

Esperia hotel and The Guardian; a quality connection started in 2012 and still alive.

Sicily's top 10 beach hotels and B&Bs on a budget

Traditional seaside boltholes, beachfront hotels in sleepy fishing villages and old-fashioned B&Bs with spectacular clifftop views – we pick 10 of the best, and affordable, places to stay by the beach in Sicily

Albergo Esperia, Milazzo (May 2012)

.....Milazzo in Messina province is probably best known as a point of departure for ferries heading to the Aeolian Islands, but it's well worth exploring in its own right. **Albergo Esperia** is the only hotel located right in front of Ponente beach, where on a clear day you can see Mount Etna smoking away on the horizon to the left, and the islands of Lipari and Vulcano looming across the sea in front. Behind the hotel, where the friendly owners have built some lovely rental apartments, cliffs rear up topped by Milazzo's castle, which will open to visitors this summer. It's all very beautiful, especially at sunset.....

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With baroque palaces, fine beaches and Mount Etna, the Ionian coast is home to most of the island's crown jewels – underpinned by glorious local food and drink

(June 2017).....Lido Ponente is a 5km west-facing shingle beach north of Milazzo. Half-way along, 10-year-old **Esperia** (doubles from £75 B&B) is a design hotel with decor in beaten metal and poured ceramic by local artists. There's eclectic modern art on the doors of the 10 bedrooms, and four self-catering apartments through the garden behind.....