



Mediterranean Coast

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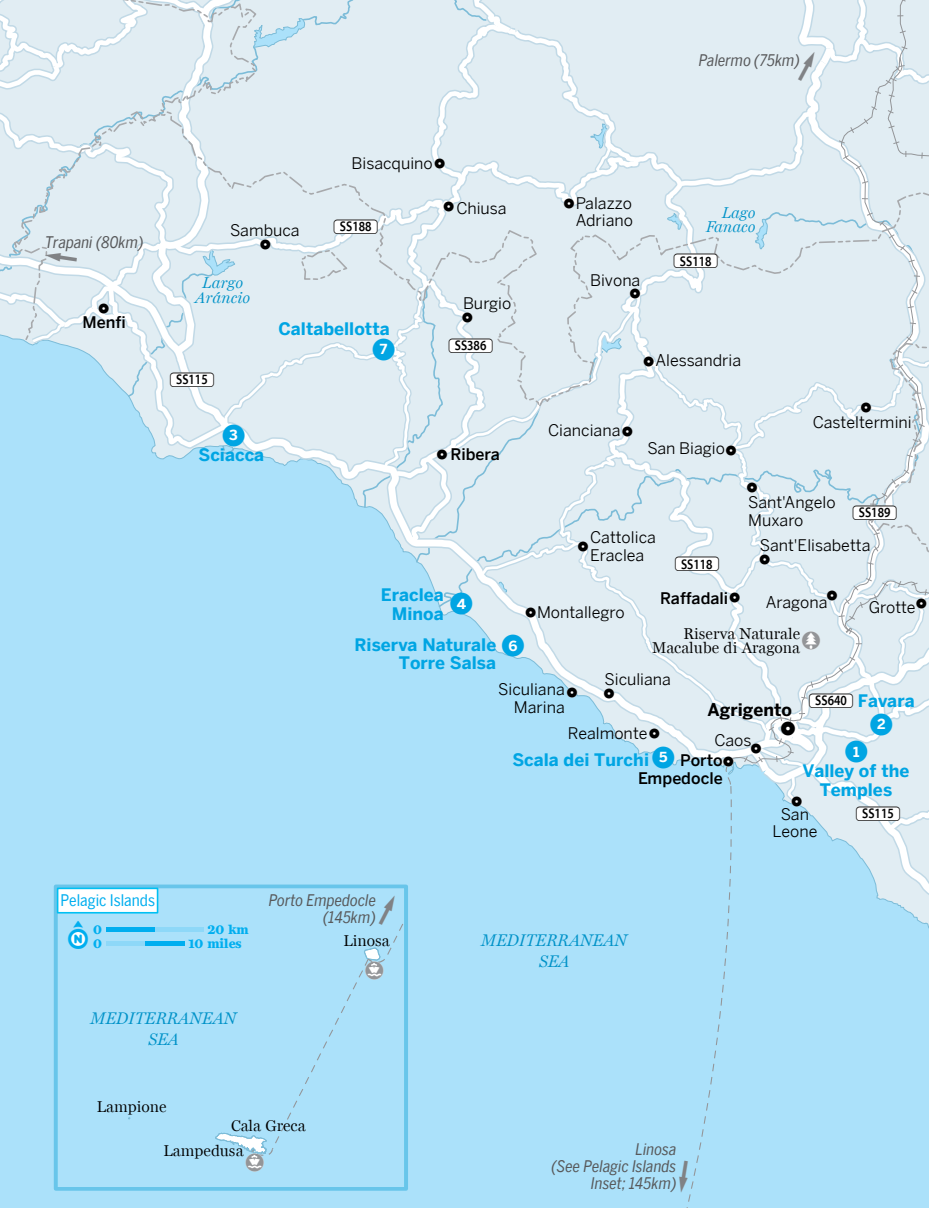
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Why Go?

Sicily's Mediterranean coast is a mixed bag. The main attraction of the area, the spectacular ruins of the Valley of the Temples – unparalleled across the island for their significance, expanse and beauty – are overlooked by ranks of unsightly tower blocks, giving the city of Agrigento an odd air. West of Agrigento, the development soon peters out and the landscape takes on a wilder, less contaminated aspect. Here you'll find some wonderful sandy beaches, particularly at the Riserva Naturale Torre Salsa and Eraclea Minoa, and tracts of beautiful, unspoilt countryside. The chalk cliffs of the Scala dei Turchi are a spectacular sight and there's a great beach too. Further west, the pretty spa town of Sciacca is well worth a day or two for its excellent seafood restaurants and handsome historic streets. Don't miss Favara's art neighbourhood, Farm Cultural Park, an innovative and vibrant art project that has revived a town.

Road Distances (km)

Caltabellotta	60			
Gela	75	130		
Licata	45	100	30	
Sciacca	60	20	130	100
	Agrigento	Caltabellotta	Gela	Licata



Mediterranean Coast Highlights

1 Valley of the Temples (p234) Marvelling at the genius of the ancient Greeks as you wander among Agrigento's spectacular ruins.

2 Farm Cultural Park (p233) Getting an alternative take on Sicilian culture at this innovative art 'neighbourhood' in Favara.

3 SciacCarnevale (p239) Dancing through the streets accompanied by giant papier-mâché puppets at Sciacca's flamboyant carnival.