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Behind a large green door in the heart of Noto – perhaps the finest baroque town in Sicily – is Seven Rooms Villadorata, a B&B of exceptional quality and tranquillity. Located inside one half of the eighteenth-century palace that was once the home of aristocrat Giacomo Nicolaci di Villadorata (the other half houses a public library and museum), the property is owned and run by Cristina Summa, whose childhood summers spent in Noto with her maternal grandmother left her enchanted by this World Heritage



town. Purchasing the crumbling property in 2008 Cristina set about repairing damaged frescoes and leaky roofs before opening to guests two years ago. Each of the seven rooms – all with balconies – is simply furnished with objects from Cristina's travels. Elegant linen curtains are drawn to reveal uninterrupted views of the cathedral and terracotta rooftops to the sea. Breakfast is served by Cristina on her private rooftop terrace, where she dispenses local knowledge along with the croissants, Sicilian cheeses and espressos. *Doubles from €200. 00-39-338 5095643; www.7roomsvilladorata.it*