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Palermo is a fascinating hidden gem, the capital of the beautiful region of Sicily and a busy port city that brims with energy! It is a city that changes continually and has reclaimed its place among Europe's cultural cities. Palermo is full of sights and treasures, from Baroque churches and glorious historic buildings to modern Sicilian restaurants. This is the city where the welcoming and kind-hearted Italians will invite you with open arms!



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THE CITY



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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 into an emirate. Palermo transformed into 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. A city with stunning historical sights, just waiting to get explored and many which are located in the city centre, making it easy to reach. Palermo, with its culture, history, food and energetic atmosphere has become a popular destination and even if you would spend months here, you still would not experience all of her charms.

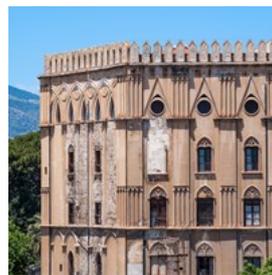
DO & SEE



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Thanks to its rich and varied history, Palermo and its surrounding areas are full of architectural treasures, everything from historical and ancient museums to Medieval castles and churches, just waiting to get discovered. Many of the sights are ideally situated pretty central and in the heart of the city you will find treasures like Palazzo dei Normanni, as well as the beautiful Santa Caterina Church and the spectacular Piazza Pretoria. For a getaway from the hustle and bustle of the city, the beautiful volcanic island Ustica is a safe bet and will not disappoint you.

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.

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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.

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Address: Monreale, Palermo

Piazza Pretoria



Also known as square of sham, the spectacular Piazza Pretoria captivates with its fountain and the numerous gleaming white naked statues, thereof the name. The Pretoria Fountain was sculpted by Francesco Camilliani and in the beginning, in 1574, it was placed in Florence for a few years but then transported to Palermo, divided into 644 pieces. The fountain is a true masterpiece, takes up the entire piazza, and considered being one of the most beautiful fountains in Italy.

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Address: Piazza Pretoria 1, Palermo

Santa Caterina Church



Santa Caterina Church in Palermo has attracted many tourists and visitors from all over the world because of its remarkable Sicilian Baroque architecture. The walls are full of ornamental

paintings and there are vibrant frescoes, intricately carves statues and a lot more to explore.

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Address: Piazza Bellini, Palermo

Phone: +39 338 7228775 / +39 338 4512011

Museo Archeologico Regionale



Housed in a Renaissance monastery, Museo Archeologico Regionale has a rich collection of Roman and Ancient Greek artefacts including many items spanning most of Palermo's history. The most exciting exhibits are the statues from the lost city of Selinunte.

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Address: Via Olivella, 24, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 611 6807

Internet: www.regione.sicilia.it/beniculturali/salinas

Email: museo.arche.pa@regione.sicilia.it

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.

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Address: Piazza Verdi, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 6053521

Internet: www.teatromassimo.it

Email: info@teatromassimo.it

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.

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Address: Via dei Benedettini, Palermo

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 9.00 - 19.00, Sundays and holidays: 09.00 - 13.30

Phone: +39 091 651 5019

Festa di Santa Rosalia



Festa di Santa Rosalia is a grand annual festival that takes place every 14-15th of July. The festival dedicates to 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.

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Address: Palermo

Internet: www.festinodisantarosaliapalermo.it

Ballarò Market



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 the oldest food market in Palermo where you can

treat your palate with some exciting flavours, a market where you can mostly buy fresh produce, fruit and traditional food, a true heaven for all foodies.

Borgo Vecchio is another market that also offers vegetables and fruit.

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Address: Via Ballarò, 14, Palermo

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.

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Address: Via Alloro, 4, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 623 0011

Email: gall.abatellis@regione.sicilia.it

Stanze al Genio



A hidden treasure in Palermo, Stanze al Genio is a museum where you can see various objects 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.

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Address: Via Giuseppe Garibaldi, 11, Palermo

Phone: +39 340 0971561

Internet: www.stanzealgenio.it

More Info: Book your visit by email or phone

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.

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Address: Ustica, Palermo

Orto Botanico di Palermo



The Botanical Garden is considered to be 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 with several plant species is a must-see in Palermo.

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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. The famous "The World Festival" takes place here

every year and the beach features activities like beach volleyball, paragliding and windsurfing.

Music concerts of various styles are also a common occurrence and the joy and the energy bubbling on the beach will for sure inspire you.

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Address: Mondello, Palermo

Museo Diocesano di Palermo



Housed in the Archbishop's Palace, Museo Diocesano di Palermo boast an impressive collection of sculptures from the 15th to 18th centuries. They also display interesting artworks, religious silver ware and textiles including sacred furnishings obtained from destroyed churches.

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Address: Via Matteo Bonello, 2, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 607 71 11 / +39 091 607 7303

Internet: www.museodiocesanoipa.it

Email: museo@diocesipa.it

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.

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Address: Via Piano Gallo SNC, Mondello, Palermo

Torre de San Nicolo all'Albergheria



Torre de San Nicolo all'Albergheria is a small 12th 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 breathtakingly rewarding, so don't forget to bring your camera!

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Address: Piazza Marina, 61, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 607 5306

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.

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Address: Piazza Cappuccini 1, Palermo

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 9.00 - 13.00 and 15.00 - 18.00

Phone: +39 091 212 117

Internet: www.palermocatacombs.com

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 enjoyed.

Osteria dei Vespri



Osteria dei Vespri is situated in the ancient heart of Palermo. The kitchen is led by Alberto Rizzo, whose purpose is to valorize traditional products. The wine cellar, has more than 600 labels, selected among the most interesting Italian and foreign producers.

Address: Piazza Croce dei Vespri, 6

Opening hours: Closed on Sundays. Mon-Sat: 13.00-15.00 / 20.00-23.00

Phone: +39 091 617 1631

Internet: www.osteriadeivespri.it

More Info: osteriadeivespri@libero.it

Gagini Restaurant



Gagini Restaurant claims to be a "social restaurant", meaning that they mix food with art, music and fashion. Romantic lit candles and fresh flowers on the tables set the mood in this open and inspiring venue. If you desire something different from a "Social Dinner" don't miss their great atmosphere and perfect space for a dinner, either for two, a group of friends, family or business.

Address: Via dei Cassari, 35

Phone: +39 91 58 99 18

Internet: www.gaginirestaurant.com

More Info: They organize cooking classes for at least 6 participants at different levels and wine tasting in the heart of Palermo. info@gaginirestaurant.com / twitter - [gaginirestaurant](https://twitter.com/gaginirestaurant)

Casa del Brodo



This classic restaurant opened its doors in 1890, making it one of the city's oldest restaurants. The interior is worn and has some less attractive modern details, but this doesn't stop it from being full on most evenings. The menu offers Sicilian specialties and food from the sea such as pasta con le sarde (fresh sardines with raisins and pine nuts).

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Address: Via Vittorio Emanuele, 175, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 321 655

Internet: www.casadelbrodo.it

Email: daldottore@casadelbrodo.it

Trattoria ai Cascinari



This is where the locals go, a long-standing favourite that usually get pack on the Sunday afternoons. A place where to relish a hearty Sicilian

meal, for a reasonable price and where the owner is friendly and has created a cosy and inviting atmosphere.

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Address: Via D'Ossuna, 43-45, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 651 9804

Il Baro



Il Baro is located in a charming neighbourhood outside of the city centre.

The restaurant is frequented by locals and much appreciated by

tourists. First and foremost, they serve pizza, but there are other things on the menu as well like pasta and meat dishes.

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Address: Via Mario Rutelli, 20, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 303110

Internet: www.ilbaro.net

Email: info@ilbaro.net

Billy's Food



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 more of an American fare like hamburgers, chicken nuggets and hearty sandwiches.

Photo: Nitr/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Piano Di Gallo 6A, Mondello, Palermo

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday - Friday: 12.30 - 15.30 & 19.15 - 23.00, Saturday - Sunday: 12.30 - 15.30 & 19.15 - 00.00

Phone: +39 091 453162

Internet: www.billysfood.com

Email: eatbillysfood@gmail.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.

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Address: Via D'ossuna 15, Palermo

Opening hours: Monday: Closed, Tuesday - Sunday: 12.00 - 16.00 & 19.30 - 23.00

Phone: +39 091 6511 309 / +39 339 1361 914

Internet: www.trattoria-palermo.it

Email: mammaciccina@tiscali.it

Ristorante Chan Sushi Bar



This is more than just a sushi bar, they also serve Chinese, Thai and Vietnamese dishes, all cooked with quality

produce. The food is artistically and skilfully presented and the ambience authentically Asian but yet modern.

Pop in to try something else than Italian flavours!

Photo: YuliiaHolovchenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Giuseppe Sciuti 104, Palermo

Opening hours: Monday: 19.00 - 03.00, Tuesday: 12.00 - 15.00 & 19.00 - 03.00, Wednesday: 19.00 - 03.00, Thursday - Sunday: 12.00 - 15.00 & 19.00 - 03.00

Phone: +39 091 62 68 179

Internet: www.chansushibar.it

Email: info@chansushibar.it

L'Ottava Nota



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

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Butera, 55, Palermo

Opening hours: Monday: 20.00 - 23.00, Tuesday - Thursday: 13.00 - 15.00 & 20.00 - 23.00, Friday - Sunday: 13.00 - 15.00 & 20.00 - 23.30, Sunday: Closed

Phone: +39 091 61 68 601

Internet: www.ristoranteottavanota.it

Email: ristoranteottavanota@gmail.com

A'Cuncuma Restaurant



This cosy family-owned Sicilian restaurant combines tasty tradition with mighty modernity. The chef is eager to create unforgettable

dishes, all cooked to perfection with fresh ingredients that are best savoured with all five senses. The food and the service is just impeccable at A'Cuncuma Restaurant and deserves a visit!

Photo: marco mayer/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Judica 21-23, Palermo

Opening hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 12.30 - 15.00 & 20.00 - 23.00, Monday and Thursday: Closed

Phone: +39 091 88 72 991

Email: restaurantacuncuma@gmail.com

Frida Pizzeria



Frida Pizzeria is a popular place, so if you want a table, your best bet is to be here early. The restaurant is popular for its pure tasty pizzas that comes in many different styles made with a unique combination of tradition and innovation and prepared with quality ingredients.

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Address: Piazza Sant'Onofrio, 37, Palermo

Opening hours: Monday: 19.30 - 00.00, Tuesday: Closed, Wednesday - Sunday: 19.30 - 00.00

Phone: +39 091 55 05 440

Internet: www.fridapizzeria.it

Email: fridapizzeria@gmail.com

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. From the menu, you can choose traditional Sicilian food with a modern touch, divine meat, fish and pasta dishes are all there.

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Address: Corso Vittorio Emanuele 150, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 33 28 18

Internet: www.ledeliziedicagliostro.it

Email: cagliostro04@tiscali.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.

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Address: Via Piano Gallo, 1, Mondello
Phone: +39 091 450 313
Internet: www.ristorantealgabbiano.it
Email: info@ristorantealgabbiano.it

Ferro di Cavallo Restaurant



Ferro di Cavallo serves some of the delicious Sicilian dishes in town. The alluring design of this restaurant makes it more conducive for great dining. Ferro di Cavallo Restaurant have delicious but affordable meals made even better by their friendly staff.

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Address: Piazza Venezia, 20, Palermo
Phone: +39 091 331 835
Internet: www.ferrodicavallopalermo.it

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.

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

CAFÉS



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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). And don't forget to pick a yummy dessert to complement your coffee, try the very traditional and famous desserts Cassata (a sponge cake moistened with fruit juices or liqueur and layered with ricotta cheese and chocolate chips) or the Sicilian cannoli stuffed with ricotta cheese and pistachio.

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.

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Address: Piazza Don Bosco, 7, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 309 016

Internet: lnx.pasticceriaalba.it

Email: info@grafimovie.it

La Preferita



This is as much an ice cream parlour as a café where they serve traditional well-presented Sicilian desserts. Try the tartufo La Preferita's own take on the Calabrian chocolate dessert or any of the other delicious cakes, desserts, pastries or sweets.

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Address: Via Villareale, 49, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 587 916

Internet: www.lapraferitabar.jimdo.com

Email: lapraferitabar@gmail.com

Panificio Graziano



A traditional pizzeria, Panificio Graziano, is widely known for their yummy pizza and hugely popular with the locals. This means there is often a long line of people waiting their turn and many who are coming back all over again.

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Address: Via Del Granatiere, 11/13, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 625 4800

Internet: www.panificiograziano.it

Email: panificiograziano@alice.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, cannolis, cheesecake, pastries and a lot more awaits you here.

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Address: Via Marino Migliaccio, 39, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 682 2381

Internet: www.oscarpasticceria.it

Spinnato



This café/restaurant is a perfect place to stop by and relax. Spinnato offers affordable yet delicious menu like arrancine or rice balls, pizzas, cannollis and desserts like ice creams, pastries and much more. Although it is always full of people, the ambiance and service of the place is remarkable.

Photo: bonchan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza Castelnuovo, 16/17, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 329 220

Internet: www.spinnato.it

Pasticceria Cappello



A heaven for all sugar addicts, Pasticceria Cappello is a delightful and well-known place where cakes, pastries and cookies are on display, true work of arts such as the seven-layer chocolate cakes, sweet cannolis, filled croissants, almond and pistachio cookies are all there to get picked. Accompanied your cake with a cup of

creamy coffee and just enjoy the juicy sweet Italian flavours.

Photo: a9photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Colonna Rotta, 68, Palermo

Opening hours: Monday - Tuesday: 07.00 - 21.30,

Wednesday: Closed, Thursday - Sunday: 07.00 - 21.30

Phone: +39 091 489601

Internet: www.pasticceriacappello.it

Email: info@pasticceriacappello.it

Gelateria La kala



Although this place is a bit hard to find, it is truly worth a visit. Here you can cool down with homemade ice creams, made with high quality

ingredients and there are just simply yummy!

The staff are friendly and the prices are good, what more can you ask for?

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Address: Piazza fonderia 8/9, Palermo

Phone: +39 329 633 8669

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.

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.

Just relax, pick a cocktail and mingle with the locals.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Foro Umberto I N. 21/A, Palermo

Phone: +39 340 1573493

Internet: www.kursaalkalhesa.com

Email: info@kursaalkalhesa.com

Bar des Arcades



With a unique location, overlooking the marina bay, Bar des Arcades is the perfect spot where to enjoy a delicious cocktail on the terrace or by the

fireplace in the winter months. Have some snacks with your drink and listen to the beautiful music that comes from the piano every evening.

Photo: 3523studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Salita Belmonte 43, Palermo

Opening hours: April to October: Monday - Sunday: 17.00 - 01.00

Phone: +39 091 631 2111

Internet: www.villa-igiea.com

Email: H9836@accor.com

More Info: Located at Grand Hotel Villa Igeia.

La Cuba



La Cuba, a bar and a restaurant where to dine and drink in a relaxed ambiance, right in the centre of the city. Serving the best Italian wines and cocktails that will satisfy the most experienced connoisseurs and it all can be enjoyed while listing to live jazz, blues and pop music or dance the night away to the rhythm of Cuban music played by a DJ.

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Address: Via Francesco Scaduto 12, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 300846

Internet: www.lacuba.com

Email: direzione@lacuba.it

Bottigliera Del Massimo



Close to the Teatro Massimo you will find this cool bar, a perfect place for those who wants to drop by and have a sip of delicious wine. With a great location and delightful drinks, Bottigliera Del Massimo is an exciting choice to experience the nightlife in Palermo.

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Address: Via Salvatore Spinuzza 59, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 335730

Email: info@bottiglieriadelmassimo.it

Tonnara Florio



Tonnara Florio is a beautiful venue in Palermo that has always mesmerized its guests not only for its charming view and delicious drink and food but also for its rich historical heritage. For

centuries, this place had evolved from being a fish slaughter house into a cool restaurant/bar that hosts important events.

Photo: IVASHstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Discesa Tonnara, 4, Palermo

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 19.00 - 03.00

Phone: +39 091 772 7931

Internet: www.tonnaraflorio.com

Email: tonnaraflorioricevimenti@gmail.com

Alchimia



Famous for its delicious fusion of cocktails and drinks, Alchimia is a cosy 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 as well as Arabic Cuisines in a relaxed and vibrant ambiance.

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Address: Piazza Sant Onofrio, 39, Palermo

Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 19.00 - 02.30, Saturday:

19.00 - 03.30, Sunday: 19.00 - 02.30

Phone: +39 338 971 0672

Email: alchimia.pub@libero.it

Il Siciliano Restaurant



Il Siciliano Restaurant serves delicious Italian and Mediterranean cuisine including sumptuous drinks in a venue where the interior imbibes the glamour of Palermo's rich culture and history. Also hosting live music in the late evenings that enhances the vibrant atmosphere.

Photo: melis/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Orologio 37, Palermo

Phone: +39 339 666 2121

Cantavespri Vini e Vinili



In the heart of Palermo lies this chic bar that has captivated its guests with great live music, live DJ acts, sophisticated ambiance and the 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.

Photo: sad444/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vicolo Valguarnera 8, Palermo

Bar Marocco



Bar/cafeteria Marocco has earned the trust of many of its guests through the years because of their fresh and sumptuous Italian dishes and desserts including delicious wines, drinks and coffees. The venue is located near the cathedral and other landmarks making it a good stop for dinner and drink.

Photo: Akhenaton Images/Shutterstock.com

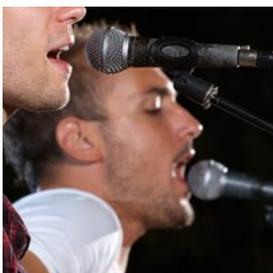
Address: Via Vittorio Emanuele 494, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 651 1904

Internet: www.barmarocco.it

Email: info@barmarocco.it

Malox



Malox, considered to be among the popular pubs in Palermo that serves one of the finest cocktails in Palermo that are so skilfully created for one's taste. A place where to mingle with friends while enjoying an evening out and where cocktails and beers are reasonably priced.

Photo: Vladimir Koletic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazzetta della Canna 8/9, Palermo

Phone: +39 371 176 8843

Email: malox@coopmetrolab.it

Berlin Café



With a combination of great location, highly skilled bartenders and cool DJ's, Berlin Café is one of the popular bars in Palermo. The bar has a good selection of drinks that will spark up the night and if the hunger kicks in the menu also offers delightful dishes.

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Address: Via Isidoro La Lumia 21, Palermo

Phone: +39 338 243 5237

SHOPPING



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Shopping in Palermo is a true delight, a city where you will find a little bit of everything, from boutiques of high fashion to colourful markets selling fresh fruits, vegetables, fish as well as clothes and crafts. It is at the street markets you will find some great bargains and where to experience some unique Palermo shopping. The largest market is La Vucciria, where you will find great items to bring back home and when you are looking for famous Italian fashion brands, such as Armani and Versace, head over to the

smart Via Libertà, a street lined with both Italian and European high fashion labels. When seeking for a place to cool down then the malls in Palermo is a great option, one of the largest is the Forum Palermo, housing 120 shops, restaurants, cafés and a cinema, making it a great place to spend a whole day of shopping.

When in Palermo, bring a typical souvenir back home that can remind you of your trip, painted pottery, coral jewellery and copperware are some of the special items you can get. On the streets and alleyways of La Kalsa you will find craftsmen who are creating beautiful handicraft by using centuries-old traditions.

Vucciria Market



Vucciria Market is one of the most popular markets in Palermo. From fresh sea food, 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.

Photo: elxeneize/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza San Domenico, Palermo

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: Dawn - 2 pm

Forum Palermo



With 120 stores, Forum Palermo is considered as one of the biggest shopping malls in Palermo. It has many luxurious boutiques,

restaurants, services and other establishments making it a favourite shopping destination of many tourists. Shops such as Guess, H&M,

Timberland, United Colors of Benetton, Pandora, Swarovski and Adidas, are all housed here.

Photo: Dmitry Kalinovsky/Shutterstock.com

Address: Localita Roccella via Pecoraino, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 621 8353

Internet: www.forum-palermo.it

Email: direzione@forum-palermo.it

La Coppola Storta



La Coppola Storta manufactures genuine Sicilian coppolas. The stylish designs of the coppolas are influenced by the modern and

fashionable trends that are made up of high quality fabric. This is the perfect souvenir to bring back home.

Photo: exopixel/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Bara All'Olivella, 74, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 324428

Internet: www.lacoppolastorta.it

Email: info@lacoppolastortashop.com

The Cittacotte



Looking for a great memento from Palermo? Come and visit The Cittacotte for creative handmade miniatures of renowned edifices and

monuments not only in Palermo but in other cities of Sicily as well. Every piece is made by the Italian architect Vincenzo Vizzari himself using innovative and exceptional techniques to create the detailed and elaborate designs.

Photo: nhungboon/Shutterstock.com

Address: C.so Vittorio Emanuele, 120, Palermo

Phone: +39 3383 626 784

Internet: www.cittacotte.com

Email: info@cittacotte.com

Torregrossa



Torregrossa is one of the first Italian boutiques where the products of well-known designers in the city of Palermo are found. Torregrossa offers a great array of fashionable clothing and exquisite accessories making it a great choice to visit for fashion needs.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via della Libertà, 5, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 580 925

Internet: www.torregrossaboutique.com

Email: info@torregrossaboutiques.com

Picone Enoteca



A wine bar and a store, 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.

Photo: hxdbzxy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Marconi 36, Palermo

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 9.00 - 13:30 & 16.00 - 22.00, Sunday: 09.30 - 13.30

Phone: +39 091 331300

Internet: www.enotecapicone.com

Email: Info@enotecapicone.com

Soldano Shoes and Accessories



Soldano has been in business since 1911 and is a great name when it comes to classy but affordable footwear and accessories in Palermo.

Each product is made up of high quality materials and there are multitude of designs to choose from! There are two locations, one in Via Ruggero Settimo 75 and one in Via Petrarca 10.

Photo: kikovic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Petrarca,10, Palermo

Opening hours: Monday: 16.00 - 20.00, Tuesday - Saturday: 09.00 - 20.00, Sunday: Closed

Phone: +39 091 6261071

Internet: www.soldano.eu

Email: info@soldano.eu

Ciatu ALAB



Ciatu ALAB is a cool place to shop for bags and luggages. Founded and managed by three young and creative Sicilian crafters, Ciatu ALAB offers a wide selection of uniquely designed bags and accessories that are made with high quality materials.

Photo: MJTH/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza Aragona 3, Palermo

Phone: +39 333 583 3158

Internet: www.alabpalermo.it/alab/ciatu

Tre Erre Ceramiche



Tre Erre Ceramiche is a popular pottery shop in Palermo and was founded in 1979. This is a great place to look for rare and fabulous pieces of majolica art and ceramics that are perfect as gifts or as a personal collection to bring back home.

Photo: Forster Forest/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Emerico Amari, 49, Palermo

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 09.00 - 13.00 & 15.30 - 19.30, Sunday: Closed

Phone: +39 091 323 827

Internet: www.treerreceramiche.com

Email: info@treerreceramiche.com

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 can be found in this famous market.

Photo: Bildagentur Zoonar GmbH/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Porta Carini, Palermo

Phone: +39 389 042 9240

More Info: Located behind the Teatro Massimo

Ballarò



Near Plaza del Carmine is one of the oldest markets in Palermo, the Ballarò. This busy open market is a great place to find delectable culinary treats, exotic foods, fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, fish and much more. A great place where to catch the south Italian spirit!

Photo: Emanuele/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Via Ballarò, 14, Palermo

Fiorentino



When it comes to fashionable jewellery, Fiorentino is considered as one of the most trusted place to find one. They have a great collection of classy and luxurious watches, charms and trinkets with classic and contemporary designs

to choose from.

Photo: AptTone/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via XII Gennaio, 4, Palermo

Opening hours: Monday: 16.00 - 19.45, Tuesday - Saturday: 09.30 - 13.00 & 16.00 - 19.45, Sunday: Closed

Phone: +39 091 786 5691

Email: info@fiorentino1890.it

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 Guiseppa will surely enchant someone with the grandeur history and culture of the city that is embedded in their artworks.

Photo: charles taylor/Shutterstock.com

Address: Corso Vittorio Emanuele 273, Palermo

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 09.00 - 19.30, Sunday: Closed

Phone: +39 338 187 1244

Archigiana



For those who are looking for classy and inimitable mementos for gifts or as personal loot, come and visit Archigiana. The shop 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.

Photo: Viktoria Minkova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Alessandro Paternostro, 69, Palermo

Phone: +39 328 325 7268

Internet: www.arkigiana.jimdo.com

Email: archigiana@gmail.com

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. Selling different kinds of products from clothing and apparel to cosmetics, jewelleryes and home decorations.

Photo: MJTH/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Roma, 289, Palermo
Phone: +39 916 017 811

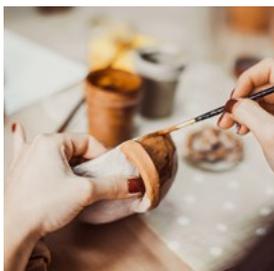
Magazzini Anita



For vintage lovers, visiting Palermo will not be complete without visiting Magazzini Anita. This cool place 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.

Photo: Piccia Neri/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Maqueda, 263, Palermo
Opening hours: Monday: 10.00 - 14.00 & 15.00 - 20.00,
Tuesday - Saturday: 10.00 - 14.00 & 15.30 - 20.00, Sunday:
15.30 - 20.00
Phone: +39 347 987 2142
Email: magazzini.anita@libero.it

La Fabbrica della Ceramica



Run by Susanna di Simone, daughter of the founder, La Fabbrica della Ceramica is a delightful shop, offering beautiful collection of artistic ceramic. Everything from colourful cups

to plates, bowls and other home décor are created by the owner herself and beautifully displayed on the shelves.

Photo: Helen Sushitskaya/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Massimo D'Azeglio, 21, Palermo
Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 08.30 - 13.00 & 14.30 - 20.00, Saturday: 10.00 - 13.00 & 16.30 - 20.00, Sunday: Closed
Phone: +39 916 251 997
Internet: www.lafabbricadellaceramica.it
Email: info@lafabbricadellaceramica.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Palermo International Airport



Palermo International Airport, also called Falcone-Borsellino, is located 35 kilometres (20 miles) from Palermo.

With the bus company

Prestia e Comandè, you can get to the city centre of Palermo from the airport. The bus runs between 05.00 and 00.15 and from 06.30 the bus runs every 30 minutes. The tickets can be bought online (www.prestiaecomande.it), on the bus and at the ticket office at the airport (next to the Arrivals and the bus stop).

The airport taxi service is on the exit Arrivals

Area and they are coordinated with the timetable of the arrival flights.

Car rental companies such as Avis, Hertz, Europcar and Sixt are all located in the Arrivals Hall of the airport if you would like to rent a car.

There is also an information desk outside the arrivals area if you would need any further help.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Palermo International Airport, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 70 20 111

Internet: www.gesap.it

Public Transport



Use the AMAT network of buses and trams to get around the city. Tickets are valid for 90 minutes and can be bought from tobacco vendors, some

newsagents or at the AMAT kiosk at Piazza Ruggero Séttimo and Stazione Centraleà. You need to stamp the ticket in the machines that are located near the entrances of the vehicle when boarding. The tram system operates four lines in Palermo and is an easy way to get around.

AMAT also run night buses, while Trenitalia manage the train network.

AMAT: +39 091 350111

Trenitalia Sicily: +39 091 6170224

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Internet: www.amat.pa.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 and also make sure it is run by an official taxi company (check if there is a taximeter before boarding the taxi). Taxi ranks are located at the train station, Piazza Politeama, Teatro Massimo and Piazza Indipendenza.

Autoradiotaxi

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www.autoradiotaxi.it

autoradiotaxipalermo@libero.it

Cooperativa Radiotaxi Trinacria

+39 91 225030

www.radiotaxitrinacria.it

Post



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

One post office is located at:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Via Eugenio l'Emiro, 12/D, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 651 3159

Internet: www.poste.it

Pharmacy



Palermo's pharmacies have alternating open hours during weekends and nights. One pharmacy called Farmacia Cerasola M.L is

located on the following address.:

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Via Don Orione, 28, Palermo

Phone: +39 091 637 9559

Internet: www.farmaciacerasola.com

Telephone



Country code: +39 Area code: 091 (do not omit the zero)

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



230 V, 50 Hz

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

678,000

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

Tourist Information Centre - MICRO

Via Alloro 19, Palermo

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Corso Alberto Amedeo	A3 A4	Via Catania	A1	Via Giovanni Pacini	A2
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