

Higher in the hills is Segesta where a beautifully preserved Greek golden stone temple, built in the 5th century BC, rises out of the rugged landscape.

It's worth another steep climb by foot or bus to an open amphitheatre where Greek plays are staged in the summer.



The Greek Doric Temple, Segesta (Image: Getty)

In the heart of Sicily, we drove along unmade roads to the Masseria Susafa, a five-star retreat of peace and tranquillity owned by the Saeli-Rizzuto family for five generations.

Their determination to please shines through with beautifully furnished rooms and a roof-top deck with comfy sofas, making Negroni cocktails even more pleasing as sun sets over the mountains.



Hotel Masseria Susafa

Chef Maria helped us make our own dinner of ravioli with sausage and the vegetables from Susafa's gardens.

Our own tortellini with ricotta cheese and pesto of pistachio, made under Maria's

Vivere ora

C'Ã¨ cosÃ¬ tanto da fare a quest'estate

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