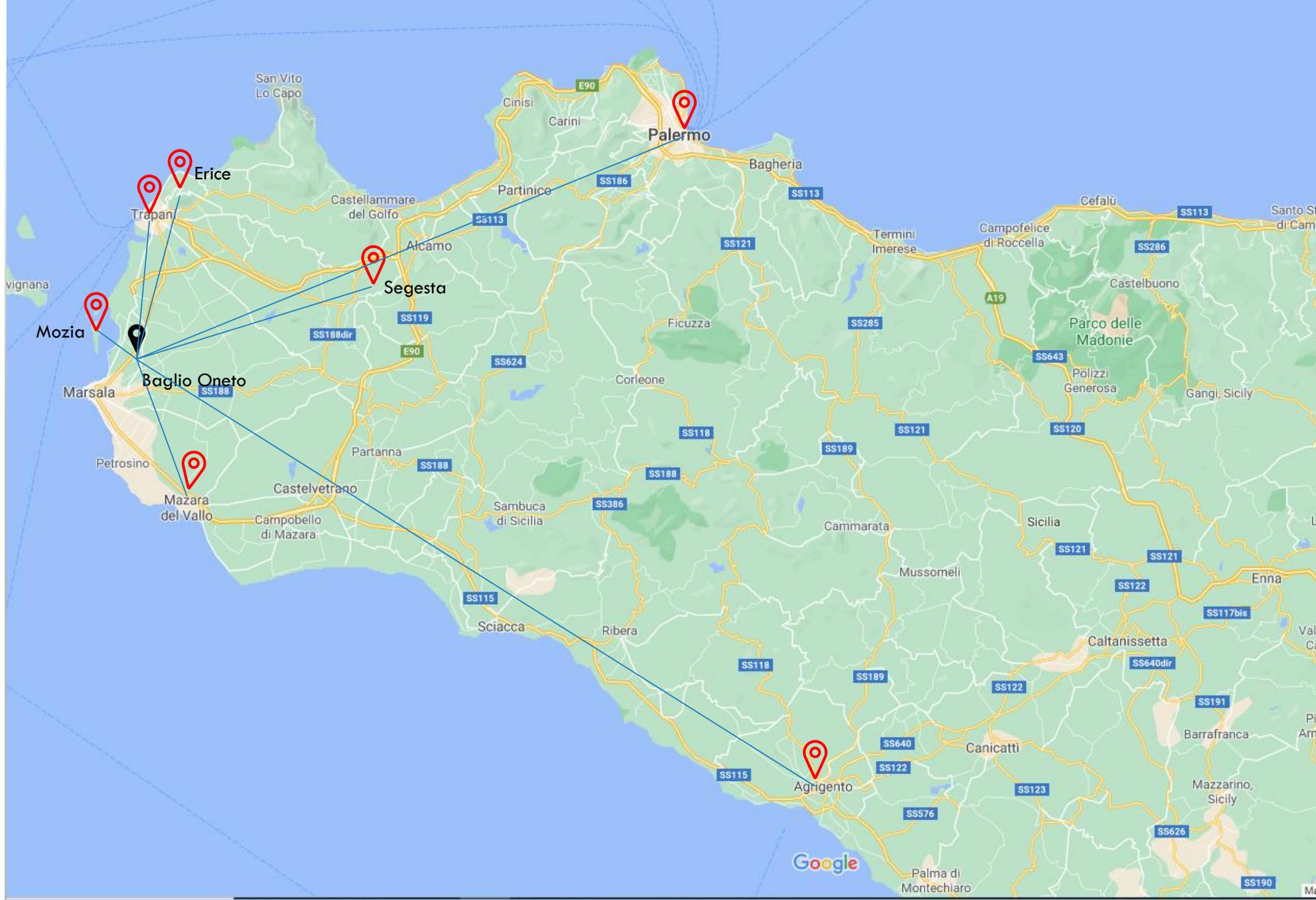


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***Sicily as never before***  
***Part 3: Western Sicily***









ITINERARY WEST COAST OF SICILY

1 DAY- ARRIVE TO PALERMO APT, TRANSFER TO HOTEL AND DINNER

DAY 2

AM: TRANSFER TO THE SALT FLATS FOR PANORAMIC TOUR OF THE LAGGON AND BOAT RIDE TO MOZIA IN ORDER TO VISIT THE PHOENICIAN ISLAND AND THE PHOENICIAN MUSEUM

LUNCH IN A LOCAL RESTAURANT WITH THE VIEW OF THE SALT FLATS - PM: TRANSFER TO TRAPANI AND VISIT OF ITS HISTORICAL CENTRE

DAY 3

AM: TRANSFER TO MONREALE AND VISIT OF THE NORMAN CATHEDRAL - LUNCH IN A LOCAL RESTAURANT IN MONREALE

PM: TRANSFER TO PALERMO AND VISIT THE HISTORICAL CENTRE: CATHEDRAL, FOUR CORNERS, PIAZZA PRETORIA, MARTORANA CHURCH, SAN JOSEPH, BALLARO MARKET

DAY 4

AM: TRANSFER TO MAZZARA DEL VALLO. VISIT OF THE HISTORICAL CENTER WITH ITS NORMAN MOTHER CATHEDRAL, SHORT WALK IN THE KASBAH AND VISIT THE SUPERB MUSEUM OF THE DANCING SATYR

LUNCH BASED ON COUSCOUS IN THE KASBAH OF MAZZARA - PM: TRANSFER TO MARSALA, SHORT VISIT OF THE HISTORICAL CENTER.

TRANSFER TO A LOCAL WINERY (PELLEGRINO) VISIT AND EXPLANATION OF THE LOCAL WINES AND THE MARSALA WINE PRODUCTION. END WITH A WINE TASTING

DAY 5

TRANSFER TO AGRIGENTO IN ORDER TO VISIT THE VALLEY OF TEMPLES ARCH AREA. - LUNCH IN A LOCAL RESTAURANT

VISIT AGRIGENTO ARCH MUSEUM WITH ITS SUPERB GREEK ARTEFACTS - BACK TO BAGLIO ONETO

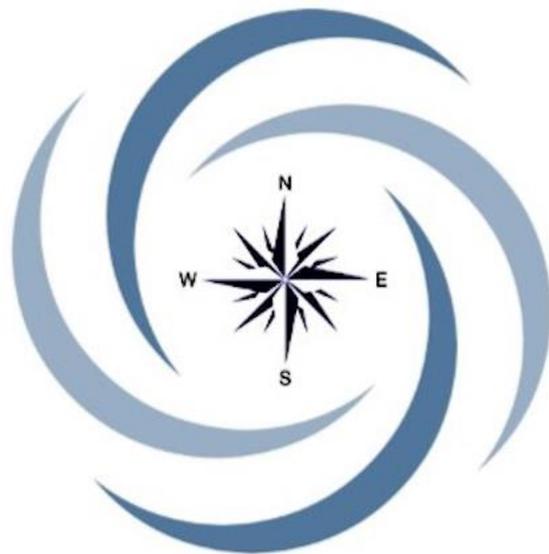
DAY 6

AM: TRANSFER TO SEGESTA AND VISIT THE TEMPLE AREA - LUNCH IN A LOCAL RESTAURANT

PM: TRANSFER TO ERICE AND VISIT THE HISTORICAL CENTER. STOP TO TASTE THE FAMOUS ALMOND COOKIES

DAY 7

TRANSFER TO AIRPORT AND DEPARTURE



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## SALIENT DATES IN THE ANCIENT HISTORY OF THE WEST COAST

**8<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY BC:** PHOENICIANS TRANSFORM THEIR COMMERCIAL BASES IN SICILY INTO A STABLE SETTLEMENTS. THE CITY OF MOZIA AND PALERMO FOUNDED

**6<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY BC:** ARRIVAL OF THE GREEK COLONIES TO THE WEST/SOUTH COAST OF SICILY. FOUNDATION OF THE GREEK CITIES OF SELINUNTE, AGRIGENTO AND GELA

**480 BC - THE BATTLE OF HIMERA-** SICILIOTES FORCES AGAINST CARTHAGINIANS. HAMILCARE KILLED, HIS SHIPS WERE BURNED AND CARTHAGINIAN TROOPS REDUCED INTO SLAVERY.

**415 BC - PELOPONNESIANS WAR** MOVED TO SICILY. ATHENS DEFEATED BY SYRACUSE. 7,000 OF THEIR MEN CAPTURED AND SENT TO THE STONE QUARRIES.

**406 BC** - CARTHAGINIANS RETURNED WITH LARGE FORCE. AKRAGAS AND GELA WERE RAZED TO GROUND.

**397 BC** - DIONYSIUS I DECLARED WAR ON CARTHAGE. MOZIA DESTROYED. SICILY UNDER GREEK CONTROL.

*The salt pans in the Island of Mozia*

*Beautiful artifacts...*



*... at the Whitaker Museum*



*The Valley of the Temples in Agrigento*

*Temple of Concordia*



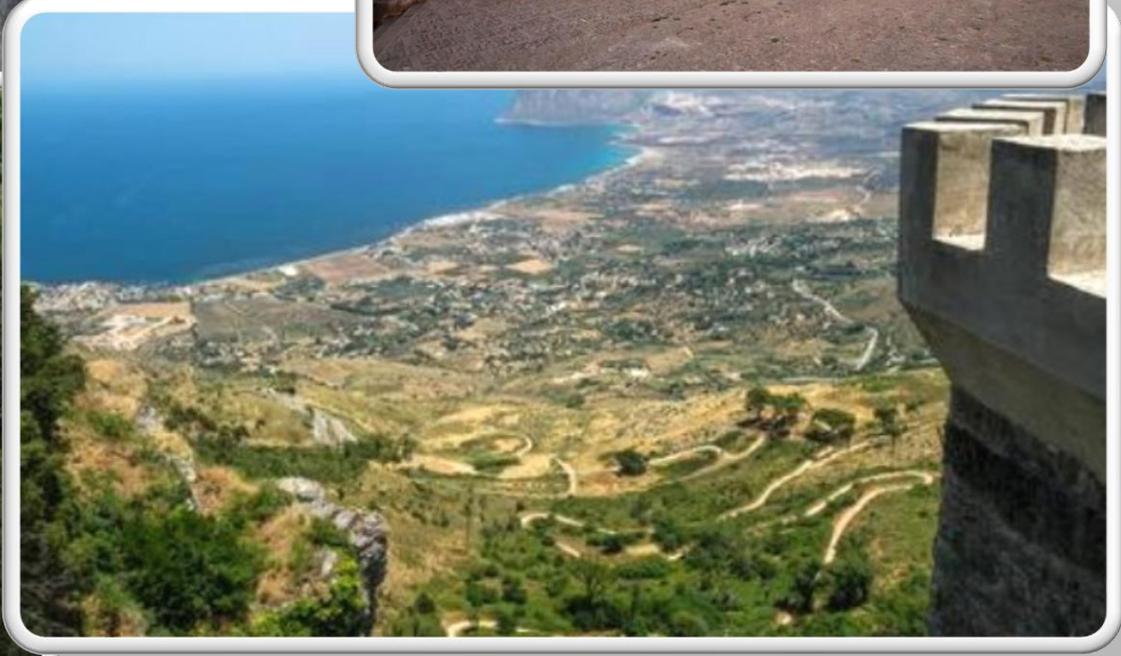
*Temple of Herakles*



*Erice, a beautiful medieval village ...*



*The Cathedral*



*Castle  
of Venus*

*... with stunning views*





## **THE NORMAN ARAB ITINERARY OF THE WEST COAST: A UNESCO HERITAGE**

**1061- NORMAN INCURSION INTO SICILY. PERMANENT PRESENCE AFTER THE BATTLE OF MESSINA.**

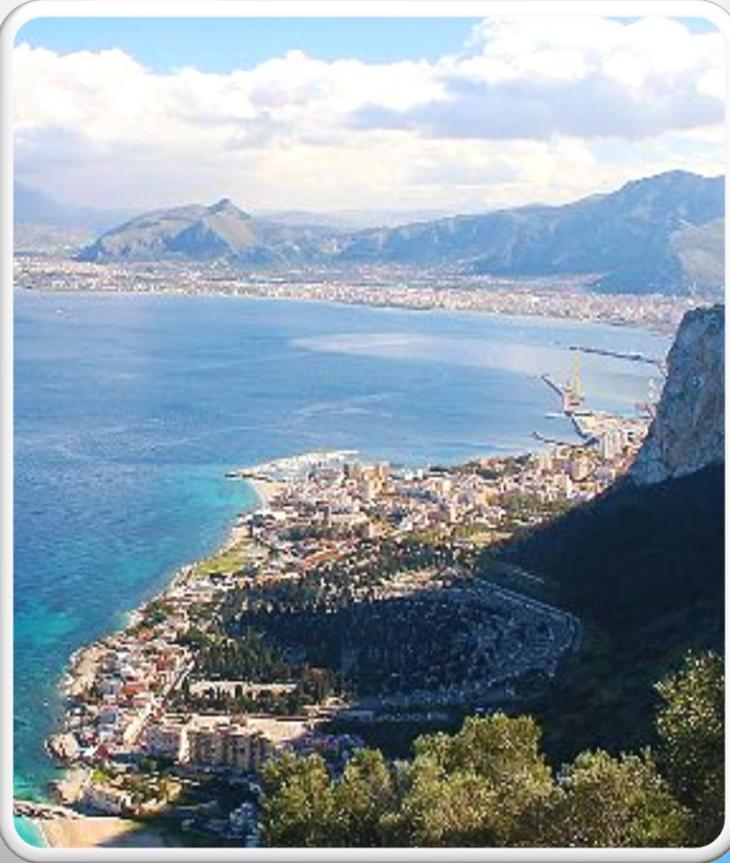
**1072- BATTLE OF PALERMO. NORMAN OCCUPATION UNDER ROGER I AND ROBERT DE HAUTEVILLE.**

**1087- THE ARAB EMIR OF ENNA, LAST MAJOR ARAB STRONGHOLD SURRENDERS TO NORMANS.**

### **NORMAN-ARAB ARCHITECTURE**

- **BASED ON MULTICULTURAL ORIENTATION AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE.**
- **ROMANESQUE ARCHITECTURE REFLECTED BY AN IMPOSING MIGHTY STRUCTURE.**
- **BYZANTINE STYLE DESIGN THE INTERIORS (MOSAIC AND ICONOGRAPHY)**
- **MOORISH ARAB ARCHITECTURE DESIGN THE EXTERIORS. (BLIND ARCHS, GEOMETRICAL DECORATION)**

***Palermo, among Europe's largest cities***



***Old town  
Palermo***



***Politeama  
Theater***

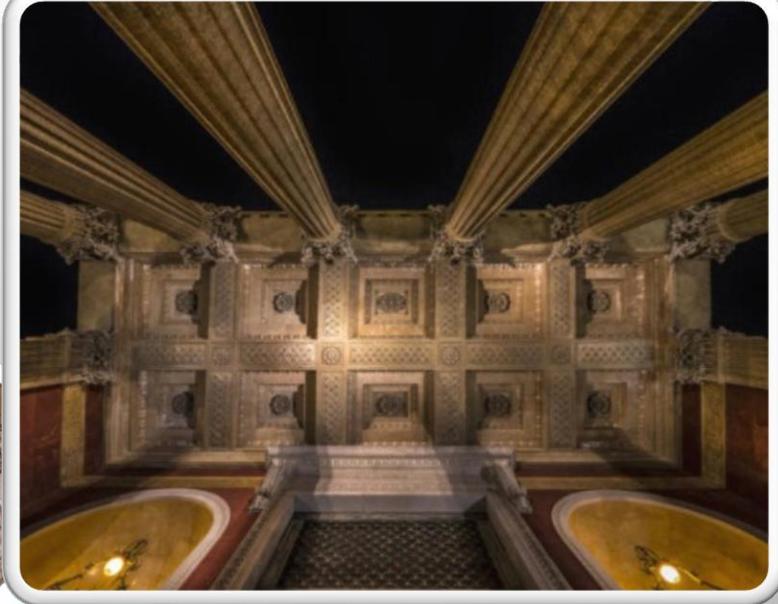




*Piazza Pretoria*



*Teatro Massimo (interior)*



*Teatro Massimo*

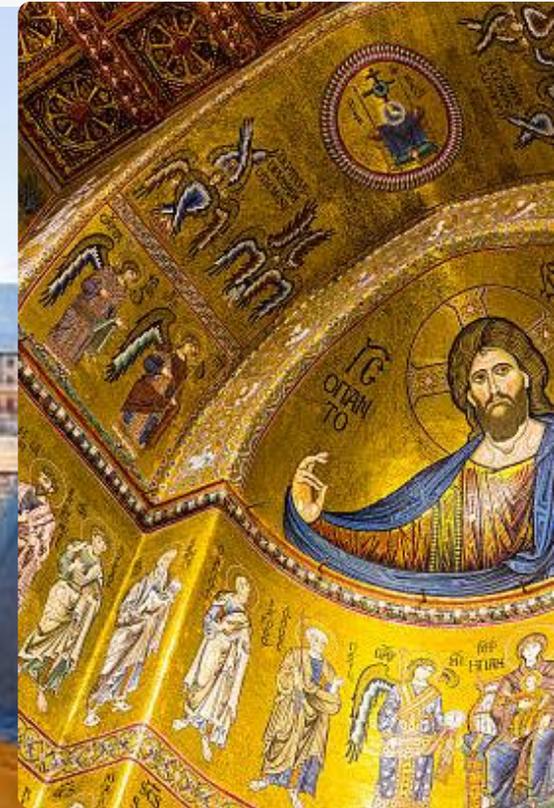


*Quattro Canti*

*The Cathedral of Monreale and its beautiful cloister*



*Christ pantocrator*



**Local markets in Palermo: Ballarò, Capo and Vucciria**

**Arancine**



**Pane e  
panelle**

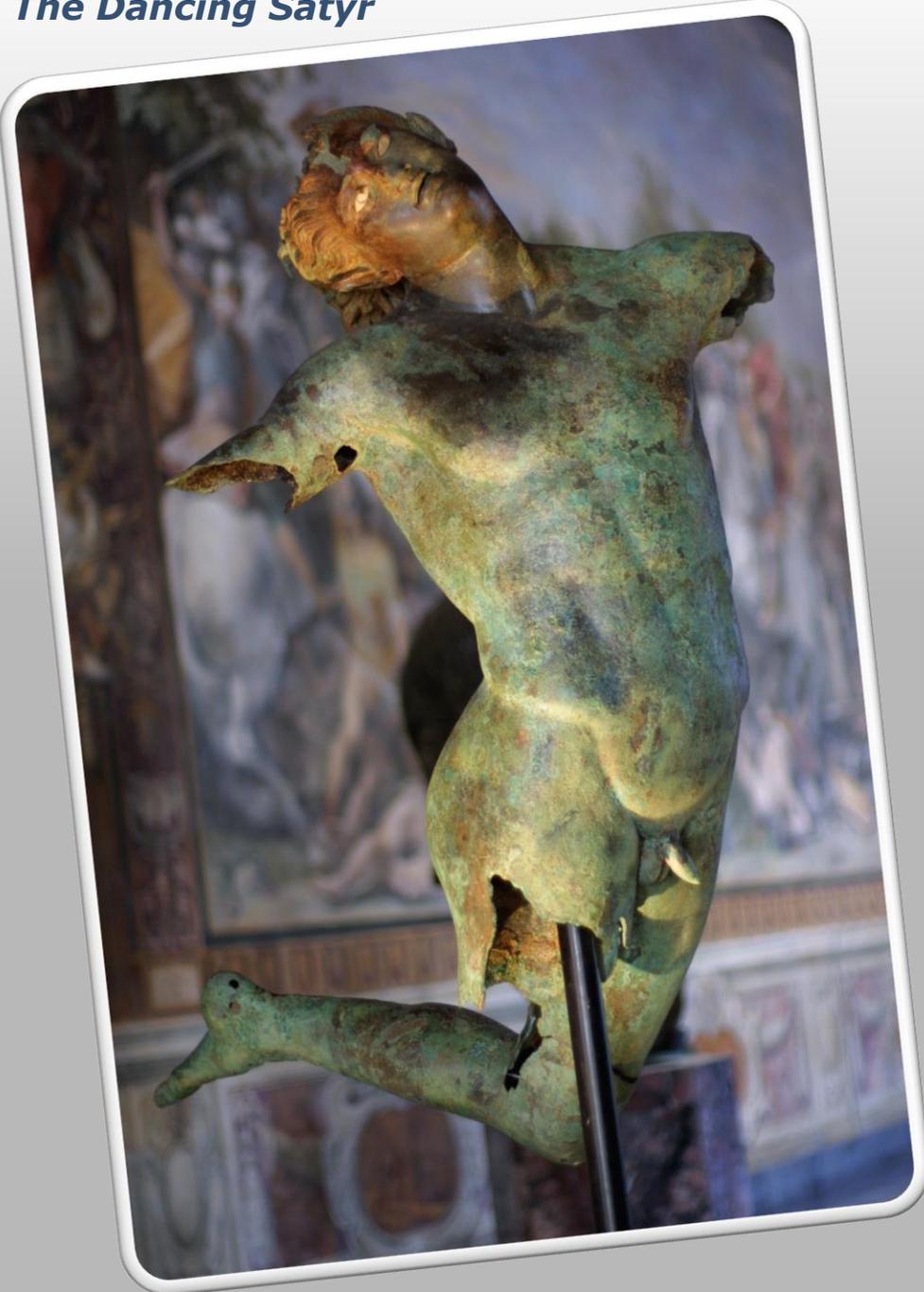


**Palermo is best known for its delicious street food**

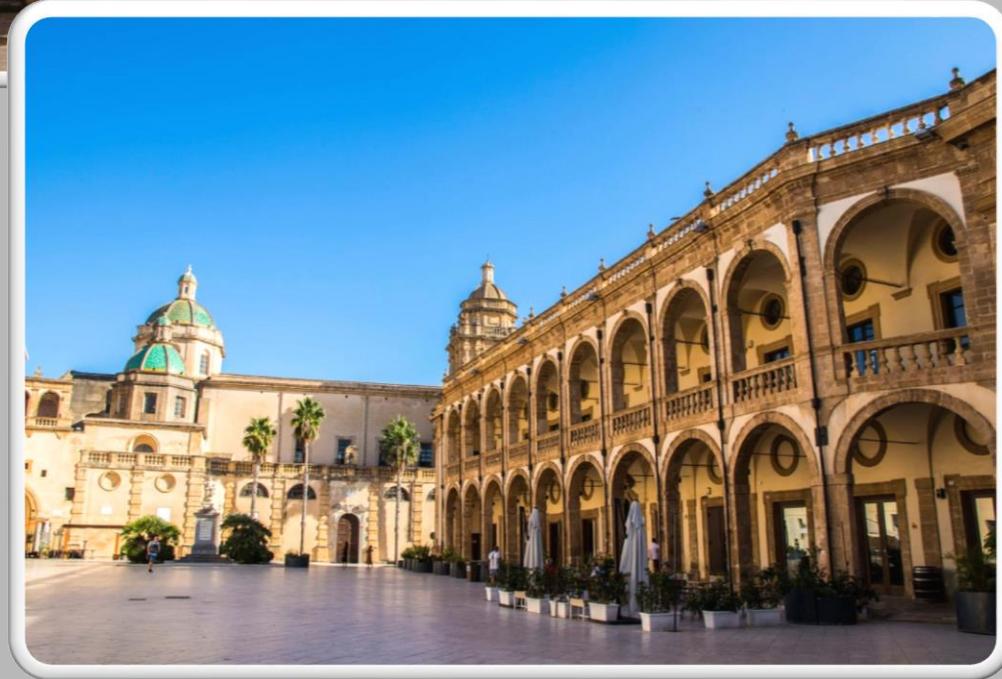
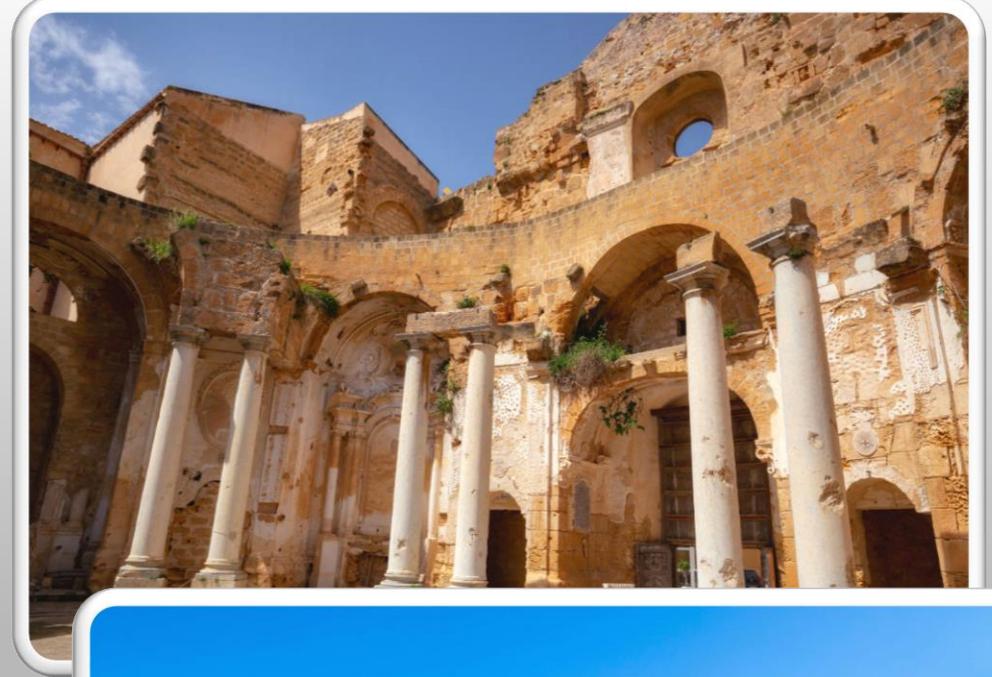


## Mazara del Vallo

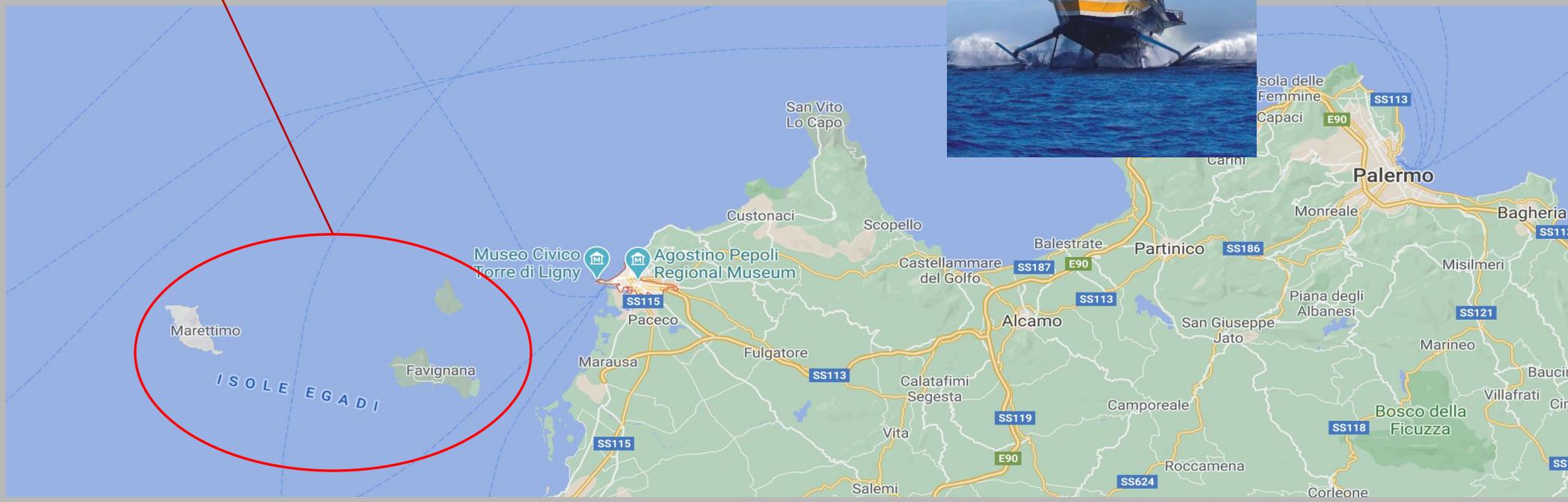
*The Dancing Satyr*



*The Kasbah*



# Egadi Islands





**THE EGADI ARCHIPELAGO, FORMED BY THE ISLANDS OF FAVIGNANA, LEVANZO AND MARETTIMO AND THE ISLETS OF FORMICA AND MARAONE, IS AN EXTRAORDINARY SYNTHESIS OF HISTORY AND NATURE .**

**MANY TERRESTRIAL AND UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS, DATED BACK TO THE PALEOLITHIC ERA, TESTIFY THE PERMANENCE OF PEOPLE COMING FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE MEDITERRANEAN, WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE HISTORY OF THE WESTERN WORLD.**

**THIS IS THE LARGEST PROTECTED MARINE AREA IN EUROPE WHERE LARGE PRAIRIES OF POSEIDON, AS A LARGE SUBMERGED TROPICAL FOREST, PROVIDE A VALUABLE HABITAT FOR THE REPRODUCTION OF MANY SPECIES OF FISH, A GREAT VARIETY OF RESIDENT AND MIGRATORY BIRDS, EXTRAORDINARY CETACEANS, CARETTA CARETTA SEA TURTLES AND LESS SPORADICALLY THE RARE MONK SEAL.**

# *Egadi Islands*



*Favignana*

*Levanzo*



*Marettimo*

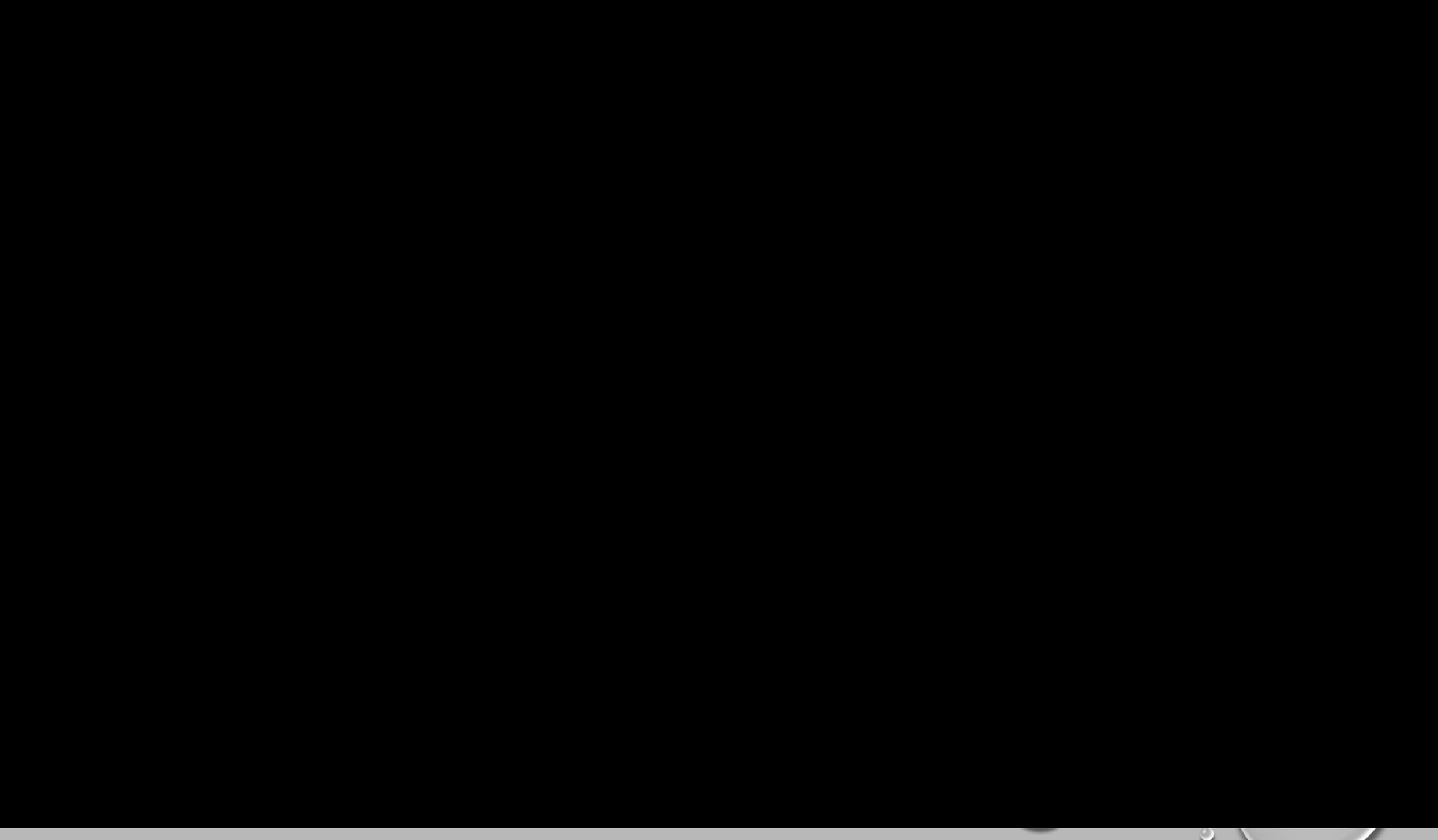


*Marsala, streets paved in gleaming marble and baroque buildings in the old town*



*Also known for its sweet wine*





*His Majesty Mazara Red Prawn*



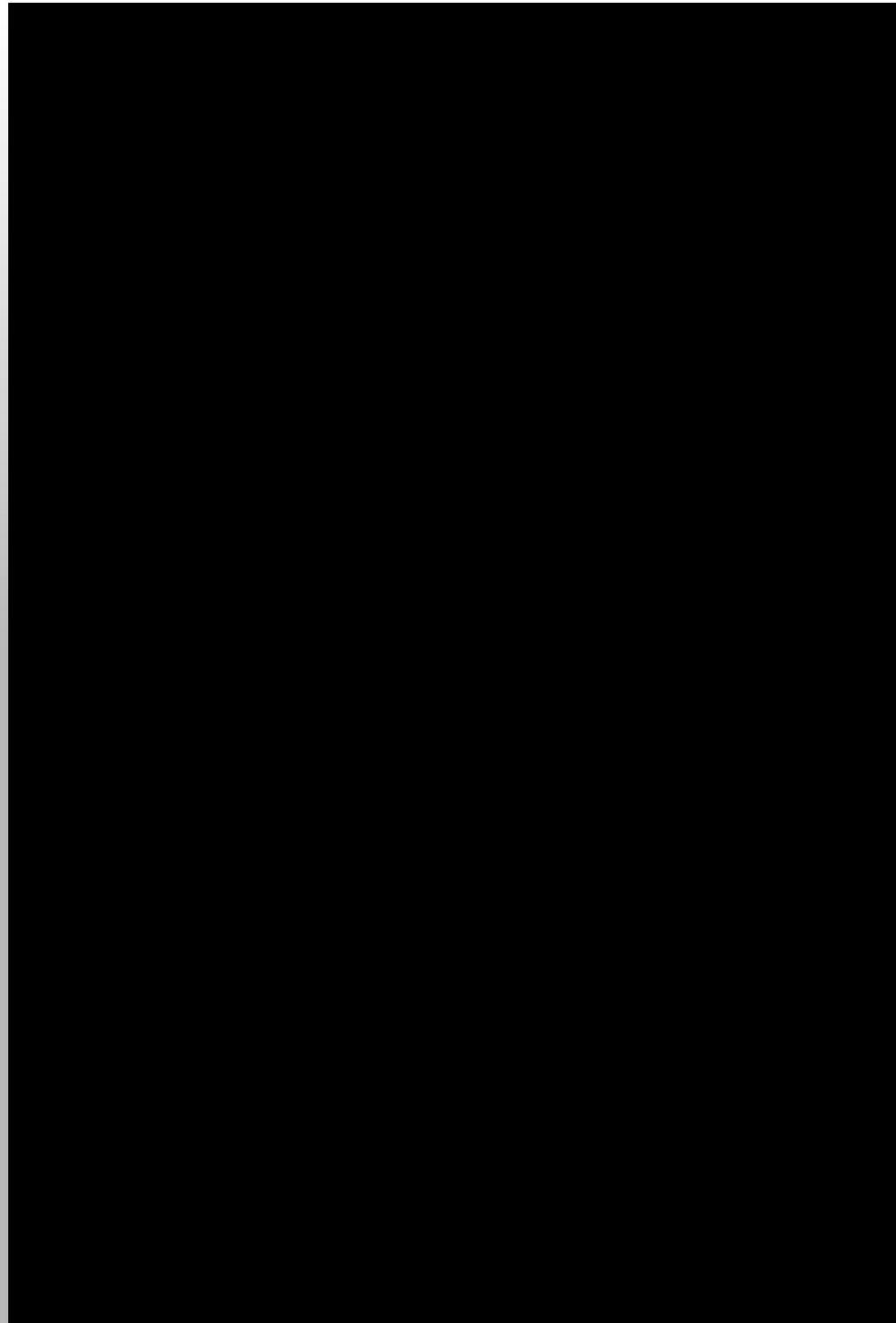


*Baglio Oneto*  
*dei Principi di San Lorenzo*



LUXURY WINE RESORT







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*Ci vediamo in Italia... GRAZIE MILLE !!!*