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TAORMINA

& THE GODFATHER VILLAGES



Taormina is the best known tourist resort in Sicily. It is an ancient village with beautiful old houses in soft colours and narrow stone paved streets lined with shops, restaurants and cafés.

The most important monument is the Greek – Roman Theatre, an amazing open-air theatre with a breathtaking view on the coast and Etna, which is considered one of the most beautiful panoramas in the entire world. During summer, the theatre hosts the Taormina Film Fest, which is one of the most important international film festivals, and several other events such as pop music concerts, opera, theatre etc.

After visiting Taormina, the tour continues up in the mountains lining the coast: this is the so-called “Godfather” tour, featuring the authentic villages chosen by Francis Ford Coppola for the Sicilian scenes of his world famous movie. The tour allows you to explore the real untouched Sicilian countryside, local lifestyle and culture. The first stop is Forza d’Agrò, a very nice village still with its medieval layout, overlooking the most incredible views. Here Coppola recreated some glimpses of his fictional Corleone, filming the main square, the small SS. Trinità church, the belvedere. An-

other “piece” of Corleone is to be found in Savoca, a very ancient village dating from the 12th century.

Following the steps of the cast, you’ll see the picturesque spots shown in the movie, such as the Bar Vitelli, one of Coppola’s favourite places, which was filmed several times. Don’t miss the opportunity to taste their delicious and refreshing lemon granita. Then make your way to the church of St. Lucy, where the scene of the wedding between Apollonia and Michael Corleone was shot.

Finally the Castello degli Schiavi - the Castle of the Slaves - a rural Baroque villa built in the 18th century, belonging to the noble Platania family. Its main feature is a small tower with arches: the owner used to stand here to watch out over the surrounding land and keep an eye on the workers. Two heads of Moorish men are placed among the arches and according to local tradition gave the castle its bizarre name.

The beautiful mansion is world famous because it hosted some scenes of The Godfather I (1972) and The Godfather II (1974), such as the unforgettable explosion of the car after the marriage. Today it is still used as a film location and for exclusive events and dinners.

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