



RAGUSA IBLA NOBLE HOUSES AND ANCIENT LEGENDS



Meet your private English speaking guide and your private driver in the lobby of your hotel and departure to discover Ragusa Ibla town, “Val di Noto” UNESCO World Heritage since 2002 for the late-baroque architecture of its monuments. Rebuilt after the 1693 earthquake that destroyed South-Eastern Sicily, Ragusa Ibla has the magic atmosphere of a very special baroque town, rich of treasures and amazing corners. During a two hour walking tour, our guide will introduce you to the spectacular baroque architecture that is characterized by the churches’ tower facades and the wonderful “mascheroni” (grotesque animals and statues of men and women), ornaments of the noble palaces’ balconies. You will enjoy the Dome Square with the St. George’s Dome, masterpiece of baroque architecture on the island; the Iblei Gardens with a scenic overview of the Irmínio river; the St. Joseph’s Church with a wonderful embroidered tapestry on the apsis; the La Rocca Palace with its wonderful mascheroni. At the end of the walk, we’ll knock at Baron Donnafugata doors, whose noble palace is located in the heart of Ragusa Ibla. The elegant atmosphere of ancient beautiful halls will be the ideal frame for a tasting of local products. Drinking a glass of wine, our guests will enjoy and experience the history of this amazing palace introduced by the Baron. He will tell you interesting stories about the Sicilian traditions and the family legends of 18th and 19th Century Ragusa Ibla noble society, still alive in the today noble society. At the end of the tour, re-join your driver and return to your hotel.