FAVARA EXPERIENCE

art, history and tradition

It's not easy to explain what's happening in Favara, but everyone's noticed how it's no longer as it was before. Each day tourists and visitors from around the world arrive and everyone's read some article or seen Favara on television. Not for the mafia, not for unauthorized construction; but for art, culture, and urban regeneration. Piazza Cavour is the main square of Favara; it's a beautiful square and hosts several noble palaces: the Chiaramonte Castle, the city library created by Baron Mendola. Years ago the square, during the evening, was a place where one bivouacked with nothing to do. Today the square is home to small hotels, pizzerias, caffes, and taverns. All this began to happen in 2010 when Farm Cultural Park, an Independent Cultural Center, was founded and which has led the city to becoming one of the six most visited destinations for modern art throughout Europe. Here art and culture are noble instruments that give the City of Favara a new identity and a future dimension, the fruit of the intuition of Florinda and Andrea, a young professional couple who decided not to move abroad, but to stay in Sicily; not to complain about what doesn't happen, to become the protagonists of a small but significant change. However Favara has always believed in its traditions, rooted and transmitted from generation to generation, one of which is the process of almond processing that has made the city famous around the world for centuries, particularly for the creation of 'pasta reale' (marzipan) and the Easter lamb. In fact before visiting the Farm, from Piazza Cavour, an obligatory stop along the way is the "Cosi Dunci" artisan workshop of Eleonora to try the almond derived delicacies crafted by the skilled hands of this young pastry maker. A second stop is at Marzipan, the Almond Museum, in a historic palace belonging to one of the most important families of the almond trade in Sicily. The museum is constantly evolving in an effort to discover the quality and beauty of almonds present in Sicily, exhibiting around 200 unique varieties, as well as tools and methods for almond processing. The experience ends with a visit to Farm Cultural Park and its exhibition spaces. The excursion can be enriched with a lunch or light lunch inside the Farm or Marzipan, with cooking classes or cooking shows in any of the three places visited.



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Place Favara