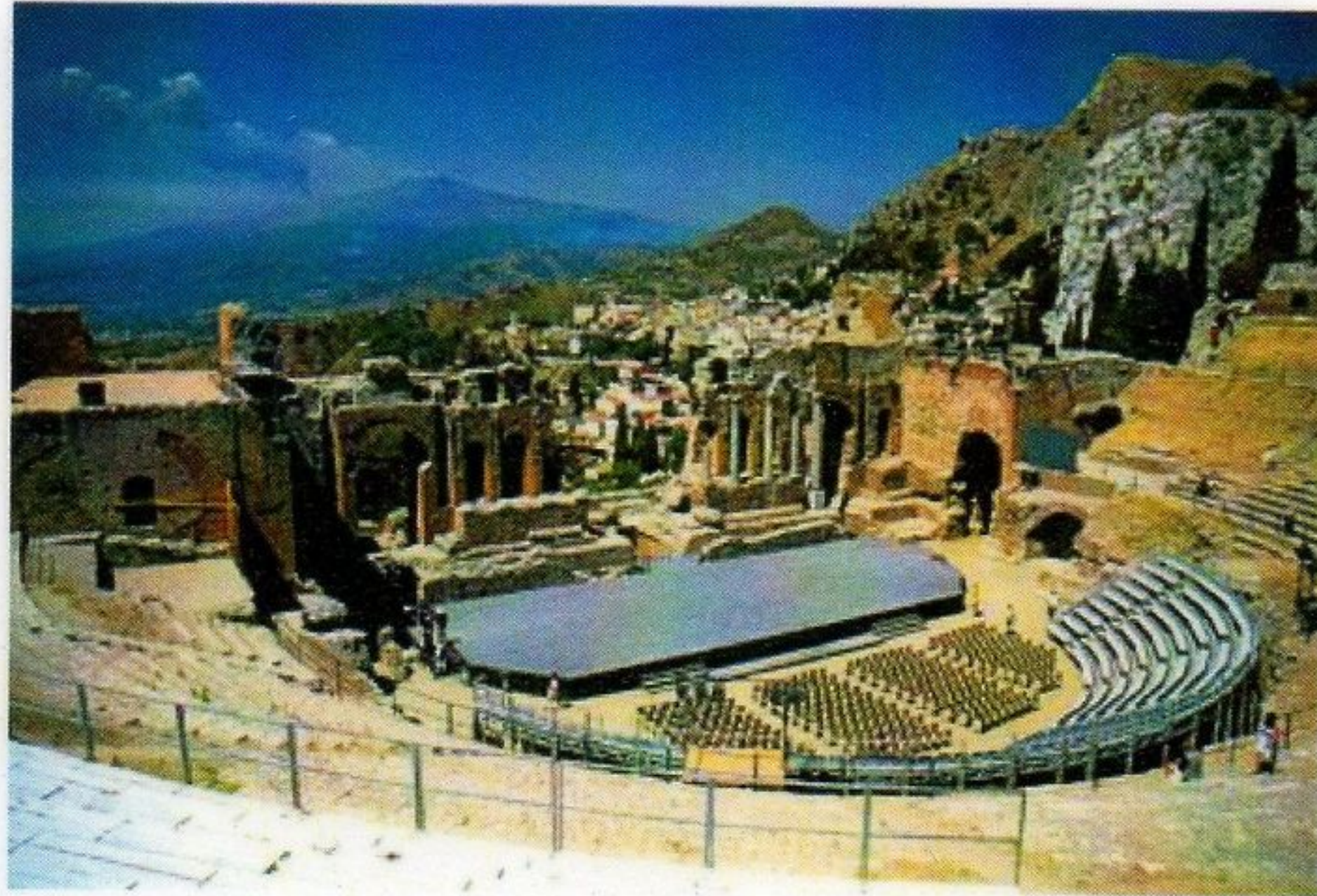


Monte Etna tour vulcano e Taormina



Mt Etna Volcano is one of the world's most active volcanoes. It has been erupting since several million years. Mt Etna is one of the greatest and beautiful volcano adventure tour destinations in Sicily-. This volcano has more than 400 craters, split all over the Catania county. To the ancient Greeks, Mount Etna was the realm of Vulcan, god of fire, and the home of the one-eyed monster known as the Cyclops. Etna Thanks to its multiple enchantments and long-documented history, Mount Etna was proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage site on June 21st.

Taormina is a popular resort town in Sicily with many interesting sights and attractions. Taormina has remnants of its Greek and Roman past, a medieval quarter and castle ruins, and modern shops and restaurants. Perched on the side of Monte Tauro, the town offers fantastic views of the coast and Mt. Etna volcano as well as good hiking paths. Below the town are excellent beaches where you can swim in the clear sea water.

Departure from Syracuse

Rifugio Sapienza

(6561 feet Etna south) free excursion, visit the craters wild, break for lunch, etc..

Departure to Taormina

Visit to **Taormina**. Taormina's Greek theater was built in the third century BC, renovated by the Romans, and is now used for summer performances. The theater, built into the hillside, has excellent acoustics and spectacular views of the sea and Mt. Etna. **Medieval Quarter:** A clocktower gate serves as the starting point for Taormina's picturesque medieval section with its narrow streets and old shops now selling modern clothing, crafts, and souvenirs. **Corso Umberto:** The lively main street through town, *Corso Umberto*, is lined with shops and bars. Along the street are people-filled squares good for enjoying an outdoor drink and people-watching. One of the best squares is **Piazza IX Aprile** with great sea views. **Piazza Vittorio Emanuele:** *Palazzo Corvaja*, a mix of Arab, Norman, and Catalan-Gothic architecture. The *palazzo* also houses the **Museum of Sicilian Arts and Traditions**. In the square are Santa Caterina Church and remains of a small Roman theater. **Piazza del Duomo:** A Baroque fountain with a centaur, the symbol of Taormina, is at the center of *Piazza*. The *Church of San Nicola*, also called the *fortress cathedral*, was built in 1400 over an older church. It has pink marble columns and interesting carvings. Its main portal was rebuilt in 1636 and has a Renaissance-style rosette.

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