

...Next on the agenda: chocolate. A few steps down an alley opposite San Pietro is Modica's oldest chocolate shop. Antica Dolceria Bonajuto is a delightfully creaky place, its wood-panelled walls lined with displays of production techniques – the sugar they add to the cocoa never fully melts and so the natural bitterness of the chocolate is only partially offset by a sweet crunch.

Fortified by a sample of Bonajuto's chilli chocolate, I set off for Modica's upper town and the church of San Giorgio...

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