



## ODL Teacher Summer School

17-22 July 2017, Acicastello (CT), Italy,

### Location

The ODL Teacher School 2017 will be held at President Park Hotel, an elegant 4-star establishment with a panoramic location, overlooking the coast of Acitrezza, at the outskirts of Catania (<http://www.presidentparkhotel.com/en/>). The coastline of fertile lava land between Catania and Acireale is known as the Cyclops because of a Homeric legend, according to which the towering black rocks that rise from the sea – really large pieces of solidified lava – were thrown by the Cyclops Polyphemus, in a desperate attempt to halt Ulysses on the run. Moreover, the Eastern Sicily provides visitors with picturesque views of landscapes immersed in a lush green in charming union between blue Sea and red of fire Etna.

Participants are expected to arrive through the Catania International Airport Fontanarossa “Vincenzo Bellini”, approximately 20 km distance from the hotel.

### Getting to the School’s Venue from the Catania International Airport Fontanarossa “Vincenzo Bellini”

**TAXI:** Taxi is a convenient option to get the Venue from the Catania airport. The trip takes about 20 minutes and the price ranges approximately among 25 Euro and 40 Euro (up to 4 people), and 60 Euro (minibus up to 8 people).

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:** To get to the President Park Hotel from the Catania airport needs to take **two buses**.

The first travel band is bus AST 401 (or 411) from the airport to the center of Catania (journey cost about 2 euros).

AST 430 (or 415) the band from Catania center to **Acitrezza stop** (journey cost about 2 euros). From the stop ODL participants can reach the hotel in 15 minutes walk.

**CAR:** rent a car at the Catania Airport. You have a possibility to explore the surrounding areas.

<http://www.cataniataxi.it/tariffe-taxi-catania/>



<https://www.rome2rio.com/it/s/Aeroporto-Catania-CTA/Aci-Castello>

[http://www.tourshuttle.com/IT/ITALY/transfer\\_Catania-Fontanarossa-Airport\\_Aci-Castello.html](http://www.tourshuttle.com/IT/ITALY/transfer_Catania-Fontanarossa-Airport_Aci-Castello.html)

[http://www.comune.acicastello.ct.it/la\\_citt\\_/Come\\_arrivare.aspx](http://www.comune.acicastello.ct.it/la_citt_/Come_arrivare.aspx)

## Fees:

The Teacher School fee for **ODL delegates** is **500 €**.

It covers full board accommodation (breakfast, lunch, dinner) for 5 days (from the lunch of July 17<sup>th</sup> till the breakfast of July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017) in the 4-star President Park Hotel, Acicastello, Italy. It also includes:

water and wine for meals, city tax, free attendance to the TSS activities, coffee breaks, Conference kit, all school materials, use of the meeting/working rooms for 5 days, the excursion to Siracusa and Noto, the gala dinner, Wi-Fi and all free of charge services for outdoors sports and recreational activities (swimming pool, etc).

**IMPORTANT:** The Teacher School fee arranged for ODL delegates is **independent** on the days of effective permanence in Acicastello. It is a very discounted all-inclusive and not divisible package.

## Accompanying persons

Special rates have been arranged for accompanying persons (valid only in the period 17-22 July 2017):

### OPTION 1 (for accompanying persons only!):

*Full Board (in double room): 280 €*

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water and wine for meals, city tax, the excursion to Siracusa and Noto, the gala dinner, Wi-Fi and all free of charge services for outdoors sports and recreational activities (swimming pool, etc).



**Reductions:**

0-3 years: *free*

4-12 years: -50%

3°+ 4° extra bed -20%

**OPTION 2 (for accompanying persons only!):**

Half Board: € 55/day

It refers to half board accommodation (breakfast + dinner) in the 4-star President Park Hotel, Acicastello, Italy. It includes:

water for meals, the gala dinner, Wi-Fi and all free of charge services for outdoors sports and recreational activities (swimming pool, etc).

**Reductions:**

0-3 years: *free*

4-12 years: -50%

3°+ 4° extra bed -20%

**Aditonal costs:**

city tax: 6 €

excursion to Siracusa and Noto: 45 €

**OPTION 3 (for accompanying persons only!):**

Bed & Breakfast: € 40/day

It refers to B&B accommodation in the 4-star President Park Hotel, Acicastello, Italy. It includes:

Wi-Fi and all free of charge services for outdoors sports and recreational activities (swimming pool, etc).

**Reductions:**

0-3 years: *free*

4-12 years: -50%

3°+ 4° extra bed -20%

**Aditonal costs:**

city tax: 6 €

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excursion to Siracusa and Noto: 45 €  
gala dinner: 35 €

*As you can easily see, the cheapest option for accompanying people interested also to the excursion to Syracuse and Noto and to the gala dinner is the Option 1 (all inclusive). I would like to underline that, even choosing Option 1, accompanying persons, as well as ODL delegates, may choose to skip a lunch or a dinner, simply by communicating it to the hotel.*

### **For all (ODL participants and accompanying persons)**

In days different (before July 17 and after July 22), the supplementary daily rates are:

#### **Single room:**

BB € 70.00

HB € 85.00

FB € 100.00

In **double room**, for each person:

BB € 40.00

HB € 55.00

FB € 70.00

The prices in HB and FB include water for meals.

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3°+ 4° extra bed -20%

## **EXCURSION TO SYRACUSE AND NOTO: THE PROGRAM**

Meeting of participants is in the lobby of the President Hotel Park at **11AM** and departure with Private Bus "Pennisi" for Syracuse; arrival at Syracuse approximately at 12.30 and meeting with our guide (Mrs. Martina) who will accompany us to visit Ortigia.

**Syracuse** is notable for its rich Greek history, culture, amphitheatres, architecture, and as the birthplace of the preeminent mathematician and engineer Archimedes. This 2,700-year-old city played a key role in ancient times, when it was one of the major

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powers of the Mediterranean world. Syracuse is located in the southeast corner of the island of Sicily, next to the Gulf of Syracuse beside the Ionian Sea. More read

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syracuse,\\_Sicily](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syracuse,_Sicily)

<http://citymapsicilia.it/en/guide/ortigia-island/>

[https://www.tripadvisor.it/AttractionProductDetail-g187891-d11466338-Ortygia\\_Syracuse\\_s\\_Ancient\\_Town\\_Center\\_Walking\\_Tour-Syracuse\\_Province\\_of\\_Syracuse\\_Sicily.html](https://www.tripadvisor.it/AttractionProductDetail-g187891-d11466338-Ortygia_Syracuse_s_Ancient_Town_Center_Walking_Tour-Syracuse_Province_of_Syracuse_Sicily.html)

Lunch stop at "**La Cantinaccia**" restaurant.

<http://www.ristorantelacantinaccia.it/#>

Afternoon: visit to the beautiful monuments of Noto, the capital of Baroque.

**Noto** is a city and commune in the Province of Syracuse, Sicily, Italy. It lends its name to the surrounding area Val di Noto. In 2002 Noto and its churches were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. More info read <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Noto>

<http://www.travellector.com/things-to-do-in-noto-sicily/>

<http://www.italythisway.com/places/noto.php>

Return to President Park Hotel to have dinner.

## WHAT TO SEE?

**Etna:** <http://www.parks.it/parco.etna/Eindex.php>

### Acicastello & Acitrezza

<https://www.myguidesicily.com/sights-and-attractions/aci-castello-and-aci-trezza>

<https://travelguide.michelin.com/europe/italy/sicily/catania/aci-castello>

<https://www.triphobo.com/places/aci-castello-sicilia-italy/things-to-do>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yU8HRTJpwQA>

### Taormina and Isola bella

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taormina>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isola\\_Bella\\_\(Sicily\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isola_Bella_(Sicily))



## Gole dell'Alcantara

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alcantara\\_\(river\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alcantara_(river))

<http://www.etnadiscovery.it/en/tour/10-gole-alcantara.html>

## Catania

- Cattedrale, Piazza Duomo

[https://www.tripadvisor.it/Attraction\\_Review-g187888-d532798-Reviews-Piazza\\_Duomo-Catania\\_Province\\_of\\_Catania\\_Sicily.html#photos;geo=187886&detail=532798&ff=264799549&albumViewMode=hero&aggregationId=101&albumid=101&baseMediald=264799549&thumbnailMinWidth=50&cnt=30&offset=-1&filter=7](https://www.tripadvisor.it/Attraction_Review-g187888-d532798-Reviews-Piazza_Duomo-Catania_Province_of_Catania_Sicily.html#photos;geo=187886&detail=532798&ff=264799549&albumViewMode=hero&aggregationId=101&albumid=101&baseMediald=264799549&thumbnailMinWidth=50&cnt=30&offset=-1&filter=7)

- Piazza Università, Via Etna, Piazza Stesicoro, Via Crociferi

<http://citymapsicilia.it/struttura/via-crociferi/>

- Il Teatro Massimo Bellini: Visit on Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday from 9AM to 12PM; Prices: Full: € 6,00
- Teatro Greco Romano: <http://citymapsicilia.it/struttura/teatro-romano-e-odeon/>
- Terme Achilleane, Terme della Rotonda
- Monastero dei Benedettini: <http://www.monasterodeibenedettini.it/percorsi-guidati.html>
- The Fish market: <http://www.dissapore.com/spesa/catania-pescheria/>
- Museo Castello Ursino

**WARNING: The temperature in Sicily in this period is very hot, ranging between 32 and 40°C. Please, be sure to be properly dressed and always have sunscreen appropriate to your skin type.**