

ITINERARIUM ROSALIÆ



The extraordinary journey
of Santa Rosalia in Sicily

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FOLLOW ROSALIA'S FOOTSTEPS IN THE ROSALIAN JUBILEE YEAR

In 2024, the Year of Roots Tourism, in Sicily we celebrate the special occasion of **400th anniversary of the discovery of the relics of Saint Rosalia** and the amazing **Festino event** in Palermo. Such beautiful celebrations will continue in 2025, in occasion of the **Jubilee of the Paths**. In this view, the cultural enterprise **Körai (the managing body and destination management company - Tour Operator of the Itinerarium Rosaliae)** has prepared, in collaboration with over 52 territorial entities, an amazing project for the enhancement and a tourist-cultural offering on the **Itinerarium Rosaliae** (a cultural, naturalistic, and religious 200 km route dedicated to St. Rosalia, connecting the Quisquina Hermitage to the Sanctuary of Montepellegrino in Palermo). The experiential visit proposals focus on Palermo and 14 villages along the route, an ideal destination for visitors, hikers, pilgrims, and travellers during the Rosalian Jubilee year.

Specifically, the project establishes in Palermo the thematic urban circuit "**Palermo, Locus Lucis in the footsteps of Rosalia**": a widespread urban museum, including **over 50 monuments and locations** linked to **St. Rosalia**. In this newly conceived cultural system, alongside monumental sites, there are also places of urban regeneration and urban episodes - such as votive shrines and works of street art - serving as stops for new utilisation routes that are intended to be at the heart of **Palermo's cultural offering**.

A circuit with a powerful attraction factor, a novelty in the city of Palermo, founded on an innovative thematic integration of its religious and civil cultural heritage. At the centre of the offering are **exclusive experiences** and the visitor's participation in the life of the **community of the Itinerarium Rosaliae**, as well as in the **regenerative action** of the hinterland areas starting right from Palermo.





THE ITINERARIUM ROSALIAE WALKING WITH SAINT ROSALIA

The **Itinerarium Rosaliae** is a cultural, naturalistic and religious Route dedicated to Saint Rosalia, a young and noble hermit who lived at the Norman court (12th century). The path connects the Quisquina Hermitage on the Sicani Mountains to the Sanctuary on Mount Pellegrino in Palermo, spanning approximately 200 km - along trails, ancient roads, mule tracks, and abandoned railway lines - parks, villages, and natural reserves of incomparable beauty, exploring authentic and captivating territories.

Kòrai - the managing body and destination management company of the Itinerarium Rosalia - and its tour operator, **Travel for Good**, offer a variety of experiences: from the full **hike/pilgrimage experience in 14 stages** for walkers particularly interested in the naturalistic path to the **weekend formula** for individual stages (1 or 2 days to experience a single stage of the journey or explore a village from the Itinerarium, or both). **Individual excursions** are offered as well - including one-day trips **starting from Palermo** to the municipalities within its Metropolitan City - and cultural and

naturalistic tours accessible in all the villages along the route: **Santo Stefano Quisquina, Castronovo di Sicilia, Prizzi, Palazzo Adriano, Burgio, Chiusa Sclafani, Contessa Entellina, Bisacchino, Campofiorito, Corleone, Piana degli Albanesi, Altofonte, Monreale, and Palermo**. Pilgrims, travellers, and walkers, accompanied by tourist and environmental guides, as well as local **community storytellers**, will discover the natural, cultural, and food&wine richness of the territory, with the unique opportunity to experience the hospitality of the inhabitants of these extraordinary villages.

Itinerarium Rosalïæ

Discover the **Itinerarium Rosalïæ**, the cultural - naturalistic - religious route dedicated to Santa Rosalia!

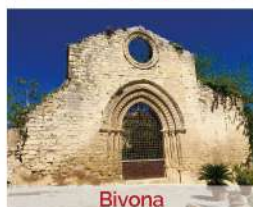
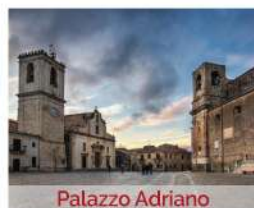
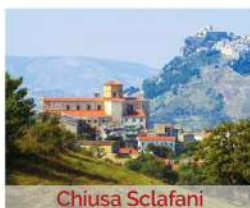
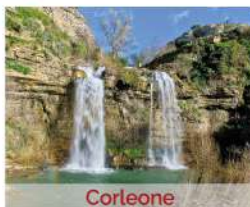
About 200 km from the Quisquina Hermitage on the Sicani Mountains to the Montepellegrino Sanctuary in Palermo among extraordinary parks, uncontaminated environments of great value, reserves and protected natural areas.

A route of discovery of the most fascinating villages in the Sicilian hinterland up to the capital for a total of **15 municipalities crossed**.

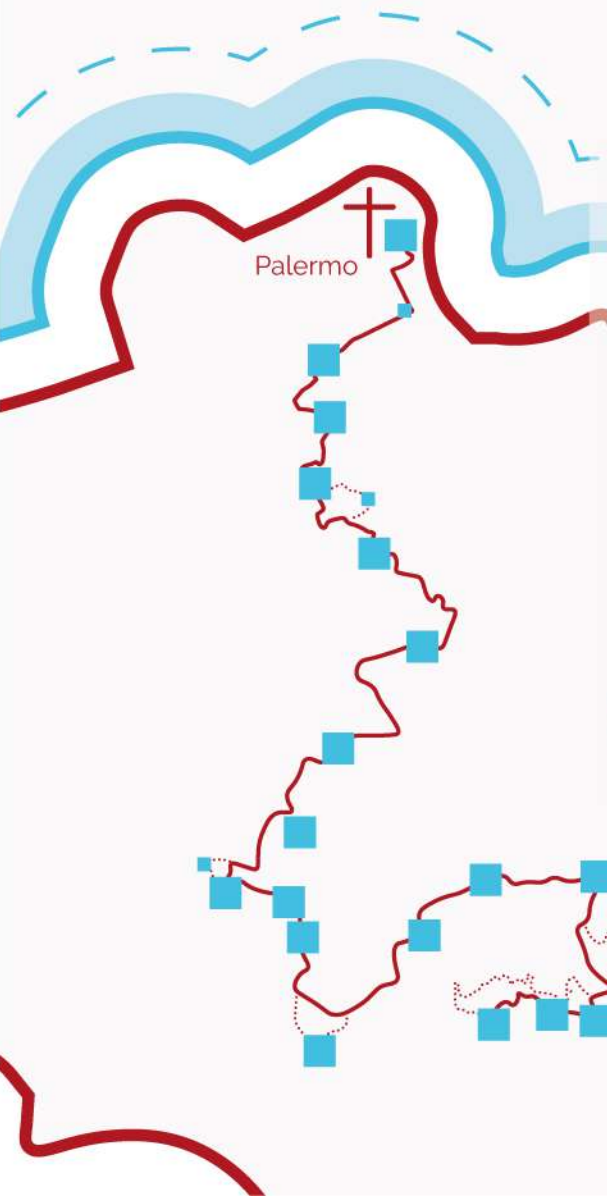
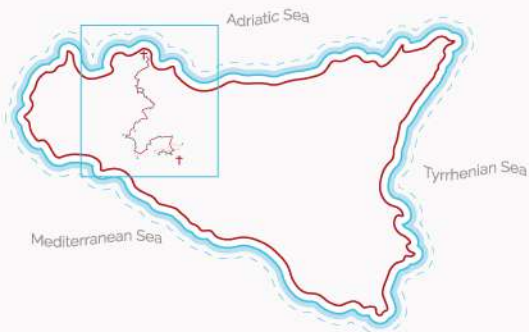
Walk the stages of the route with us! Visit the villages, enjoying the unique experiences that we have prepared for you with the local communities! Support their projects! And, above all, **collect the stages of your route and visits on your Charta Peregrini!**

Have a good route in Rosalia's footsteps

The Itinerarium Rosalïæ valorization project is organized by Kórai - Territory, Development and Culture. In collaboration with the Itinerarium Rosalïæ Association



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**CHARTA
PEREGRINI**
Itinerarium Rosaliæ



S. Stefano Quisquina





ITINERARIUM ROSALIAE

PROLOGUE | BIVONA



2 DAYS

starting from € 159

THE STAGES OF THE ROUTE: **PROLOGUE**
THE VILLAGES OF THE ROUTE: **BIVONA**

In the footsteps of Rosalia.

In the Feud of the Lord of Quisquina and the Mountain of Roses.

Experience an extraordinary adventure in the Sicani Mountains, embracing nature, art, culture, food and wine!

WALK in the footsteps of Rosalia, in the Feud of the Lord of Quisquina and the Mountain of Roses.

BE MOVED to meet the community of the Itinerarium Rosaliae and be a protagonist in its enhancement project.

SAVOR the tranquility at the Hermitage, built around the cave of Saint Rosalia, immersed in the centuries-old oak forest of Quisquina.

DISCOVER the magic of the village of Bivona, the City of Peaches, and the oldest cult of Saint Rosalia.

A slow-paced weekend from the Hermitage of St. Rosalia to Quisquina and up to the village of Bivona.

TARGET: Tourism of the villages, of the paths, cultural, religious, naturalistic, scholastic tourism

DURATION: 2 days/1 year or daily trip

AVAILABILITY: All year round (visit of the village) from March to November (trekking on the stage)

NUMBER OF USERS: groups starting from 20 people; individual rates on request



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1 st STAGE: **SANTO STEFANO QUSQUINA-BORGO RIENA**
THE VILLAGES OF THE ROUTE: **SANTO STEFANO QUSQUINA**

In the footsteps of Rosalia.

In the places of prayer and devotion immersed in the "Monte Cammarata" Reserve.

Experience an extraordinary adventure in the Sicani Mountains, embracing nature, art, culture, food and wine!

WALK through the narrow streets of the agropastoral village of Santo Stefano Qusquina.

BE MOVED at the Farm of Art, immersing yourself in the evocative Theater of Andromeda.

SAVOR the famous dairy products of Santo Stefano Qusquina, elected "Cheese City 2020."

DISCOVER the Hermitage of Santa Rosalia in Qusquina, immersed in the "Monte Cammarata" Nature Reserve, and Borgo Riena, the ghost town.

A leisurely weekend from Santo Stefano Qusquina to Borgo Riena.

TARGET: Tourism of the villages, of the paths, cultural, religious, naturalistic, scholastic tourism

DURATION: 2 days/1 year or daily trip

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STAGE 2 | BORGIO RIENA-PRIZZI



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2nd STAGE: **BORGIO RIENA-PRIZZI**

THE VILLAGES OF THE ROUTE: **CASTRONOVO DI SICILIA**

In the footsteps of Rosalia.

In the shadow of the Kassar Plateau, among the valleys of the Platani and Torto rivers.

Experience an extraordinary adventure in the Sicani Mountains, embracing nature, art, culture, food and wine!

WALK through the alleys of Castronovo, the ruins of the Rupe di San Vitale, the fountains, and the watermills.

GET EXCITED immersed in the nature of this ancient village nestled among the Sicani Mountains, in the shadow of the Kassar Plateau.

SAVOR the extraordinary food and wine products of the Castrenze cuisine, including the "Torta del Pellegrino" (Pilgrim's Cake).

DISCOVER Borgo Riena, immerse yourself in the atmosphere of this ghost village in the Sicilian hinterland.

A leisurely weekend from Borgo Riena to the village of Prizzi.

TARGET: Tourism of the villages, of the paths, cultural, religious, naturalistic, scholastic tourism

DURATION: 2 days/1 year or daily trip

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13rd STAGE: **PRIZZI-PALAZZO ADRIANO**
THE VILLAGES OF THE ROUTE: **PRIZZI**

In the footsteps of Rosalia.

In the ancient Greek city of Hippana, nestled among the Sicani Mountains.

Experience an extraordinary adventure in the Sicani Mountains, embracing nature, art, culture, food and wine!

WALK among the treasures of Prizzi and live an unforgettable experience in the Valley of the Sosio.

GET EXCITED by the encounter with the community of Prizzi during the traditional "u ballu di diavuli" (dance of devils).

SAVOR the tranquility among the coniferous forests and rocky vegetation of the ancient site of Hippana.

DISCOVER in the footsteps of Rosalia, the magnificent landscapes of Palazzo Adriano immortalised in the film "Nuovo Cinema Paradiso."

A leisurely weekend from the village of Prizzi to the village of Palazzo Adriano.

TARGET: Tourism of the villages, of the paths, cultural, religious, naturalistic, scholastic tourism

DURATION: 2 days/1 year or daily trip

AVAILABILITY: All year round (visit of the village) from March to November (trekking on the stage)

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14th STAGE: **PALAZZO ADRIANO-BURGIO**
THE VILLAGES OF THE ROUTE: **PALAZZO ADRIANO**

In the footsteps of Rosalia.

In the heart of the Valley of the Sosio and the Arbëreshë Palazzese culture.

Experience an extraordinary adventure in the Sicani Mountains, embracing nature, art, culture, and food and wine!

WALK among the places of Palazzo Adriano immortalized in the film "Nuovo Cinema Paradiso."

GET EXCITED by the encounter with the art, costumes, and Arbëreshë Palazzese culture.

SAVOR the tranquility at the Sanctuary of Madonna delle Grazie, founded by Albanian exiles in the second half of the 16th century.

DISCOVER the flavors of the past by tasting sweet and savory specialties of Palazzese tradition.

A leisurely weekend from the village of Palazzo Adriano to the village of Burgio.

TARGET: Tourism of the villages, of the paths, cultural, religious, naturalistic, scholastic tourism

DURATION: 2 days/1 year or daily trip

AVAILABILITY: All year round (visit of the village) from March to November (trekking on the stage)

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5th STAGE: BURGIO-CHIUSA SCLAFANI THE VILLAGES OF THE ROUTE: BURGIO

In the footsteps of Rosalia. In the "city of majolica" and bronze bells.

Experience an extraordinary adventure in the Sicani Mountains, embracing nature, art, culture, food and wine!

WALK through the small village of Burgio, the "pearl of the Sicani Mountains," among Arab and medieval alleys, famous for ceramics and bell art.

GET EXCITED in front of the Saracen Castle nestled between four corners and the perimeter walls.

SAVOR the typical products and dishes of Burgio, including the traditional "Virgineddi" soup.

DISCOVER the Museum of Ceramics (MUCEB), the Museum of Mummies, and the historic Bell Foundry.

A leisurely weekend from the village of Burgio to the village of Chiusa Sclafani.

TARGET: Tourism of the villages, of the paths, cultural, religious, naturalistic, scholastic tourism

DURATION: 2 days/1 year or daily trip

AVAILABILITY: All year round (visit of the village) from March to November (trekking on the stage)

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6th STAGE: **CHIUSA SCLAFANI-BISACQUINO**
THE VILLAGES OF THE ROUTE: **CHIUSA SCLAFANI**

In the footsteps of Rosalia.

In the "land of cherries" and master organ craftsmen.

Experience an extraordinary adventure in the Sicani Mountains, embracing nature, art, culture, food and wine!

WALK through the medieval village of Chiusa Sclafani, the "land of cherries" in the heart of the Monti Sicani Park.

GET EXCITED in spring before the white and enchanted valley of cherry blossoms.

SAVOR local dishes: cherry risotto, Saint Joseph's bread, "gucciddati," and "Ranza e Sciura."

DISCOVER in the artisan shops ancient crafts, the Organaiia Workshop, and the traditional Sicilian Cutlery.

A leisurely weekend from the village of Chiusa Sclafani to the village of Bisacquino.

TARGET: Tourism of the villages, of the paths, cultural, religious, naturalistic, scholastic tourism

DURATION: 2 days/1 year or daily trip

AVAILABILITY: All year round (visit of the village) from March to November (trekking on the stage)

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7th STAGE: **BISACQUINO-CONTESSA ENTELLINA**
THE VILLAGES OF THE ROUTE: **BISACQUINO**

In the footsteps of Rosalia.

In the childhood places of the famous Italo-American director Frank Capra.

Experience an extraordinary adventure in the Sicani Mountains, embracing nature, art, culture, food and wine!

WALK in the heart of Bisacchino among narrow alleys, stone houses, small votive shrines, arches, and ancient troughs.

GET EXCITED at the Santa Maria del Bosco Abbey with its charming cloisters, large galleries, cherubs from Serpotta school and Busacca's carvings.

SAVOR the tranquility at the Sanctuary of Madonna del Balzo built on a cliff of Mount Triona.

DISCOVER the history of the famous Italo-American director Frank Capra, born in Bisacchino.

A leisurely weekend from the village of Bisacchino to the village of Contessa Entellina.

TARGET: Tourism of the villages, of the paths, cultural, religious, naturalistic, scholastic tourism

DURATION: 2 days/1 year or daily trip

AVAILABILITY: All year round (visit of the village) from March to November (trekking on the stage)

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8th STAGE: **CONTESSA ENTELLINA-CAMPOFIORITO**
THE VILLAGES OF THE ROUTE: **CONTESSA ENTELLINA**

In the footsteps of Rosalia.

In the lands of Kuntisa and authentic Arbëreshë culture.

Experience an extraordinary adventure in the Belice Valley, embracing nature, art, culture, food and wine!

WALK, immerse yourself in the ethnic, linguistic, and religious oasis of Kuntisa and Arbëreshë culture.

GET EXCITED in the lands that inspired Il Gattopardo, where art, history, and literature intertwine.

SAVOR in a multisensory journey the exquisite wines and gastronomic specialties of the territory and wineries.

DISCOVER the Byzantine rite Churches with precious iconostases, mosaics, and baptismal fonts of oriental art.

A leisurely weekend from the village of Contessa Entellina to the village of Campofiorito.

TARGET: Tourism of the villages, of the paths, cultural, religious, naturalistic, scholastic tourism

DURATION: 2 days/1 year or daily trip

AVAILABILITY: All year round (visit of the village) from March to November (trekking on the stage)

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9th STAGE: **CAMPOFIORITO-CORLEONE**

THE VILLAGES OF THE ROUTE: **CAMPOFIORITO**

In the footsteps of Rosalia.

On the slopes of "Del Calvario" in the pristine context of Mount Barracù.

Experience an extraordinary adventure in the Sicani Mountains, embracing nature, art, culture, food and wine!

WALK in the village of Campofiorito, admire the Church of Santo Stefano and the Church of San Giuseppe.

GET EXCITED in the encounter with the art, culture, and traditions of the village with ancient origins.

SAVOR dried broad beans cooked in enormous copper pots, with fire fueled by wood.

DISCOVER along the road leading to Mount Barracù, the remains of the Jesuit castle of Scorciavacche.

A leisurely weekend from the village of Campofiorito to the village of Corleone.

TARGET: Tourism of the villages, of the paths, cultural, religious, naturalistic, scholastic tourism

DURATION: 2 days/1 year or daily trip

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10th STAGE: **CORLEONE - FICUZZA**
THE VILLAGES OF THE ROUTE: **CORLEONE**

In the footsteps of Rosalia.

In the rich possessions of Ferdinand III of Bourbon, King of Sicily.

Experience an extraordinary adventure in the Sicani Mountains, embracing nature, art, culture, food and wine!

WALK and be amazed by the beauties of Corleone, "the city of 100 churches."

GET EXCITED by reliving the traditional Corleone wedding promise "Rasoliu e ciciri."

SAVOR the tranquility of the Park of the Waterfall of the Two Rocks in Corleone.

DISCOVER Corleone, live an unforgettable experience at the Waterfall of the Two Rocks.

A leisurely weekend from the village of Corleone to the village of Ficuzza.

TARGET: Tourism of the villages, of the paths, cultural, religious, naturalistic, scholastic tourism

DURATION: 2 days/1 year or daily trip

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11th STAGE: **FICUZZA-SCANZANO LAKE**
THE VILLAGES OF THE ROUTE: **FICUZZA**

In the footsteps of Rosalia. In the Ficuzza Forest Nature Reserve, summer hunting estate of the Sicilian Royals

Experience an extraordinary journey in the Park of the Sicani Mountains, exploring nature, art, culture, food and wine!

WALK through the rich estates of Ferdinand III of Bourbon, King of Sicily.

GET EXCITED at the Royal Hunting Lodge, a monumental Bourbon palace immersed in the Ficuzza Reserve.

SAVOR the tranquility along Lake Scanzano, also known as the 'Madonna delle Grazie reservoir.'

DISCOVER the Bosco Ficuzza - LIPU Wildlife Recovery Centre.

A leisurely weekend from Borgo Ficuzza to Lake Scanzano.

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DURATION: 2 days/1 year or daily trip

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12th STAGE: **SCANZANO LAKE-PIANA DEGLI ALBANESI**
THE VILLAGES OF THE ROUTE: **PIANA DEGLI ALBANESI**

In the footsteps of Rosalia. In the fertile lands of the largest Arbëreshë community in Sicily.

Experience an extraordinary journey exploring nature, art, culture, food and wine!

WALK among the places where the historical memory of ancient Albania and oriental traditions is alive.

GET EXCITED by the encounter with art, customs and Arbëreshë culture of Piana degli Albanesi.

SAVOR the renowned cannoli with ricotta, discovering the ancient recipe.

DISCOVER the secrets of the precious art of iconography from the story of a master iconographer in his laboratory.

A leisurely weekend from Lago di Scanzano to the village of Piana degli Albanesi

TARGET: Tourism of the villages, of the paths, cultural, religious, naturalistic, scholastic tourism

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STAGE 13 | PIANA DEGLI ALBANESI-MONREALE



2 DAYS

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13th STAGE: **PIANA DEGLI ALBANESI-ALTOFONTE-MONREALE**
THE VILLAGES OF THE ROUTE: **MONREALE**

In the footsteps of Rosalia. In the Norman town overlooking the wonderful Conca d'Oro of Palermo.

Experience an extraordinary journey through nature, art, culture, food and wine!

WALK among the wonders of the Monreale Cathedral, the Cloister, the Diocesan Museum, and the Belvedere.

GET EXCITED in meeting the community of the Itinerarium Rosaliae and become a protagonist of its enhancement project.

SAVOR 'cunzato' bread, sfincione, Benedictine Nun's biscuits, white plums, and DOC wines.

DISCOVER inside the Cathedral one of the largest existing Byzantine mosaic works in the world.

A slow-paced weekend from the village of Piana degli Albanesi to the village of Monreale.

TARGET: Tourism of the villages, of the paths, cultural, religious, naturalistic, scholastic tourism

DURATION: 2 days/1 year or daily trip

AVAILABILITY: All year round (visit of the village) from March to November (trekking on the stage)

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14th STAGE: **MONREALE - PALERMO**
THE VILLAGES OF THE ROUTE: **PALERMO**

In the footsteps of Rosalia. In Arab-Norman Palermo, among the places linked to the life and devotion of the young saint.

Experience an extraordinary journey through nature, art, culture, food and wine!

WALK through the places of Rosalia in the year of the 4th Centenary of the discovery of her mortal remains.

GET EMOTIONAL among the Arab-Norman wonders of Palermo along the UNESCO Itinerary and the Cathedral with the relics of the 'Santuzza.'

SAVOR the tranquility at the Grotto Sanctuary of Santa Rosalia, with the Treasure Museum, nestled in the Monte Pellegrino Reserve.

DISCOVER the biodiversity of the Gorgo di Santa Rosalia and the fascinating Cretan unicursal labyrinth.

A slow-paced weekend from the village of Monreale to the city of Palermo.

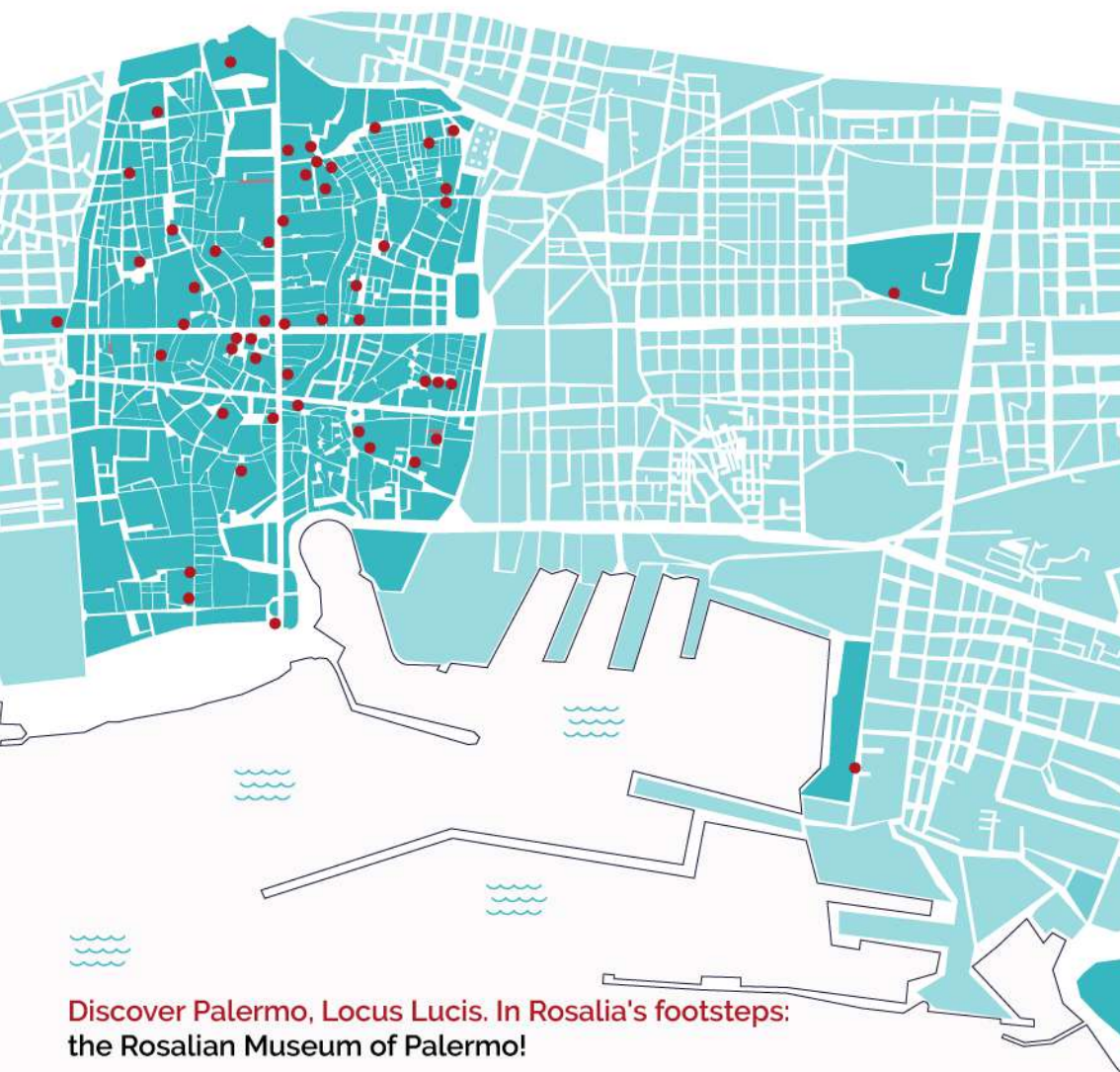
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Palermo Locus Lucis - In Rosalia's footsteps



Discover Palermo, Locus Lucis. In Rosalia's footsteps: the Rosalian Museum of Palermo!

Over 50 places within a cultural visit circuit, but also a pilgrimage in the footsteps of Rosalia, pilgrim of hope.

An extraordinary urban cultural system, an integral part of the Itinerarium Rosaliae, the fascinating naturalistic, cultural and religious route that connects the Quisquina Hermitage on the Sicani Mountains with the Sanctuary on Monte Pellegrino in Palermo!

Take your Pilgrim Passport and start visiting the affiliated urban places! Every corner of Palermo talks about Rosalia!

The project "Palermo Locus Lucis. In Rosalia's footsteps" is curated by Kòrai - Territory, Development and Culture.



Are you ready to start your journey to Palermo in Rosalia's footsteps?

Remember your visit to the Rosalian places with the **Pilgrim's Passport!**

Collect the experiences we offer you at sanctuaries, churches, museums, noble palaces, naturalistic jewels, UNESCO Heritage sites. Discover the traditions, devotions and popular spirituality, the excellence of artisanal know-how, the unique flavors and our welcoming community.





CITY TOUR: **A CITY OF SAINTS**
THE CITY OF ROSALIA: **PALERMO**

In the Footsteps of Rosalia Tour.

In Palermo, in the Footsteps of the 'Santuzza,' Father Pino Puglisi, and Biagio Conte

Take part in an unforgettable experience of visiting the city in the footsteps of 3 Saints!

WALK through the city of Palermo in the footsteps of Rosalia and in the places of Father Pino Puglisi and Biagio Conte.

GET EMOTIONAL in meeting the communities revolving around these 3 great figures of Saints in Palermo.

SAVOR the tranquility on Monte Pellegrino, the beauty of the historic center of Palermo, the authenticity of the encounters with the witnesses, the food consumed in special places, and the taste of sharing.

DISCOVER the enchanting beauty of Palermo, a city of contrasts, but also a city of Saints and witnesses."

A weekend in the places of witness of the most significant figures of sanctity for the city of Palermo.

TARGET: Cultural, religious, educational tourism

DURATION: 2 days/1 night or day trip

AVAILABILITY: All year round

MIN/MAX NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:
2/52 participants

DAY 1: The arrival in Palermo during the "Year of Rosalia" cannot but begin with a visit to the Grotto-Sanctuary of Santa Rosalia on Mount Pellegrino, crossing the jubilee gate, through the Treasure Rooms, and exploring the wonders of the Reserve up to the Belvedere. From here, we will move to the historic center, where we will visit the Jesuit church of San Francesco Saverio, a late Baroque masterpiece, and ascend its bell tower. After lunch at a social enterprise that promotes food as a tool for dialogue among people and different cultures, we will take a stroll through the streets of the historic center, among wonderful churches and noble residences, along the Arab-Norman UNESCO itinerary, visiting the Cathedral with the chapel of S. Rosalia and the tomb of Father Pino Puglisi. Finally, a special dinner at the cloister of the Monastery of S. Caterina d'Alessandria, with a visit to the church and the discovery of the confectionery "The Secrets of the Cloister."

DAY 2: In the Brancaccio neighborhood, we will discover the places of Father Pino Puglisi, a martyr killed by the mafia: the Casa Museo, the Father Nostro Welcome Center, and the parish of San Gaetano, listening to the direct testimony of those who were by his side in his mission. From here, we will move to learn about the reality of the Mission Hope and Charity Welcome Center, founded by the missionary Biagio Conte, where we will have lunch.



THE SANCTUARY OF ST. ROSALIA

IN THE CAVE ON THE SACRED MOUNTAIN

Experience the uniqueness of a spiritual place in the world!

Come with us and discover a sanctuary unlike any other in the world, nestled at 430 meters above sea level among the rocks of the mountain massif, symbol of Palermo.

Explore with us the karst cave that housed the Palermitan hermit virgin, credited with the healing of Palermo from the plague. Listen to the story of the ancient convent of the Reformed Minor Friars upon which the current sanctuary was built.

A treasure trove of marbles, shrines, and frescoes in an exceptional natural setting within the Monte Pellegrino Oriented Nature Reserve.

Discover the Sacred Grotto hidden within the Sanctuary of St. Rosalia, and its treasures.

**430 mt above sea level
25 mt deep**

TARGET: Religious, cultural, educational, and naturalistic tourism

DURATION: 45 minutes

AVAILABILITY: All year round

MIN/MAX NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 2/30

ACCESSIBILITY: The cave is accessible to disabled people



Unique experiences along the Way

7 good reasons to live this unique experience

1. **Relive the extraordinary story of Santa Rosalia**, a revolutionary teenager who lived at the court of the Norman Kings, became a hermit on Mount Pellegrino, and a powerful miracle worker, revered worldwide!
2. **Let yourself be fascinated by the construction events of the Old Stairway**, initiated by the Palermo Senate for the pilgrimage in honor of the new patron saint of Palermo!
3. **Follow the evolution of the construction of the Sanctuary** erected at the top of Mount Pellegrino on the site of the ancient Convent of the Reformed Minor Friars!
4. **Be amazed by the karst phenomena of the cave and the system for collecting its miraculous waters!**
5. **Admire the altars, marbles, shrines, statues, frescoes, and all the artworks** kept in the sacred grotto, a treasure trove of beauty!
6. **Discover the famous Palermitan tradition of the "Acchianata" on September 4th**: a pilgrimage undertaken, even barefoot, by pilgrims and devotees of the Saint!
7. **Be moved as you contemplate this place of spirituality**, which has become a "home" for all Italian and foreign citizens in a multicultural and welcoming Palermo.



SAN FRANCESCO SAVERIO

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN WONDER

Join our thrilling visiting experience!

An engaging journey through unprecedented spaces, never before opened to the public, to discover the many curiosities of this Jesuit construction, built over a period of 25 years, from the end of the 17th century, and the surprises that this extraordinary monument of faith and art holds during the Rosalian Jubilee year.

The highlight of the visit is the ascent to the top of the fantastic bell tower, to enjoy the splendid view over the entire city and Monte Pellegrino, "the most beautiful promontory in the world".

Discover the Church of San Francesco Saverio and its panoramic bell tower

102 steps
36 metres in height

TARGET: Cultural, religious, school tourism

DURATION: 45-60 minutes

AVAILABILITY: All year round

MIN/MAX NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 2/30

ACCESSIBILITY: Church accessible to disabled individuals



Unique experiences along the Way

7 good reasons to live this unique experience

1. **Relive the remarkable history of the Jesuits in Palermo**, their influence on the architecture, urban planning, culture, and politics of the city during the time of the viceroys!
2. **Let yourself be fascinated by the construction** stories of the Church of San Francesco Saverio, a Baroque masterpiece, and its extraordinary works of art!
3. **Enjoy recognizing**, in this treasure trove of beauty, **the symbols and captivating stories** of San Francesco Saverio, the giant of the missions to the East!
4. **Discover the work linked to Rosalia, the Holy Patroness of Palermo**, and the role of the Jesuits in spreading her devotion throughout Europe!
5. **Get emotional contemplating the space of the church from the height** of its choir loft.
6. **Put on your helmet** to experience an unforgettable adventure: a 36-meter ascent to the top of the bell tower!
7. **Relive the experience of Grand Tour** travelers between the 18th and 19th centuries and admire from above the city of Palermo with its domes, towers, and Rosalian sites in a single extraordinary view!"



THE TREASURE ROOMS OF ST. ROSALIA

A MUSEUM ON THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN

Discover precious works of art and ancient testimonies of devotion to Santuzza!

An exploration among stunning examples of decorative art commissioned, designed, created, and donated as ex-voto in homage to Rosalia, the patron saint of Palermo.

Immerse yourself with us in the beauty of refined objects and ancient relics preserved in the Treasure Rooms: testimonies of the great devotion of faithful and rulers, Viceroys, kings and queens, prelates or ordinary citizens. Among the most memorable, the incredible Silver Galley, the elegant wax sculptures, the Triumph.

Discover the museum collection of the Treasure Rooms of Santa Rosalia and the ancient chest.

2 secret spaces 1 exclusive collection

TARGET: Cultural, religious, school tourism

DURATION: 45-60 minutes

AVAILABILITY: All year round

MIN/MAX NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 2/30

ACCESSIBILITY: Accessible to disabled individuals



Unique experiences along the Way

7 good reasons to live this unique experience

1. **Access exclusive places, among priceless works of art** in an exclusive museum collection, expressing art and devotion spanning four centuries!
2. **Be dazzled by the splendors of chalices, pyxes, ampullae, basins, candelabra, pendants in gold, painted enamels, and precious stones**, extraordinary examples of decorative art!
3. **Discover precious missals, wooden crosses, wax sculptures, and the refined silver Senatorial Mace**, among the treasures of the collection.
4. **Be enchanted by the Silver Galley**, the precious ex-voto ship fantastically suspended in the centre of the Summer Hall of the Senate of Palermo!
5. **Enter the ancient chest** and discover the details of the medieval stone frame and the ex-voto ship models.
6. **Find out, during your visit, what these spaces have in common with the Royal Palace of Caserta!**
7. **Be thrilled by the breathtaking view** from the window of the Treasure Rooms and savor the intense taste of the Santuzza Bitter!



PALAZZO ALLIATA DI VILIAFRANCA

A NOBLE PALERMO BETWEEN THE 16TH AND 17TH CENTURIES

Make your trip to Palermo unforgettable with a visit to the residences on the circuit!

A journey into the magnificence of aristocratic Palermo between the 16th and 17th centuries, among palaces overlooking scenic squares, ancient splendors, and devotions translated into works of art.

Discover with us one of the most illustrious historic residences in the city, in the Piano di Aragona: a leap into the past, into 16th-century Palermo of the Viceroy, immersing you in the most intriguing events of Sicilian aristocracy, among masterpieces of architecture, decorative, and religious art. Among these, the painting of Santa Rosalia from the private collection of Palazzo Alliata di Villafranca.

Discover the extraordinary richness of the residence of the Alliata di Villafranca family.

**2 centuries of history
4 levels of the building**

TARGET: Cultural, religious, school tourism

DURATION: 60 minutes

AVAILABILITY: All year round MIN/MAX

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 2/30

ACCESSIBILITY: Church accessible to disabled individuals



Unique experiences along the Way

7 good reasons to live this unique experience

1. **Discover the history of the ancient family of wealthy Pisan bankers**, transplanted to Palermo in the 1300s, during the struggles between the Guelfs and Ghibellines!
2. **Get passionate about the rise** of the Alliata family to the Princes of Villafranca!
3. **Immerse yourself in the construction history of the Palace**, a scenic jewel of the beautiful Piano di Aragona, with its sixteenth-century facade!
4. **Explore the post-earthquake renovations by Giovanni Battista Vaccarini**, one of the greatest architects of Sicilian Baroque!
5. **Let yourself be seduced by the sumptuous Baroque interiors**: silk tapestries, decorations, and gilded wood paneling, multicolored ceramic floors, luxurious furnishings, and art collections!
6. **Experience the enchantment** of crossing the Hall of the Musicians, the tea room, the Louis Philippe-style smoking room, one of the oldest in Sicily and the largest in Europe, the Hall of the Coat of Arms with the family's coat of arms in majolica tiles, the Hall of Prince Fabrizio, and the Baroque Lounge!
7. **Be thrilled by the magnificent paintings** by Flemish artist Matthias Stomer, Anton Van Dyck's Crucifixion from 1624, and the eighteenth-century painting of St. Rosalia!



OVER THE TOP OF MONTE PELLEGRINO

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PROMONTORY IN THE WORLD

Experience the thrilling discovery of the circuit of wonders on the most beautiful promontory in the world!

A unique opportunity for exploration for both young and old, walkers and pilgrims, to discover the countless unexplored treasures of Monte Pellegrino, the mountain in the city, which Goethe described as 'the most beautiful promontory in the world'.

A day immersed in the natural and cultural beauties of the Oriented Nature Reserve. A cultural-naturalistic-devotional-experiential itinerary in this treasure trove of history, art, archaeology, biodiversity, devotion, ancient and contemporary spirituality, a symbolic place of Palermo associated with its patron saint, in which the entire city identifies.

Discover the wonders of the Nature - oriented Reserve of Monte Pellegrino.

**over 1000 hectares
more than 1000 plant
species**

TARGET: Naturalistic, cultural, religious, school tourism | DURATION: 2-3 hours depending on chosen activities | UPON REQUEST: Environmental education activities for children and youth | AVAILABILITY: All year round | MIN/MAX NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 2/50 | ACCESSIBILITY: Specific paths for disabled individuals



Unique experiences along the Way

7 good reasons to live this unique experience

1. **Experience the adventure of an unprecedented experiential trekking in the Oriented Nature Reserve** of Monte Pellegrino, along the path of the Scala Vecchia (3.7 km) up to the Belvedere!
2. **Embark on your pilgrimage along the 'Acchianata'** (the 'ascent') of Monte Pellegrino following a centuries-old devotional ritual!
3. **Immerse yourself in the charm and spirituality of the seventeenth-century Sanctuary of St. Rosalia and its sacred karstic cave** that hosted the hermit virgin!
4. **Admire the small gem of the Treasure of Santa Rosalia and the secret room** containing precious works, vestments, relics, gifts from kings, and votive offerings for favors received!
5. **Discover atop the mountain the Gorgo di S. Rosalia**, the body of water where in the late 1950s the American scholar Hutchinson theorized biodiversity.
6. **Enjoy walking through the fascinating contemporary installation of the Cretan unicursal labyrinth** of Monte Pellegrino!
7. **Go back in time among the anti-aircraft positions of the Second World War!**
8. **Be thrilled as you contemplate the city and the blue sea of Palermo from the Belvedere** at the foot of the statue of Santa Rosalia!



THE SECRETS OF THE CLOISTER

THE SWEETS OF THE MONASTERY OF ST. CATHERINE

Immerse yourself in an unforgettable culinary journey within an extraordinary treasure trove of beauty!

For generations, the nuns have been custodians of Sicilian pastry tradition: a luxury for a few, exclusive to noble families. In the Monastery of St. Catherine, we will discover the flavors of secret recipes at the heart of the production of the pastry shop 'I Segreti del Chostro', born from a project of rediscovery and valorization of ancient convent pastry traditions.

A visit to the eponymous Church is a must, a masterpiece of Palermo Baroque, along with its terraces, where you can enjoy a breathtaking panorama in addition to satisfying your palate in the shade of the imposing dome.

Discover the Church and the Monastery of Santa Caterina d'Alessandria, the Cloister, the Roofs, and the Pastry Shop.

5 realms of discovery
5 centuries of history

TARGET: Cultural, religious, school tourism

DURATION: 60 minutes

AVAILABILITY: All year round

MIN/MAX NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

2/50 ACCESSIBILITY: Accessible to disabled individuals



Unique experiences along the Way

7 good reasons to live this unique experience

1. **Relive the exceptional story of the princess nuns** within the richest Dominican Monastery in Palermo!
2. **Discover the secrets of the cloister rule**, the use of the 'comunichino', the wheel, and the grates!
3. **Let yourself be surprised by the investiture** ceremony and by the unexpected rituals and customs of monastic life!
4. **Visit the permanent exhibition 'Sacra et pretiosa'**, hosted in the rooms of the monastery!
5. **Savor the peace of the cloister** with its central fountain, amidst the colorful tiles and rose hedges.
6. **Be thrilled as you contemplate the city from the terraces of the monastery**, in the shade of the imposing dome.
7. **Taste** the delicious cannoli and cassata, the baroque sweets like the 'triumph of gluttony', the 'virgin's breasts', and the 'marzipan fruits' produced in the 'I Segreti del Chiostro' pastry shop.



ROSALIA OPEN AIR

AN EXPERIENCE WITH THE HOMELESS

Explore the corners of Palermo with special guides to track down the 'Santuzza'!

A special journey. An open-air narrative itinerary in the Historic Center, discovering the cultural heritage of the votive shrines and murals dedicated to St. Rosalia, a memory reflecting the devout or popular aspects of Palermo.

.The protagonists of this narrative are the homeless. From a social project of Caritas Palermo, an experience alongside the fragile members of the urban community, led by an architect and a tour guide to undertake an experiential journey through outdoor urban episodes dedicated to the 'Santuzza'.

Discover shrines and street art works dedicated to Rosalia in a game in the historic center.

250 hectares
20 special guides

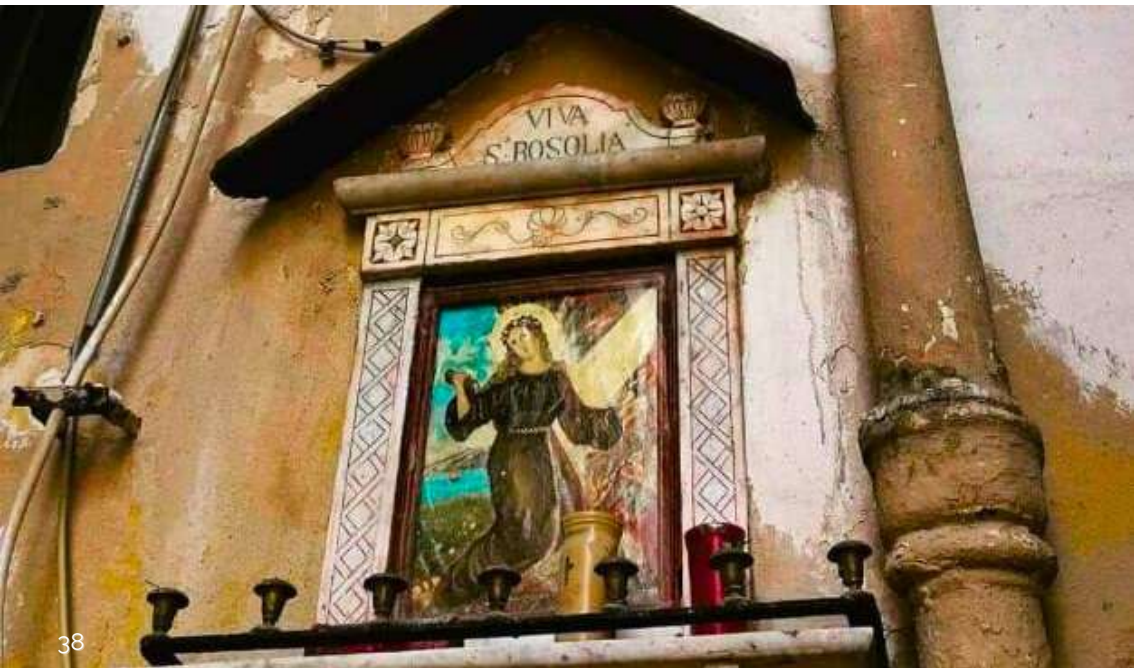
TARGET: Cultural, religious, school tourism

DURATION: 1-2 hours

AVAILABILITY: All year round

MIN/MAX NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:
2/30

ACCESSIBILITY: Accessible to disabled individuals



Unique experiences along the Way

7 good reasons to live this unique experience

1. **Go hunting for the votive shrines dedicated to St. Rosalia** among the 450 shrines present in Palermo in a fun urban game!

2. **Dive into the history of devotion** to the Palermitan hermit virgin, along the streets of Palermo among the small chapels, little places of worship in the most unexpected alleys!

3. **Discover the meaning of the appellations of the votive shrines**, called in Sicilian 'Cappidduzzi' or 'Marunnuzze'!

4. **Have fun recognizing along the streets** of Palermo the style of the authors of murals and street art works depicting the 'Santuzza'!

5. **Let yourself be guided by special storytellers without a fixed abode**, in an experience of social and responsible tourism!

6. **Take a selfie or a photo of yourself next to the votive shrine or mural** and request a stamp on your Pilgrim's Urban Passport!

7. **Seize the opportunity of your journey among the votive shrines of the city** to strike up a conversation and get to know the locals, being a good 'temporary citizen' of Palermo!






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