

# **CEFALÙ & ST. STEFANO**

The Perfect Summer Getaway

## **Cefalù**

For a small coastal town, Cefalù offers vacationers a little bit of everything. From white sandy beaches, to winding Medieval streets and endless dining options, Cefalù is the perfect summer getaway. At the heart of the city is the impressive and must-see fortress - The Norman Cathedral. For the more adventurous visitors, this coastal town also offers plenty of outdoor activities, including summiting La Rocca. This steep climb 270 meters above sea level is well worth the ascent to the **Temple of Diana** ruins. On clear days, you can also see the outlines of the Aeolian Islands, which are only a boat tour away.

## **Key Points of Interest:**

### **Cefalù Beach**

A perfect crescent of sand, bursting with beach goers. Cefalù Beach is easy to access from city center and offers both public beach access as well as lidos. It stretches along the entire northern coast of Sicily and is the main attraction for summer visitors.

### **Duomo di Cefalù**

According to a legend, Roger II, the well-known Norman sovereign of Sicily, commissioned the building of the grand Cefalù Cathedral in gratitude for God sparing his life in a violent sea storm.

This impressive cathedral is somewhat of a fortress, with its gothic and Romanesque architectural style. The interior of the cathedral is adorned with exquisite mosaics, the best preserved and the earliest of their kind in Sicily.

### **Salita Saraceno**

This ancient staircase winds up through three tiers of city walls in a 30-minute climb to the summit of La Rocca. These stairs are accessible from Piazza Garibaldi where signs for Salita Saraceno are clearly posted.

## **Parking:**

There are multiple parking options along Lungomare, close to the beach and city centre. There is also paid street parking available in the city centre, but is at a premium in the summertime.

## **Santo Stefano**

St. Stefano is a perfect area to visit after a trip to Cefalù if you are in the market for vibrant ceramics. This charming medieval village, located on the Northern seashore in the province of Messina, is bursting with endless options of hand-painted pottery sold from one of the many shops along the city center streets.