



DONNA CARMELA  
RESORT & LODGES

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**RESORT ACTIVITIES:**

We recommend reserving your preferred activities at least 48 hours in advance. Cancellations are free if made up to 24 hours before the scheduled activity.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

Conditions may vary; please check the details for each activity.



# SICILIAN CANNOLO WITH RICOTTA CHEESE

**Duration:** 40 minutes.

**Time:** to be decided upon

**Location:** Enjoy this hands-on experience on the outdoor terrace of the restaurant or beneath the olive trees. In case of bad weather, the activity will take place inside the restaurant hall.

**Participants:** 2 to 4 people.

**What is included:**

- Preparation of traditional cannoli dough
- Shaping and sealing the cannoli shells
- Baking process
- Filling and presentation of the cannoli
- Guided tasting of the finished cannoli paired with a passito wine
- Complimentary apron and chef's hat

*Cost 60,00 € per person - children under 6 years old attend free of charge*



# ARANCINO AL RAGÙ

*Vegetarian on request*

**Duration:** 50 minutes.

**Time:** to be agreed upon

**Location:** On the restaurant's outdoor terrace or under the olive trees. In case of bad weather, the experience will take place in the restaurant's dining hall.

**Participants:** 2 to 4 people.

**What is included:**

- Preparation of the rice and filling
- Assembly, cooking, and presentation of the arancino
- Tasting session
- Complimentary apron and chef's hat

*Cost 65,00 € per person - children under than 6 years old participate for free of charge*



# COCKTAIL

**Duration:** 45 minutes.

**Time:** 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Venue:** Rizo Bar.

**Participants:** 2 to 4 people.

**What it includes:** preparation and tasting of 3 cocktails, using products from our own garden.

Accompanied by 3 typical Sicilian appetizers.

*Cost 65,00 € per person*



*Our barman is available to customize the selection of cocktails, according to your wishes.*

*Prices on request.*

# WINE TASTING

**Duration:** 40 minutes.

**Time:** 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Location:** terrace of the restaurant or under the olive trees. In case of bad weather conditions it will be held in the restaurant hall.

**Participants:** from 2 to 6 people.

**What is included:** tasting of 3 wines accompanied by a selection of Sicilian cold cuts and cheeses served with our homemade jams and our Pietradolce olive oil.

*Cost from 70,00 € per person including 3 Etna classics.*



*Our sommelier is at your disposal to customize wine tastings, according to your wishes.*

*Prices available upon request.*



# YOGA

Guests can join our instructor for a private or group yoga class under our ancient olive trees.

**Reservation in advance required.**

Cost 90,00 € per person.

**Classes May through October and subject to weather conditions.**



# CYCLING

Bikes and E-Bikes available upon reservation for hotel guests, free of charge.



# PADEL COURT

Padel court available upon reservation for hotel guests.

*Cost 100,00 € per person for 90 minutes, rackets, balls, mineral water included.*



# PIETRADOLCE

the winery, the wine and Etna

Pietradolce is located in Solicchiata, a small village a few kilometers from the town of Castiglione di Sicilia, on the Northern slope of Mount Etna, the most active volcano in Europe (about 3300 mt. asl). Here it is told a story of passion and attachment to the land since 2015.

The estate owns 30 hectares of small plots located within Rampante, Zottorinoto, Santo Spirito e Feudo di Mezzo contradas, in a range between 700 and 950 mt. above sea level. The soils are rather stony, with light sandy loam rich in mineral and volcanic stuff, able to produce unique and elegant wines.

The love for the land, the respect for the ecosystem as well as the deeply respect for the traditions of the Etna area represent the core of the company philosophy. The winery cultivates just indigenous grape varieties, the main characters of its history: Nerello Mascalese and Carricante. The vineyards are grown through the traditional bush vine system “Alberello Etneo”, typical of the vine landscape of Etna.

Through a meticulous handicraft, we produce wines that keep alive the soul and the liveliness of the Volcano.

The hospitality proposals signed by Pietradolce are characterized by the desire to share the fruit of the company’s work with professionals, enthusiasts, and those curious about the world of wine.

Our experiences include a guided tour of the pre-phylloxera vineyards, the wine cellar, and the barrel room, and are completed with a wine tasting in the tasting room.



# PIETRADOLCE

## Wine experiences

Tasting takes place in our tasting room Monday to Sunday, with prior reservation, and can be conducted in Italian, English or Spanish.

No-drinkers: € 15,00 per person guided tour.

N.B: Wine offerings are subject to change based on product availability; if some labels are missing, they will be replaced by other products of equivalent quality range.

### I TERRITORIALI

The experience includes a walk in the pre-phylloxera “Archineri” vineyard followed by a visit to the winery. Tasting of 2 Pietradolce wines (classic wines) and 1 wine from the pre phylloxera line (Cru) accompanied by bread and Pietradolce EVO oil.

**Price:** 45,00 € per person

**Duration:** approx 1h20m

**Wines:** 3

**Esclusivity:** 50,00 € extra per person



### LE CONTRADE DELL' ETNA

The journey through our districts begins in the “Archineri” vineyard, continuing with a visit to the winery and a tasting of 2 Pietradolce wines (classic wines) and 3 wines from the pre phylloxera line (Cru) accompanied by bread and Pietradolce EVO oil.

**Price:** 70,00 € per person

**Duration:** approx 1h40m

**Wines:** 5

**Esclusivity:** 50,00 € extra per person



### BLIND ETNA

A proposal designed for anyone wishing to deepen their knowledge of the Etna terroir. The tasting of five wines offers the opportunity to blindly compare wines from different slopes and Contrade. The wines will be revealed at the end of the tasting. A visit to the vineyard and the winery is included.

**Price:** 90,00 € per person

**Duration:** approximately 2h

**Wines:** 5

**Esclusivity:** 50,00 € surcharge per person

# PIETRADOLCE

Wine experience

## LE ECCELLENZE DEL VULCANO

A unique experience discovering the Grands Crus Barbagalli & Sant'Andrea begins with a walk to "Vigna Barbagalli", followed by a visit to the winery. The tasting includes 1 Pietradolce wine (classic wine) and 2 pre-phylloxera wines from the district, Barbagalli and Sant'Andrea, paired with fresh bread and Pietradolce EVO oil.

**Price:** 115,00€ per person

**Duration:** approx 2h

**Wines:** 5

**Esclusivity:** 50,00 € extra per person



## PIETRADOLCE NEL TEMPO

A dive into the past tasting 3 historical vintages of our Crus among which Barbagalli 2013 and 1 wine from the Pietradolce line accompanied by fresh bread and Pietradolce EVO oil. The proposal is completed with a guided tour of the pre-phylloxera vineyards of Contrada Rampante and the winery.

**Price:** 160,00 € per person (min. 4 pax)

**Duration:** ca 2h

**Wines:** 4

**Esclusivity:** 50,00 € extra per person



## SCENT AND FLAVOURS

An exclusively journey that will accompany you to discover the Etna scents and flavours and the typical cuisine through 5 glasses that will see among the protagonists our excellence, the Grand Cru "Sant'Andrea".

**Price:** 165,00 € per person (min. 4 pax)

**Lunch:** Included

**Duration:** ca 2h

**Wines:** 4

**Esclusivity:** Included



# PIETRADOLCE

Wine experience

## SHOW COOKING PIZZA

More than a simply culinary experience, a show where pizza and wine will accompany each other. The show cooking pizza includes the tasting of three pizzas with different flavours, prepared and baked at the moment, accompanied by a special selection of appetizer with a typical Etnean appeal and pairing of 4 wines signed Pietradolce, two of the Classic range and two pre-phylloxera wines

**Price:** 145,00 € per person

**Duration:** ca 3h

**Wines:** 4

**Min 12 people**

**Esclusivity:** Included



## WINE TASTING IN THE CELLAR

You can book the private tasting inside the historic bottle vault. Available with all wine experiences.

**Extra charge:** 30,00 € per person



## TASTING IN THE HOUSE OF CAMPAIGN

You can book the private tasting at our country house in Contrada Rampante overlooking the pre-phylloxera vineyard in Archineri. A tour of the winery is included. Available with all wine experiences except "I territoriali."

**Extra charge:** 40,00 € per person



- Supplement of 16,00 € per person to the agreed experience to taste a selection of products
- Please let us know at the time of booking any food allergies or specific dietary needs.

# RADICEPURA

the botanical garden

By reservation, it is possible to visit the Radicepura Botanical Park, home to the installations and gardens of the 5th edition of the Radicepura Garden Festival, “Chaos (and) Order in the Garden.”

**Guided tours available by reservation.**

The fee for adults and children aged 12 to 16 is 15.00 €  
Children under 12: free of charge.



# TAORMINA

A charming town that has long embodied the timeless allure of the Italian dolce vita, recently brought back into the spotlight by the second season of White Lotus. A place to be discovered, where sea breezes mingle with the captivating beauty of ancient ruins.



# LUXURY BOAT EXPERIENCE

Cruise along the enchanting coastline between Giardini Naxos and Capo Taormina, discovering iconic gems such as Isola Bella, Mazzarò Bay, Baia delle Sirene, Scoglio dell'Elefante, Scoglio del Fiço, and the evocative Grotta Azzurra.

Your experience takes place aboard an elegant 9-meter boat, fully equipped with every comfort: bathroom, freshwater shower, kitchenette, refrigerator, and spacious sundecks at both bow and stern for ultimate relaxation.

## Tour Duration (up to 6 guests):

**3.5-hour private tour** 750,00 € (10:00 am - 1:30 pm or 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm)

**Full-day private tour (8 hours)** - 1,300,00 € (10:00 am - 5:30 pm)

**Sunset tour (2 hours)** - 500,00 € (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)

## Included:

Skipper, fuel, a bottle of prosecco, seasonal fruit, soft drinks, beach towels, and snorkeling equipment (mask and snorkel).

## Departure:

From the port of Giardini Naxos. Private transfer available upon request at an additional cost.

**Service available from April to October.**

## Availability:

April to October

## Cancellation Policy:

Free cancellation up to 48 hours prior to departure. After this time, 50% of the total amount will be charged.



# TRADITIONAL SICILIAN BOAT TOUR

Set sail from the stunning Bay of Mazzarò and explore the gems of the Taormina coastline: the Blue Grotto, Siren Bay, St. Andrea Cave, and the iconic Isola Bella. Experience the Mediterranean in style, surrounded by crystalline waters and breathtaking scenery.

## Tour Options & Pricing:

### 2-hour tour:

Up to 2 people: 130,00 € per person;

Up to 4 people: 120,00 € per person;

Up to 6 people: 90,00 € per person;

### 4-hour tour:

Up to 2 people: 300,00 € per person;

Up to 4 people: 180,00 € per person;

Up to 6 people: 150,00 € per person;

### Included:

Professional skipper, curated snacks, prosecco, fresh seasonal fruit, water, and soft drinks.

### Details:

Service available from April to October.  
Free cancellation up to 48 hours prior to departure; after this period, a 50% fee of the total booking will apply.



# CYCLOPS TOUR BY BOAT APHRODITE

## CLASSIC TOUR

Departing from Pozzillo, sail along the volcanic coastline beneath the Timpa Orientata of Acireale, passing the charming seaside villages of Stazzo, Santa Tecla, and Santa Maria la Scala.

Highlights:

16th-century pirate watchtower  
Columnar basalts and Grotta delle Palombe

Sarpa Stone & Mill Beach

Enjoy a 20-minute swim and snorkeling stop in the crystal-clear Ionian Sea, followed by fresh seasonal fruit and Prosecco on board. Return along the coast with stunning views of Mount Etna, with a chance to spot dolphins and sea turtles.

Duration: 2 hours and 30 minutes

Private boat: 690,00 €.

## ACI TREZZA TOUR

Departing from Pozzillo, explore the volcanic coast past Stazzo, Santa Tecla, Santa Maria la Scala, Capo Mulini, and Aci Trezza, with the option to go ashore.

Highlights:

16th-century pirate watchtower  
Columnar basalts and Grotta delle Palombe  
Sarpa Stone & Mill Beach  
Mythological Polyphemus stacks  
Two 20-minute swim and snorkeling stops in the Ionian Sea. Enjoy seasonal fruit and Prosecco on board, and return with majestic views of Mount Etna, with possible dolphin and sea turtle sightings.

Duration: 4 hours

Private boat: 790,00 €.

*Languages on board: Italian (English available for an additional 110,00 €)*



# ETNA

many ways to discover the volcano

Big and mighty, alive and at times irreverent. It is Our great volcano that dominates the territorial scene and in every season gives memorable experiences.

## Lateral Craters Hike

A comprehensive introduction to our volcano and its trails through a half-day hike, for a deep understanding about geology, eruptive processes, botanics, and local culture. For travellers who want to discover the hidden paths, endemic vegetation and breathtaking landscapes at middle altitude on the wild flanks of Etna, this hike allows us to explore several of the lateral craters and cold lava flows from recent and ancient eruptions of the volcano, covering altitudes between 1800m and 2100m on foot, away from beaten roads and touristic itineraries.

**+300m Altitude Gain**

**3-4 hours Duration**

**Easy-Intermediate Trail**

**Meeting point: Piano Provenzana, Etna Nord**



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## Etna 3300 tour



The fast and simplified hike option to the summit of the volcano, from the North side, reaching the base of the active craters with 4x4 vehicle and trekking to the summit. This tour and hiking trip is meant for hikers who want to reach the highest point of Etna in half a day, using 4x4 vehicles to get to 2900m before gaining 400m of altitude on foot and getting to the edges of the always steaming, hot and active craters of the summit area. Hikers will be instructed about and inevitably see, smell and hear the features of this evolving, dynamic location.

**+400m Hiking Altitude Gain**

**5 hrs Duration**

**Intermediate Trail**

**Meeting point: Piano Provenzana, Etna Nord**

## Cableway + Hiking

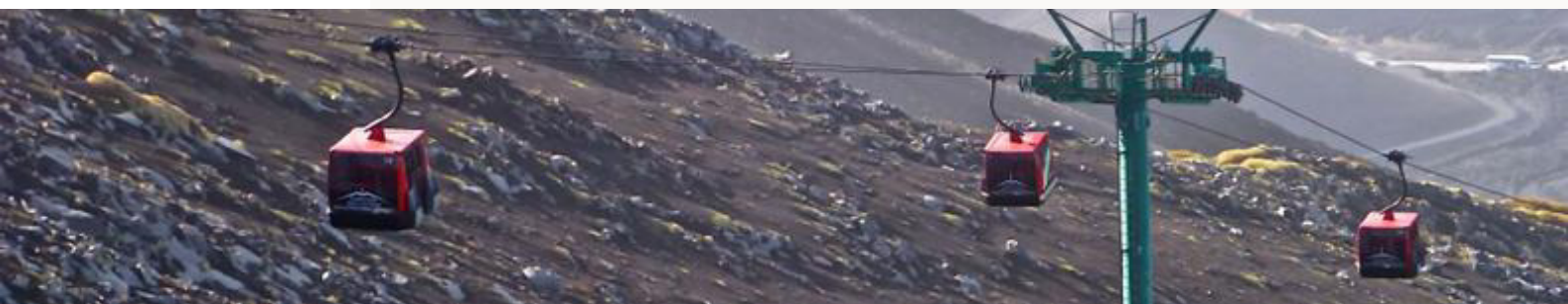
A hike through the moon-like terrain of the black desert and lateral craters on the South side of Etna above 2500m. The hybrid solution for hiking the typically volcanic area just under the summit active craters, ascending with the iconic gondola lift from the touristic station on the South flank at 1900m until 2500m and then hiking up. This trip takes you high up to cross a landscape composed of pyroclastic cones, recent lava fields, vegetation living in extreme conditions and sharp carpets of lava rocks. The way down is completed at night with headlamps through sand slopes and lower craters.

**+400m Hiking Altitude Gain**

**4 hrs Duration**

**Intermediate Trail**

**Meeting point: Rifugio Sapienza, Etna Sud**



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## Afternoon walking tour

Easy private visit, dedicated to families with very young children or people who need a softer approach to discovering Etna. Step-by-step visit of the low and middle altitude of the volcano, up to about 1800m, stopping for the most characteristic and educational points of interest. This tour features short tailored walks in diverse terrains and through changing colours and vegetation, a visit to a volcanic cave and the panoramic view of many scenic locations of Mount Etna.

**Short Walk Possible**

**4 hrs Duration**

**Very Easy Tour**

**Meeting point: Piazza Belvedere, Milo (CT)**

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## Etna Jeep Tour

A visit to the 2002 lava flow, surrounded by chestnut and oak forests, and the Corruccio Cave (1350 meters above sea level) formed by flowing lava.

Driving up along the Mareneve road you will reach Piano Provenzana (1800 meters above sea level), theater of the great eruption of 2002, taking a short walk to visit the ruins of the hotel Le Betulle destroyed by a molten lava flow.

The tour continues with a walk to some of the side craters, the Sartorius Mountains (1700 meters above sea level) characterized by seven small, aligned eruptive cones followed by an exploration of the region's endemic fauna and flora. This area holds great geological and botanical treasures enjoying a breathtaking view of the Ionian sea and the Calabrian coast.

**Departure directly from Donna Carmela Resort by Jeep vehicle.**

**Duration of the experience: 4 hours or 7 hours for the full day.**

**Easy level excursion**

**About 1 hour trekking/walking**



# HELICOPTER TOURS



Discover Mount Etna and the enchanting Taormina from a truly unique perspective. Helicopter tours offer an exhilarating experience, with breathtaking views that will make your journey unforgettable.

**Private tour of Etna volcano - tour duration 30 minutes 1500,00 €**

**Private tour of Taormina and Etna volcano - tour duration 35 minutes 1700,00 €**

**Helicopter:** Airbus AS350 (up to 5 passengers + Pilot) - Single-engine

**Included:**

Mineral Water, Welcome Drink/Coffee

**NOT Included:**

Any transfer from/to the resort and meeting point

**Service available from May to October.**

**Cancellation policy:** free cancellation up to 48 hours before departure; after this time, a 50% fee will apply.

**Please note:** maximum weight per passenger is 105 kg. The activity is not suitable for pregnant women or individuals with heart conditions. Children are welcome.

Helicopter flights over Mount Etna are subject to weather conditions; in case of cancellation due to bad weather, an alternative date, time, or itinerary will be offered.



# HORSE RIDING

## HORSE RIDING EXCURSION IN THE ARDICHETTO WOODS

The excursion takes place in the woods near the riding center and is suitable for everyone, including beginners.

Riders proceed at a walking pace along a trail through the Ardichetto Woods, a lush and typical Etnean forest, accompanied by an expert guide. Weather permitting, you'll enjoy views of the sea on one side and Mount Etna on the other.

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Skill level:** easy/beginner

**Price:** 110,00 € per person



## MONTE ILICE HORSE RIDING EXCURSION

Following ancient country paths, we ride towards the summit of Monte Ilice, an ancient extinct crater rising to about 700 meters. At the top, we follow the crater's edge, now lush with vegetation, and enjoy panoramic views over Sicily's eastern coast. The return ride leads back through typical Etnean forests to the starting point.

**Duration:** 4 hours

**Skill level:** intermediate

**Price:** 260,00 € per person



# HORSE RIDING

## HORSE RIDING EXCURSION TO THE SARTORIUS CRATERS MOUNT ETNA

The excursion starts from an elevated point on Mount Etna and follows a scenic route to the Sartorius Craters, one of the most fascinating volcanic complexes on the north-eastern slope.

The trail crosses Etnean woodlands and panoramic paths before reaching the craters, which are explored along their rim, offering unique views of the surrounding lava landscape.

The return continues through the forest to the starting point, with sections at walking pace alternating with moments of trotting and galloping for a dynamic and exciting experience.

**Duration:** 3 hours

**Skill level:** difficult/expert

**Price:** 520,00 € per person

## PONY LESSON EXPERIENCE

Children will first meet and bond with their pony, learning how to care for and prepare it for the ride. Once ready, they move to the arena to build confidence in the saddle through simple exercises and fun games. After the ride, they return to the stables to care for the pony and bring it back to its stall. The experience ends with a visit to the small farm and its friendly animals, adding a magical final touch.

**Minimum age:** 4 years old

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Skill level:** easy/beginner

**Price:** 110,00 € per person





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