



DONNA CARMELA

RESORT & LODGES

THE RESORT



Between the Ionian Sea and Mount Etna stands Donna Carmela Resort, a late 19th century manor house surrounded by lush gardens that overlooks a nursery of Mediterranean and subtropical plants. A synthesis of Sicilian hospitality, convivial pleasure and ancient otium, to return an authentic experience while enjoying unspoiled nature just a few steps from the sea and the unique riches of the area.

The resort was born from the desire to allow its guests to have comfort and elegance in an original setting where a skilful restoration has been able to combine personality and respect for architectural elements linked to the history of the building and the place. Each space is surrounded by Mediterranean vegetation and more, and hides corners of relaxation and privacy. The courtyards in lava stone and river pebbles, the ancient cistern, the swimming pool surrounded by centuries-old olive trees, the lounge areas located in the greenery, the reserved reading room, the large lounges and the familiar dining room: everything is designed and built for a unique stay, rich in tradition. The characterizing element is the presence of gardens, which creates a continuous dialogue between internal and external environments, allowing you to experience a stay in harmony with nature.

Donna Carmela has 18 suites surrounded by gardens that contain more than 5.000 varieties of bushes and flowers that diffuse Sicilian scents of citrus and jasmine, and from which you can enjoy suggestive uncontaminated views suspended in time. In addition there are 8 ecolodges built with elements of bio-architecture thanks to the use of solar thermal panels, natural insulation and ventilated flat roofs, immersed in the Mediterranean 'jungle' and facing the blue sea of Sicily, for a truly extra-ordinary stay.

Since 2021 the Donna Carmela resort is part of the family of Small Luxury Hotels of the world, the international brand of affiliation that gathers around itself some of the most luxurious small hotels and independent resorts in the world with which we share the same philosophy of hospitality.

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THE EXPERIENCES

Stay at Donna Carmela and enjoy unique experience.



La Cucina di Donna Carmela is the realm of the young chef Piergiorgio Alecci who, using the raw materials available in the garden of the structure, guarantees a 0 km cuisine characterized by genuine flavors wisely interpreted by his young curiosity, which leads him to propose Mediterranean dishes in a contemporary key, creating unusual combinations but with a strong taste. Alongside the experiences of the gourmet restaurant, guests can enjoy delicious fresh and immediate proposals also in the garden thanks to the Sintesi, a terrace surrounded by greenery nearby the swimming pool. The Rizo Bar is always open, the kingdom of Giuseppe Costanzo, an expert barman who offers signature drinks such as Donna Amara and Citrange Lemon sour. Great and personalized cocktails with a Sicilian touch.

The wine cellar of the resort, finally, offers a journey between the most famous labels of Sicily and Etna without forgetting a wide selection of wines of the Faro family, that with the Pietradolce winery have brought back to life ancient vineyards that give notes of scents of volcanic earth. It is possible to organize visits to the winery discovering evocative remote places, listen to ancient stories and walk among vineyards wisely preserved, which are the oldest in the territory.

The Radicepura Botanical Park, a few minutes far from the resort, offers guests an extraordinary experience, walking through permanent gardens and installations created by some of the most important Italian and non-Italian landscapers. The Radicepura Foundation hosts also small art collection. An opportunity to get in touch with the world of the Faro family that in this park encloses its history of nurseries and promotes the culture of the Mediterranean landscape through exhibitions, events, and finally the Radicepura Garden Festival, the biennial of the Mediterranean landscape.

THE FARO GROUP



The Piante Faro nursery, created by Cav. Venerando Faro and carried on together with his sons Michele and Mario, represents one of the most important company in Sicily, leader in the international and professional horticultural sector and specialized in the production and supply of Mediterranean, subtropical and arid-climate plants. In 2020, Piante Faro celebrated the 50 years anniversary of activity and now more than ever the family want to promote the sustainable development and the preservation of biodiversity. Piante Faro means over 600 hectares of cultivated area, a production of over 800 plant species and more than 5000 varieties of Mediterranean and exotic plants, trees, unique and majestic specimens even millennial, aromatic herbs, over 30 varieties of citrus, and the continuous search for rare essences, exported to more than 60 countries worldwide.

The company has two innovative laboratories, thanks to which they can guarantee absolute phytosanitary quality. Finally, a centralized computer system allows them to know the traceability of each individual plant, providing at all times information on the entire production cycle. From the agronomic practices to the analyses and laboratory tests.

Love for the nature means respect for life and for the environment: the company has achieved a significant reduction in water use, an important fight against pollution using zero-emission electric cars, reduction in the use of fertilizers and chemical pesticides and finally a significant energy saving thanks to the production of photovoltaic energy.

The same care and passion for botany and the landscape, which for 50 years supported the actions of the Faro family, finds a natural extension in the other activities of the group such as in the Donna Carmela Resort & Lodges and in the Pietradolce winery, convinced that the care of the territory also includes the environmental enhancement and the homonymous botanical park, the Faro family is personally committed to safeguarding and caring for the cultural and natural heritage of the Mediterranean landscape.

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