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4 NIGHTS / 5 DAYS

- Two cookery lessons each of three hours' duration
- Explore the estate of the hotel with its farmland and wine production
- Visit Modica and Ragusa



This four-night luxury cookery holiday at the Eremo della Giubiliana about 20 minutes' drive from the Baroque town Ragusa includes two hands-on cookery lessons that will instruct you in how to recreate the aromas of Sicily in your own home. A hallmark of Sicilian cuisine is the way the tried and tested recipes of the local aristocracy are skilfully adapted to suit contemporary taste. Only the finest organic ingredients are used to execute a typical Mediterranean diet. The two cookery classes you receive feature hands-on tuition from the chef and allow you some flexibility tailored to your own preferences and experience. The hotel is set on a sizeable country estate near Ragusa in south-eastern Sicily, about 90 minutes' drive from the airport at Catania. During the cookery holiday you have time to visit the Baroque town of Ragusa and nearby Modica, setting for the Montalbano TV detective series. We can offer you private car transfers or the use of a hire-car.

PRICES

The holiday operates on any day of your choice for a minimum of two people.
 £1,490 from Jan-Mar, Nov-Dec
 £1,820 Apr-Jun, Aug-Oct

All above based on two people sharing a classic double or twin and including hire-car.

Supplements per person:

£120 for a private car transfer instead of the hire-car
 £60 for a superior double room
 £220 for a deluxe double room

£350 for a single except from 1 April to 30 June and from 1 Aug to 30 Sep when it is £410

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Scheduled flights with British Airways London Gatwick to Catania return, economy
- Use of a group B hire-car for the duration of the holiday (private transfers possible at a supplement)
- Four nights' bed and breakfast in a double or twin classic room at the Eremo della Giubiliana, near Ragusa
- Two cookery classes each of 3 hours' duration
- Concierge service and Expressions Holidays regional helpful hints

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Early check-in or late check-out at any hotels (although we can arrange this on request at additional cost)
- Any other services not mentioned above, such as transfers and meals except breakfast at hotels
- Personal holiday insurance. This is essential and cover should be in place from when you book the holiday.
- Local tourist tax, usually between Euros 1 and 3 per person per night, and payable locally to the hotel

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Day one Arrive in Catania and drive to Ragusa

Arrive at Catania airport, collect your hire-car and drive to Ragusa, about one hour and twenty minutes' driving time. You stay at the five-star Eremo della Giubiliana, which lies in its own estate on the fertile plains between the historic town of Ragusa Ibla and the seaside resort of Marina di Ragusa. The current owners have had the Eremo since the 18th Century and heirlooms such as portraits and antique furniture feature in both the bedrooms and the public rooms. The hotel's thick stone walls, once used to protect the property from pirates, now create a cool and tranquil atmosphere. The bedrooms, converted from what were once hermitage cells and used by the Maltese Knights of the Order of Saint John, are simple but comfortable and are beautifully furnished. There is a swimming pool, spa, restaurant and cycle hire. If you prefer, we can arrange for you to have a private car transfer from the airport to your hotel and back, but this leaves you less able to explore the region on your own in your free time.

Day two First cookery lesson

This is a three-hour practical lesson with the chef. Today's hands-on lesson with the chef is based around your own choice of theme for the three hours' tuition. You can choose between the secrets of home-made pasta where you learn how to combine the right sauce with the right type of pasta, using only the tastiest ingredients, or a comprehensive course on the cuts and preparation of meat, with suggestions for the accompanying vegetables, or you visit a fish market and learn how to select the best fish followed by a variety of traditional methods for its preparation, or Sicilian desserts!

Day three At leisure in Ragusa

A day to unwind and relax at the hotel, in the grounds, perhaps taking walk or enjoying a spa treatment. Or take a taxi (or drive yourself if you have the hire-car) into nearby Ragusa or Modica (setting in part for the TV detective series Montalbano).

Day four Second cookery lesson

Today's hands-on lesson with the chef is based around your own choice of theme for the three hours' tuition. You can choose between the secrets of home-made pasta where you learn how to combine the right sauce with the right type of pasta, using only the tastiest ingredients, or a comprehensive course on the cuts and preparation of meat, with suggestions for the accompanying vegetables, or you visit a fish market and learn how to select the best fish followed



Breads and grains at the Eremo

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Day five Ragusa to Catania and flight home

Depending on the time of your flight back to London, spend more time exploring the region, or relaxing at the hotel before the drive to the airport and return your hire-car ready for the flight back.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This tailor-made holiday is one of several holidays we can offer you exactly as it is but also with any alterations you might want including extra nights in one or more places or adding in extra places. Do call to discuss the options with our travel consultants.

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OUR HOLIDAYS

Our tailor-made holidays are suggestions which work well as they are or which can be adapted in numerous ways. They can be fly-drive (with flight and hire-car included), self-drive (with ferry or Eurotunnel included with your own car) or rail and hire-car.

FLEXIBLE ARRANGEMENTS

Our arrangements are very flexible in that you choose to travel on any day you want, subject to availability of your chosen transport and hotels. As mentioned above, additional nights can be added at any point.

OUR PRICES

The sample prices mentioned in this leaflet are generally a 'from' price based on the cheapest season of travel. However, train fares and hotel rates can change (up and down depending on offers), so we give you an accurate price for your holiday when we provide you with a quotation. Our sample prices should be used as an indication of how much a particular combination will cost and to show the differences on average between the hotel categories on offer.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

Our booking conditions apply to all holidays. A copy can be found on our website and a copy is also sent to you with a written quotation and when you make a booking.

FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Expressions Holidays offers full financial protection for all holidays you book with us. If your holiday includes a flight, the ATOL (3076) covers the costs of the holiday. If the holiday does not include a flight, it is the ABTOT bond that protects the cost of the holiday. We are also members of AITO (the Association of Independent Tour Operators).

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HOW TO BOOK

To make a booking, just phone us on

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and we can take you through the details we need and start the booking process.