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Palermo is a hidden gem! After years of mafia rule and poverty, the city has reclaimed its place among Europe's cultural cities. Palermo is full of sights and treasures, from Baroque churches to modern Sicilian restaurants.

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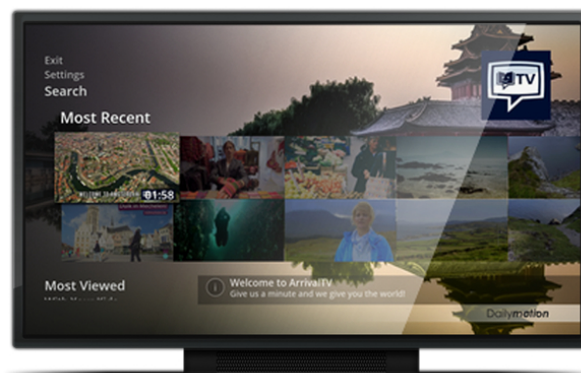
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The Phoenicians founded Palermo as a trade port in 700 BC, and a long string of rulers followed. Carthage was the first to conquer it, followed by the Romans, who named it Panhormus. After the fall of the Roman Empire, the Vandals took over, followed by Arabian rulers who turned Sicily in to an emirate. Palermo transformed in to a magical city with mosques, minarets and markets. It is said that its beauty measured up well with Cordoba and Cairo.

During the crusades, the city's wealth was discovered by the Normans who conquered the city, but continued building on the Arabian legacy of tolerance and enlightenment. That era is known as "the Golden Years".

Today tourists are discovering a city with an exciting mix of medieval areas where washing is still hung on lines between buildings to elegant residential districts with palm trees and palatial villas. And then there's also the city's intense markets.

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## DO & SEE



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Thanks to its rich and varied history, Palermo and its surrounding areas are full of architectural treasures. There is a Norman cathedral, several Baroque churches, opulent palaces, Doric temples and converted mosques—just to

name a few.

### **Catacombe dei Cappuccini (The Catacombs)**

The Catacombs of the Capuchins Monastery have fascinated visitors for centuries—and it is easy to understand why: 8,000 mummified former residents of Palermo line the walls. If you like horror and the macabre, this is your destination.

Address: Piazza Cappuccini, 1, Palermo

Opening hours: Daily 9.00-12.00 and 15.00-17.00 (until 19.00 in summer). Closed Monday and Sunday morning and on holidays.

Phone: +39 091 212 117

### **Santa Caterina Church**

Santa Caterina Church in Palermo has attracted a lot of tourists and visitors all over the world because of its remarkable Sicilian Baroque architecture with its wall full of ornamental paintings, vibrant frescoes, intricately carves statues and a lot more.

Address: Piazza Bellini, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 607 7217

### **Museo Archeologico Regionale**

This museum is closed for restoration until further notice!

Museo Archeologico Regionale has art and handicraft spanning most of Palermo's history. The most exciting exhibits are the statues from the lost city of Selinunte.

Address: Via Olivella, 24, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 611 6805

### **Teatro Massimo**

Teatro Massimo is one of the largest theatres in Europe (7730 mq), a Neoclassical masterpiece started by Giovanni Battista Basile in 1875, and completed by his son, Ernesto, in 1897. Recently restored, it is now the lyrical temple of the city, staging the opera and ballet official season.

Address: Piazza Verdi, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 6053521

### **Palazzo dei Normanni**

Palazzo dei Normanni is one of the most famous sights in Palermo which was the former royal palace of King Roger II in the 1100's. Covered in dazzling Byzantine mosaics (akin to those in the church of the Martorana and in the Monreale Cathedral), this Arab-Norman architectural edifice is a symbol of the political and cultural union operated by the Normans.

Address: Piazza Indipendenza, Palermo

Opening hours: Check opening hours before you visit, as they may vary.

Phone: +39 091 626 2833

### **Monreale**

This little town with a population of 30,000 lies in the mountains southwest of Palermo. Its postcard-perfect views are only rivaled by the Norman Cattedrale di Monreale, Italy's largest medieval building which holds 6,000 square meters of Byzantine art.

Address: Monreale, Palermo

Internet: [www.monreale.net](http://www.monreale.net)

### **San Giovanni degli Eremiti (St. John of the Hermits)**

San Giovanni degli Eremiti is famous for its red domes and architectural design that was greatly influenced by the Arabs during the 12th Century. This was originally a mosque that was later converted into a Christian church dedicated to St. John of the Hermits.

Address: Via dei Benedettini, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 651 5019

### **Festa di Santa Rosalia**

Festa di Santa Rosalia is a grand annual festival that takes place every 15th day of July. This day is dedicated for patron saint of Palermo's patron saint, Santa Rosalia who was apparently the one who freed the city from a dreadful plague in 1624. This festival is full of dazzling fireworks, religious processions, live music and sumptuous Sicilian delicacies.

Address: Palermo



### Ballarò and Borgo Vecchio - Historical Markets

The history and Arab influence that is so clear in Palermo has marked also the markets, which are very like the Arab "souks".

Ballarò is a food market where you also can buy fresh produce and fruit. Borgo Vecchio is another market well suited for buying vegetables and fruit. Both of these markets are located in the old town centre.

### Palazzo Abatellis

Palazzo Abatellis is a palace that reflects the Gothic-Catalan architecture. It also houses the Galleria Regionale della Sicilia - the Gallery of Art for the Sicilian region. The palace itself is archeologically interesting, but most people visit this place for its rich cultural artworks.

Address: Via Alloro, 4, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 623 0011

### Stanze al Genio

Stanze al Genio is a museum where you can see various things dating back to the 15th century. The tile collection might be the most famous one and you also have the opportunity to buy some pretty spectacular souvenirs from the gift shop.

Address: Via Giuseppe Garibaldi, 11, Palermo  
Phone: +39 340 0971561

### Ustica

Ustica is a small but beautiful volcanic island which is just an hour away from the city of Palermo. It is a perfect choice for an adventurous and exciting trip because of its beaches, great snorkeling and scuba diving spots as well as the picturesque view of this island.

Address: Ustica, Palermo

### Orto Botanico di Palermo

The Botanical Garden is considered to a prestigious open-air botanical museum that has enabled in-depth studies on fascinating plants for about 200 years.

Maintained and supervised by the Department of Botanical Sciences in the University of Palermo, this amazing botanical garden that houses several plant species is a must-see sight in Palermo.

Address: Via Lincoln, 2/A, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 238 91236

### Mondello Beach

Mondello Beach is an idyllic beach that is just a short ride away from the city of Palermo. It is where the famous "The World Festival" takes place every year where there is a celebration of beach culture and features activities like beach volleyball, paragliding and windsurfing. Music concerts of various styles are also a common occurrence and you'll get inspired by the joy and the energy bubbling on the beach.

Address: Mondello, Palermo

### Museo Diocesano di Palermo

Museo Diocesano di Palermo boast their impressive collection of sculptures, artworks and sacred furnishings obtained from destroyed churches.

Address: Via M. Bonello, 2, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 607 7303

### Riserva Naturale Orientata Di Capo Gallo

A hidden paradise! A few minutes of walk from Mondello will lead to this charming place with crystal clear water. It's not a typical kind of beach because the area is rocky but there are flat sandy areas to lie down and relax. Just don't forget to bring food and beverages because there are no stores nearby.

Address: Via Piano Gallo SNC, Palermo

### Torre de San Nicolo all'Albergheria

Torre de San Nicolo all'Albergheria is a small century tower located beside the church which is part of the old system of communication to the city. Albeit the winding staircase is a bit tedious, the view at the top is

breathhtakingly rewarding.

Address: Via Nunzio Nasi 18, Palermo  
Phone: +39 329 876 5958

### Castello Della Zisa

Castello Della Zisa is a 12th century castle built for King William I of Sicily which was re-established around 1970s and 1980s. It is open six days a week with an admission fee. One of the interesting part of this place is the Central Hall with a cool fountain and mosaic decorations.

Address: Piazza Guglielmo il Buono, 1, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 652 0269

### Quattro Canti (The Four Corners)

Also known as Piazza Vigliena, Quattro Canti is considered as one of the fascinating landmarks of Palermo. It is located at the intersection of Via Maqueda and the Corso Vittorio Emanuele. Octagonal in shape, this unique edifice got fabulous artworks and captivating sculpture that will surely amaze tourists in each and every corner.

Address: Palermo

### Palazzo Chiaramonte

Palazzo Chiaramonte is a palace built in the early 14th century that once served as a residence of Sicilian Lord Manfredi III Chiaramonte. Now the administrative head office of the University of Palermo, Palazzo Chiaramonte never fails to mesmerize its visitors with its unique painted wooden ceiling, as well as the former inquisition dwelling of prisoners.

Address: Piazza Marina, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 607 5306

## DINING



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Sicilian cuisine is rustic but exciting mainly thanks to the influence of the many rulers the island has had over the years. The Arabians introduced couscous and raisins, the Spanish brought hearth sausages and fried dishes.

Eating at small neighbourhood trattorias is recommended, as is visiting the market in La Vucciria where a freshly cooked chickpea rissole can be had.

### Trattoria ai Cascinari

This is where the locals go for a hearty Sicilian meal, the prices are reasonable and the atmosphere cosy and inviting.

Address: Via D'Ossuna, 45, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 651 9804

### Il Baro

Il Baro is located in a charming neighbourhood outside of the city centre. It is frequented by locals and appreciated by tourists as well. First and foremost they serve pizza, but there are other things on the menu as well.

Address: Via Mario Rutelli, 20, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 303110  
Internet: [www.ilbaro.net](http://www.ilbaro.net)

### Billy's Food

Tex-Mex Restaurant · Steakhouse · Burger Restaurant

Italian food is quite exquisite, but sometimes you reach a

point where you crave something entirely different than bruschetta, antipasti and pizza. At Billy's, you can have Mexican food, hamburgers and African food.

Address: Via Mondello, 41, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 689 3793  
Internet: [www.billysfood.com](http://www.billysfood.com)

### Trattoria Mamma Ciccina

Trattoria Mamma Ciccina has, as the name implies, a strong sense of tradition and family. The genuine and high quality food served reflects this. They have an outside terrace perfect for balmy summer nights.

Address: Via D'ossuna 15, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 212 011  
Internet: [www.trattoria-palermo.it](http://www.trattoria-palermo.it)

### Ristorante Chan Sushi Bar

This is more than just a sushi bar, they also serve Chinese, Thai and Vietnamese dishes. The food is artistically and skilfully presented and the ambience authentically Asian.

Address: Via Giuseppe Sciuti 104, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 62 68 179  
Internet: [www.chansushibar.it](http://www.chansushibar.it)

### L'Ottava Nota

L'Ottava Nota is passionate about food. The goal is to create an experience that combines scent, presentation and flavour the best way possible. The restaurant is located in the historic quarters close to the port.

Address: Via Butera, 55, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 61 68 601  
Internet: [www.ristorantelottavanota.it](http://www.ristorantelottavanota.it)

### A'Cuncuma Restaurant

The A' Cuncuma Restaurant combines tasty tradition with mighty modernity. The chef is eager to create unforgettable dishes that are best savoured all five senses.

Address: Via Judica 21, Palermo  
Opening hours: Closed Thursday  
Phone: +39 091 88 72 991

Internet: [www.acuncuma.com](http://www.acuncuma.com)

### Frida Pizzeria

Frida Pizzeria is a popular place, so if you want a table, your best bet is to be here early - they open at 19.30 and stay open until late.

Address: Piazza Sant'Onofrio, 37, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 55 05 440  
Internet: [www.fridapizzeria.it](http://www.fridapizzeria.it)

### Le Delizie di Cagliostro

Le Delizie di Cagliostro is a typical Sicilian restaurant that has been around since 1981. The interior design and the theme of the restaurant has been inspired by an 18th century mythical count.

Address: Corso Vittorio Emanuele 150, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 33 28 18  
Internet: [www.ledeliziedicagliostro.it](http://www.ledeliziedicagliostro.it)

### Al Gabbiano Restaurant

An excellent location in the beautiful port city of Mondello, close to Palermo, is part of what makes this romantic gem so special. The ocean is the focal point here, whether you are seated inside or at the terrace. The menu also holds some incredible seafood specialties.

Address: Via Piano Gallo, 1, Mondello  
Phone: +39 091 450 313  
Internet: [www.ristorantealghabbiano.it](http://www.ristorantealghabbiano.it)

### Spinnato Restaurant

This restaurant is a perfect place to stop by and relax. Spinnato Restaurant offers affordable yet delicious menu like arrancine or rice balls, pastries, pizzas, and a lot to serve. Although it is always full of people, the ambience and service of the place is remarkable.

Address: Piazza Castelnuovo, 16/17, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 329 220

### Gagani Restaurant

Gagani Restaurant is a "social" kind of restaurant with traditional yet somewhat creative cuisine. Giving "bubbles

with strawberry and mint” is the usual style of welcoming visitors. The enthralling spot in this place is what they call the “Social Table” where people of different nations are able to share their exquisite dining experiences in the restaurant.

Address: Via Cassari 35/37, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 589 918

### Niagara Bar and Pizzeria

Looking forward to enjoy a pizza night in Palermo? Visit the Niagara Bar and Pizzeria to enjoy their freshly prepared yummy Italian pizzas served by their friendly staff together with the other delicious drinks and dishes that they also serve.

Address: Via Montepellegrino 201, Palermo  
Phone: +39 915 43133

## CAFES



Photo: Marit & Toomas Hinnosaar

The people in Palermo are almost as particular about their coffee as the Romans, and they don't mind travelling to get it. They know exactly which place serves the best granita al caffè—frozen ice with coffee and whipped cream. Or the best cup of gran caffè (a cappuccino without milk).

### Pasticceria Alba

This café has a lot of yummy pastries in all forms, shapes and sizes. In fact, they have a special sweets designed for every holiday in Sicily. Pasticceria Alba started out as a tiny café and the owner slowly expanded the business with

innovative ideas. Today, Pasticceria Alba is known all over the world for their high quality and delicious products.

Address: Piazza Don Bosco, 7, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 309 016

### La Preferita

This is as much an ice cream parlour as a café. Try the tartuffo La Preferita's own take on the Calabrian chocolate dessert.

Address: Via Villareale, 49, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 587 916

### Vittoria Café

Nice music in a soothing environment, two ingredients sure to make for a memorable experience. The food is tasty and affordable.

Address: Via Agrigento, 13, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 304 973

### Panificio Graziano

Panificio Graziano is widely known for their yummy pizza. This means there is often a long line of people waiting their turn.

Address: Via Del Granatiere, 11/13, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 6254800  
Internet: [www.panificiograziano.it](http://www.panificiograziano.it)

### Pasticceria Oscar

Pasticceria Oscar is a genuine pastry shop where you can find an impressive range of all things sweet and tasty. Chocolate eclairs, cannoli, cheesecake, pastries and a lot more awaits you here.

Address: Via Marino Migliaccio, 39, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 6822381  
Internet: [www.oscarpasticceria.it](http://www.oscarpasticceria.it)

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## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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The nightlife in Palermo follows the same pattern as in other Mediterranean cities: much of the gathering happens before dinner, and when the meal is over—sometimes not until midnight—it's time to head back to the bars. The nightclubs don't fill up until late in the night, and thanks to the student population, Palermo has a vibrant nightlife. As always, the trendiest nightclubs of the moment can be found by asking the locals.

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### Kursaal Kalhesa

This unique bar is also a bookstore, internet café, and fish restaurant (with a great fish ravioli). Situated in an old palazzo ruin by the port, this is where Palermo's youth come to see and be seen.

Address: Foro Italico Umberto I, 1, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 616 2282  
Internet: [www.kursaalkalhesa.it](http://www.kursaalkalhesa.it)

### Gorky Club

Popular nightclub that occasionally has live shows. Good DJ's and a lively atmosphere make this a winner!

Address: via Ugo La Malfa, 96

### Mikalsa

Mikalsa is a hip place that calls itself Il primo Bar à Bière della Sicilia, which is a more or less correct description—Sicily's best beer bar. It is possibly also the only one.

Address: Via Torremuzza, 27, Palermo  
Phone: +39 339 314 6466  
Internet: [www.mikalsa.it](http://www.mikalsa.it)

### La Terrazza

This little bar and outdoor patio is in the garden of the Grand Hotel Villa Igeia. It has romantic, almost overly romantic, views of Palermo.

Address: Salita Belmonte 43, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 631 2111  
Internet: [www.villa-igiea.com](http://www.villa-igiea.com)

### La Cuba

- "La Cuba Café, La Cuba Brasserie, La Cuba Tea Room, La Cuba Wine Bar, La Cuba Restaurant, La Cuba Lounge, La Cuba Party House."

Apparently it is difficult to put a label on this place, since it falls under so many different categories. The slogan of this colourful venue is: "Vision, taste, smell, hearing, touch - "get into the Cuba mood".

Address: Villa Sperlinga, Viale Francesco Scaduto, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 30 92 01  
Internet: [www.lacuba.com](http://www.lacuba.com)

### Il Ricovero Restaurant

Located in the heart of Palermo is a great bar that offers a



wide array of best-tasting wines and cocktails that can be enjoyed along with good live music and. Il Ricovero Restaurant offers a cool ambiance with delicious menu and a free Wi-Fi.

Address: Piazza Leoni 21, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 637 7959

### Schiticchio Food & Beverage Restaurant

A small but fancy Sicilian restaurant by day, Schiticchio Food & Beverage Restaurant transforms into a cozy place full of cool music at night. They are serving sumptuous Sicilian dishes that matches with cool cocktails.

Address: Piazza Marina, 5/6, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 611 4868

### Bottigliera Del Massimo

Just a few distance away from Palermo's Teatro Massimo is a cool bar for those who wanted to drop by and have a sip of delicious wine. With a cool location and delicious liquors, Bottigliera Del Massimo is an exciting choice for those wanted to experience nightlife in Palermo.

Address: Spinuzza 59, Palermo

### Cambio Cavalli Pub

Cambio Cavalli combines a twist of succulent drinks and gourmet with an artistic side. Considered as one of the first pubs in the city, Cambio Cavalli displays art exhibits and cozy ambiance for people from all walks of life.

Address: Via Patania 53, Palermo

### Tonnara Florio Restaurant

Tonnara Florio is a discotheque in Palermo that has always mesmerized its guests not only for its charming view and delicious pizza but also for its rich historical heritage. For centuries, this place had evolved from being a fish slaughter house into a cool nightclub and venue for important events.

Address: Discesa Tonnara, 4, Palermo

### Nashville

Tired of shopping all day? Come and visit Nashville which is just a few minutes away from shopping area. They are offering many foreign beers and drinks that can be matched with their delicious meals like crepes and sandwiches as well angus beef dishes and more.

Address: Via Belgium 4, Palermo

### Alchimia

Famous for its delicious fusion of cocktails and drinks, Alchimia is a cozy bar in Palermo that plays soft music with some belly dancing performances. For those who are health and diet conscious, Alchimia are serving fresh fruits and snacks s well as Arabic Cuisines for a relaxing and vibrant evening.

Address: Piazza Sant Onofrio, 39, Palermo  
Phone: +39 338 971 0672

### Il Siciliano Restaurant

Il Siciliano Restaurant interior imbibes the glamour of Palermo's rich culture and history while their delicious cuisine features Italian and Mediterranean recipes and sumptuous drinks making it a fantastic choice for late night dinners.

Address: via Orologio 37, Palermo

### Jazz 'n Chocolate

In the midst of the Italian speaking city of Palermo lies an elegant American wine bar that plays live acoustic, jazz and pop music that will definitely make romantic dinners and friendly dates extra special!

Address: Via Giacalone 29, Palermo  
Phone: +39 329 816 0376

### Cantavespri Vini e Vinili

In the heart of Palermo lies a chic bar that has captivated its guests with great live music, sophisticated ambiance and wide array of drinks to choose from. Cantavespri Vini e Vinili is a cool bar to visit for a cool romantic date or a

venue for hanging out with friends.

Address: Vicolo Valguarnera 8, Palermo  
Phone: +39 338 916 2922

### Bar Marocco

Bar Marocco had earned the trust of many of its guests through the years because of their fresh and sumptuous Italian dishes served by their friendly staff matched by their delicious wines and drinks. Bar Marocco is near the cathedral and other landmarks making it a good stop for late night dinner.

Address: Via Vittorio Emanuele 494, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 651 1904

### Malox

Malox is considered to be among the popular pubs in Palermo that serves one of the finest cocktails in Palermo most especially the one created by their popular bartender Peppino who passionately and skilfully creates cocktails tailor fitted for one's taste.

Address: Piazzetta della Canna 8/9, Palermo  
Phone: +39 392 499 6894

### Niagara Bar and Pizzeria

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Address: Via Montepellegrino 201, 90142 Palermo  
Phone: +39 915 43133

### Voodoo

Looking for a cheap place to enjoy sip wine or drink cocktails? Try visiting Voodoo Bar for a wide selection of drinks to choose from while listening to live music.

Address: Via Sant'Alessandro 41, Palermo

### Ai Bastioni

Ai Bastioni is a great choice for those who wanted to spend an idyllic night with their loved ones or friends while indulging on tasty dishes, wines and freshly made cocktails.

Address: Papireto 74, Palermo

### Drink it di Costantino Giuseppe

Adjacent to the major in the city of Palermo, Drink it di Costantino Giuseppe is a practical and cool venue to relax with friends and loved ones while splurging on its mouthwatering dishes and freshly prepared cocktails and listening to live music.

Address: Via Giuseppe Garibaldi, 21, Palermo  
Phone: +39 916 169 748

### Berlin Cafe

With a combination of great location, highly skilled bartenders and cool DJ's, Berlin Café became one of the popular bars in Palermo. Berlin Café has a good selection of drinks that will spark up the night that is made even better by their delightful dishes.

Address: Via Isidoro La Lumia 21, Palermo

## SHOPPING



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The large traditional Italian fashion brands, from Armani to Versace, can be found around Viale della Libertà.

There are a number of stores selling handicraft products that make for unique memories of the island.

Piccolopunto, on Via Villareale 52, is good for embroidered Sicilian bed linen and curtains. Antique embroideries can be found at Al Cancellato, Via Paolo Paternostro 82.

Palermo has plenty of shops selling very kitsch ceramics. For more elegant wares, head to the northern end of Via Maqueda. Le Cittecotte di Vizzari, on Corso Vittorio Emanuele 120, sell exquisite hand painted models of Palermo's palazzo's and churches.

For those looking for bargains and unique shopping, this can be explored at one of the many street markets. The largest of them all is La Vucciria. It specialises in food, though some of the stores and stands carry interesting or eclectic items that will look good in your home. Beware of the pickpockets at La Vucciria.

### Vucciria Market

Vucciria Market is one of the most popular markets in Palermo. From fresh sea foods, meat and vegetables to creative handmade crafts, Vucciria Market will always be full of diverse and interesting products making it a very popular destination not just for tourists but also for the locals alike.

Address: Palermo

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: Dawn - 2 pm

### Forum Palermo

With more than a 100 stores, Forum Palermo is considered as one of the biggest shopping malls in the Palermo. It has a lot of luxurious boutiques, restaurants, services and other establishments making it a favorite shopping destination of many tourists.

Address: Localita Roccella via Pecoraino, Palermo

Phone: +91 621 8353

### La Coppola Storta

La Coppola Storta manufactures genuine coppolas made in Sicily. The stylish designs of the coppolas are influenced by the modern and fashionable trends that are made up of high quality fabric.

Address: Via Bara All'Olivella, 74, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 324428

### Picone Enoteca

Picone Enoteca is a great haven for wine enthusiasts. With a wide selection of best tasting wines, beers and brandy, Picone Enoteca is a good place to buy liquors as well as its matching high quality meat, cheese or sausage for a perfect pair.

Address: Via Marconi 36, Palermo

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday: 10.00 to 21.30

Phone: +39 091 331300

### Tre Erre Ceramiche

Tre Erre Ceramiche is a popular pottery shop in Palermo founded in 1979. This is a great place to look for rare and fabulous pieces of majolica art and ceramics that would be perfect for gift or as a personal collection.

Address: Via Emerico Amari, 49, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 323 827

### Mercato di Capo

To truly experience Palermo, come and visit the Mercato

di Capo. It is a food and flea market that imbibes the culture in Palermo with the delicious native delicacies, fruits, vegetables as well as souvenirs and a lot more that can be found in this famous market.

Address: Via Volturno, Palermo

### Lo Studiolo Palermo

In the heart of Palermo lies an artisan studio where one can have creatively designed mementos of the Sicilian cultures. Lo Studiolo Palermo owned by Antonio and Guiseppe will surely enchant someone with the grandeur history and culture of the city that is embedded in their artworks.

Address: Corso Vittorio Emanuele 273, Palermo

### Archigiana

For those who are looking for classy and inimitable mementos for gifts or as personal loot, come and visit Archigiana. It is owned by an architect who devoted her talent creating artistic pieces of accessories made of various materials like leather, faux leather and wood that can be customized upon request.

Address: Via Alessandro Paternostro 69, Palermo

Phone: +39 328 325 7268

### La Rinascente

La Rinascente is a department store that can be found all over Italy. The one in Palermo is a five storey building that has various number of shops that sells different kinds of products from clothing and apparel to cosmetics and home decorations.

Address: Via Roma 289, Palermo

Phone: +39 916 017 811

### Magazzini Anita

For vintage lovers, visiting Palermo will not be complete without visiting Magazzini Anita. It is cool place that sells various vintage items from branded clothing and accessories to shoes and bags. They are also selling

antique lamps, home decors and porcelain that can be a great souvenir or gift.

Address: Corso Vittorio Emanuele n. 231, Palermo

Phone: +39 347 987 2142

### La Fabbrica della Ceramica

La Fabbrica della Ceramica is a creative place for children to develop artistry in designing porcelain bowls, cups and plates. It is a place where one can buy and design its own ceramics to make it a colorful and unique masterpiece.

Address: Via G. Alessi, 38, Palermo

Phone: +39 916 251 997

## ACCOMMODATIONS



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Whether you are planning a vacation, a special weekend or a business meeting, rest assured, you will find a place that appeals to you. Palermo offers a wide range of accommodation to suit all needs, a diverse collection of modern hotels and guest houses.

### Grand Hotel Villa Igiea

A grandiose belle époque hotel, with plush carpeting, beautiful wood works, heavy drapes, gardens and uninterrupted views of the Mediterranean.

Address: Salita Belmonte, 43, Palermo

Public Transport: Acquasanta, 2.5 miles north of Palermo

Phone: +39 091 631 2111

Internet: [www.villa-igiea.com](http://www.villa-igiea.com)



### Grand Hotel Et Des Palmes

This hotel is nothing but a hidden gem with its sumptuously decorated rooms, filled with antiques and large, heavy furniture. It shows life the way it was for the Palermo socialites before WWI.

Address: Via Roma, 398, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 602 8111  
Internet: [www.grandhotel-et-des-palmes.com](http://www.grandhotel-et-des-palmes.com)  
More Info: Close to La Vucciria.

### Hotel Orientale

Orientale is located in an 18th-century palazzo, close to the railway station. It's clean, tidy and has a nice and friendly atmosphere.

Address: Via Maqueda, 26, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 616 5727  
Internet: [www.albergoorientale.191.it](http://www.albergoorientale.191.it)

### Abali Gran Sultanato

An unusual and imaginative interior design makes this B&B a great place for someone looking for a different place to stay. Each room has its own theme and they're all vibrant and creative. It's located just off the main street, between the palace building and the Opera House.

Address: Via S. Agostino 5, Palermo  
Phone: +39 338 335 2997  
Internet: [www.abali.it](http://www.abali.it)  
More Info: Corner via Maqueda

### Albergo Cavour

Albergo Cavour is a family-operated budget hotel with a lot of focus on creating a welcoming, warm and genuine stay for you.

Address: Via Alessandro Manzoni 11, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 616 2759  
Internet: [www.albergocavour.com](http://www.albergocavour.com)

### Hotel Garibaldi

The brilliant location in the city centre enables you to easily visit all the major sights, spend way too much money shopping and take a stroll around the historic

buildings - all in one afternoon.

Address: Via Emérico Amari, 146, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 6017111  
Internet: [www.ghshotels.it](http://www.ghshotels.it)

### Villa Esperia Hotel

Villa Esperia Hotel lies in a highly exclusive area in Mondello, only a few meters from the sea and yet fairly close to the city centre. The rooms are all wonderfully designed in their own fashion, some of them with a romantic canopy bed, some with an incredible view of the ocean.

Address: Viale Margherita di Savoia, 53, Valdesi - Mondello  
Phone: +39 091 684 07 17  
Internet: [www.hotelvillaesperia.it](http://www.hotelvillaesperia.it)

### Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa

The luxurious Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa is the result of a major project that started in 2005 and aspired to merge three historic buildings into one high profiled hotel complex. The central part used to be the convent of Mercedarian Fathers.

Address: Via dei Cartari, 18, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 320075  
Internet: [www.piazzaborsa.it](http://www.piazzaborsa.it)

### Hotel Porta Felice

Hotel Porta Felice was built on the foundations of a XVIIIth century building in the historical city centre. The top floor has panoramic views of the city and this is where you'll find the breakfast and bar area.

Staying here also means access to a fitness club and wellness services such as a hydro massage pool and a relax zone, just to mention a few options.

Address: Via Butera, 45, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 617 56 78  
Internet: [www.hotelportafelice.it](http://www.hotelportafelice.it)

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### Hotel Alessandra

This little gem lies within a Liberty palace called "Palazzo Balsamo". Each room has its own unique style and the furniture is from the 19th century. As a guest here you can enjoy a peaceful reading room and a TV room.

Address: Via Divisi 99, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 617 43 25  
Internet: [www.hotel-alessandra.it](http://www.hotel-alessandra.it)

### Massimo Plaza Hotel

Massimo Plaza Hotel is well suited for leisure as well as business guests. It is a boutique hotel with an intimate ambience and friendly staff. There is a charming lounge where you can wind down with a drink or read a good book.

Address: Via Maqueda, 437, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 32 56 57  
Internet: [www.massimoplazahotel.com](http://www.massimoplazahotel.com)

### Ambasciatori Hotel

3-star Ambasciatori Hotel is a refined hotel with bright and airy rooms with parquet floors and wooden furniture. There is a beautiful lounge and roof bar available with panoramic views of the city.

Address: Via Roma, 111, Palermo  
Phone: +39 091 616 68 81  
Internet: [www.ambasciatorihotelpalermo.net](http://www.ambasciatorihotelpalermo.net)

## EVENTS



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### Palermo International Airport

Palermo International Airport is located 32 kilometres (20 miles) from Palermo. The Trinacria Express train departs for the city every hour. Tickets for the 45 minute journey can be purchased on board. The buses stop several times along the way, including at some hotels, and reach Palermo in 50 minutes.

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Address: Palermo International Airport, Palermo

Internet: [www.gesap.it](http://www.gesap.it)

## Public Transport

Use the AMAT network of buses and trains to get around the city. AMAT also run night buses, while Trenitalia manage the train network. Tickets are valid for two hours.

Trenitalia Sicily: +39 091 6170224

AMAT: +39 199 240 800

Internet: [www.trenitalia.it](http://www.trenitalia.it), [www.amatpa.it](http://www.amatpa.it)

## Taxi

Taking a taxi in Palermo can be expensive, especially in the evenings and if you have a lot of luggage. Always agree on a price before starting the journey.

Phone: +39 091 225455 / +39 091 513311

## Post

Stamps can be purchased from tobacconists that carry either the blue and white "Tabacchi" sign or are simply marked with a "T".

## Pharmacy

Palermo's pharmacies have alternating open hours during weekends and nights.

## Telephone

Country code: +39

Area code: 091 (do not omit the zero)

## Electricity

230 V, 50 Hz

## Population

676,000

## Currency

1 Euro = 100 cents

## Opening hours

Shops in Palermo are usually open 9.00-13.00 and 15.00-20.00. Large department stores are usually open all

day.

## Newspapers

La Repubblica

La Sicilia

Giornale di Sicilia

## Emergency numbers

Fire brigade: 115

Medical: 118

Police: 112

## Tourist information

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Piazza Castel Nouvo 34, Palermo

+39 091 605 8351





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Corso Calatafimi	A4	Via Colonna Rotta	A3 A4	Via Giuseppe Cristina	B4
Corso Camillo Finocchiaro	A3	Via Corleo	B1	Via Goethe	A2
Corso dei Mille	D4	Via Costantino Nigra	A1	Via Houel	A2
Corso Pietro Pisani	A4	Via Dalia	B1	Via Imera	A3
Corso Re Ruggero	A4 B4	Via Danisinni	A4	Via Isidoro La Lumia	B1
Corso Tukory	B4 C4	Via Dante	A2 B2	Via Isodor Carini	B1
Corso Vittorio Emanuele	A4 B3 C3 D3	Via del Barilai	C2	Via Malaspina	A2
Foro Umberto I	D3	Via del Bastione	B4	Via Maqueda	B2 C3 C4
Piazza Borsa	C3	Via del Bosco	C4	Via Marco Polo	A3
Piazza Castelnuovo	B2	Via del Candelai	B3	Via Mariano Stabile	B2
Piazza D Spasimo	D3	Via del Carrettieri	B3	Via Messina	A1 B1
Piazza della Kalsa	D3	Via del Cassari	C3	Via Michele Cipolla	D4
Piazza Giulio Cesare	C4	Via del Celso	B3	Via Milano	C4
Piazza L. Sturzo	B1	Via del Vespro	C4	Via Nicolo Garzilli	A1
Piazza Magione	D3	Via della Cala	C2 D2	Via Oreto	C4
Piazza Marina	D3	Via della Magione	C3	Via P Paternostro	A2 B2
Piazza Mordini	A1	Via della Speziale	B1 C1	Via Paolo Emiliani Giudici	C4
Piazza Noviziato	A3	Via della Vetriera	D3	Via Papireto	A3
Piazza R Settimo	B2	Via Divisi	C3	Via Petro d'Aragona	B4
Piazza S di Carlo V Bologni	B3 C3	Via Domenico Scina	B1	Via Pietro Ranzano	A3
Piazza S Francesco di Paolo	A2 B2	Via d' Ossuna	A3	Via Porta di Castro	B4
Piazza S Oliva	B2	Via E Albanese	B1	Via Principe di Belmonte	B2 C1
Piazza S Onofrio	B3	Via E Pariso	A1 B1	Via Principe di Scordia	B1 C2
Piazza Stazione Lolli	A2	Via Emerico Amari	B1 B2	Via Principi di Villafranca	A1 A2
Piazza Ucciardone	B1	Via F Ferrara	A1 A2	Via R Riolo	A1
Piazza V Emanuele Orlando	A2	Via F Guardione	C2	Via R Settimo	B2
Piazza XIII Vittime	C2	Via F Ortega	C2	Via Re Federico	A2
Via A Gagini	C2	Via Filippo Corazza	C4	Via Roma	B2 C2 C3 C4
Via Abramo Lincoln	D3 D4	Via Filippo Patti	C2	Via Rosario Gregorio	C4 D4
Via Agrigento	A1	Via Fiume	C4	Via S Oliva	A2 B2
Via Albergheria	B4	Via Francesco Crispi	C1	Via S Spinuzza	B2
Via Alessandro Paternostro	C3	Via Francesco Paolo Perez	C4	Via Salamone Marino	B4 C4
Via Alloro	D3	Via G Bonomo	C1	Via Sammartino	A1
Via Amm. Gravina	B1 C1	Via G Carducci	A2 B1	Via Sant' Agostino	B3
Via Antonio Marinuzzi	C4	Via G De Spuches	A1 A2	Via Schiavuzzo	C3 D3
Via Antonio Mongitore	B4	Via G Gemellaro	A2	Via Silvio Buccone	C4 D4
Via Antonio Ugo	D4	Via G La Farina	A1	Via Siracusa	A1
Via Archimede	B1	Via G Marconi	A1	Via Torino	C4
Via Archirafi	D4	Via G Meli	C2	Via Torremuzza	D3
Via Argisto Giuffredi	A3	Via G Turrisi	A1	Via Valverde	C2
Via Avolio	B4	Via Gabriele Vulpi	A4	Via Venezia	C3
Via B Gravina	B1 C1	Via Gaetano Daite	B1	Via Vito La Mantia	A2
Via Butera	D3	Via Garibaldi	C3 C4	Via Volturmo	B2
Via Caltanissetta	A1	Via Giacomo Cusmano	A1	Via XII Gennaio	A1 B1
Via Cappuccinelle	A3 B3	Via Giorgio Arcoleo	B4 C4	Via XX Settembre	A1
Via Cappuccini	A4	Via Giovanni Grasso	C4	Viale della Liberta	A1 B1