

## 21st Rotary Week of the Iblean Baroque Ragusa, May 10-17, 2026

**May 10:** Arrival of participants at Catania airport. Transfer at a pre-established time by private bus to Ragusa. Accommodation in rooms reserved at Hotel Mediterraneo. 7:00 PM meeting with the Ragusa club at "Palazzo degli Antoci". Greetings and brief introduction to the "XXI Rotarian Week of the Hyblaean Baroque" by President Katia Blasco and Prof. Gaetano Cosentini. Welcome cocktail. Overnight stay

**May 11:** Breakfast at the Hotel. 9:00 AM private bus transfer to Ragusa Ibla. Guided tour in English of Ibla. The itinerary will start with the portal of San Giorgio, Iblean Gardens, Church of San Giuseppe, Duomo di San Giorgio, Donnafugata Theater, and Circolo di Conversazione. Light Lunch in a restaurant. After lunch, return to the hotel by private bus. 5:00 PM meeting at the Prefecture for a guided tour of the palace rooms with the tempera paintings by Cambellotti and meeting with H.E. the Prefect. 7:00 PM meeting in the Hall and transfer by bus and dinner at "Villa Serrauccelli" in Modica. Return to the hotel and overnight stay

**May 12:** Breakfast at the Hotel. 09:00 AM private bus transfer to Modica. Meeting with the guide and start of the visit in English. Brief stop at the viewpoint, Palazzo Castro Polara, Duomo di San Giorgio, rock church of San Nicolò Inferiore, Garibaldi Theater. Lunch in a restaurant. Afterwards, brief free time available. Return to the hotel in Ragusa. Dinner at leisure. Overnight stay (p. 1).

**May 13:** Breakfast at the hotel. 09:30 AM private bus transfer to Scicli. Guided tour in English of the historic center with the Church of San Bartolomeo, Via Mormino Penna with Palazzo Beneventano (exterior only), Palazzo Bonelli Patane' visit and light lunch at Palazzo Massari. After lunch, continue to Punta Secca and walk through the places of Montalbano and free time available. Return by bus to Ragusa, dinner at leisure. Overnight stay

**May 14:** Breakfast at the Hotel. 8:30 AM private bus transfer to Syracuse. Morning dedicated to the guided tour in English of the Archaeological Park. 12:30 PM transfer by bus to Ortigia. Light lunch. 3:00 PM start of the guided tour of the island of Ortigia. At the end, upon express request and with advance booking, it will be possible to visit the Miqweh (approx. 30 minutes): **given that**

**it is a site with architectural barriers, the visit is not recommended for those with disabilities and various motor problems as the access stairs to the Miqweh are steep and slippery.** 5:00 PM arrival at the Hotel and check-in. For those who decide to attend the performance of the Greek tragedy "Alcesti" in Italian (with advance booking and according to availability), appointment with the guide at 6:00 PM in the Hotel Hall and transfer to the Greek theater. For those who decide not to attend the show, evening at leisure. Dinner at leisure. Individual return to the Hotel. Overnight stay

**May 15:** Breakfast at the hotel at 09:00 AM, check-out and luggage drop-off. Transfer by private bus to Noto, considered the Capital of Baroque for its artistic and architectural beauties that distinguish it. In 2002 it was inscribed on the UNESCO list and considered a World Heritage Site,

along with the other late Baroque towns of the Val di Noto. Guided tour in English of the historic center. Light Lunch in the historic center. At the end, return to Ragusa by private bus. Dinner at leisure. Overnight stay

**May 16:** Breakfast at the Hotel. 09:00 AM private bus transfer for a guided tour of Donnafugata Castle. Light Lunch. Return to the Hotel and time available. At 7:30 PM meeting in the hotel hall and transfer to the restaurant "Circolo Italia" for an Interclub dinner with the Ragusa Club. Final greetings with the president and exchange of pennants. Overnight stay

**May 17:** Breakfast at the hotel. 10:00 AM single transfer to Catania Airport. End of our services