



## Italy: Private visit in the palaces of Sicily



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From Palermo to Syracuse, Princess Carine DI GANGI takes us on a tour of the most beautiful palaces of the island, and gives us a glimpse into the lives of the great Sicilian families.

Our tour of the Island starts in the capital, with the Gangi Palace, referred to as the « Versailles » of Sicily. It was here that Claudia CARDINALE and Burt LANCASTER danced a waltz during the shooting of Lucchino VISCONTI's « The Leopard ».

Next, we meet with Princess RAFFADALI I in her 15<sup>th</sup> century palace, followed by a visit to the residence of the Count TASCA, the magnificent Villa Camastra, with its rooms full of optical illusions.

Leaving Palermo, we drive on to meet with Baron INGLESE at the mysterious Monastery « Santa Maria del Bosco », an austere building framed by the foggy mountains.

On the Southern most tip of Sicily, the Baron and Baroness CHARAMONTE BORDONARO welcome us to their home, a medieval castle with a magical air, encircled by the blue expanse of the Mediterranean sea.

Continuing towards Syracuse, we discover the magnificent baroque towns of Noto and Ragusa, rebuilt after the earthquake in 1693, the two were then classified as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Now we come to the end of this fabulous tour of the sumptuous and secretive inner world of Sicily.

As we started in the Phoenician city of Palermo, where better to finish our tour than in the Greek city of Syracuse, at the Beneventano del Bosco Palace, in the charming company of the count BENEVENTANO.