

Mini-Guide: Scicli & the Baroque Towns of Southeastern Sicily

Sun-Drenched Alleys, Stone Carvings & Cannoli Without Crowds



- **A Slow Guide to Scicli's Old Town**
Scicli, rebuilt in graceful Baroque architecture following the 1693 earthquake, unfolds a maze of alleys, ornate palaces, and Baroque churches—less touristy, more relaxed, and utterly charming [La Cucina Italiana](#)[Go Ask A Local](#).
- **How It Compares to Nearby Ragusa & Modica**

While Ragusa Ibla and Modica draw crowds, Scicli offers a quieter, more intimate Baroque experience—perfect for slow discovery [Go Ask A Local](#).

- **Stay: Boutique B&Bs in Historical Homes**
Enjoy stays at an *albergo diffuso*, where rooms and apartments are spread across restored historic buildings in the heart of town—immersive and atmospheric [La Cucina Italiana](#)[Go Ask A Local](#).
- **Filming Locations for *Inspector Montalbano***
The Town Hall serves as the *Commissariato* (police station) of Vigata, and the interiors—like the police office—are real municipal offices [Wikipedia](#)[Slow Sicilyenjoysicilia.it](#).
- **Day Trip to Sampieri Beach**
Sampieri is a scenic seaside hamlet with golden sands and the striking “Fornace Penna” ruins (featured as Mannara in the TV series) perched on a coastal cliff [Wikipedia](#)[+1Wikipedia](#).
- **Street Food in Nearby Modica**
Indulge in authentic Sicilian treats: try local delights like fresh hot cannoli at **Cannolia**, or artisan ice creams at **Nivera**, both nestled along scenic Via Mormina Penna [La Cucina Italiana](#).
- **Public Transport Options for Non-Drivers**
Scicli is accessible by train—approximately 1 km from the

city center—or by regular bus links from Ragusa, offering easy access for walkers and public-transport travelers [Go Ask A Local](#).

For planning tools, itineraries, and essential info, check the official *Visit Sicily* page for Scicli: **Visit Sicily – Scicli** [Visit Sicily](#).

Pocket Card: Five Useful Italian Phrases for Visiting Scicli



1. Dov'è il municipio / il commissariato?

(doh-VEH eel moo-nee-chée-oh / eel koh-mee-sah-ree-ah-TOH?)
“Where is the town hall / police station?”

2. Posso visitare l'ufficio del commissario?

(POH-soh vee-zee-TAH-reh loo-FEE-choh del koh-mee-sah-REE-oh?)
“Can I visit the commissioner’s office?”

3. Come posso arrivare a Sampieri?

(KOH-meh POH-ssoh ah-ree-VAH-reh ah Sam-pee-AY-ree?)
“How do I get to Sampieri?”

4. Dove trovo i migliori cannoli / gelato?

(DOH-veh TROH-voh ee mee-LYOH-ree kah-NO-lee / jeh-LAH-toh?)
“Where can I find the best cannoli / gelato?”

5. Posso guidare fino a Modica in autobus?

(POH-ssoh gwee-DAH-reh FEE-noh ah Moh-DEE-kah een ow-toh-BOOS?)
“Can I get to Modica by bus?”