

## EXCURSIONS YOU CAN DO ON YOUR OWN



### C. PERROTTA / TAORMINA / CASTELMOLA / SAVOCA / C. PERROTTA

Once you've visited Etna, we suggest you take another trip along the coast northwards.

From Case Perrotta, drive down and onto the Motorway towards Messina until the second exit at "Giardini Naxos". Drive Northwards up the coast to [Taormina](#), to get a better view, and then carry on up to the lovely town of [Castelmola](#) from where you can enjoy a spectacular view of the gulf.

Drive back down to the national road, carry on up the coast Northwards, and admire Forza d'Agrò, and Sant'Alessio. You will come to the turning for [Savoca](#) just before Santa Teresa di Riva.

You will be surprised by the little roads that clamber up the mountain, by the extraordinary views and atmosphere. Don't miss a visit to the Capuchin church, part of the convent, whose underground crypt holds the mummified corpses of thirty-two noblemen and friars that died between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries.

A relaxing trip but one full of little surprises.

- Duration: one whole day
- Distance to cover: **approx. 70 km there and back**
- Departure: 9.00 am
- Clothing. Light, seasonal.
- Taormina, stroll down the High Street, visit churches and Museums.
- Castelmola, terrace overlooking the sea!
- Savoca. Stroll around and visit the Chapel with the Mummies.
- Return, possibly visiting the small towns along the way.
- Return to and dinner at Case Perrotta or elsewhere.
- Cost: None other than that for your own vehicle and meals.

#### Suggestions:

**Taormina:** visit the cathedral of San Nicolò built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, stroll along the high street and visit the Greek Theatre, called Teatro Antico, from where you can enjoy a breathtaking view. Not far from the theatre are the remains of an ancient temple and an Antiquarium. We also suggest you visit the small Odeon theatre.

**Castelmola:** the small town is a natural balcony over Taormina. Worth visiting: the historic café San Giorgio, the fortress, the water cisterns dating back to 376 BC, and the very old Porta Saraceni on the long pedestrianized route called Piano delle Ficare.

**Savoca:** famous because firstly, it has a [crypt](#) in which the embalmed corpses of the town's noblemen, dating back to the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries, are kept and on show, and secondly, for having been chosen as the set for numerous successful films, like "[The Godfather](#)" by [Francis Ford Coppola](#) in 1972 and "[La vita rubata](#)" in 2007. The museum 'Museo Storico e etno-antropologico' (open from 9.00 to 13.00 and from 16.00 to 20.00); Catacombs (open from 9.00 to 13.00 and from 16.00 to 19.00, on Sundays from 11.00 to 13.00).



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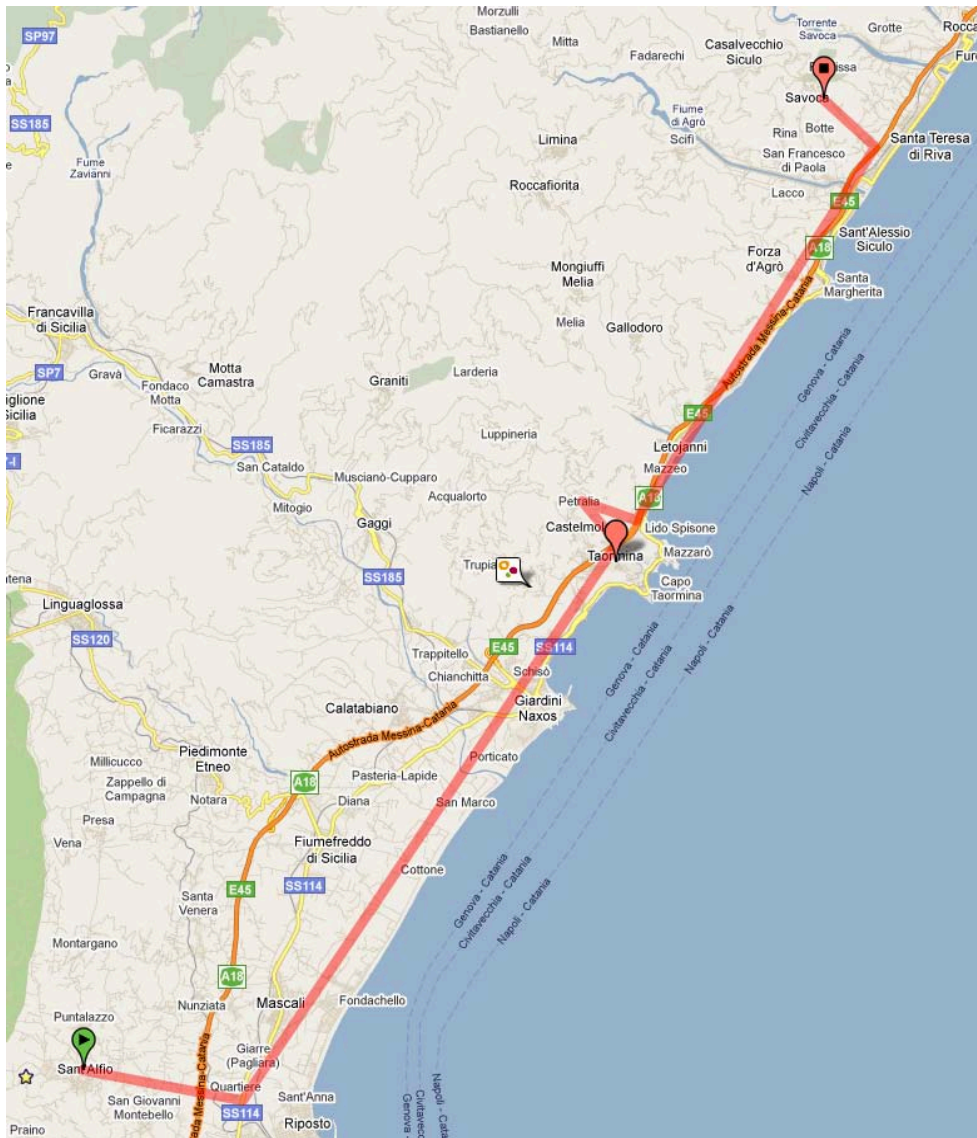


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