



## VERDURA RESORT FACT SHEET



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**LOCATION:** Located on the south west coast of Sicily, between the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento and the fisherman city of Sciacca, the Resort is set in a 230 hectare park among olive and orange groves, with over 1.8 km private coastline. Palermo and Trapani airports are 80 minutes away.

**STORY:** The resort is named after the grand Verdura family who once owned the land on which the property exists today. The last Duke of Verdura was a cousin of the renown Italian writer Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa. His masterpiece, the novel *The Leopard*, can be found in every bedroom.

**FOUNDERS:** Sir Rocco Forte and Ms. Olga Polizzi

**AFFILIATION:** Healing Hotels of the World  
Virtuoso

**MANAGING DIRECTOR:** Mr. Marco Truffelli





ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

**Architect:** Mr. Flavio Albanese

**Director of Design:** Ms. Olga Polizzi

**Architecture:** Verdura Resort fuses strong, modernist, environmentally-sensitive architecture with design that is simultaneously luxurious, yet firmly rooted in Sicilian culture.

Inspired by the spectacular Mediterranean setting the Italian architect Albanese used local colours such as Latin terracotta and ochre, and varying textures by mixing local materials such as stone, sand and wood. Strong geometrical lines characterize the buildings, likened to the design of traditional Sicilian houses.

**Interior design:** Rocco Forte Hotels' Director of Design, Olga Polizzi, led the design of the resort, creating a tangible sense of place, a pared-down, contemporary edge and a simplicity that is in keeping with the local culture.

Sicily's landscape is rustic and rugged and this is reflected in the square, strong forms as well as the hot colors used. Ceramics are handcrafted locally and the furniture as been tailor made by Italian ateliers. A warm botanical motif drawn from an antique Sicilian *maiolica* tile is used to accentuate the soft furnishing.

Luxurious space, intelligent design, comfort and privacy characterize the 203 rooms at Verdura, all with sea view.

**Environment:** The resort has been conceived with a particular attention to the environment. It incorporates essential ecological features, including solar energy and photovoltaic panels for electricity.

There is also water-recycling which is particularly important in Sicily, where rainfall is concentrated around short periods of the year. Furthermore, there is a no-car policy in the resort in order to preserve the beauty of the landscape.





## Rooms and Suite

Tot: 203

**Deluxe and Superior Deluxe Rooms:** 40 m<sup>2</sup> – Designed in fresh and contemporary Sicilian style, the rooms have a private terrace or balcony facing the sea, as well as a four-poster king size bed and a spacious bathroom.

**Junior and Classic Suite:** 60m<sup>2</sup> – Carefully chosen artwork and rich, warm fabrics create a relaxed feel. The suites are characterized by a spacious living room and a private balcony or private terrace with stunning views over the sea.

**Grand Suite:** 72m<sup>2</sup>– Spacious inside and outside, each suite has a private entrance, a generous separate living room, a kitchenette and a spacious bedroom. The pale stone bathroom faces a stunning light-well-courtyard. Outside, there is a private courtyard, a sea-facing double terrace with seating areas, a dining table and a hammock.

**Ambassador Suite:** 170m<sup>2</sup> – Situated just a short stroll from the water's edge, they have a very large living room with a dining area, a kitchenette and a guest cloakroom. The generous bedroom provides a seating area and a walk-through wardrobe. The spacious bathrooms have two relaxation areas and faces a nice courtyard with an orange or lemon tree. The outdoor space is equally impressive with dining and seating area, sun loungers and a hammock. Outside the suite there is a private furnished courtyard.

**Villa Acacia:** natural evolution of the already iconic Presidential Suite, Villa Acacia enjoys an enviable angular position. The 3 generous external views offer a splendid natural light and a feeling of continuity with the surrounding nature. The private pool, the large patio and the Jacuzzi en plein air invite to long days in the open air. The 280 m<sup>2</sup> of the property offer 3 large bedrooms that can accommodate up to 9 guests.

**Villa Peonia:** a few steps from the water's edge, this 260 m<sup>2</sup> 3-bedroom solution is a second corner of Paradise to welcome a whole family with ease and privacy, for up to 9 members. The inner courtyard is the secret jewel to share moments of relaxation all together, away from prying eyes. The panorama



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visible from the different rooms ranges from the city of Agrigento, to the blue of the Mediterranean sea, to the golf courses of the resort. Villa Peonia hosts a wonderful swimming pool too.

**Villa Mimosa:** facing the small village of Sciacca, Villa Mimosa is very close to the sea but always has the gift of a private swimming pool and patio. Here, every space - 260 m<sup>2</sup> in total divided in 3 bedrooms - has been designed to ensure the right comfort for all guest, while at the same time facilitating unforgettable moments to be shared altogether.

**Villa Agave, Villa Tilia and Villa Iris:** A few meters from the beach, the three new villas opened in 2018 offer 156 m<sup>2</sup> solutions with spectacular views of the Mediterranean Sea. Each villa has three outdoor terraces that offer direct access to the private pool, with sun loungers, a hammock and a corner for outdoor lunches or dinners. Inside, a large living room with adjoining kitchenette and three spacious bedrooms, consisting of a four-poster double bed, a sitting area and a walk-in closet. Finally, the inner courtyard, which leads to the villas, is a space in which to enjoy absolute privacy and natural light.

MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE

**Creative Director of Food:** Celebrity Chef Fulvio Pierangelini

**Executive Chef:** Mr. Paolo Platini

**Philosophy:** In keeping with Rocco Forte Hotels' philosophy, the cuisine of the resort's restaurants is strongly connected to the authenticity of the island. The recipes highlight the flavours of the Mediterranean diet using simple and traditional Sicilian produce such as freshly caught fish, extra-virgin olive oil produced by Verdura Organic Farm, vegetables, oranges, lemons, aromatic herbs and almonds coming from the resort's own organic garden. From June 2017 the à la carte menu of all restaurants include a selection of fine vegetarian cuisine created by the Michelin starred Chef Pietro Leemann exclusively for Verdura Resort.





## Restaurants

**Buongiorno:** this restaurant offers a lavish buffet-style breakfast where guest can enjoy the freshly squeezed orange juice made with organic oranges from the resort's own garden. Eggs are cooked daily at the live cooking station.

**Zagara:** Mediterranean cuisine in a charming candlelit setting. The menu, realized by celebrity Chef Fulvio Pierangelini and Paolo Platini, showcases the best natural produce of the island, accompanied by a fine selection of Sicilian wines. (Dinner)

**Amare:** located on the water with a spacious outdoor terrace and lively cooking station. Amare serves simple recipes and local produce: fresh fish and "crudo" seafood prepared and served as it is used in Sicilian fishing villages as well as a meat barbecue. (Lunch and dinner)

**Liola:** relaxed and rustic, Liola is a typical Sicilian trattoria and pizzeria with stunning cliff top views over the sea. The menu is simple yet enticing: Sicilian caponata, arancini, panelle, home-made pasta and granita. (Lunch and dinner)

**Private dinners:** the Resort organizes candlelight romantic dinners on the beach or under the stars among the olive trees.

## Bars

**Granita Bar:** combines vivid colours and a huge terrace with expansive view of the sea. It is the ideal place to sip a Sicilian style cocktail or to enjoy tapas-style Mediterranean dishes.

**Torre Bar:** is the perfect location for a light golfing lunch or a refreshing drink after an afternoon on the fairways.

**Pool Bar** is located by the infinity pool, and offers a selection of refreshments and classic dishes for lunch.

**Oasi Bar** is ideal for refreshing drinks on the private beach.

**Spa Bar** faces the court-yard of Verdura SPA, and enables Spa guests to combine the health programmes with a healthy diet, and multi-vitamin cocktails made with fresh vegetables and fruits. From June 2017 the Spa Bar offers a vegan crudité menu designed exclusively for the resort by the Michelin starred Chef Pietro Leemann.





## FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

### **FamiliesR Forte**

Our Rocco Forte family programme ensures younger guests will be just as pampered as the grown-ups. We welcome children of all ages and our programme is tailored for babies (ages 0-3), kids (ages 4-12) and teens (ages 13-16). Kids will receive their Families R Forte passport at check-in as well as welcome treats, pint-sized bathrobes and slippers and animal cuddly toys.

Both Kids and Teens can enjoy special spa treatments and massages in Verdura Spa.

### **Verdùland**

The resort's Kids' Club has an indoor and outdoor playground and a dedicated swimming pool. The resort's qualified team takes care of the younger guests (1-12 years old) with entertaining and creative activities, water sports, fun cooking classes where they learn how to make Italian pizza, golf and tennis inductions, cycle trails, beach trips and much more.

Kids can have lunch all together at Buongiorno restaurant with a special dedicated menu.

### **Youclub:**

The teen's club offers an extensive programme of daily activities to youngsters between 13-18 years old, which include capoeira on the beach, sport tournaments and beach parties.

### **Juventus Summer Training**

Guests aged 5 to 16 can enjoy an exciting "black and white" sport experience. They will meet new friends and practice football with professional Juventus coaches.

## GOLF CLUB

### **Course Designer:**

Mr. Kyle Phillips

### **Golf Manager:**

Mr. Tom Foster

### **Golf Courses:**

A keen sportsman with a lifelong passion for golf, Sir Rocco was inspired to develop a five star golfing experience. Together with renowned golf course designer Kyle Philips, the exceptional





course at Verdura was created.

Verdura, host venue of the European Tour Sicilian Open 2012, provides golf on a grand scale, with the personal service and attention to detail more usually associated with a private club. Golf courses are built of the finest grasses and are maintained to the highest level.

Two 18-hole championship courses and a 9-hole par-3 course (913m) meander across terrain that undulates from mountain foothills down to the Mediterranean sea. A double ended driving range (65m wide) completes the golf offer as well as a clubhouse with golf shop, bar, restaurant and boutiques. For those approaching the game there is a Golf Academy with excellent practice facilities led by a PGA (Professional Golfers' Association) professional team.

**Environmental  
commitment:**

In 2014, Verdura Resort was awarded the "Committed to Green" environmental recognition prize, a European project supported by the Italian Golf Federation and endorsed by the Italian Ministry of Environment. The project provides guidelines to set a careful and correct environmental policy on the golf course, and it aims to raise awareness of environmental issues amongst Golf Clubs and players.

Verdura Resort, awarded within the "biodiversity" category, implemented a re-naturalisation of the land by restoring the native Sicilian plants and scrubs with over 70,000 different plant species.

In particular, in collaboration with the Department of Botany of the University of Palermo, the resort has engaged in the creation and naturalization of wetlands, which are a stopping point for migratory birds and nesting waterfowl.

VERDURA SPA

**Spa Manager**

Dott.ssa Lolli

**Fitness Manager**

Marcello Mulato

**Philosophy:**

Set amid olive groves, oranges and lemon trees, Verdura Spa is one of Europe's most advanced luxury wellbeing centres, with a





distinctive Sicilian flair.

Housed in pavilions grouped around an open-air courtyard, the 4,000 square metre spa has 11 extensive treatment rooms including double treatment suites, a 20-metre indoor swimming pool, a double-height steam room, Finnish and infrared saunas, a 170 square metre state-of-the-art gym, a fitness studio, spacious relaxation areas and a hair and beauty salon. There are also four outdoor thalassotherapy pools, heated at different temperatures, each with varying salt densities, minerals and organisms.

Verdura Spa offers an holistic approach to health, wellbeing and fitness. According to the philosophy of the resort the wellness treatments take inspiration from the island, using local ingredients such as pure olive oil, marine salt, lavender, rosemary, oranges and lemons etc.

**Sports and fitness:**

The fitness area has a 170m<sup>2</sup> Gym, equipped with the latest Technogym equipments, as well as a Fitness Studio with daily classes and a 20-metre indoor pool, perfect for swimming for water-classes. A Fitness Manager will help guest meet their exercise goals and reach their full potential.

But Training is not just limited to indoor facilities, some of our fitness classes take place outdoors, such as Sunset and Sunrise Yoga; jogging, trekking and cycling trails meander through the resort's olive, orange and lemon trees.

The resort has a 2km private beach with a Water Sport Centre that offers state-of-the-art equipment rental for great water sport activities such as wake and fly boarding, windsurfing, etc. A football pitch (that was chosen by the German national team as its training camp for the 2010 World Cup) and a Tennis Academy with 6 clay courts complete the sport offer of the resort.

EXCURSIONS AND CULINARY EXPERIENCES

**Culinary Experiences:**

**Cooking and pastry lessons** - Sicilian cuisine is a triumph of flavours and has been enriched over the centuries by a variety of different culinary traditions. A cooking lesson with celebrity chef Fulvio Pierangelini or with Verdura chefs will unveil the secrets of authentic Sicilian recipes. Ingredients are organic and handpicked



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from the Resort's own organic vegetable garden and trees.

**Mixology classes** - In the colorful setting of Granita Bar, Verdura Resort creative Mixologist guides the guests through the creation of the Sicilian Mojito and other famous international cocktails.

**Wine tasting** – Sicily produces a great variety of wines which may be discovered during enthralling wine-tasting experiences with the sommelier.

**Excursions:**

The extraordinary character of the island of Sicily is the result of many years of history. The Concierge has created bespoke excursions for discovering Sicily, its cuisine and wines, the architecture and landscape.

Guests can take wine tours, try sky diving, take a private flight mountain ranges and olive groves, or explore ancient sights in the nearby towns of Sciacca and Agrigento. The Resort close to the Valley of Temples – a UNESCO Heritage Site

MEETING & EVENTS

The resort offers a ballroom (up to 300 seats), 7 meeting rooms and a charming open-air amphitheatre (up to 500 seats) 24-hr business centre, wi-fi access and secretarial services.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

**2015** – the resort cemented its place among European golf's elite venues after being named in Golf World's benchmark 'Top 100 Courses in Continental Europe 2015/16' rankings.

**2015** – the resort has been included in the Condé Nast Traveller Spa Guide within the "All the family" section

**2014** – the resort featured in the Sunday Times Style Spa Special

**2014** – the resort is featured in the Tatler Spa guide in the detox section

**2013** – the resort is featured in the Condé Nast Traveller Spa



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Guide for the anti-ageing programme

**2013** – the resort is featured in the Psychologies Health & Healing Special

**2013** – the resort is featured in the Country & Townhouse Spa Special

**2013** – Condé Nast Traveller included the Resort among the “5 best Golf Resort in Europe

**2013** – Tatler Spa Guide features Verdura as one of the best spa destinations for families

**2012** – Verdura Spa is selected by Architectural Digest as one of the “11 most beautifully designed spas around the world”

**2011** – the resort is named as Best Spa for Weight Loss in the Tatler Spa Guide

**2011** – the resort is named “Best Family European Golf Resort” in the Tatler Travel Guide

**2010** – the resort is featured in Condé Nast Traveller “Hot List”

**2010** – Verdura Resort has been included in the Rolex “Top 1000 Golf Courses” Guide achieving the highest score among Italian sites, 90 out of 100.

AWARDS

**Voyages & Hôtels “Readers Awards”**

2015 Golden Award for Golf

**Italian Spa Awards – Area Wellness Magazine**

2015 “Best Destination SPA”

2010 “Best new Spa”

**Italian Touring Club**

2015 and 2013 “Camere d'autore” Award

**Futura Prospicere Award 2014**



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**Italian Golf Federation: Green Award**

2014 Category "biodiversity"

**2013 World Luxury Spa Awards**

"Best Emerging Spa in Italy"

**Condè Nast Traveller (UK) "Readers Travel Award"**

2013 "Overseas Hotel Spas"

2012 "World's Top 30 Spas"

**Condè Nast Traveler (US) "Readers Travel Award"**

2012 "Best Hotel Spa in Europe"

**Stylist Spa Awards**

2011 "Best For Fabulous Food"

**Virtuoso "Best of the Best Hotel Awards"**

2010 "Best Family Program"

**Tatler Spa Awards**

2010 "Best Family Escape"

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