

The Sicily Priory – Luxury Boutique Hotel: Sicily

Summary

The Sicily Priory is a luxury boutique hotel occupying a strategic vantage point above the magical landscape of South Eastern Sicily, with the golden coast beyond. Once a Priory, the bleached stone building now offers luxury guest rooms, surrounded by an oasis of pretty gardens. Within the grounds of the Sicily Priory, a selection of shepherds' cottages has also been converted into stylish self-catering villas, perfect for families or those seeking complete privacy. The Sicily Priory's peaceful setting is perfect for tranquil romantic holidays or honeymoons in Sicily. For the more adventurous, the hotel's airstrip offers private day trips by propeller plane as far as Malta and Tunisia, as well as the Sicilian islands.

Details

The Sicily Priory is a family run concern, with only 9 guest rooms and 5 cottages. This historic building was once both a Priory and also a stopping off point for the Knights of St John, on their way to Malta. Indeed, on a clear day, you can see as far as Malta and the African coast, and the hotel itself is more southerly than Tunisia. The landscape too has echoes of Africa, with sun-bleached stone walls and miles of wild pasture. Just to the south of the hotel are a golden beach and nature reserve, while in the vicinity are the historic towns of Ragusa, Siracusa, Ortigia, Modica and Scicli.

The main building houses the gourmet restaurant, and guest rooms, all furnished in period style. The menu is built around the family recipes, handed down through generations, and guests are also offered cookery courses. In the tradition of the monks, the staff still produce luxury soaps and jams – the tangerine marmalade and watermelon jam are to die for! Surrounding the Priory are, lush gardens, with fountains and courtyards eventually leading to the pool area tucked among carob and almond trees. A short distance away are the light and airy shepherds' cottages, decorated in more contemporary style with teak furniture and crisp white linen. Each has full width french windows opening onto a garden, terrace and barbeque. With a kitchen corner also included, they offer the perfect self-catering option.

Opt for the "wilderness safari" during your stay and you'll visit all the best of the local countryside and ancient towns, enjoy a picnic al fresco and even indulge in a chocolate or ice-cream tasting. To explore further afield, the hotel's private airstrip means you can easily hop to the local islands and spend a day pottering there, sunbathing or taking a skippered boat tour.

For more images see www.c-boutiquehotels.com

To book this hotel call **08717 500070**



Facts & Figures

12 Guest Rooms & 5 Self-catering cottages (latter are 300 metres from main building near the small private airstrip). Self-catering apartments cleaned at end of stay if taken on S/C basis

- Doubles – Character rooms in main building
- Superior Double – Larger, characterful rooms in main building.
- Deluxe Double - In main building. Antique furnishings, persian carpets and original stone floor. Whirlpool baths and private terraces (one with far reaching views to the sea; the other over the gardens and ruins). One has vaulted ceilings.
- Cottages (sleeping up to 3) – Contemporary bedroom with kitchen corner & ensuite bathroom, garden, terrace

All rooms have: Ensuite bathrooms – TV (Sat in cottages) – Air-con/ Heating – hairdryers – Telephone – Minibar

Hotel facilities: Pool (usually open May-Oct) - Safe at Reception - Gardens & Terraces – Bikes – Archery - Restaurant (lunch & dinner by prior request) - Drinks Service - Beach (8kms with private shuttle)

Also available (extra cost): Landrover "Wilderness Safari" - Cookery Courses - Private Air Trips to Lampedusa, Pantelleria, Tunisia & Malta - Airport transfer – (extra cost & on request)

Regional Highlights

- All the sights of Southern Sicily
- Historic cities of Ragusa, Modica, Scicli, Noto, Siracusa & Ortigia
- Days out to Taormina, Agrigento & The Valley of the Temples
- Days in the countryside biking & walking
- Sunbathing on the nearby sandy beaches

Location

Nearest airports:	Catania (c.1.5hrs drive); Palermo (c.2.5hrs drive)
Domestic flight connections:	Rome, Venice, Milan
Nearest direct flight from London:	Catania
Nearest train station	Ragusa (c.10min drive)
Nearest Beach	c.8km (shuttle available)
Nearest shops and restaurants:	Ragusa (c.10min drive)

