

Sicily

Sicily is one of the 20 Italian regions. It's an isle located in the south of Italy and in the centre of the Mediterranean sea.

Through the centuries Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs, French and Spanish conquered Sicily and left some traces.

The most important are in: Palermo, Syracuse, Agrigento, Selinunte, Segesta, etc.



Palermo

- ***Normans palace***



Palermo has 700.000 inhabitants and it's the capital of Sicily. The Sicilian parliament is located in a Palace, called “palazzo dei Normannni” old residence of the Norman's royal family. The Palatina Chapel was the king's private chapel.

- ***Palatina chapel***



- ***Teatro Massimo***



- *The “Teatro Massimo” is the biggest theatre in Italy and the 3rd in Europe. It was designed by Giovan Battista Filippo Basile, a wellknown architect in Palermo. The works were started in 1875 and ended in 1891.*

- ***Teatro Politeama***



- *The “Politeama” is one of most important theatre in Italy, just 200 metres far from the “Teatro Massimo” designed by the architect Giuseppe Damiani Almeyda in the second half of the 19th century*

Arab monuments

- ***St. John of Hermits***



- *They are both churches in Arab style built by the Normans in the 12th century*

- ***The Martorana***



Syracuse

- ***Theatre greek***



- ***Dionysius's ear***



- *Syracuse is a seaside town with about 120,000 inhabitants. It was founded by the Greeks in the 7th century Before Christ.*
- *The ancient theatre is today used every year in summer for the performance of Greek plays.*
- *Dionysius's ear was used as a jail by the tyrant Dionysius.*

Agrigento

- ***Tempio Castore e Polluce***
the symbol of Agrigento



- ***Tempio di Giunone***



- ***Tempio della Concordia***



- Agrigento is a town founded by the Greeks coming from the isles of Crete and Rhodes in the 6th century before Christ. Its ancient is "Akragas" and it's very rich in Greek ruins and temples located in the area called "La Valle dei Templi – The Temples Valleys"

Selinunte

- ***Tempio di Hera.***



- ***Tempio C.***



- *Selinunte, a Greek town on the south-west coast of Sicily, hosts the largest archeological park in Europe. Here on the left you have the most important temples in Selinunte.*

Segesta

- ***The Big Temple***



- *Segesta is another important Greek site founded in the 5th century B.C. On the north-west coast of Sicily. The most important temple is the so called “The Big Temple”*

Taormina



- *Taormina is the busiest touristic site in Sicily. It is located on the east coast, not far from the largest volcano in Europe, Mount Etna. Taormina's Greek theatre is famous for the international events there celebrated.*



- *Taormina enjoys a sunny weather all the year long and the presence of very luxury hotels and touristic structures.*



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