

RAGUSA

A Baroque Town Separated into Two Distinct Areas

Situated northwest of Modica, Ragusa is a Baroque town separated into two distinct areas, divided by a deep ravine. **Ragusa Superiore** is on top of the hill and has all the fixings of a modern provincial capital, while **Ragusa Ibla** is etched into the hillside further down and offers a tangle of alleyways to get lost in and enjoy.

Ragusa Ibla

This area is a simple joy to walk around and explore. Eventually you'll arrive at the main square – **Piazza Duomo**. Hopefully along your travels, you'll pass by a shop or two offering samples of the local cheese – Ragusano.

- ✔ **Cattedrale di San Giorgio** – This cathedral sits impressively at the top of Piazza Duomo and is the town's pride and joy.

Other Notable Churches:

- ✔ Chiesa del Purgatorio
- ✔ Chiesa di San Giorgio Vecchio
- ✔ Chiesa di Santa Maria delle Scale

- ✔ **Giardino Ibleo** – This public garden is perfect to stroll through and has playgrounds for the kids to enjoy, along with excellent views of the rolling hills.

Ragusa Superiore

The upper side is the more modern section of Ragusa and boasts elegant streets to stroll down, along with noble palazzi. A favorite “passeggiata” begins at the top of Salita Commendatore to enjoy gorgeous views overlooking this area's charming counterpart, Ragusa Ibla.

- ✔ **Cathedral San Giovanni Battista** – This is certainly the most impressive attraction in Ragusa Superiore, and is situated alongside the main street – Corso Italia. This Baroque cathedral is ornately adorned with majestic columns and sculptures and heightened by a beautiful Baroque bell tower.

Parking:

There are several car parks outside Ragusa Ibla. The principal car parking, for a fee, is in the valley below Piazza della Repubblica and Ibla. There is also car parking available by the Giardino Ibleo.