet the winemakers and enjoy an exclusive tasting enhanced by local delicacies.



Ask the Concierge for details of wineries you can visit and to arrange the train journeys.





ETNA BY HELICOPTER

See magnificent Etna, in all her smoking glory, from the air. A helicopter flight takes you over the top of the active craters and lunar landscapes as well as the famous horseshoe-shaped Valle del Bove, extending along the eastern flank of the volcano. Enhance the experience by flying on to Taormina to enjoy a bird's-eye view of the ancient Greek Theatre, the dramatic coastline including Isola Bella, and hilltop Castelmola, and on the return glide over the dramatic Alcantara Gorge.



Flights depart from the Etna Volo airfield at Calatabiano and last around 30-45 minutes. Passengers are provided with headphones to communicate with the pilot. The Concierge can arrange private transport to and from the airfield.



Around Sicily

FIAT 500 GODFATHER TOUR

Set off in a vintage Fiat 500 to discover not just the world of Francis Ford Coppola's Godfather trilogy, but a traditional way of life unspoilt by time. Visit two beautiful hilltop villages, Forza D'Agrò and Savoca, as you drive around the winding roads of the Valle D'Agrò area. In the petite, iconic car it will feel as if you are travelling back in time as you pay homage to famous movie locations, including the Church of Santissima Trinità in Forza D'Agrò, and the Church of Santa Lucia and famous Bar Vitelli in Savoca.



Up to two guests can travel in a Fiat 500.
A half-day tour takes around 4-5 hours.





CATANIA FISH MARKET AND COOKING CLASS

Visit Catania's vibrant, historic "pescheria" to discover some of the secrets behind Sicily's famed cuisine. Observe ice-packed stalls overflowing with the freshest seafood, and sample perfectly prepared raw shrimps or sea urchins direct from the market tables.

You can then proceed to the Società Storica Catanese, an amazing venue in the heart of the city, which houses—among other cultural treasures—a 19th-century kitchen. Here you can participate in a cooking class to immerse yourself in the art of authentic Sicilian cuisine.



The experience lasts around 4-5 hours.
Please ask the Concierge for details.



SICILIAN BAROQUE CINEMA TOUR

Sicily has long been an inspiration to film directors who have chosen evocative towns, such as Taormina, Ragusa and Noto, as the settings for films ranging from Nuovo Cinema Paradiso to The Godfather.

Embark on a movie-themed driving tour to explore some of the venues and backdrops featured on the big screen.

Head to the gorgeous baroque town of Syracuse, on the island of Ortigia, and continue to the white streets of Noto; both were settings for Oscar-winner Giuseppe Tornatore's masterpiece Malena. Relax over a sunset cocktail in Marzamemi, the romantic fishing village where Gabriele Salvatores shot his 1993 drama, Sud.

Or follow in the footsteps of Inspector Montalbano, the famous Sicilian sleuth created by writer Andrea Camilleri. On this tour, you move between the picturesque fishing villages of Punta Secca and Scicli, and Ragusa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the town that saw Marcello Mastroianni acting up in the classic comedy Divorzio all'Italiana.

Make sure to combine a tour with a visit to Modica's famous artisan chocolate factory, Bonajuto. Sample opulent Aztec-style confectionery blended with local ingredients such as pistachios, citrus fruits and chilli.



Full-day tours can be tailored to your movie interests and the Concierge can recommend excellent restaurants for lunch.



ALCANTARA GORGE

A short drive from Taormina is one of Mother Nature's wonders, the Alcantara Gorge. Carved over millennia by the Alcantara River, following in Etna's lava flows, this is a wonderland of huge canyons, tranquil pools, rushing rapids and dramatic waterfalls. The gorge's towering lava-black walls are surrounded by luxuriant vegetation, including orchids and poppies, poplar and birch trees. A series of paths and trails makes this excellent trekking country and the river is never far away should you need a cooling dip.



A tour takes around 3 hours.

VOLCANOES BY HELICOPTER

Etna may be the biggest, but she is not the only volcano in Sicily. This thrilling helicopter ride takes you over some of the other fiery highlights of the island. Begin by gliding over the top of Etna (spotting the Greek theatres of Taormina and Tindari on the way) before visiting the crater on Vulcano island, the faraglioni and pumice quarries of Lipari, and Stromboli with its dazzling molten lava flow, the Sciara del Fuoco. If booked in advance, you can alight on the island of Panarea for lunch and afterwards relax in its thermal swimming pool.



Flights last 90-100 minutes and depart from the Etna Volo airfield at Calatabiano.





PIAZZA ARMERINA AND CALTAGIRONE

Situated deep in the Sicilian countryside, 721m above sea level, stands Piazza Armerina, home to the famous Villa Romana del Casale. Built in the 4th century as a Roman hunting lodge, the Villa houses an incredible collection of vivid mosaics depicting subjects ranging from mythological scenes to daily activities; a famous tableau illustrates women exercising in bikini-style garments.

The nearby baroque town of Caltagirone is known as the city of ceramics. Pottery has been a way of life here for hundreds of years as a result of an endless supply of good-quality local clay. The most popular style is majolica, a tin-glazed pottery in dazzling hues. Hand-painted tiles in vibrant blues and yellows can be seen all over the town, in houses and churches, parks and squares, and no visitor should miss the 142-step stone staircase, Scalinata di Santa Maria del Monte, which links the upper and lower towns—each step is inlaid with beautiful ceramic tiles. Caltagirone is also home to the island's Museum of Ceramics, where around 2,500 exhibits chart the industry's development from the beginning.



This full-day tour lasts around 7 hours.





PALERMO AND MONREALE

Enjoy a scenic drive (approx 2 hours 40 mins) to the Sicilian capital, entering by the medieval district, which is rich in baroque and Arabian-Norman architecture. Your guide will escort you to Piazza Pretoria with its beautiful Renaissance fountain, just metres from the Quattro Canti, the very centre of the city. You will see the magnificent Cathedral, with its blend of styles encompassing Renaissance, Gothic and Baroque, and the striking San Cataldo Church. Continue on foot to the Church of San Giovanni degli Eremiti, one of the best-known Norman monuments built by King Roger II, and the Royal Palace of Palermo, formerly the seat of the Kings of Sicily. Just outside Palermo is the historic hilltown of Monreale, reached along a scenic road with panoramic views of the beautiful Conca D'Oro valley. Alight to visit the splendid Norman Duomo, renowned for its gleaming gold mosaics, and the ornate Benedictine monastery dating from the 12th century.



The guided tour lasts around 8 hours.

AGRIGENTO AND THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES

A relaxed journey by road, through enchanting landscapes, brings you to Agrigento on the south coast. The major attraction here is the astounding Valley of the Temples, an archaeological park boasting eight Greek structures dedicated to deities including Hera, Concordia, Heracles and Zeus, which stand proudly on rocky crests. Walk through and around each temple and visit the excellent archaeological museum, before enjoying lunch at a renowned local beach restaurant.



The guided tour takes about 7 hours.





Calendar of Events 2017

IN-HOUSE

Daily

Special events at the bar | *Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea*

Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea's elegant bar is the venue for a series of themed evenings. Dress to impress, sip a cocktail and prepare to dance the night away.

Sunset aperitif | *Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea*

Sip a cocktail at Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea's elegant outdoor bar, enjoying music from the resident DJ. Why not sample our bartender's favourite: Bond No.9, a delectable gin-based drink including peach liqueur, tangerine nectar and champagne.

Monthly

Special events at the bar | *Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo*

Join us at the bar at Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo for a series of exciting events, inspired by a variety of themes and featuring fantastic decorations, inspiring cocktails and irresistible music and dance.

AROUND TOWN

11 June - 17 September

Van Gogh Multimedia Experience

Admire the Dutch artist's masterpieces as you've never seen them before, displayed on a huge scale, in a vibrant symphony of light, colour and sound. Examine every detail while immersing yourself in Van Gogh's unique world. Palazzo Corvaia, Taormina.

24-28 June

Taobuk Book Festival

International writers and artists gather in Taormina to participate in an eclectic programme of talks, shows and performances around the city. Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo's Literary Terrace and the adjacent Greek Theatre are among the magnificent venues.

1 July

Silver Ribbon Awards

The Nastro d'Argento, Europe's oldest movie honours, have been awarded by the Association of Italian Film Critics since 1946. Attend the glamorous gala ceremony at Taormina's ancient Greek Theatre to see the winners collect their coveted prizes.

Greek Theatre Programme

Guests can enjoy entertainment, from classical operas to pop concerts, in one of the most breathtaking venues on earth. The 2017 line-up includes:

5-6 July

La Bohème - new staging of Puccini's work

8 July

Zubin Mehta - Beethoven's Symphony No 9 in D minor

19, 21, 31 August

Aida - Verdi's four-act opera

20 August

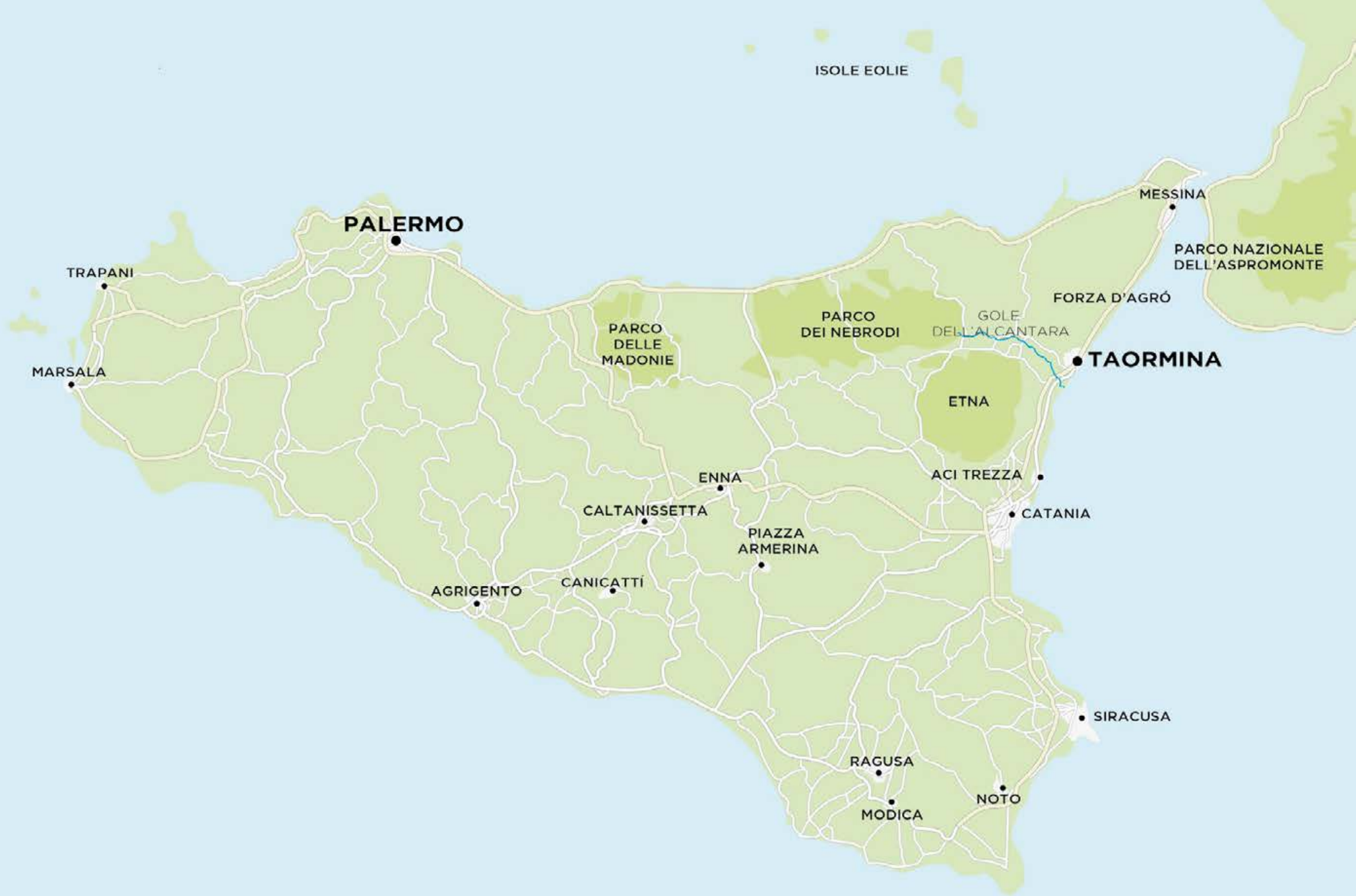
Taormina Opera Stars - gala concert

30 August

Sinfonie D'Estate - concert by the Philharmonic Orchestra of Calabria

16 September

Maria Callas Memorial - commemorating the 40th anniversary of the soprano's death



ISOLE EOLIE

PALERMO

TRAPANI

MARSALA

PARCO DELLE
MADONIE

PARCO DEI NEBRODI

GOLE
DELL'ALCANTARA

FORZA D'AGRÓ

PARCO NAZIONALE
DELL'ASPROMONTE

MESSINA

TAORMINA

ETNA

ACI TREZZA

CATANIA

ENNA

CALTANISSETTA

PIAZZA
ARMERINA

AGRIGENTO

CANICATTÍ

SIRACUSA

RAGUSA

MODICA

NOTO



BELMOND
VILLA SANT'ANDREA
TAORMINA MARE