## Isola Bella

"Isola Bella" is a tiny island near Taormina, Sicily, situated on the Ionian Sea. The Island has an amazing beach which is visited by many tourists who go there to sunbathe. The island is connected to the mainland beach by a narrow path.

## History

The Isola Bella was given to the nearby town of Taormina by king Ferdinand I of the two Sicilies in 1806. Then it was bought by Lady Florence Trevelyan, who built a small house on the top of the island. She also imported different exotic plants because she was a gardener. The following owners kept up the Island, until the owner went bankrupt and auctioned it in 1990 when the Region Sicily bought it and turned it into a Nature Reserve. The name was coined by the German baron Wilhelm Von Gloeden who spread the artistic value of the island all over the world. Isola Bella is also home to several species of birds, and a few types of rare lizards. It is one of the most visited sites in Sicily.







