

TWO  
ROOMS

*Welcome to Ortigia*

# HOUSE MANUAL



## APARTMENT CLEANING

This is a self-cleaning apartment. You will find suitable cleaning products in the apartment.

In case you wish to have a payment cleaning service, please ask to the owner.

## TOWELS & BED LINEN

Bathroom towels and bed linen are changed once a week.

It is forbidden to use room towels outside the apartment!

## LAUNDRY

You can use the washing machine in the apartment. Liquid laundry detergent can be found in any supermarket.

**Self Service Laundry Shops** are located in:

- Lavanderia - Via Dei Mille 25/27 (near the temple of Apollo in Ortigia)
- Laundry Xpress – Via Dei Santi Coronati 36
- Leone – Via Venti Settembre 8 (near the marina)

## WI-FI

Network:      tworooms  
Password:     6868686868

### Important note:

In case of internet failure, please contact the on-site assistant who will intervene as soon as possible to check the situation.





For any reason do not touch the modem located in your apartment, do not try to restart it or disconnect the cables.

After a storm it may happen the internet service is momentarily suspended by the service provider – this does not depend on us and we can only wait for the line to get back.

## AIR CONDITIONING - HEATING

Every room has its own independent temperature device you control with remote.

Please pay attention to the **MODE** of remote control as each device works as air conditioner or air heating. By pressing the “mode” button you should select the right icon:

-  Snowflake = cool air – air conditioning
-  Sun = heating
-  Drop = de-humidifier only
-  Fan = air circulation only

You will then simply have to set the temperature you desire.

- ✓ 20 Celsius = 68 Fahrenheit (recommended in cool air mode)
- ✓ 25 Celsius = 77 Fahrenheit (recommended in heating mode)

Please switch off air conditioning every time you leave the apartment.

## SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO READ...

### GENERAL RULES

- ✓ **no smoking** in the apartment, this includes vaping. In case we need to have the apartment sanitized for smoke odour the cost will be charged to the guest
- ✓ keep all doors and windows closed when you go out. This is to avoid thieves or cats entering in the apartment.
- ✓ **do not** leave air conditioning on when you are not in the apartment.

### SAFETY

#### Inside the house

Street door and flat door must always remain closed. Please remember to close all windows when you are not at home. Apartments with terrace must keep the terrace door closed at night in order to avoid animals to enter in the apartment.

Please locate the fire extinguisher in your apartment; we hope you won't ever have to use it, but it is safe to know where it is!

The apartment is equipped with smoke and CO detector and alarm.

#### Outside the house

Ortygia is a safe island and you can walk everywhere at any time. However, beware of pickpockets when in crowded places.

### ELECTRICITY

The electricity panel is located by the door. All switchers must be in the up position. Please check this first in case of energy blackout.

If these are all in the up position, you may check the main electricity panel which is located at ground floor, by the entrance door.

### WATER

The apartment has an electric boiler to provide hot water.

The switcher on the wall must be in the position "I" (on). If it is "O" it's off.

## RUBBISH / RECYCLING

Syracuse introduced the recycling of rubbish with daily collect door to door at 8:00am. You are invited to separate your rubbish in the different boxes.

The 5 boxes are:

- ✓ Clean Paper
- ✓ Clean Plastic (for example empty and pressed bottle of water, rinsed yogurt cups, rinsed Coca Cola bottles)
- ✓ Clean Glass (please rinse the glass bottles before putting in the box)
- ✓ Food leftovers in the little brown box or in an organic bag (only food or greens, or paper napkins)
- ✓ Anything else in the other white bin (dirty paper, diapers, condoms, receipts, etc.)

You must leave the box outside the street door, on the sidewalk, in the evening after 8:00pm, so that rubbish can be collected early in the morning (before 8:00am).

This is the calendar of the collection day (i.e. you have to leave the box outside the night before).

BROWN - FOOD LEFTOVERS– Monday – Wednesday - Friday

BLUE BOX - PAPER and CARTON - Saturday

YELLOW BAG – PLASTIC AND METAL - Tuesday

GREEN BOX - GLASS - Saturday

GREY BOX – ANYTHING ELSE – Thursday

We are confident you will pay great attention when separating your rubbish. For those who do not separate rubbish we will apply a €50 charge.

Never leave boxes in the street in the afternoon or night, or we get fined!

## CHECK OUT

Check-out time is 10:00am on departure day.

Please leave the keys in the drawer of the table at ground floor (not inside the door!) and pull the street door behind you.

**Before you leave** please check the following

- The apartment is clean and there are no dirty dishes in the kitchen
- All air conditioners or heating fans are off
- Windows are well closed
- No rubbish in the apartment.

**If something breaks,** no matter if it is / is not your fault, please inform us!  
We can then fix it or replace for you or for the guests to come.

## GROCERIES

### Daily Street Market

Just 200 meters from your apartment, passing in front of the Old Jail, you will find the daily market, open Monday to Saturday from 8.00am to 1.00pm. The perfect place to buy fruit and vegetables, fresh fish and spices.

Do not miss the first two shops you meet on your right side:

- “Fratelli Burgio” – Sicilian delicatessen. You can also eat there at lunchtime. In the summer aperitif with jazz music on Friday
- “Casificio Bordieri” – a sandwich and cheese shop, owned by the legendary man named Andrea you will find outside doing show-cooking.

### Minimarkets

Almost everything you need can be purchased in these two small supermarkets in Ortygia located in:

- Via Maestranze 80, in front of the church – named Gusto. They have a delicatessen corner where you can buy your food if you want to eat at home and do not want to cook yourself. Open every day, also on Sundays and till late (closure time is around 9:00pm)
- Via Cavour (behind bar Viola)

### Large Supermarket

If you want to take your car for a big shopping, we suggest going outside Ortygia in a supermarket named “Deco”. This is located in Via Elorina.

### Flea Market

In Syracuse - it happens every Sunday morning in Piazza Santa Lucia, from 8:00am to 1:00pm. It is a poor flea market where you can find antiques for very small price.

In Modica (50 min driving) – it happens the last Sunday of each month from 8:00am to 3:00pm. This is our favourite market!

## PARKING

You can park your car

- at Talete Parking (payment parking - €1,50 per hour or €15 per day)
- Along the sea on the white lines (free parking)

You cannot park your car in Via Vittorio Veneto, or everywhere else on the yellow lines, as these spaces are for residents only.

## BOATS AND SAILING

We can organize a full / half day cruising with our beautifully restored wood fisherman boat (12 meters long). Full day cruising includes lunch and drinks on board.

From 2 up to 8 persons. Price is around €100 per person

Check availability with Andrea +39 3356075293 (English) or Ivo +39 3393981731 (Italian).

We also organize a wonderful aperitif at sunset or private dinner on the boat in the harbour, under the walls of Castello Maniace.

## CAR or TAXI TRANSFER

We can book car/taxi transfer for you

- ✓ to/from Catania Airport – it takes 50 minutes - € 70
- ✓ to/from Catania town – it takes 60 minutes - €90
- ✓ to/from Noto – it takes 30 minutes - € 60

Taxis are located near the Temple of Apollo. Just take via Resalibera to the end; it is a 5 minutes' walk.

## CAR and MOTO RENTALS

AVIS / BUDGET – Via dei Mille 9 - +39 093122420

Sicily by Car – Corso Umberto I 90 - +39 0931483044

Gold Rent – Via Giuseppe Mazzini 2 - +39 366 4156000

## BIKE RENTALS

Atala Shop – Corso Umberto I 28 - +39 093168182



## FOOD

### RESTAURANTS

- Regina Lucia** *Piazza Duomo* *tel +39 0931 22509*  
 Very nice restaurant built in the '700 Borgia del Casale Palace located in Piazza Duomo nearby the church of Santa Lucia. Average price €50
- La Lisca** *Via E. De Benedictis 25* *tel +39 0931 1623944*  
 Nice, simple and modern fish restaurant located in fish market street. Open in the evening only it does not serve meat. Average price €30
- Casa Trimarchi Bistrot** *Via Laberinto 1* *tel +39 0931 1567471*  
 A simple new restaurant serving great local home made food.
- La Vineria Café** *Via Cavour* *tel +39 0931 1856049*  
 Bruna is the chef and she is originally from the north of Italy. You will enjoy great food and original dishes. Average price €50
- Le Vin de l'Assassin** *Via Roma 115* *tel +39 0931 66159*  
 French Bistrot, with good atmosphere. Perfect to try something different. Salvo is a Sicilian chef who lived in France for a long time. Average price €40
- Sicilia in Tavola** *Via Cavour 28* *tel +39 3924610889*  
 It is quite a small restaurant and it is difficult to find a seat without booking. They are specialized in pasta dishes. Average price €30
- Area M** *Riva Nazario Sauro 6* *tel +39 0931 21367*  
 Nice restaurant on the sea. Just few minutes from home, with a very nice view and good food. Average price €35
- Antica Locanda** *Via Vittorio Veneto 189* *tel +39 0931 66343*  
 A very informal Trattoria where you can enjoy good and simple Sicilian cuisine. It is only 50 meters away from your apartment, just in front of the Police station. Average price €25

## VEGAN-VEGETARIAN RESTAURANTS

**Moon** *Via Roma* *tel +39 0931 1815619*  
Moon stands for “Move Ortygia Out of Normality”. It is a vegan restaurant with a beautiful atmosphere in a nicely decorated space. They often perform live music. Average price €30

## SICILIAN SPECIALTIES

**Cannoli del Re** *Via Picherali off Duomo Square*  
Sicilian cannoli made in front of you and filled with ricotta or other delicious creams. Really fresh!

## BARS AND CLUBS

### BREAKFAST

**Irma la Dolce** *Via dei Mergulensi 39*  
In a quiet square three minutes walking from your apartment in the direction of Duomo square, this bar is good for a morning breakfast with home-made cakes. Paola is the tattooed nice lady doing her best to speak English.

**Jolanda** *Via Vittorio Veneto 78*  
The perfect bar for your morning breakfast, only a few steps from your apartment going south.

### APERITIF

**Cortile Verga** *Via Maestranze 33*  
Very nice and stylish bar in a typical courtyard of Ortygia. Great assortment of spirits and raw food. Massimiliano is the name of the guy owning this place. Try their cocktails for pre or after dinner.

**Sunset** *Lungomare Alfeo*

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The name of this bar speaks by itself. Good drinks and finger food. There are few tables outside. It is not possible to make reservation.

## AFTER DINNER

### **Barcollo**

*Via Picherali off Piazza Duomo*

Nice bar inside the courtyard of Palazzo Borgia. Cocktails and music. Dance after dinner.

### **Punto G**

*Via Landolina 1 off Piazza Duomo*

A nice place to spend the night. Live shows and live music.

## BEACHES

There are different beaches you can choose from. First of all you have to decide if you want to take the car or just walk.

### Walking distance:

- “Scoglio” (The Rock) in Ortygia which is located on Lungomare di Levante. It is usually crowded and quite uncomfortable to lay down, but it is the easiest spot for a nice swim in the sea. In the summertime there is an additional wood platform to accommodate more people and facilitate the access to the sea.
- “Solarium Ortigia Nettuno” on Lungomare di Levante. Only during summer time. With bar and self-service restaurant. Price for two sunbeds and one umbrella around €30.
- “Area M” has a modern stylish wood deck with sunbeds. With bar and restaurant, It is located in Riva Nazario Sauro 6, right after Taletè Parking
- “Musciara”, is an hotel right outside Ortygia located in Riviera Dionisio il Grande 42. There is a sandy beach with sunbeds, umbrella and beach service. Quite expensive, especially for food & drinks.

### With the car:

#### WILD BEACHES

- Rocks – go to Plemmirio natural reserve, which is south of Syracuse, opposite Ortygia 15 minutes driving. Follow “Arenella” and then the “Plemmirio” and “Guardia di Finanza” signs. Discover the many beautiful spots. No bars or services there; bring your own food.
- Sand – go to “Riserva Naturale di Vendicari” – by far the best beach of whole oriental Sicily. 30 minutes driving. Take the highway southbound (direction Gela) and exit at “Noto”. Follow indication in direction of Portopalo and you will find access to five different beaches. In order, going south
  - Eloro I – easy to access
  - Eloro II – families and kids
  - Marianelli – naturist beach – beautiful restaurant at the parking
  - Calamosche - once voted the most beautiful beach of Italy
  - Vendicari – visit the abandoned tuna factory

**BEACHES WITH SERVICE, BAR AND CHAIRS**

- Plemmirio Peninsula – 15 minutes driving
  - “Lido Cala Zafiro”– *Via degli Zaffiri*. Wood patios on the rocks. With bar and restaurant
  - “Lido Varco Venti3” – *Via degli Zaffiri*. With beach volley, bar and restaurant
  
- Arenella – 20 minutes driving in direction of Cassibile
  - Arenella beach, sandy beach with umbrella and chairs. For children.
  - Le Nereidi, wood platform with bar. Usually no children.
  
- Fontane Bianche - 20 minutes driving in direction of Cassibile
  - “Sayonara” beach. Crowded and young atmosphere, with loud music.
  
- San Lorenzo - 45 minutes driving – exit “Noto” and follow Portopalo
  - Agua Beach – booking +39 0931 841684
  - Lido San Lorenzo Plus – booking +39 0931 841799
  
- Marzamemi – 45 minutes driving – exit “Noto” and follow Portopalo
  - Lido Baiamuri – very elegant, great service and restaurant. High price level – booking +39 339 1668306
  
- Portopalo – 60 minutes driving
  - Le Dune – located near Carratois beach closed to Isola delle Correnti - booking +39 333 8270085

## VISITING AROUND... WHAT YOU CANNOT MISS!

### Going North

#### CATANIA

The centre of Town with its Duomo, Via dei Crociferi, Via Etnea

#### ETNA VULCAN

Organize a tour on the Etna Vulcan, taking the cable car from Rifugio Sapienza  
[www.funiviaetna.com](http://www.funiviaetna.com)

#### TAORMINA

The famous promenade and the Ancient Theatre

### Going West

#### PALAZZOLO ACREIDE

#### PANTALICA NATURAL RESERVE

A walk in the nature where you can see the rest of prehistoric caves. You can enter the reserve either from Ferla or Sortino towns.

#### CALTAGIRONE AND PIAZZA ARMERINA

Villa Romana del Casale – a wonderful well preserved Roman villa discovered in 1950 with great floor mosaics

### Going South

#### CAVAGRANDE LAGHETTI DI AVOLA

An amazing canyon with a river creating beautiful natural pools you can swim and dive in. A must see. You need to wear gym shoes to access the site. It takes 45 minutes walking to descend and return back to car park. You must be in good health condition.

#### NOTO

Named the “Garden of Stone”, it is a masterpiece of Barocco Art

#### RAGUSA IBLA / MODICA / SCICLI

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