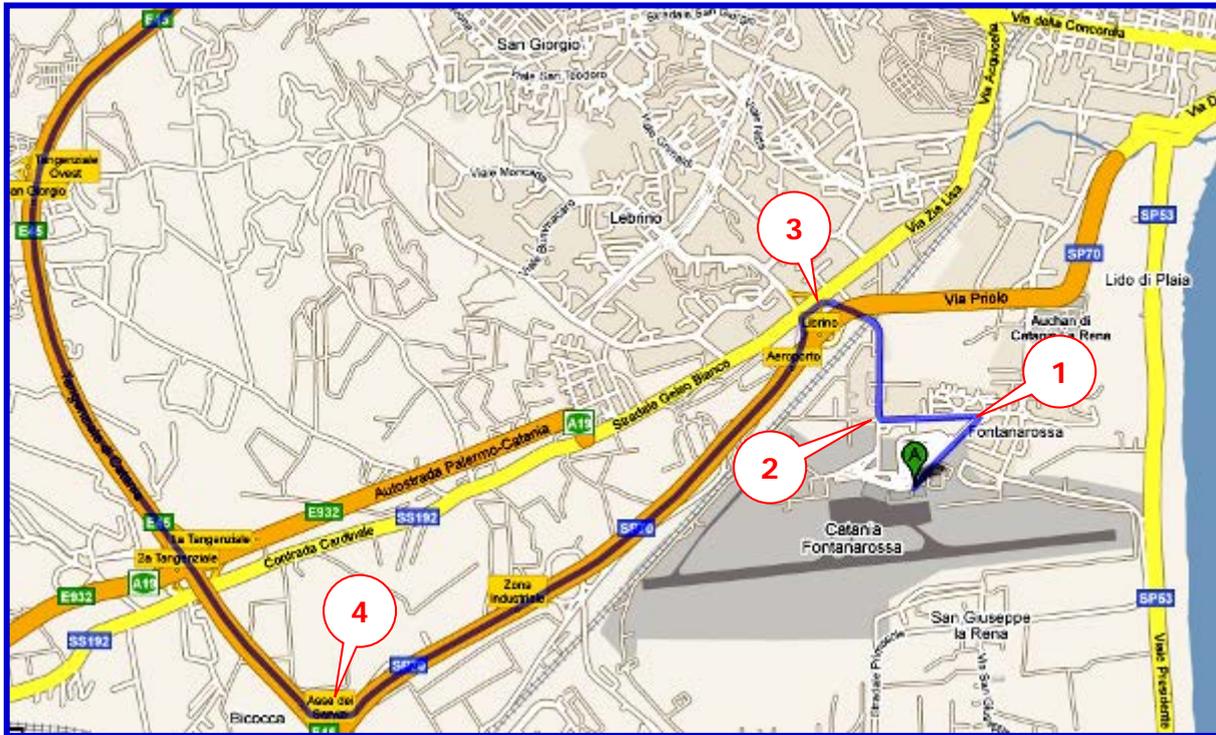


The ride from Catania's airport Fontanarossa to Forza d'Agrò offers great opportunities to get used to the amiable Mediterranean driving style of the Sicilians – and their peculiar traffic routing.

(Rental cars are available directly at the airport; find an overview on rental companies at the airport [here](#). We recommend booking ahead though, eg. via internet agencies like [CarDelMar](#) oder [Sunnycars](#).)



Leaving the airport area, you will pass a roundabout and soon reach a second, mildly confusing small roundabout at a T junction **[1]**. Turn left here.

(If you accidentally turn right here instead, turn around at the next roundabout with the airplane in the middle and track back. If you prefer to follow the signs into Catania instead, well... good luck.)

Turn right at the following roundabout **[2]**. Drive on the ramp and keep left twice **[3]**, always following the “autostrade” sign. On the motorway, follow “autostrade A18”, and after 3.5 kms turn right **[4]** towards “A18 Messina”. You are now on the Catania bypass, the “tangenziale CT”. After some 17 kms you reach the toll station where you draw a ticket. You are now driving on the autostrada A18 to Messina.

40 kms later you will pass through the tunnel „San Antonio” – and under Taormina. The turn-off Taormina is already announced, go to the right lane early. Be very cautious, the turn-off is located immediately before the next tunnel and consists of a very narrow right hand bend **[5]**, stick strictly to the required 40 kph!

..... Through the village: At the petrol station [8], keep driving straight, across a piazzetta with parking cars and in a right bend into the village. You now are on the church square [9] where the "Godfather" Al Pacino held his wedding ceremony. On the church square, turn left and follow "via Santissima Annunziata", ignoring the small access street to your right which leads back to the "circonvallazione". Follow via SS. Annunziata for a while, passing a small restaurant to your left and a small grocery store to your right, another open square with sea view to your right, until you see another grocery store "Alimentari Scandurra Carmela" to your right. Right here, the small via Portello forks off to the left. You already see our house [10] on the left side. This street is commonly blocked by a parking car. You follow the main street for some 20 m more instead, to a small spot to the right of a stairway [11], where you can stop the car to unload. Take the steps leading back up to via Portello, and follow the footpath "via Federico II" [12] ahead for some more steps, until you see the entrance to n° 2 (on the back of the house) to your left with a small water basin to its right. You've arrived.

Along the „circonvallazione“: At the petrol station [8], take a sharp turn right (hair pin bend) and drive past a set of restaurants and the pharmacy. Follow the ring road (which is called first „viale delle Rimembranze“ and later „via Belvedere“) for 1 km in several bends around the town, until you almost left it. On your left side above you there is a monstrous steel safety net against falling rocks, which has been built some years ago after a rock slide which has wrecked a couple of cars, luckily no persons were harmed. Yes, this is where you park your car. Track back some meters, where the town thoroughfare "via SS. Annunziata" runs steeply upwards. Follow this street for some 100 m and you'll reach the little spot near the grocery store mentioned above with the steps [11] leading (now right) up to via Portello.

