



VERDURA
GOLF & SPA RESORT
SICILIA

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“The Vedula resort is set over 230 hectares of stunning landscape with 18km of private coastline yet has just 203 rooms and suites giving a discrete exclusivity that few places in Europe can match”

This perfect sounding description are not my words but those of the Vedula Golf and Spa Resort publicity brochure and I believe after a recent resort inspection that my role as your travel agent is to either support or refute these claims. As this will be my second Italian beach location this year, I feel perfectly equipped to do so.

Starting with the bones of the hotel , all Vedula's rooms have private terraces and sea views and beautifully designed interiors, combine modern luxury with authentic Sicilian motifs. Lead in deluxe rooms are large and have oversized bathrooms, but it is the suites that set the hotel apart.



One bedroom landscape suites nearest the sea are enormous with big outside living areas and for those with not such a high budget book a Junior Suite and you will find they have plenty of space for little extra over the lead in room. All you will have to decide is do you want a ground floor or first floor room and I can help and advice on this so give me a call about the differences.



Eight restaurants and bars provide the Vedula Resort guests with a wide choice. I personally ate in four and whether you choose the trattoria, the seaside or their blue ribbon restaurant the food was excellent, created from fresh organic ingredients and complimented by a superb and unusual wine list. Also the large suites make in room dining a real possibility.

Also should you wish the hotel will be happy to book you into local Sicilian Restaurants offering a great choice of locally caught fish and Italian favourites.



The Vedula Resort has Six clay tennis courts with coach, a children's club and teenage club available at peak times of the year.

The pool area is simple but massive and you may need to use this area a lot. The coast line is beautiful, but the beach is not Vedula's strongest feature. The beach is pebbles to the sea front and a man made sand area built for comfort rather than natural beauty. However the area does work as you see the sea, get a sea breeze and you can take advantage of the non and motorised water sports provided by the hotel

Leisure facilities include a spa, hamman, 4 thalassotherapy pools, yoga room and gym which I felt was a resort within a resort. Spa treatments are popular but I felt you could comfortably spend all day here if you were looking for a change of pace and a different venue to while away your day



One of the hotel's strong points is the two 18 hole championship golf courses, a shorter par 3 and a creative combination of all course's to create a third different looking course used at this year's Sicilian open. I enjoyed both courses, especially the holes running alongside the sea. It was challenging but fair and as good as many other European golf hotels



Although situated on its own, you will not get bored at Vedula. If these facilities are not enough then take a trip to nearby medieval towns and the seaside artisan town of Sciacca,. On a short stay there is probably no point, but on a longer trip you should consider a car rental for 2/3 days and explore a very interesting island. I found the constant changing scenery interesting and worthy of sometime away from the hotel

Sicily is the biggest Island in the Mediterranean and if you are looking for something unusual in a holiday then consider the two centre option of staying at the classical Italian seaside town of Taormina for 3 nights and then driving across country to the peaceful Vedula resort.

Now I would like to refer you back to the original statement made by the hotel and ask is the Vedula resort discreet luxury. I think it is, the bones of the hotel are beautifully designed, yes, cotemporary but it is comfortable mainly because the hotel offers its guests so much space. space in the room, space around the pool or just so few people in such a large resort area.

However what sets this hotel apart is its heart and soul, the staff. From the guy at the front desk, to the sommelier, to the pool man or the room maid everybody at Vedula was welcoming and friendly. I recommend this hotel for a short break, for a summer holiday laying in the sun, to a family especially those with younger children, to golfers looking for lots of choice in the one hotel or more importantly to somebody who just wants to have a nice time in a gentle hotel

Yes I liked this hotel and it compares very favourably with the Abama resort in Tenerife, the Westin Navario and the Sani resorts in Greece or the Sheraton pinecliffs in Portugal. The Vedula resort is fairly new to the market so if you need help in making a confident decision in going somewhere different then give me a call on 01268 735301, I would love to help.

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