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OBJECT OF DESIRE Mount Etna blows its top theatrically behind, the Ionian Sea twinkles in front and clementine groves jostle for space with fig trees on this blissfully stylish organic estate.

SEXIEST SPOT The freestanding bath with crater views in the Suite Amabile – one of 15 rustic-chic suites dotted about the grounds. You'll wish you had less of a conscience (and a bigger suitcase) so that you could steal everything in the rooms: the B&B Italia sofas, the Perspex bedside tables, even the floating beds set against walls of blackest volcanic rock. Rough on the skin, by the way, but in a nice way.

WORTH GETTING OUT OF BED FOR

The food puts the 'oh!' into slow. Just-stopped-flapping fish, sun-ripened tomatoes and flowering courgettes with zero miles (they grow 150 types of fruit and their own veggies) are all eaten languidly with lots and lots of wine on the terrace of the main putty-pink 19th-century villa.

COOL OFF There's an outdoor bar and an infinity pool for lazy laps, yoga on the lawns and cinema under the stars (divinely, the rooms are without televisions).