

Central Sicily

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Why Go?

Sicily's wild and empty interior is a beautiful, uncompromising land, a timeless landscape of silent, sunburnt peaks, grey stone villages and forgotten valleys. Traditions live on and life is lived at a gentle, rural pace. It's an area that encourages the simple pleasures – long lunches of earthy country food, meanders through hilltop towns, quiet contemplation over undulating vistas. It's also an area of surprising natural diversity – one minute you're driving through rolling hills reminiscent of Tuscany, the next through pockets of eucalypt bush akin to Australia.

Scattered across these landscapes are the legacies of many cultures and countless generations – windswept Greek shrines, sunbaked Norman churches and the frescoed flourishes of the baroque. It's in Villa Romana del Casale that you'll find the world's most important Roman mosaics; in tiny Morgantina, a Hellenic statue that caused a modern tug-of-war; and in Caltagirone, some of Italy's most coveted ceramics. Prepare to be pleasantly surprised.

Road Distances (km)

Caltanissetta	85			
Enna	60	30		
Nicosia	100	65	50	
Piazza Armerina	30	50	35	70
	Caltagirone	Caltanissetta	Enna	Nicosia



Central Sicily Highlights

- 1 Villa Romana del Casale (p222) Admiring ancient artistry at a decadent Roman villa, home to the most extraordinary Roman tile-work in existence.
- 2 Caltagirone (p223)
 Tackling Sicily's most
 spectacular staircase, then
 stocking up on the town's
 nationally renowned ceramics.
- 3 Morgantina (p220) Sitting your booty on the very steps where ancient Greeks once debated, conspired and gossiped.
- 4 Piazza Armerina (p219) Losing yourself in a warren of atmospheric streets and eclectic local museums.
- **5 Enna** (p214) Exploring a whimsical cathedral, scaling a Lombard castle and soaking up spectacular views in central Sicily's busiest town.
- Calascibetta (p217)
 Enjoying a little downtime and strolling through the nougat-coloured streets of a sleepy Sicilian hilltop village.