

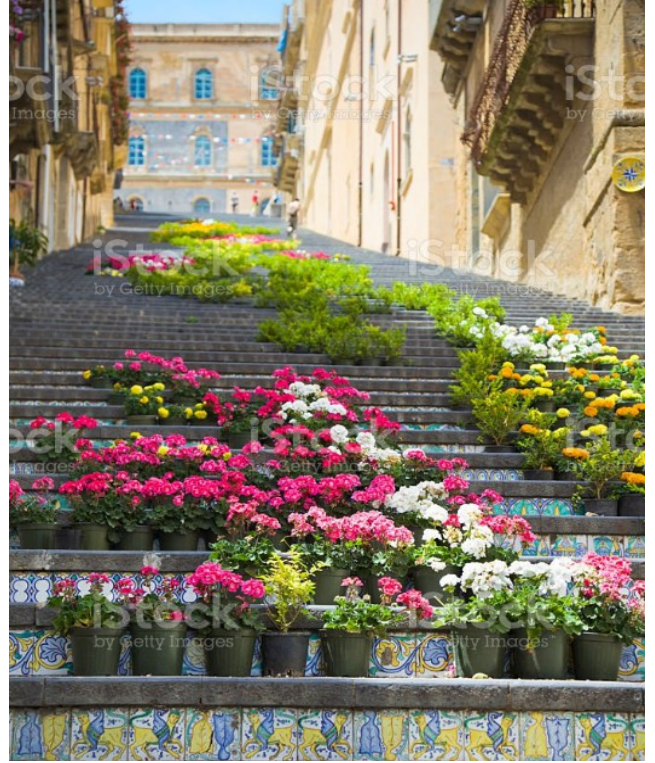
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After spending the night at the Hotel Ritrovo in Piazza Armerina, we drove on on 15 October.



We debated whether we should drive by [Caltagirone](#) to see [the Scalinata di Santa Maria del Monte](#), but we decided against it, because it is only in May and June that the city celebrates La Scala Infiorata, the flower festival in Caltagirone. During this period, the staircase is decorated with hundreds of potted plants artfully arranged to create beautiful geometric patterns. The city is otherwise known for its ceramics production.

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We didn't drive through [Ragusa](#) either. I wasn't quite in shape.

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The next town was Modica. The road went on the outskirts of the city.

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A couple of photos from the road through Modica.



Now we were to stay 2 nights [Torre Don Virgilio Country hotel](#).



The reception.



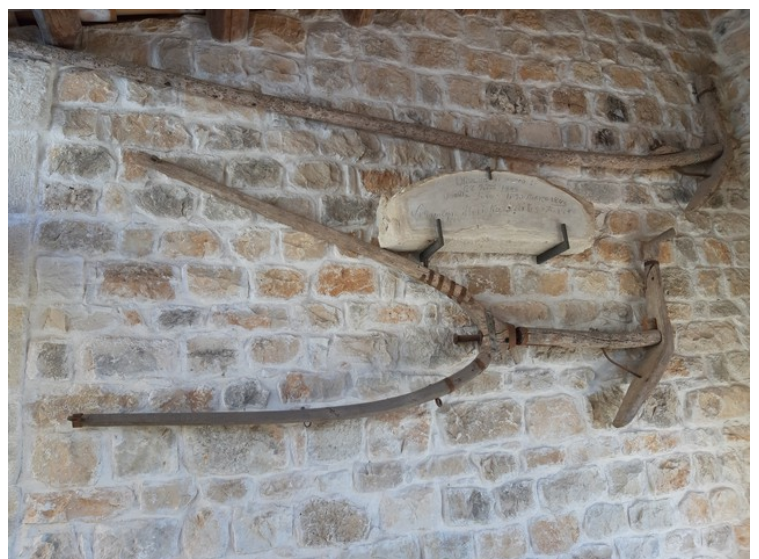
Check-in was so early this day that it was appropriate to have lunch. Here we have ordered. We are sitting in the courtyard of the hotel.



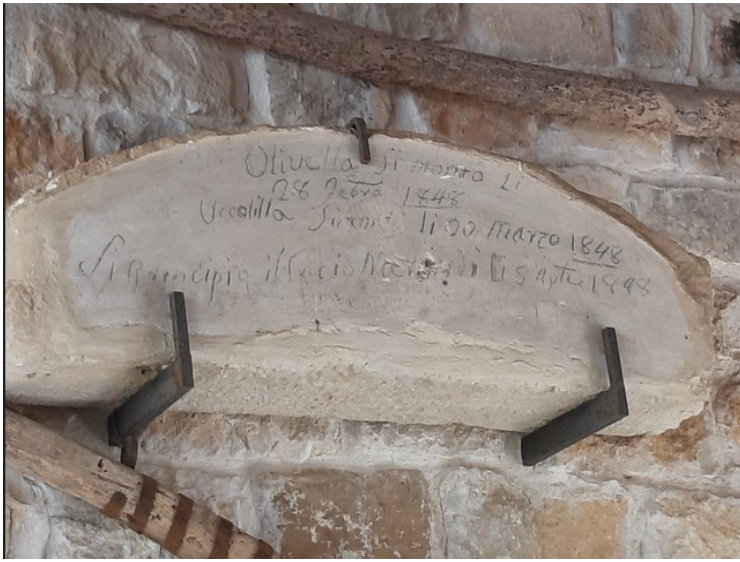
We shared a salad.



The olive oil and balsamic vinegar were produced locally and both were good.



Old utensils were placed on the walls. This is an ard.



A stone with an inscription from 1848.



On the way to the room from the courtyard.



I unlock the door.



The bedroom was on the 2nd floor.



This is one of the dining rooms where we ate on the first evening.



The second evening the service was in another room.



Then we had cheese and ham. It was an appetizer, but there was so much food that I couldn't eat it all.



There was a lot of rock in the area. An example of a stone garden.

The first night at the hotel I had diarrhea and vomiting. I think it was because of something I had eaten, but I don't know for sure. The next day I was quite relaxed and we took it easy at the hotel. We had planned to drive a long lap this day, so I will still include some photos from the web from the lap we intended to drive.



[Noto](#)

Today's city was founded in 1703, south of old Noto, which was left in ruins by an earthquake in 1693.

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[Capo Passero](#).

The most south-eastern point on the island.



[Pozzallo](#) is an important holiday town with a large harbor and ferries to Malta.



[Torre Cabrero](#) is a watchtower in Pozzallo. Originally built in the 15th century, it was enlarged and rebuilt in the following centuries.



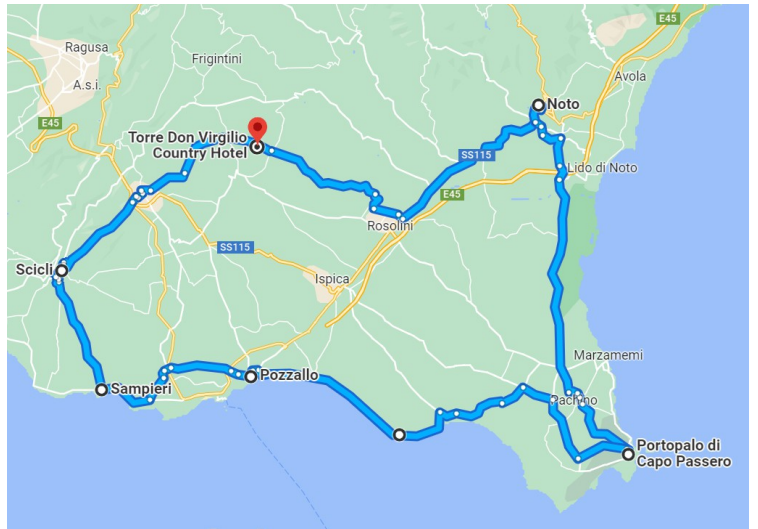
Marina di Modica is a small town that is a popular resort.



Sampieri is a fishing village.



Scicli was founded by the Siceli (hence probably the name) around 300 BCE.

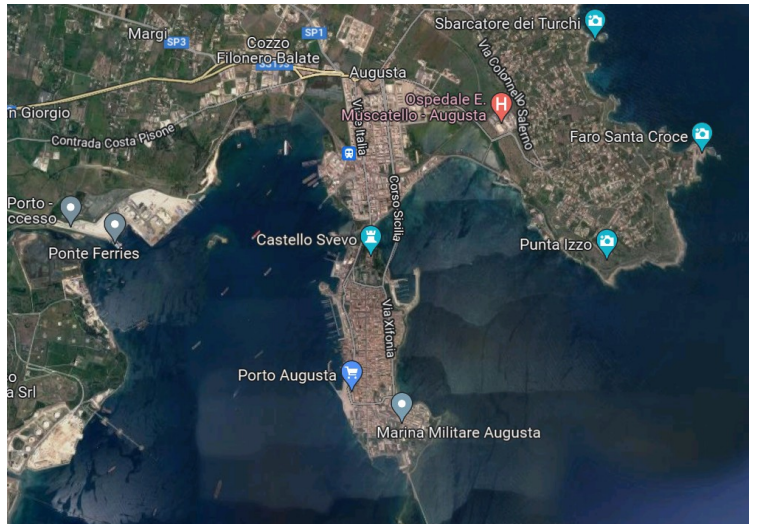


That's pretty much how the round would have been.



On 17 October we drove on towards the airport to return the car. We had planned to drive through Siracusa, but that was also cancelled.

Syracuse is the historic capital of Sicily. The city is known for its rich Greek and ancient history, culture, amphitheatres, architecture and as the birthplace of the outstanding mathematician and engineer Archimedes. This 2,700-year-old city played a key role in antiquity as it was one of the leading states in the Mediterranean world.



We also skipped Augusta, which is one of the oldest Greek colonies in Sicily.

The city is one of the most important ports in Italy, especially for oil refineries.

Sicily



After we had delivered the car at the airport, we took a taxi to the hotel. We had booked at [Hotel VdB Next](#).



Here we sit on the large roof terrace that belonged to the room.



We had our own jacuzzi on the terrace. Before we arrived we were called and asked if they were going to fill in water and heat it up, but we said we weren't going to use it. They were happy about that (work and electricity saved).



We also had our own sunbeds.



The hotel is a bit up in the hill, so there was a good view.



The next day, October 18, there was a good view over towards the volcano [Mount Etna](#).



Palm tree by the hotel.



Plants at the hotel.



Here we wait for a taxi to the airport.

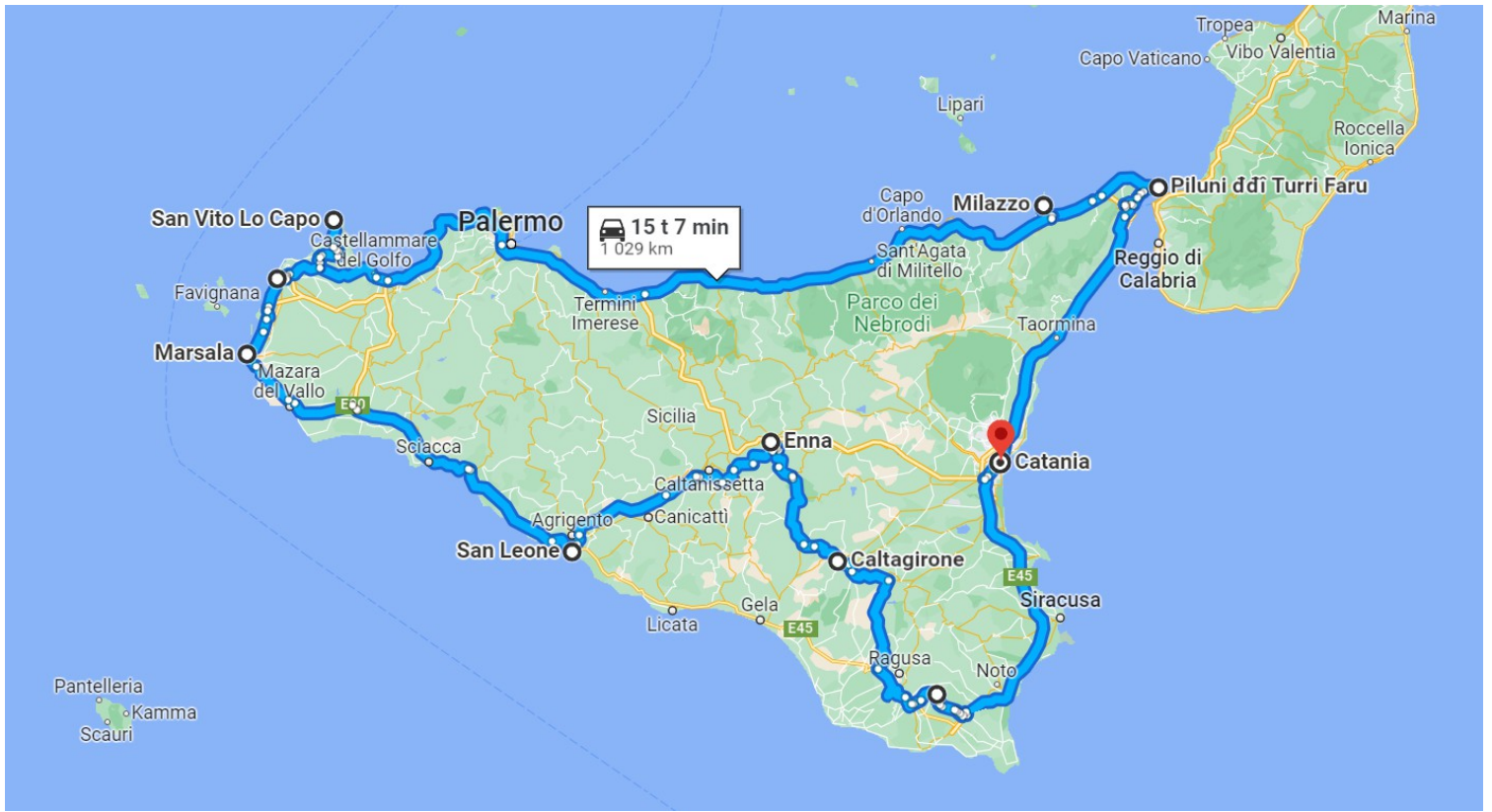


The taxi will come in here.



A pigeon kept us company.

The taxi ride to the airport takes about half an hour.
We traveled with Norwegian and the flight was supposed to leave at 10.20, but it was a little delayed.
Once at Gardermoen, I picked up the car at Gardermoen Parking while Anne Berit waited for the luggage.
Before we drove home, we bought Thai food at 'Taste of Thailand' in Kongsvinger.



Right to the end: We drove this route.