

# Things To Do — Local Attractions



### Piazza Armerina

Situated deep in the Sicilian hinterland, at 721 metres above sea level, stands Piazza Armerina, one of Sicily's most frequented tourist spots. Visit the famous Villa Romana del Casale built in the middle of the 4th Century AD as a hunting lodge by a Roman patrician. The Villa is home to some of the best preserved and extensive examples of Roman mosaics.



### <u>Savoca</u>

This picturesque mountain village lies northwest of Taormina and is knwn for the catacombs of the Capuchin monastery with its mummies that are exhibited in wall recesses. This site also served as a setting for Francis Ford Coppola's mafia drama The Godfather. Newspaper clippings and photos in the Bar Vitelli and a memorial to Coppola recall the shooting at the former film location.



## <u>Siracusa</u>

Syracuse, Siracusa in Italian, was founded in 733BC. It was once a mighty Greek colony about triple the size of today's city and it became soon the capital of Magna Grecia. There are many Greek and Roman sites of interest, including a Greek theater and a Roman arena. It is also one of the most relevant examples of the Sicilian Baroque and you can easily notice it if you visit Ortygia Island and its narrow streets.



#### Ragusa

Visit this fascinating town with baroque architecture that has been divided into two parts after the earthquake in 1693. The Upper Town and Ibla, the lower side which can be reached by foot through a series of stairways. When you are in the upper town, enjoy the enchanting views of Ibla. Ragusa has earned the UNESCO World Heritage status.