

ERICE & TRAPANI

The Western Coast of Sicily

Erice

Located on top of Mount Erice, this historic town overlooks the western coast of Sicily. Erice is the perfect place for anyone who loves sightseeing coupled with history as this city offers plenty of medieval streets, churches, and ancient castles.

Points of Interest:

✓ **Castello di Venere**

Built into the Temple of Venus, this fortress is open daily for guests to visit the interior courtyard of the castle.

✓ **Mother Church and Bell Tower**

Built from the ruins of the pagan temple of Venus, this church hosts a museum containing artifacts, paintings, and sculptures from the 14th and 19th centuries. Next to the church, visitors will find the bell tower, otherwise known as The Tower of King Fredrick.

✓ **3 Main Churches of Erice:**

- ✓ Church of San Martino
- ✓ Church of San Giuliano
- ✓ Church of St. John the Baptist

✓ **Genovesi**

The most popular variety of this pastry is created in the town of Erice. This pastry can be filled with a creamy custard or ricotta and topped with a sugary icing. Visitors can find genovesi in many shops along their stroll through the town.

How to get to Erice:

Erice is accessible to visitors by car, bus, and cable car.

✓ **Car:** Visitors can take a 30-minute drive from the town of Trapani, up the narrow winding road of Mount Erice to reach the medieval town of Erice. Once you reach the town, there is a large parking area next to Porto Trapani, which is also one of the three entrance gates into Erice.

✓ **Bus:** There is a public bus ride from Trapani to Erice that takes about 45-minutes. Visitors should be aware of the scheduled departure and arrival times for specific days before using this as their option.

✓ **Cable Car:** Arguably the most fun option to get up to Erice, visitors can leave their car in Trapani and take the 10-minute cable car. The cable car ride will drop visitors off at Porto Trapani, which is one of three entrances into the town.

Trapani

Located on Sicily's western coast, Trapani is known for its rich history, stunning sea views, and fresh foods. Trapani is home to a very active port that offers a gateway for imports and exports, and ferry rides to the Aegadian Islands. Visitors can come to Trapani to immerse themselves in its culture, as well as see what the surrounding Mediterranean has to offer.

Points of Interest:

✓ **Saltworks**

Sitting in front of Trapani's main town gates lie the salt field with their iconic windmills. To learn more about these salt fields and industry, guests can visit the museum conveniently located in these fields.

✓ **Trapani Old Town**

Small, but easily accessible on foot, visitors are invited to take a stroll through this historic part of Trapani and visit the many monuments, museums, and churches.

✓ **The Church of San Lorenzo**

Located in Trapani's Old Town, this church has been built and restructured multiple times throughout its history. As visitor's walk through the church, they will be able to see works of art throughout the ages still hanging here today.

✓ **Pilgrimage Church of the Virgin Mary**

Visitors can enjoy the beautifully adorned rose window, various chapels and a grand marble entrance.

✓ **Castello di Mare**

Right off of Trapani's harbor entrance, visitors can see the looming castle-like structure that was once used as a fortress and then later a prison.

✓ **Ligny Tower**

Located at the end of the pier in Trapani's harbor, this tower is home to a small historic museum and breathtaking views of the coast.

Parking:

Trapani has three larger parking lots close to its city centre, including Piazza Vittorio Emanuele, Piazzale Illio and Via Capitano Salvatore Poma.