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Why Go?

The coastal stretch between Palermo and Milazzo is packed with dramatic beach and mountain scenery, and appealing coastal towns like Cefalù and Castel di Tusa – but once summer rolls around, it's holiday central, characterised by crowded roads and beaches. Somehow neither this, nor the ever-growing proliferation of concrete buildings marring the coastline, can dissuade locals from coming here for their annual vacation and having a whale of a time.

Few sun-worshippers head inland from these sybaritic summer playgrounds to visit the nearby Madonie and Nebrodi Mountains, but those who do are swiftly seduced. These superb natural landscapes enfold hilltop villages where the lifestyle is traditional, the sense of history palpable and the mountain cuisine exceptional, featuring wild forest mushrooms, *suino nero* (pork from local black pigs), and ricotta straight from the sheep.

Road Distances (km)

Castelbuono	75			
Cefalù	50	20		
Milazzo	185	135	130	
Petralia Sottana	90	35	60	175
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Tyrrhenian Coast Highlights

1 Cefalù (p114) Choosing the glitter that suits you best – the sparkling gold mosaics of the Duomo or the fashion-conscious beach scene a few paces away.

2 Museo Targa Florio (p123) Reliving the glory days of Italy's greatest road race in this little Collesano museum.

3 Petralia Soprana (p121) Whiling away a chilly

mountain evening by the blazing fire in a pizzeria.

4 Castel di Tusa (p125) Celebrating the summer solstice at the hilltop pyramid, the newest installation in