# Daily itineraries What to see and how to reach it from B&B. Your daily trip.



# B&B -> Capo Taormina -> Belvedere -> Taormina -> Madonna Rocca -> Castelmola -> Giardini-Naxos

#### Estimated time 6-8h

Starting from the B&B set "Unahotels CapoTaormina, via nazionale, 105, ...." (via SS114 orientale sicula 14min) so as to reach the point from where you can have a panoramic view of the Giardini-Naxos bay and Mount Etna (15min). This is a nice point of view for photo shoots. From here take the direction for Taormina, on your left, or set on your navigator "belvedere di via Pirandello Taormina" (via luigi pirandello SP10 15min). You will reach a small square with a privileged point of view on Isola Bella from where you can take some snapshots (15min). Continuing, set "Porta Catania Parking, via crocefisso,..." (via Galleria Monte Tauro 6min). It will take you to the other side of Taormina to the most central car park in the city. Park inside, take the lift and you will be 150m from Porta Catania from where Corso Umberto begins, the pedestrian street of Taormina where you will find everything there is to see. The same pedestrian street will lead you to via Salita Teatro Greco which will take you to the second largest ancient theater in Sicily but first for its panoramic position and you will find out why (visit to Taormina about 2h). Leaving the car park, take a minute to set the new destination or "chiesa Madonna della Rocca,.., Taormina" (via L. Da Vinci 10min). The path will pass under a tunnel. Arriving at the church you will have a view over the whole center of Taormina including the ancient theater (15min). After the visit to the church, set "Castelmola" (via SP10 7min). Arriving near the village you will see the public parking on your left. Turn through the streets of the town and look out from the panoramic terraces in Piazza S.Antonio and the "Panoramic Terrace on Taormina" (which you can find on google maps). Also visit the upper part where the castle used to be (1-2h). At this point you will have completed a full half day or approximately 5-6 hours. You could use the remaining part either to rest or to take a drive around the area. You could take a tour of Giardini-Naxos and then stop on the seafront and relax in one of the seafront bars such as Tysandross, Lido di Naxos, Cafe chantal and others. To do this, set "Porto Giardini-Naxos" (via SS114 orientale sicula 35min). From the port you can start the tour along the seafront either on foot or by car.



Overview from Capo Taormina



Madonna della Rocca Church



Piazzetta del Belvedere



Overview on Taormina from Madonna della Rocca

# B&B -> Savoca -> Casalvecchio Siculo -> Forza d'Agrò

#### Estimated time 4-5h

The tour starts in the farthest of the three countries or Savoca, the country of the film "The Godfather". From the B&B Set "Savoca" (via SS114 orientale sicula 39min, no highway, no toll road) so you cover the entire coast that reserves you beautiful panoramic points for incredible photo ops. Park and start the tour from Piazza Fossia go around the village and visit Convento dei Cappuccini, housing mummies, and Bar Vitelli (1.5 hrs). From Savoca park set "Casalvecchio Siculo" (via SP19 7min) and visit the city, its Duomo di S. Onofrio and its museum (1h). Before leaving again, set "chiesa di San Pietro e Paolo d'Agró, contrada san pietro and paolo d'agrò, ...." (via SP19 9min). It is a very old church located on the way back to Forza d'Agrò. After the visit, take "Forza d'Agrò" (via SP16 27min) and you will reach the city center where you can park and start the tour that lasts 1.5 hours. From here you put back B&B Villa Valentina and you return to the base.



Bar Vitelli



San Pietro e Paolo d'Agrò



Duomo di Casalvecchio Siculo



Forza d'Agrò

# B&B -> Acitrezza -> Acicastello -> Catania

#### Estimated time 6-7h

From the B&B set "Parcheggio, Via Gibuti, 17, 95021 Aci Castello CT" (via A18 and SS114 orientale sicula 43 min). With this setting you reach the habor of Acitrezza along the coast from where you can admire the large volcanic islands in the Mediterranean Sea. Arrived at the car park, you decide whether to stay a few hours in Acitrezza, where you can enjoy excellent desserts or a cappuccino or a granita, or continue the tour. From the Acitrezza car park set "Castello Normanno-Svevo di Aci Castello, Piazza Castello, 95021 Aci Castello CT" (via provinciale 6min). On the way put "Parcheggio, Aci Castello, Catania". Park and walk to the Castle, this large black fortress overlooking the sea. After the visit before you go set "Parcheggio Borsellino AMTS, Via Cardinale Dusmet, Catania CT" (via SS114 orientale sicula 21min). The parking is near the Uzeda Gate from where begin the via Etnea the most importante street of Catania where you could reach every importante place of Catania. The tour could take you 2-4 hours. Set the B&B Villa Valentina Taormina from the parking lot and return to the base. Choose via A18/E45 about 41min (depending on traffic).



Acitrezza, harbor and parking



Square of Acicastello



In front of Acitrezza seafront



Acicastello Castle

# B&B -> Catania

### Estimated time 3-4h

From the B&B set "Parcheggio Borsellino AMTS, Via Cardinale Dusmet, Catania CT" (via A18 46min) to the start of Via Etnea near the Uzeda door from where you can start your tour of Catania covering the 2 to 4 can take hours. Set the B&B Villa Valentina Taormina from the parking for return to the base. Choose via A18 / E45 approx. 41min (depending on traffic.)



Cathedral of Sant Agata



Benedettini monaster



Porta Uzeda



Ursino castle



Fish market



Street of Catania

## B&B -> Zafferana -> Etna

#### Estimated time 5-6h

From the B&B set on Google Maps "Rifugio Giovanni Sapienza, Piazzale Rifugio Sapienza, 95030 Nicolosi CT" (via A18 and SP92 1h). If you want to make a small deviation to the route, along the road that will allow you to see a "valle del Bove" arrived in Zafferana, stop for a minute and put "Cassone - Monte Pomiciaro" (via SP92). It's a detour on the main road that leads to the Sapienza Refuge. Don't be afraid if the road seems unusual. You will arrive in one little square where you can parking. There will see the indication for the panoramic square form see the bove valley. Once the diversion is complete, reset "Rifugio Giovanni Sapienza, Piazzale Rifugio Sapienza, 95030 Nicolosi CT" (via SP92). You will get to the square where you can choose between different options. Stay alone in the square and visit the Silvestri Crater or take the cable car and reach 2,300m above sea level from where you can still choose to stay there, take a hike to the top or spend about an hour walking long the route of jeep for to arrive in the edge of Bove Valley. Don't be afraid to hesitate, if there are any dangers associated with volcanic activity, any activity will be banned by the authorities. The time you can spend at Rifugio Sapienza is up to you. From a minimum of 1.5 hours to an average of 2-3 hours. The tour lasts 4 to 6 hours in total. For the return, set Zafferana Etnea and, if you have time, stop in the center for a few hours. The main church is interesting, as well as the various shops and pastry shops where you can find many local products, including honey from the area. At the end you put B&B Villa Valentina and you return to the base.



Rifugio Sapienza



Road to Etna



Bove valley from Monte pomiciaro



Rifugio Sapienza

# B&B -> Alcantara Gorges -> Gurne dell'Alcantara

#### Estimated time 3-4h

From the B&B set "Gole dell'Alcantara - ingresso comunale, SS185, 2, 98030 Motta Camastra ME" (via SS185 17min). Once there, you will find many paid parking, including that of the Botanical Garden. You have two options to descend to the gorges. With the elevator of the private structure or through the public staircase. Both are chargeable. To visit them you can take 1 to 2 hours depending on your curiosity. If you wish you can also see the "Gurne dell'Alcantara" setting "Cascate Alcantara, 95012 Castiglione di Sicilia CT" (via SS185 and SP7i 10min). Cross the bridge and turn right on a small slope where you can park for free. What you will see is only part of the Gurne. From here you can set "Le Gurne dell'Alcantara, 98034 Francavilla di Sicilia ME" (via SP7i 10min) which are located at 3.5 km. You can reach them by car even if the road looks bad. Otherwise you can go there on foot. To return, put "B&B Villa Valentina Taormina, Via Francavilla Trappitello, 74, 98039 Trappitello ME" (via SS185 24min).



Alcantara Gorges



Gurne Alcantara Francavilla di Sicilia



Gurne Alcantara Castiglione di Sicilia



Gurne Alcantara Francavilla di Sicilia