



Taormina

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Over the years, Taormina has been a magnificent source of inspiration for artists from all over the world - celebrated as the idyllic spot par excellence, it represents the ideal place to escape from the chaos of the city life.

Romantically located 200m above the sea level, it has picturesquely settled on a coastal terrace, overlooking the vastness of the Ionian Sea. The mild temperature that rarely goes below +11 and the natural beauty of the hill where the city has risen up, are complemented by the view of the Etna Volcano in all its magnificence.

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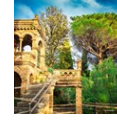
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THE CITY



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The overwhelming feeling of being on such a high ground, the breathtaking panorama and the fusion of nature and art at its best have made Taormina an exclusive travel destination.

A former Greek settlement, the city was then conquered by Romans and Byzantines and the splendor of that golden Era has lasted throughout the years. Here in fact, the beauty of the nature has been enhanced by human hands and culminated in the Greek Amphitheater which dominates the scenes.

The vibrant center of the city is Piazza IX Aprile, beautifully adorned by the 17th century Sant Agostino and San Giuseppe's churches; once you cross Porta di Mezzo (literally "middle door"), you will enter the ancient part of the city where the Clock Tower was erected over 300 years ago.

The quaint Corso Umberto I is the main road that runs through the whole city, which, with a myriad of shops and restaurants, will lead you from the city center to Porta Catania and the magnificent Badia Vecchia.

Taormina is not only a captivating historical site - it's beautiful coastal line, its marine grottoes and faraglioni (rocks) have enchanted numerous

generations and they are only a cable way ride away from the city center.

DO & SEE



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The medieval town can probably be walked within one day and, despite its tiny area, this little gem located on the East coast of Sicily has a unique charm that has an enchanting force on travelers.

The quaint and historical center, the beautiful Corso Umberto I with its shops and traditional Sicilian restaurants, crystal water beaches and the numerous solutions for a day trip in the Sicilian surroundings are some of the ingredients that make the so called "pearl" of the Ionic Sea so unique and charming.

The Greek Amphitheater



Certainly the most iconic monument of the city, the Amphitheater was erected in Taormina in the 2nd century BC.

Celebrated by Goethe for "the most beautiful view from a theater", it overlooks the Ionic sea and Mount Etna. The classic cavea was gently tailored by the side of the hill and it serves as stage for international events.

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 Address: 40 Del Teatro Greco Road, Taormina
 Opening hours: Everyday 9am - 5pm
 Phone: +39 94 25 1001
 Internet: www.teatrogrecotaormina.com
 Email: parco.archeo.naxos@regione.sicilia.it

Isola Bella



The literal translation "beautiful island" does certainly reflect reality. This Mediterranean paradise serves as a natural habitat for diverse species of birds and sea life and, with its crystal water, it's the ideal spot to have a bath and enjoy the ocean breeze.

Put your diver's mask on and get your flippers ready, snorkelling here will be a memorable experience.

Photo: Martin M303/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Isolabella, Taormina
 Public Transport: Take the cableway from Pirandello road to Mazzarò
 More Info: Pebbly beach, it's recommended to use plastic shoes

IX Aprile Square



Bustling landmark of Taormina, Piazza IX Aprile is the vibrant heart of the town. Guarded by two majestic churches, it offers an inspiring view of the Ionic Sea and, with its traditional cafes and restaurants, it is the ideal place to sip some local almond wine while listening to musicians fiddling with their strings.

Relax your gaze, breath naturally and stare towards the horizon - you will be certainly

overwhelmed with feelings.

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 Address: IX Aprile Square, Taormina

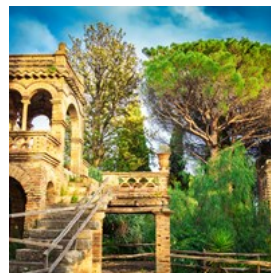
Chiesa di San Giuseppe



Constructed at the end of the XVII century, San Giuseppe church dominates Piazza IX Aprile with an elaborate Baroque facade. The interiors are finely decorated with floral motifs and angels, as well as with some exquisite frescoes picturing traditional Catholic images.

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 Address: IX Aprile Square, Taormina
 Phone: +39 94 22 3766

Villa Comunale



Recommended by both tourists and locals alike, the gardens of this villa represent the perfect escapade and a shaded solution after having spent days at the beach. Designed by the British and eccentric Lady Florence Trevelyan, they fairly resemble British gardens although they house a diverse and rare Sicilian flora as well as exotic plants. The architectural beauties are also considerable - take a look at the Beehive, this bizarre construction along with the other classical statues will make you wonder.

Photo: Anna Lurye/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Via Bagnoli Croce, Taormina
 Opening hours: Summertime 9am - midnight , Wintertime 9am - sunset

Corvaja Palace



Overlooking Badia square, this iconic palace was erected throughout the Arabs' domination in the XI century. The peculiar architectural

features show a mixture of styles which blend together to create this astonishing mansion; take a walk up the XIII century staircase and discover the art exhibition hosted in the building.

Photo: LesM/Shutterstock.com

Address: Corvaja Palace Corso Umberto, Taormina

Phone: +39 09 426 20198

Corso Umberto I



Corso Umberto I crosses the entire town in what is the best and most iconic walk in Taormina. Take a stroll from Porta Catania to Porta Messina, the two

ancient gateways that guard the city define the border of the medieval town.

The road will lead you to some of the historical sites of the city as well as the best restaurants, cafes and shops.

Photo: Harvey Barrison (image cropped)

Address: Corso Umberto I, Taormina

Odeon



If you happen to stroll through the picturesque alleys in town, you might stumble upon the Odeon.

Only a few steps away from the main road, this

Roman theatre was discovered in 1892 underneath buildings constructed upon it over the years. Its remaining stands out from the rest

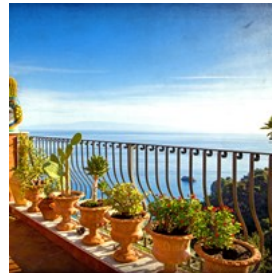
of the city, letting you dreaming of the long gone Roman Era.'

Photo: vvoe/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Timeo, Taormina

More Info: Near Palazzo Corvaja

Lido Mazzarò



Take a ride on the cable way that connects the main town to this quaint beach, the breath-taking view will just anticipate what to expect from Lido

Mazzarò. Although it is a pebbly beach, it is perfect for sunbathing and have a break from the daily routine. If you fancy having lunch at the beach, you will also find some local restaurants.

Photo: lapas77/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lido Mazzarò, Mazzarò

More Info: Pebbly beach, it is recommended to use plastic shoes

La Grotta Blu



A hidden gem located at Mazzarò Beach is the Blue Grotto. This ideal scuba-diving spot is also perfect for a boat trip: the crystal blue of the sea is

reflected on the inside of the grotto, creating a show of dazzling lights and colours. Enjoy the underwater world, you will find numerous scuba-diving schools throughout Taormina and Isolabella, for beginners or advanced divers.

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Address: Nike Diving Center, 121 Nazionale Road, Mazzarò

Phone: +39 339 196 1559

Internet: www.diveniketaormina.com

Email: nikediving@tin.it

Duomo di Taormina



The also called "Fortress Cathedral", is a Medieval church built in the 13th century over the ruins of San Nicola's church. The austere facade granted the title to the biggest medieval monument in Taormina which, with its Gothic-Norman style, is one of the must see in town.

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Address: Piazza Duomo, Taormina

Fountain Piazza Duomo



Located in Duomo Square, the Fountain of Piazza Duomo is further enhanced by the medieval beauty of Taormina's Cathedral, which stands right in front of it, dominating the square. Constructed in a Gothic style, this stunning monument is guarded by the statue of the Minotaur, the half-man half-horse mythological emblem of the city.

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Address: Duomo Square, Taormina

Spisone Beach



A subtle paradise of blue crystal water, this public beach is bigger than Mazarò Lido and certainly more relaxing. It is the locals most-loved spot as it doesn't normally bustle with tourists and the tiny rock islands emerging from the blue surface, make its view particularly suggestive.

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Address: Spisone Beach, via Nazionale, Taormina
Public Transport: Bus 22, Caparana bus stop

Gole Alcantara



A day trip to the suggestive Alcantara Gorge offers a shaded solution to cool off and hide from the hot Sicilian sun. Located on the slope of Mount Etna, it was formed over 4000 years ago by the flow of lava crystallized by the touch of the Alcantara River, which created enchanting natural sculptures. Follow the numerous trails and get ready for an exciting hiking day.

The journey takes roughly an hour and 10 minutes by bus and 40 minutes by car.

Photo: Natursports/Shutterstock.com
Address: 5 Nazionale Road, Motta Camastra
Public Transport: From Taormina bus terminal numerous Interbus buses run to Gole di Alcantara. Check departures on www.interbus.it
Phone: +39 328 65 80 130
Internet: gole dellalcantara.it

Giardini di Naxos



Featuring white sandy beaches and crystal blue water, this 4 km coastline is one of the most picturesque and fascinating bays on the island. Plentiful restaurants, bars and shops as well as the archaeological park, make Giardini di Naxos a perfect alternative for a day trip. Located only 6km from Taormina city centre, it is only a 26 minutes' bus ride.

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Address: Giardini Naxos, Messina
Public Transport: From Taormina bus terminal numerous

Interbus buses run to Giardini di Naxos. Check departures on www.interbus.it

Madonna della Rocca Church



Perched on the mount that dominates Taormina, this intimate church was carved out of rocks and features peculiar rock interiors. From Taormina city centre, walk up the numerous steps that lead to this quaint church and enjoy one of the most suggestive views of the city.

Photo: slavapolo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Madonna Rocca, Salita Castello

Phone: +39 338 80 33 448

The Saracen Castle



The stairway that leads also to Madonna della Rocca Church, culminates in the Saracen Castle, making it the perfect destination if you fancy an hour long hike away from the bustle of the city centre. The breath-taking view and the ruins of the once magnificent castle are well worth the walk.

Photo: ArTono/Shutterstock.com

Address: Maria Rocco Road, Taormina

More Info: The castle is normally closed due to safety reasons

Taormina Film Festival



Hosting internationally acclaimed cinema celebrities since 1955, Taormina Film Festival is the main event in town. Every year, in June, the ancient Greek amphitheatre comes back to life, regaining its former glory to celebrate the best

in the cinema industry.

Photo: Damiano Poli/Shutterstock.com

Address: Greek Anphitheather, Teatro Greco Road, Taormina

Internet: www.taorminafilmfest.net

DINING



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The essence of the Sicilian cuisine lies in its beautifully cooked seafood dishes that belong to a tradition dated hundreds of years ago as a result of the mixture of different cultures which have dwelled in town since the first Greek settlements.

Taormina, the pearl of the Ionic Sea, has mastered its culinary art boasting some of the best eatery of the Mediterranean Island. The tender meat of the swordfish fished locally is a must-try: it is served with vegetables or plain as a "secondo piatto" (the second course) always preceded by a primo piatto (normally pasta, risotto or soup) and an antipasto. And, to fulfill your Italian experience, you can't miss the dessert rigorously accompanied by the almond wine, a peculiarity of Taormina's tradition.

Villa Antonio

Villa Antonio serves typical Sicilian cuisine with a modern twist, adjusting some specialties to make them unique masterpiece of the culinary art. The breath-taking view and the elegant interiors are some of the peculiarities of the restaurant; it is in fact romantically located just

in front of the Ionic Sea, offering one of the most charming balcony in town.

Address: 88, Luigi Pirandello Road, Taormina

Phone: +39 942 62 5502

Internet: www.villaantonio.it

Email: info@villaantonio.it

Al Saraceno

Perched above the city Taormina, the restaurant is located on the way to the Saraceno Castle: the fantastic location offers a sweeping view of the entire city, the stunning bay and the suggestive Mount Etna, often capped with snow. The cuisine is rigorously Sicilian, offering a real taste of the typical dishes.

Address: 16/18 Madonna della Rocca Road, Taormina

Phone: +39 942 632 015

Internet: www.alsaraceno.it

Email: info@alsaraceno.it

Casa Gioli

Offering a place for emerging artists to exhibit their works, Casa Gioli is a vibrant and artistic spot located in the heart of Taormina. Sicilian specialties along with innovative dishes are cooked in a kitchen perfectly visible from the restaurant and can be accompanied by some of the most delicious wines of the Sicilian tradition.

Address: 2 Giordano Bruno Road, Taormina

Phone: +39 94 26 83 017

Internet: www.casagioli.it

Email: info@casagioli.it

On the Road Pub

Fancy escaping from Mediterranean food for a night and want to opt for a good, old burger? On the road is the place for you to be. The juicy burgers are served with local toppings which give them a touch of Italian flavours and can be accompanied by good beer carefully selected by experts.

Address: Viale San Pancrazio 48, Taormina

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday 7pm - 2am

Phone: +39 347 82 26 749

Nettuno

Located in the heart of the historical centre of Taormina, Nettuno Restaurant boasts a wide variety of daily-catch seafood. Fantastic setting and a romantic courtyard are some of the peculiarities of this restaurant which is extremely popular for its cooking classes as well. Take a deep breath and enjoy a taste of Sicily.

Address: 5 Salita Santippo, Taormina

Opening hours: Thursday - Tuesday 12.30am - 11.30pm

Friday - Wednesday 11.30am - 11pm

Phone: +39 0942 626023

Internet: www.ristorantenettunodasiciliano.it

Email: ristorantenettunonaxos@hotmail.it

Caparena Sushi & Wine

After a stroll down Corso Umberto I and a full immersion into the Italian culture, take a break from the surrounding world and head to Caparena. The best sushi experience in town awaits for you here: made from the freshest ingredients, it is the best solution for a dinner in the vibrant center of the city.

Address: 58 Corso Umberto, Taormina

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday for dinner only

Phone: +39 942 23 153

More Info: Japanese Restaurant

Trattoria Don Ciccio

Combining fresh ingredients cooked on the spot and a rustic atmosphere, Trattoria Don Ciccio is what represents the most of the traditional Italian eatery. "Trattoria" is the name used by Italians to refer to those "less sophisticated" restaurants where authenticity and Italian flavours are the keywords and that is just what Don Ciccio stands for.

Address: 19 Via Damiano Rosso, Taormina

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 10am - 11pm

Phone: +39 942 62 83 41

Tischi Toschi

Tischi Toschi is a must-do in Taormina.

Everything, from the locally-sourced ingredients to the eccentric owner, is genuinely Sicilian ; a strong passion for good food and happy people is the secret behind the success of this tiny, yet increasingly popular restaurant.

Address: 3 Francesco Paladini Alley, Taormina

Phone: +39 339 36 42 088

Internet: tischitoschitrattoria.com

Email: info@cheflucacasablanca.com

Murgo Winery

A great terrace that overlooks the Murgo vineyards, the excellent aroma of ripe grapes and delicious products grown locally: Murgo Winery offers excellence all-around in a complete feast for your senses. Join the wine tasting - the knowledgeable staff will accompany you in a memorable Italian experience through the best local wines.

Address: 13 Zafferana Road, San Michele Village

Phone: +39 095 950 52

Internet: www.murgo.it

Strit Fud

A deli that serves typical Sicilian food and some arancini to-die-for - Strit Fud offers an amazingly Italian version of a fast food. Offering the best of the Italian tradition, it serves homemade dishes that range from pizza, to baked pasta along with other delicious baked goods.

Address: 23 Di Giovanni Road, Taormina

Opening hours: Everyday 11am - 10pm

Phone: +39 942 626110

L'Ultima Pinta Steakhouse

A bottle of wine, a premium cut of meat or just

some appetizers and a friendly, Italian atmosphere - the perfect combination for an excellent dining experience. The rustic interiors along with a great selection of drinks and food will take the culinary art to a whole new level.

Address: 13 Calapitrulli Road, Taormina

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday 11.30am - 11pm

Phone: +39 942 23 658

Email: lultimapintataormina@live.it

Ristorante Taormina

An exclusive and unique restaurant with one of the most beautiful views of the bay - Ristorante Taormina offers a sophisticated range of dishes that meet Sicilian tradition and innovative trends. Delicious food along with outstanding service is the main ingredient of this local gem.

Address: 2 Teofane Cerameo Alley, Taormina

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 12am - 12pm

Phone: +39 942 24359

Pizzeria Villa Zuccaro

Representing the Italian food par excellence, pizza is a cornerstone of the Italian culinary tradition and with its delicious products, Pizzeria Villa Zuccaro keeps up the good name of the country. A favorite among the locals, this restaurant is a must-try in town.

Address: 5 Carmine Square, Taormina

Phone: +39 942 62 80 18

More Info: Pizza restaurant

Gambero Rosso

Offering a wide variety of fresh seafood along with delicious pizza and pasta, Gambero Rosso is the Sicilian restaurant par excellence. Let yourself get carried away by the authenticity of the dishes of the Sicilian tradition and try their homemade limoncello, buonissimo!

Address: 11 Via Naumachie, Taormina

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 10am - 11.30pm
Phone: +39 09 42 24 863

CAFES



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Ask any Italian where to have the best breakfast in town and he will certainly direct you to a local "pasticceria" (pastry shop). Yes, because here in Italy, the traditional breakfast (la prima colazione) consists of a latte and whatever your sweet tooth may crave. The astute Sicilians, however, came up with an idea to combine an energizing breakfast with a refreshing solution to cope with the hot summers of the Mediterranean island - "granita" and "brioche col tuppo" is the ideal Sicilian breakfast. As much as the idea of having a slush for breakfast sound bizarre, our suggestion is to try it: the Sicilian granita is exceptionally tasty and made from fresh ingredients.

Etna Pasticceria

Serving a wide selection of Sicilian delicatessen that range from traditional almond sweets to ricotta cannoli, Etna Pasticceria is the breakfast spot par excellence. Located on the crowded Corso Umberto I, It also serves as an ideal pit stop to recover strength and to raise energy level and continue your shopping day.

Address: 112 Corso Umberto I, Taormina
Opening hours: Everyday 8am - 9pm (wintertime) 8am - Midnight (summertime)

Phone: +39 942 24735
Internet: www.pasticceriaetna.com

O' Scialti

O' Scialti is a traditional gelateria in the heart of the historical town - serving handmade gelato along with some freshly baked almond cones it is a must-do stop for a refreshing solution after a hot, sunny, Sicilian day. O' Scialty takes the perfection of gelato to a whole new level.

Address: 12 Antonio Abate Square, Taormina
Phone: +39 942 24877
Internet: www.osciality.it
Email: info@osciality.it

BamBar

A family-run business that has only one interest at heart: to serve the best granita in town. A rather ambitious goal, as granita is a Sicilian specialty whose preparation process has been mastered over the years in Taormina but BamBar is succeeding in doing it. Treat yourself with their delicious granita, you will not regret it.

Address: 45 Di giovanni Road, Taormina
Opening hours: Everyday 7am - 11pm
Phone: +39 0942 24355
Email: sarettobambara@gmail.com

Wunderbar

The beautiful location in the heart of the city, the great view that overlooks Mount Etna and a great history of celebrities that have chosen this romantic spot as a gathering point, have made Wunderbar a place to see and to be seen. The elegant balcony and the music on the background will take you back to the 1960s, for a full immersion into the Sicilian Dolce Vita.

Address: 7 IX Aprile Square, Taormina
Phone: +39 942 62 53 02
Internet: www.wunderbarcaffe.it
Email: info@wunderbarcaffe.it

Mocambo Caffè Bar

Elegant red and white interiors, stunning chandeliers and an upscale service - at Mocambo Caffè, the Dolce Vita atmosphere will overwhelm you with nostalgic feelings. Along with Wunderbar, Mocambo stands for exclusiveness and uniqueness, making this beautifully located bar a landmark of Taormina.

Address: IX Aprile Square, Taormina

Phone: +39 942 23 350

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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As an exclusive seaside resort, Taormina, attracts a crowd of both young people and older ones alike, offering quality entertainment for everybody. The evening starts at 6, when folks pour down the streets to attend an event that is more a lifestyle than just a drink : the "aperitivo". The internationally called happy hour, in Italy becomes the occasion to get together and release the stress of the everyday life. It normally consists of a Spritz (Prosecco, soda water and Aperol or Campari) and some handmade snacks which are normally on the house.

For those who want to continue partying, Taormina has no shortage of options, especially over summer: from nightclubs to late bars, you will find that Taormina never sleeps.

Morgana Lounge Bar



The ideal spot for exquisite after-dinner drinks or a pre-club gathering point, Morgana Lounge is an upscale bar that serves delicious cocktails. Take a seat at the Ibisus garden, the scent of the orange blossoms and the elegant interiors create an intimate and magnificently Sicilian atmosphere.

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Address: 4 Scesa Morgana, Taormina

Opening hours: Everyday 8pm - 4am

Phone: +39 942 620056

Internet: www.morganataormina.it

Email: info@morganabar.it

Daiquiri Lounge



Outdoor cocktail bar, hip music on the background and complimentary snacks -Daiquiri Lounge is a favorite among locals and tourists alike. The quaint steps in front of the bar buzz with life over the whole warm Sicilian summer, making Daiquiri Lounge the perfect place to enjoy the bustling heart of the city.

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Address: Duomo Square, Taormina

Phone: +39 942 62 57 03

Internet: www.daiquiri-taormina.com

Flamingo Bar



Just a few steps away from Corso Umberto I, Flamingo Bar offers the trendiest Friday night in town. The evening starts with an elegant aperitivo

of oysters and champagne and continues till late, offering quality cocktails and dim candle lights that shape a magical atmosphere.

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Address: 5 Paladini Square, Taormina

Phone: +39 942 68 05 97

O-Seven Irish Pub



A welcomed variation from the multitude of local Sicilian bars, Time Out Pub is a shaded solution in a hot sunny day and the perfect spot to sip a chilled beer. Here you will find a superb place to watch football and to observe passersby leisurely stroll down the alley.

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Address: 21 San Pancrazio Road, Taormina

Opening hours: Everyday 7.30pm - 2am

Phone: +39 333 5258971

Internet: www.timeoutpub.com

Email: info@timeoutpub.com

La Giara



Since 1953 when La Giara opened, it has been the heart of Taorminian nightlife. An upscale seafood restaurant equipped with

scrupulously selected wines, and a sophisticated club that will liven up even the laziest summer days - La Giara is the perfect destination for party lovers.

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Address: 1 Vico la Floresta, Taormina

Phone: +39 942 23360

Internet: lagiarataormina.it

Meridien Beach Lounge



A versatile venue and a trendy hotspot, the sophisticated Meriden Beach transforms itself into an elegant lounge bar and nightclub at night. Waves that sluggishly crush to the beach on the background and captivating tunes that will accompany the night till the early hours are some of the component of the charming scene at the Meridien Beach Lounge.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Nazionale Spisone, Taormina

Phone: +39 346 76 40 111

Internet: www.meridientaormina.com

Email: info@meridientaormina.com

Septimo



One of Taormina's most established clubbing venue, Septimo is a stylish nightclub that has confirmed its uniqueness throughout the years.

Featuring two spacious terraces, it boasts an extraordinary view and a vibrant atmosphere that attracts a diverse crowd.

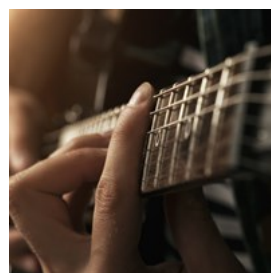
Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 50 San Pancrazio Road, Taormina

Phone: +39 942 625522

Email: info@eptimo.it

Re di Bastoni



Taormina's cultural center, Re di Bastoni hosts musicians and boasts paintings of emerging artists. Offering Sicilian craft beers and

local ales, it serves as a gathering point for a

diverse crowd, bonded by the love for traditional Sicilian delicatessen and selected drinks.

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Address: 120 Corso Umberto I, Taormina

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday 11am - 2am

Phone: +39 942 23 037

Internet: www.redibastoni.it

Email: redibastoni@hotmail.it

Q Lounge Bar



A classy bar located in the historical heart of the city, Q Lounge Bar suits every occasion. The sophisticated patio, embellished by blooming

trees and white drapes, creates an exotic atmosphere where to enjoy a colourful fruity cocktails or an elegant glass of champagne.

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Address: 6 Piazza Paladini, Taormina

Opening hours: Everyday 11am - 3am

Phone: +39 942 21296

Email: qbar-whitebar@hotmail.com

Shatulle Fish and Cocktail Bar



An incredibly versatile bar, Shatulle offers light seafood dishes and salads for lunch while it transforms itself into an upscale cocktail bar at

night. It is considered the first gay-friendly bar in Sicily, attracting a hip crowd fascinated by the vibrant atmosphere and creative drinks.

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Address: 4 Paladini Square, Taormina

Opening hours: Everyday 12 - 2am

Phone: +39 942 62 59 85

Email: info@shatulle.it

SHOPPING



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Taormina's bustling heart is certainly the unique Corso Umberto I that, as well as for the traditional shops and restaurant, it is popular for the the multitude of shops it has to offer. From Italian-style upscale clothing shops, to tiny souvenir shops, Corso Umberto I is where to go to keep up your spirit with some good, healthy shopping.

Primadonna



A wise Madonna once said that "Italians do it better" - well, in terms of style this is certain.

Primadonna offers stylish apparel at affordable prices: specialized in footwear and accessories it is the elegance and uniqueness of the items that make this brand captivating.

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Address: 249 Corso Umberto, Taormina

Phone: +39 942 62 86 30

Internet: www.primadonnacollection.com

Email: taormina@primadonnacollection.com

Trussardi



A prestigious name of the fashion industry, Trussardi is an Italian brand that stands for class and luxury goods. Creating signature

garments since 1911, it is the best of the Italian culture and tradition. It has everything from women's clothing, lingerie, menswear, shoes, accessories and perfumes.

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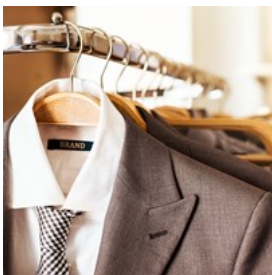
Address: 210 Corso Umberto, Taormina

Opening hours: Everyday 10am - 1pm / 4pm - 10pm

Phone: +39 942 62 45 48

Internet: www.trussardi.com

Parisi



Parisi srl is where to find the best among menswear brands: from Prada to Dolce&Gabbana, this shop located at Taormina's main road

sells unique clothing items. Born as a tailor's shop it now collaborates with exclusive brands that are source of pride within Italian's fashion culture.

Photo: Oleksandr Berezko/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Corso Umberto, Taormina

Phone: +39 942 23 182

Internet: www.parisitaormina.com

Nara Camicie



Selling designer shirts since 1984, Nara Camicie offers a brand that is unrivalled within the shirts industry. Offering women's clothing as well

as menswear, it is the perfect choice to gain

unbeatable class and elegance - a whole new level of business attire.

Photo: Lu Mikhaylova/Shutterstock.com

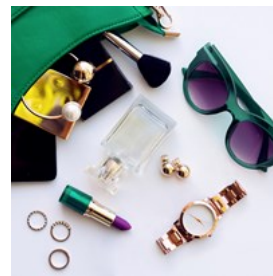
Address: 45, Corso Umberto, Taormina

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 9.30am - 1pm - 4pm - 9pm

Phone: +39 942 62 80 38

Internet: www.naracamicietaormina.it

Furla Babà Srl



Artisanal expertise and a creative design, Furla is a cornerstone of the Italian fashion brands specialized in producing quality bags and

accessories. The elegance and the beauty of their products is renowned worldwide, making Furla an exclusive and luxury brand.

Photo: Viktoria Minkova/Shutterstock.com

Address: 43 Corso Umberto I, Taormina

Opening hours: Everyday 9.30am - 8.30pm

Phone: +39 942 24 443

Internet: www.furla.com

Falconeri



The best of the "made in Italy" is Falconeri. Clothing items made of cashmere and quality materials, beautifully designed knitwear

specifically created for fashion-lovers and peculiar silk scarves will open up a world of new possibilities - the ultimate shopping experience is signed Falconeri.

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Address: 189 - 191 Corso Umberto I, Taormina

Phone: +39 942 62 59 86

Internet: it.falconeri.com

Tosca Blu



Specialized in footwear and accessories, Tosca is a favorite among locals. As well as selling elegant Tosca Blu products, it offers lots of other great

names in the shoe industry. Located at Corso Umberto I, it stands out thanks to its wide variety of shoes for women and bags.

Photo: Natali Glado/Shutterstock.com
Address: 83 Corso Umberto I, Taormina
Phone: +39 942 24 21 8
Internet: www.toscablutaormina.it
Email: marusr1@tin.it

Salmoiraghi e Viganò



The hot Sicilian sun might be a blessing but certainly, to cope with the sunshine, it requires a good pair of sunglasses. Salmoiraghi e Viganò is

an optician and its wide variety of branded sunglasses will certainly turn useful to protect your eyes and to look trendy in the country of style.

Photo: Ann Haritonenko/Shutterstock.com
Address: 190 Corso Umberto I, Taormina
Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 10am - 13pm 16pm - 20pm
Phone: +39 942 62 88 00
Internet: www.salmoiraghievigano.it

Coccinelle



Another Italian brand which is gradually becoming popular worldwide thanks to its beautiful bags and accessories is Coccinelle.

It opened a few years ago in town at Corso Umberto I, inaugurating a new must-visit shop in the fashion area of Taormina.

Photo: Viktoria Minkova/Shutterstock.com
Address: 193 - 195 Corso Umberto I, Taormina
Phone: +39 942 62 80 89
Internet: www.coccinelle.com

Kiseki Jewelry



A renowned jewelry shop in Taormina, Kiseki Jewelry features exclusive collections of unique items. It offers beautiful artworks of goldsmith

experts, using only natural stones and innovative designs. The attentive staff will help you choosing what's best for you.

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Address: 55 Corso Umberto I, Taormina
Phone: +39 942 62 88 61
Internet: www.kisekijewels.com

Geox



Another great Italian name at the shopping paradise of Corso Umberto I, Geox is a well known brand famous worldwide for its quality

shoes, ideal for every occasions. Investing on innovation, Geox continues renovating itself and offering excellent products at little prices.

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Address: 46 Corso Umberto I, Taormina
Phone: +39 942 24 57 5
Internet: www.geox.com

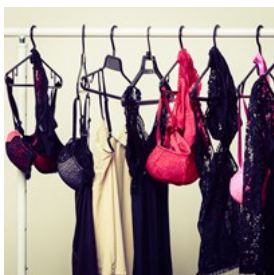
Paul & Shark



Paul & Shark offers the latest trend in women's fashion and menswear, offering exceptional clothing items. It is a name that guarantees quality and style, keeping their collection always updated to the newest trend in the fashion industry and yet, still fond of a classic and sophisticated style.

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 Phone: +39 942 21 16 2
 Email: Gabriellacacopardo@yahoo.it

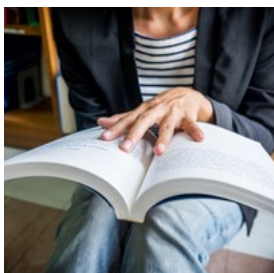
Yamamay



An Italian brand of lingerie and beachwear, Yamamay has become a major name in the last 10 years. If you haven't bought your swimsuit yet, no worries, Yamamay offers men's, women's and kids collections, specializing in quality and attentive service.

Photo: Voyagerix/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 41 Corso Umberto I, Taormina
 Internet: www.yamamay.com

Mondadori Bookstore



Mondadori is one of the major companies in the industry of book-selling in Italy. From thrillers to encyclopedias, Mondadori offers a great variety of books among which you will certainly find something to enjoy at the beach.

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Address: 3 Leone Square, Taormina
 Opening hours: Everyday 9am - 1pm - 3pm - 8pm
 Phone: +39 942 24 87 3
 Internet: www.mondadori.com

Siligato Giuseppe



Corso Umberto I and Via Teatro Greco feature infinite souvenir shops, making it hard to make your mind up over the most complicated

decisions: gifts! Siligato Giuseppe, located in Corso Umberto I is a good starting point, offering a great range of souvenirs and traditional Sicilian items.

Photo: Marco Ossino/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 53 Corso Umberto I, Taormina
 Phone: +39 942 23227

ACCOMODATION



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As an international resort destination with a splendid history behind, Taormina, has attracted celebrities and artists for centuries, causing a boost in hotels and apartments construction. Your quest for the perfect hotel, could start from Corso Umberto I, vibrant heart of the city from which everything is just a few steps away. Another strong suggestion? The exceptional hotels by the beach offer unforgettable views.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Airport



The closest airport to Taormina's city center is Fontanarossa Airport in Catania, which is located 64km from the city. The cheapest way to get to

Taormina is by bus, taking S.A.I.S. service or Etna Trasporti to Taormina.

Alternatively, there are numerous options to rent a car:

Aptransfers Srl +39 095 5874852

Forzese +39 95 349294

You can also book a taxi:

Social Taxi Catania +39 095 330966

www.radiotaxicatania.org

Taxi Sat Service +39 095 6188 www.6188.it

May you require any further information, an information desk is located at the Arrival area (next to Lost & Found).

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Via Fontanarossa

Phone: +39 95 723 9111

Internet: www.aeroporto.catania.it

Email: sac@pec.aeroporto.catania.

Public Transport



The best way to get around in Taormina is by feet: the city, in fact, it's quite small and can be easily walked. If you fancy a trip a bit further

on, Interbus has services to go to other Sicilian cities and to particular landmarks outside the town. The bus terminal is located in Luigi Pirandello Road.

The cableway is another option, connecting Taormina city centre with Mazzarò and the beaches.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Phone: +39 913 45 79 1

Internet: www.interbus.it

Taxi



Italian's taxis are white with a red TAXI sign on top: it shouldn't be a problem to hail one. If you wish to book a taxi, here's some company

that run from Taormina to Catania and other Sicilian cities.

www.taxirobertomirabile.com +39 346 581 0872

sicilytaxiservice.com +39 320 75 33 070

www.taxitaormina.net +39 333 12 75 225

Address: 3 David Herbert Lawrence Road, Taormina

Phone: +39 346 581 0872

Internet: www.taxirobertomirabile.com

Email: mirabileroberto@gmail.com

Post



There are numerous post offices where to get stamps from and where to post letters. Here's the main ones: Poste Italiane: Piazza Funivia Mazzaro'

+39 942 626193

Ufficio Postale Taormina : Piazza Sant'Antonio

+39 942 213011

Mailboxes are red and they have "POSTE" written on.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Piazza Sant'Antonio, Taormina

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8am - 6.30pm Saturday 8am - 12.30pm

Phone: +39 942 213011

Pharmacy



Italian Pharmacy system is designed to ensure an open pharmacy at night or holidays within each area. You will find a sign on the door that will

direct you to the one on duty, along with emergency numbers and opening hours.

British Pharmacy

Piazza IX Aprile, 1 +39 0942 24552

Giarrizzo Pharmacy

420 Umberto Road +39 0942 51267

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Piazza IX Aprile, Taormina

Phone: +39 0942 24552

Internet: www.farmaciabocchetta.com

Telephone



Country code: +39 Area code 0942

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220/240 V ; generally two-hole sockets.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

11.086

Currency

Euro

Opening hours

Monday - Saturday 8am - 6pm

Newspapers

Giornale di Sicilia

Emergency numbers

112 Police

118 Emergency

115 Firefighters

Tourist information

Ufficio informazioni turistiche Palazzo Corvaja

Vittorio Emanuele II Square, Taormina

+39 0942 23243

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Giardini Naxos

54 Tysandros Seafront, Giardini Naxos

+39 0942 51010

Open Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 2.15pm