Things to do in Palermo

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Palermo is the regional capital of Sicily, which is the largest and most heavily populated (about 5,000,000) island in the Mediterranean. The area has been under numerous dominators over the centuries, including Roman, Carthaginian, Byzantine, Greek, Arab, Norman, Swabian and Spanish masters. Due to this past and to the cultural exchange that for millennia has taken place in the area, the city is still an exotic mixture of many cultures. Many of the monuments still exist and are giving the city an unique appearance.

The city of Palermo, including the province of Palermo, has around 1,300,000 inhabitants and has about 200 Km of coastline. The old town of Palermo is one of the largest in Europe, full of references to the past. Palermo reflects the diverse history of the region in that the city contains many masterpieces from different periods, including romanesche, gothic, renaissance and baroque architecture as well as examples of modern art.

The city also hosts it's rich vegetation of palm trees, prickly pears, bananas, lemon trees and so on. The abundance of exotic species was also noticed by the world-famous German writer Goethe who in April 1787 visited the newly opened botanical gardens, describing them as "*the most beautiful place on earth*".

Below, we would like to provide you with some useful information and advices about things to do and see during your stay in Palermo.

We are happy to provide any further information you might require.

Best regards

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MUSEUM

The Gallery of Modern Art Sant'Anna or GAM is a modern art museum located in



Via Sant'Anna, in Kalsa district of the historical centre of Palermo. The museum complex consists of two buildings joined in historical times: the former Franciscan convent of the Church of St. Anne Mercy, Baroque style, and the adjoining Catalan Gothic Palazzo Bonet. The gallery exhibits works by important artists as for example Giovanni Boldini, Massimo Campigli, Carlo Carrà, Felice Casorati, Eustachio Catalano, Giorgio De Chirico, Ettore De Maria Bergler, Emilio Greco, Renato Guttuso, Nino Franchina, Lia Pasqualino Noto, Antonino Leto, Salvatore

Lo Forte, Francesco Lo Jacono, Vincenzo Ragusa, Pippo Rizzo, Mario Rutelli, Aleardo Terzi, Onofrio Tomaselli, Mario Sironi, Franz von Stuck.

Address: Via Sant'Anna, 21b - Palermo

Opening Hours: from Tuesday to Sunday, 9.30 - 18.30

Closed on Monday, even in case of legal holiday. The ticket office closes one hour before closing time.

Ticket Price € 7

www.galleriadartemoderna.it

Palazzo Abatellis, or Palazzo Patella, situated in Palermo in via Alloro, in the main



part of the district Kalsa hosts inside the Regional Gallery. Carlo Scarpa set up the museum, inside of the fifteenth century building, in 1953. It contains a large collection of medieval and Renaissance works of art including the Annunziata by Antonello da Messina and the Triumph of Death.

Address: Via Alloro, 4 - Palermo

Opening hours: from Tuesday to Friday, 9.00 -18.30 -Saturday and Sunday 09.00-13.00 Closed on Monday

Ticket Price 8 €

www.regione.sicilia.it/beniculturali/palazzoabatelliss



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Palazzo RISO Museum of Contemporary Art in Sicily: the museum is located inside of the eighteenth-century before named palace of Palermo; it is an interesting



example of a private aristocratic residence that combines late Baroque glory to neo-classical severity situated in the historical Corso Vittorio Emanuele. The palace built in the late eighteenth century, is today the most important museum of contemporary art in the region. The collection includes works of many important artists.

Address: Corso Vittorio Emanuele, 365 - Palermo

Opening hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Sunday 10.00 -20.00, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10.00 - 24.00, Closed

on Monday

The ticket office closes half an hour before closing time of the Museum

Ticket Price 6 €

www.palazzoriso.it

International Museum of Marionettes "Antonio Pasqualino": the centuries-old tradition of Sicilian puppets is illustrated by its collection, along with puppets and marionettes from everywhere around the world, collected by one of the families



working in the sector. It is a museum of popular traditions of Palermo; it contains the most important nucleus of the collection of Sicilian puppets, puppets and marionettes from around the world.

Address: Piazzetta Antonio Pasqualino 5 - Palermo

Summer opening time: June, July, August

From Monday to Saturday: 9.00- 13.00; 14.30-18.30, Closed on Sunday and holidays

Ticket Price 5 €

www.museomarionettepalermo.it



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Palazzo Mirto: shows the typical decor of a building of the nobility of Palermo, dating



from the seventeenth century to the nineteenth century. The building is located in the historic centre of Palermo, the Kalsa, an ancient Arabian fortified citadel. For four centuries, it has been the dwelling in Palermo of the "Filangeri", and then of the Lanza Filangieri, the Princes of Myrtle. The name of the palace derives from them. The interior has a furniture of magnificence, a perfect example of the residences of Palermo's aristocracy; the palace contains furniture from the seventeenth to the nineteenth century. There are many chandeliers of Murano glass,

varnished panels from China, clocks, porcelain, and tapestries. As in many contemporary residences, there is a smoking-room furnished in Chinese style with a leather floor. The delegation locations circle around a terrace furnished with a fountain "rocaille" and decorated with a "trompe l'oeil" of a garden.

Address: Via Merlo, 2 - Palermo

Opening hours: from Tuesday to Saturday 9.00 - 18.00, Sunday 9.00-13.00, Closed on Monday

Ticket Price: € 4

http://www.regione.sicilia.it/beniculturali/palazzomirto/contatti.html

<u>Cathedral Treasury</u>: preserved in the crypt of the Cathedral of Palermo, including a precious collection of sacred objects and jewellery from Norman times to the



nineteenth century. The most important piece is for sure the crown of the Empress Constance of Aragon (taken from his tomb), a splendid example of medieval enamel jewellery, embroidery, gems and pearls. In addition, you can admire other precious objects and embroidery.

Address: Corso Vittorio Emanuele, piano della Cattedrale – Palermo

Opening hours: from Monday to Saturday: 9.00 - 17.30

Ticket price for: Treasure, Crypt, Royal tombs: € 2,50;

Inclusive ticket (Treasure, Crypt, Royal tombs and diocesan museum): € 5

www.cattedrale.palermo.it



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Diocesan Museum: located inside the Archbishop's Palace, shows, in chronological



order, an overview of the artistic production of the city that also includes the works of decorative art and sacred decor. Spread across 15 rooms, offers a view to more than eight centuries of history of the Church of Palermo, and were selected about 200 paintings, sculptures and decorative works of art deriving from the twelfth to the nineteenth century.

Address: Via Matteo Bonello, 2 - Palermo

Opening hours: from Tuesday to Friday 9.30-13.30, Saturday 10.00-18.00, Sunday and holidays 9.30 -13.30, Closed on Monday

Ticket Price: 4,50 € - including the ticket for the Cathedral: € 5

www.museodiocesanopa.it



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THEATRES



TEATRO MASSIMO

The "*Teatro Massimo*" is one of the largest opera houses in the world. The facade of the theatre is very similar to a classical temple, to the sides of the facade there are two bronze lions with the allegorical figures of melody and lyric. A huge cupola whose structure is a metallic device, which, thanks to a system of rollers, may move and in this way allows an excellent acoustic even with unexpected temperature changes, finishes the composition.

Address: Piazza Giuseppe Verdi – Palermo

Opening time: From Tuesday to Sunday, 9.30 – 17.00

For groups it is possible, on request, arrange guide visits at different times.

Information and reservations for groups: telephone 091 605.32.67 <u>visiteguidate@teatromassimo.it</u>

Duration: 25 minutes

Ticket Price € 8

To attend an Opera in the theatre:

From June 17th to the 25th will be played LA NORMA, tragic opera in two acts:

Libretto of Felice Romani

Music from Vincenzo Bellini

Staging of the Stuttgart Opera House

Conductor: Will Humburg

Regie Jossi Wieler, Sergio Morabito

Sets and Costumes Anna Viebrock

Lights Mario Fleck

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BOOKING CONDITIONS AND PURCHASE

You can purchase tickets online at: Vivaticket, at the ticket office of the Theatre Massimo, at point of sales authorized by Vivaticket and by phone calling the free number 800.90.70.80 (for calls from cell phone and abroad the number to call is +39 41.271.90.03)

TICKET OFFICE OF THE THEATRE MASSIMO

The ticket office is open from Tuesday to Sunday from 9.30 to 17.00. On performance days, it opens one hour before the show. Contacts: telephone: 091 605.35.80, <u>biglietteria@teatromassimo.it</u>

For any further information kindly visit the website of the theatre:

www.teatromassimo.it

TEATRO POLITEAMA GARIBALDI



The opera house, whose value lies in the exaltation of the social function of the theatre as a "theatre of the lower classes" with a huge hall in the form of a horseshoe (which in 1874 could hold five thousand spectators) and with two rows of stages, dominated by a large gallery jointed into two orders. A triumphal arch of neoclassical inspiration characterizes the entrance of the building, surmounted by a chariot with Apollo in bronze, a work of Mario Rutelli. The term "Politeama" refers to a theatre that represents performances of various kinds. Today it is the prestigious home of the

Sicilian Symphonical Orchestra.

Address: Piazza Ruggero Settimo, 15 - Palermo

Opening hours: From Monday to Friday from 10.00 to 13.00, Free entrance for children under six years

It is possible to visit the theatre <u>by appointment only</u>, at the times indicated, with the possibility to arrange the visit even in different times.

Information and reservations: Telephone 091 6072524 (from 9 to 14)

info@orchestrasinfonicasiciliana.it

Ticket Price: € 2



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MARKETS

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II Capo is an old and well-known district of the historic centre of Palermo; Palermo's people indicate in the same way the market that characterizes the district. Together



with the other markets of Palermo, Ballarò, the Vucciria, it is an important agro-food sell-point. It is a lively and characteristic, even folklore, food market; the colours, the shouting (the "vuci") of the sellers, the animation of the stands make it an essential part of the character of the city of Palermo. It is a market open every day, giving you the chance to buy both food as well as other merchandise. It extends along the streets via Carini and via

Beati Paoli, via di Sant'Agostino and via Cappuccinelle.

La Vucciria is a well-known historic market of Palermo, it extends beyond via Roma,



la Cala, il Cassaro, along via Cassari, la piazza del Garraffello, via Argeneria nuova, piazza Caracciolo and via Maccheronai. Located in the heart of the city, in the historic and beautiful district of the "Loggia", it is among the most famous of Palermo. At Vucciria you buy Castelvetrano olives, sun-dried tomatoes, citrus fruits, bread, fish, watermelons, eggplant, spices, and all the delicacies of the Sicilian pastry. It is a temple of flavours and colours, immortalized in an authentic way in the famous painting of the painter Renato Guttuso,

nowadays preserved at Palazzo Steri.



Ballarò is a well-known historic market of Palermo; it extends beyond Piazza Casa Professa, the bastions of Corso Tukory to Porta Sant'Agata. Ballarò is the oldest of the markets in the city, attended every day by hundreds of people and animated by the loud cries of the vendors who, with their distinctive and colourful local accent, try to attract the interest of passers-by. It present itself like a cluster of stands and with a street invaded by the wooden boxes that contain the

goods. Ballarò is primarily a market for selling fruit, vegetables; meat and fish, but there are also articles of domestic use for cooking and house cleaning, as in the markets Capo and Vucciria.



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NIGHTLIFE IN PALERMO

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Thanks to the development of the historical centre, the areas where you can enjoy nightlife in Palermo are going more and more to increase. Nowadays downtown is the focal point for nightlife for people from Palermo.

The city area offers a huge list of places, able to fulfil any kind of needs and satisfy different tastes.

Between the most popular areas, we would suggest:

Via Bara all'Olivella and Via dell'Orologio: close to the "Teatro Massimo", you can find a large half pedestrian area. People of all ages and from all social categories visit this popular area. Walking along the two streets you will run into many nightspots like pubs, lounge bars, disco-pubs, coffee shops, restaurants and pizzeria and you will join to Piazza Olivella, another place full of typical bars.

Restaurants:

CALIGOLA – Piazza Olivella, 4 90133 Palermo – Tel 091 6113234

(Roman food)

Openings from Tuesday to Saturday: 19.30 - 0.00, Sunday: 12.30 - 14.30 / 19.30 - 0.00, Closed on Monday

PIZZERIA ITALIA – Via Orologio 54, 90133 Palermo – Tel 091 589885

(Pizza – wood oven)

Openings from Monday to Sunday: 19.30 – 0.00, Closed on Tuesday

FRESCHETTE BIO BISTROT - Piazzetta Monteleone, 5 - 90133 Palermo Tel 091 9820727 – Mobile 393 2430440

(Vegetarian food – Vegan food – Organic foods)

Openings from Tuesday to Sunday 13.00 - 15.00 / 20.00 - 22.30, Closed on Monday



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Happy Hour:

VESPA CAFE' Via Dell'Orologio, 38 – 90133 PALERMO

From Monday to Sunday, 17.30 - 2.00, Closed on Tuesday

IL SICILIANO Via dell'Orologio, 37 – 90133 PALERMO

Form Tuesday to Sunday 18.00 – 2.00, Closed on Monday

Via Isidoro la Lumia: during the last years thanks to a huge number of bars and nightclubs that are side by side and overlook along the side streets of Via Isidoro la Lumia, this street in the middle of downtown has liven up more and more:

Restaurants:

ACANTO Via Torrearsa, 10 – 90139 Palermo – Tel 091 601 4567

(Italian food)

From Tuesday to Sunday: 18.30 - 0.00, Closed on Monday

PAN PER FOCACCIA Via Isidoro La Lumia, 74 – 90139 Palermo – Tel 366 4282213

(Sandwich shop)

Open at lunchtime and for dinner

SUSHI STATION Via Quintino Sella, 52 – 90139 Palermo – Tel 091 7846986

(Japanese Cuisine)

From Tuesday to Friday: lunch from 12.00 to 15.00 / dinner from 19.00 to 23.00

Saturday and Sunday: dinner from 19.00 to 23.00, Closed on Monday



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<u>Happy Hour:</u>

BERLIN CAFE' Via Isidoro La Lumia, 21 – 90139 Palermo

From Monday to Sunday: 18.00 – 2.00

BICCHIERINO Via Isidoro La Lumia, 71 – 90139 Palermo

From Monday to Sunday: 18.00 – 2.00

Via dei Chiavettieri: During the last years this street, in the evening closed to traffic, has become a nice area full of cocktail bars and restaurants where you can have dinner with simple dishes in a pleasant atmosphere. The street is very crowded and therefore suitable for those who want to enjoy Palermo's nightlife but also for those who prefer to stay by their own however in a context of great sociability.

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Restaurants or Happy Hour:

AI CHIAVETTIERI Via Chiavettieri, 18 – 90133 Palermo – Tel 091 328926

From Tuesday to Sunday: 19.00 – 01.30, Closed on Monday

Piazza Marina: Going along at Via Vittorio Emanuele and passing Via Chiavettieri, at the opposite side, you will find yourself in the majestic Piazza Marina. The square, before his rearrangement in the nineteenth century, consisted in an open space, which was used during the Inquisition for martyrdom and killing of heretics from nearby prisons. From time it became an important square of Palermo's nightlife, full of bars and places where you can eat and drink.

Restaurants

AL COVO DEI BEATI PAOLI Piazza Marina, 50 – 90133 Palermo - Tel 091 6166634

(Restaurant – Pizzeria)

From Monday to Sunday; 12.00 - 0.00



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Recommended places where to have dinner downtown Palermo

TRIBECA Via Mariano Stabile, 134, 90139 Palermo – Tel 091 332963
(Japanese cuisine but not only – great place for happy hours)
Openings: from Monday to Saturday: 07.00 pm – 02.00 am, Closed on Sunday

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AL VIALE Via Archimede 189 – 90139 Palermo - Tel 091 6090133

(Italian food)

Openings: from Monday to Sunday: 07.00 pm - 11.30 pm

MERICANO BURGER Via Simone Corleo, 2 – 90139 Palermo – Tel 091 7434710

(Hamburger)

Openings: from Tuesday to Sunday: 07.00 pm - 12.00 pm, Closed on Monday

TRATTORIA BIONDO Via Giosuè Carducci, 15 – 90141 Palermo – Tel 091 583662

(Typical Sicilian food)

Openings: from Tuesday to Sunday: 07.00 pm- 11.30 pm, Closed on Monday

LE VOLTE Via Agrigento, 12 - 90141 Palermo – Tel 091 6259999 (Pizza – typical local food – fish) Openings: from Tuesday to Sunday 07.00 pm– 11.30 pm, Closed on Monday

PIZZO & PIZZO Via XII Gennaio, 1 - 90141 Palermo – Tel 091 6014544 (Italian food)

Openings: from Monday to Saturday 07.00 pm - 11.30 pm; open at lunchtime, Closed









on Sunday

OSTERIA DEI VESPRI Piazza Croce dei Vespri, 6 - 90133 Palermo – Tel 091 6171631 (Typical Sicilian food) Openings: from Monday to Saturday: 07.00 pm – 11.30 pm, Closed on Sunday

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KURSSAL KHALESA Foro Umberto I, 21 - 90133 Palermo – Tel 091 6160050 (Italian food)

Openings: from Tuesday to Sunday: 07.00 pm- 11.30 pm, Closed on Monday

MUDU' Via Enrico Albanese, 24/26 - 90139 Palermo - Tel 091 6257228

(Pizzeria)

Openings: from Monday to Sunday: 08.00 pm - 12.00 pm

LE MASCHERE Via Gioacchino Vaglica, 4 – 90141 Palermo – Tel 091 335622

(Pizzeria)

Openings from Tuesday to Sunday: 07.00 pm – 01.00 am, Closed on Monday

I COMPARUCCI Via Messina, 36 – 90141 Palermo – Tel 091 609 0467

(Pizzeria)

Openings from Monday to Sunday: 07.30 pm – 11.00 pm

TREDICISETTE Via Siracusa 20, 90141 Palermo - Tel. 091 322366

(Pizzeria)

Openings from Monday to Sunday: 07.30 pm – 12.00 pm

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