



WESTERN SICILY

3 PERFECT DAYS

♥ DAY 1 // UP IN THE CLOUDS

Climb aboard the funicular for a ride up the legendary mountain of Eryx. At the summit you'll find one of Sicily's most enchanting medieval towns, Erice (p79). Wander the winding alleyways, making sure you stop for a sugar fix at Maria Grammatico (p82) and to admire the magnificent panorama from the town's ruined castle. Returning down the mountain for dinner, head to Trapani (p73), a gastronomic gem where some of Sicily's best restaurants (p76) await you.

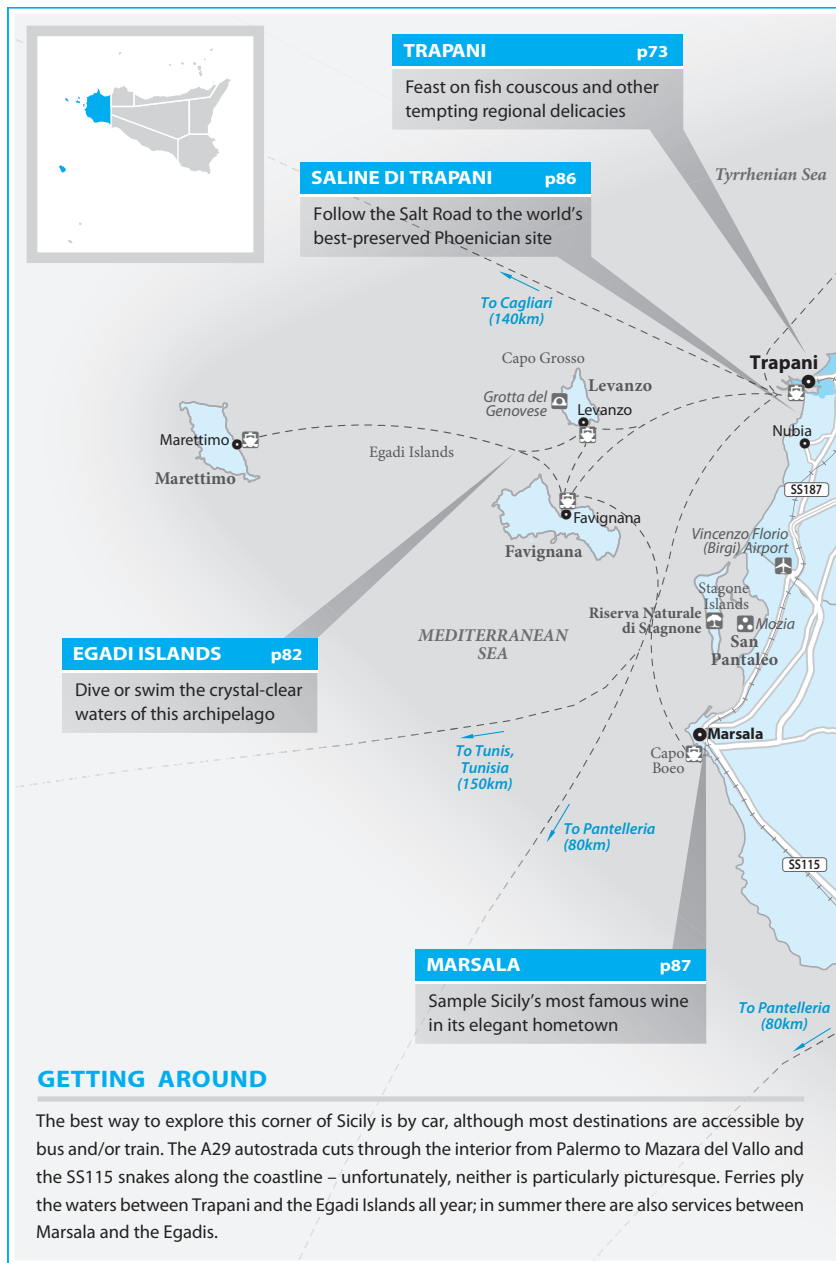
♥ DAY 2 // MARVELLOUS MARSALA

Home to friendly locals, a well-preserved historical centre and the island's most famous wine, the town of Marsala (p87) is one of the must-see destinations on this coast. Spend the morning touring Cantine Florio (p90) and then dedicate the afternoon to exploring the ancient island settlement of Mozia (p86), a short drive away along the famous Via del Sale (Salt Road). Return to Marsala to join the *passeggiata* (evening stroll) down Via XI Maggio before kicking on to La Sirena Ubriaca (p90) for an aperitivo and Osteria Il Gallo e l'Innamorata (p90) for dinner.

♥ DAY 3 // A DAY IN THE SOUTHWEST

Overlooking the vast expanse of the Mediterranean Sea, the archaeological site at Selinunte (p95) amply rewards those who make the effort to visit. Spend the morning exploring the evocative ruins of this ancient Greek city before heading towards the nearby town of Mazara del Vallo (p91) for lunch at La Bettola (p91), a walk around the atmospheric kasbah and a visit to the fascinating Museo del Satiro (p92).

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**TRAPANI****p73**

Feast on fish couscous and other tempting regional delicacies

SALINE DI TRAPANI**p86**

Follow the Salt Road to the world's best-preserved Phoenician site

EGADI ISLANDS**p82**

Dive or swim the crystal-clear waters of this archipelago

MARSALA**p87**

Sample Sicily's most famous wine in its elegant hometown

GETTING AROUND

The best way to explore this corner of Sicily is by car, although most destinations are accessible by bus and/or train. The A29 autostrada cuts through the interior from Palermo to Mazara del Vallo and the SS115 snakes along the coastline – unfortunately, neither is particularly picturesque. Ferries ply the waters between Trapani and the Egadi Islands all year; in summer there are also services between Marsala and the Egadis.