



CATANIA

ITALY VINCENZO BELLINI AIRPORT (CTA), 6KM

👤 61,680,122 📞 +39 🌞 20°C

📄 EURO (EUR)

✈️ FOUR TIMES WEEKLY



SLEEP North of Catania, surrounded by lemon groves, is **Zash** (60 Archi di Riposto, 095 7828932, zash.it, rooms from €185), a country villa with 10 fabulous rooms. For extra bling, ask for the positively sinful Spa Room, which has a room-for-two lava-stone tub and glass walls. Brilliant chef Giuseppe Raciti presides over the restaurant.

EAT Near the port, a new entrant to Catania's dining-out scene is **Mè Cumpari Turiddu** (Via Ventimiglia 15). Pick any of the excellent seafood dishes and save room for dessert.

CULTURE Catania's beautiful Baroque **city centre** is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, best seen from the €5 yellow Katane bus from in front of the cathedral.

SHOP Shopaholics will gravitate to **COIN** (Via Etna 112), a very good department store full of stylish clothes and accessories. The home section is filled with kitchen goodies only Italians can think of.

LATER A short bus-ride from Catania is delightful Taormina, famous for the traditional after-dinner stroll along Corso Umberto. While window-shopping and people watching, stop for drinks at the **Wunderbar** (Piazza IX Aprile 7), a favourite with Greta Garbo, Winston Churchill, Ava Gardner and Jodie Foster.

TIP The grape harvest is in full swing in Sicily, so why not head out to the splendid **Villagrande vineyards** on the slopes of Mt Etna (Via del Bosco 25) to see where those heady, volcanic red and white wines come from? **Ellen Grady**

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BUS The Alibus shuttle service runs between the airport and the central train station. It's a 15-minute journey, with buses running from 5am to midnight. Other services are available to all major Sicilian destinations, including Taormina and Palermo. The ticket for Catania costs €2.

TAXI A taxi from the airport to Catania city centre shouldn't cost more than €30.

TOURIST INFO
comune.catania.it



Hello Monkey serves Asian specialities on busy Linnégatan

GOTHENBURG

SWEDEN LANDVETTER AIRPORT (GOT), 25KM

👤 9,723,809 📞 +46 🌞 9°C

📄 SWEDISH KRONA (SEK)

✈️ THREE TIMES DAILY



SLEEP Housed in a former post office, next to the central station, **Clarion Post Hotel** (Drottningtorget 10, (0)31 31 61 90 00, clarionpost.se, doubles from SEK1248/€136) preserves details from its former incarnation, and mixes them up with contemporary furniture for a dark and moody feel. Celebrity chef Marcus Samuelsson has created the food and drink concept, and the in-house unisex spa, **Skönhetsfabriken**, is incredibly relaxing.

EAT Hello Monkey (Linnégatan 52) serves Asian finger food and staples like bibimbap and Korean BBQ, along with tart, tasty cocktails on one of the most happening streets in town.

CULTURE Until 19 October, **The Hasselblad Centre** (Götaplatsen) shows the work of American street photographer Vivian Maier, whose extensive body of work from the Fifties and Sixties was discovered long after her death.

SHOP Grandpa (Vallgatan 3) sells Scandinavian design for men and women along with quirky interior design objects.

LATER Pustervik (Järntorgsgatan 12), is one of Sweden's premiere live music venues, booking edgier indie and world music acts as well as hosting DJs and club nights.

TIP You don't have to travel far to reach the beautiful islands of the west coast archipelago, like **Björkö** and **Brännö**, where you will find small towns, long sandy beaches and scenic trails for hiking. Travel on the same ticket the whole way from the city, including the ferry from Saltholmen. **Victoria Larsson**

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BUS The airport is served by Flygbussarna airport buses, which stop at Nils Ericsson Terminalen (the main bus station), Park Aveny (on Avenyn) and Korsvägen (for Liseberg). The journey costs SEK178/€20 return and takes about half an hour, with departures every 20 minutes at peak times.

TAXI Licensed cabs are available outside the terminal building and offer a fixed price of SEK400/€45 for the half-hour journey to the centre.

TOURIST INFO
goteborg.com



Stay among the lemon groves at Zash