VENUE:
Palazzo Branciforte - Sala dei 99  
Largo Gae Aulenti, 2, 90133 Palermo

Built in the late 1500s, Palazzo Branciforte has a history closely linked to the life of Palermo. In 1801 it became the seat of the “Monte della Pieta for Foreclosure” and was intended to house the section of non-precious assets. Named “Monte di Santa Rosalia” in honor of the patron saint of the city, the building was seriously damaged in 1848, due to a fire, and later, during the Second World War, by air raids. In spite of everything, it was recovered and continued to host the pledge credit business until the eighties of the last century. It was then acquired by the Banco di Sicilia and in 2005 it became the property of the Banco di Sicilia Foundation which, thanks to a magnificent and original restoration project signed by the famous Gae Aulenti, made it a multipurpose cultural center.

The *Monte di Santa Rosalia*, a spectacular, timber-framed exhibition space that houses an important collection of traditional Sicilian pupi (puppets). The ground-floor archaeological collection claims over 4750 objects, many unearthed at the ruins of Selinunte. The palazzo also houses a small, interesting collection of majolica spanning from the 15th to 20th centuries.
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### EMERGENCY NUMBER: 112  
*Includes Police, Ambulance and Medical assistance*

### TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM PALERMO AIRPORT:

**Bus service: Prestia e Comandè (journey time is 45/50 minutes).**

Every half hour there is a bus from the airport and from the city (the last bus from the airport leaves at 00:30 hours, the first bus from the city departs already at 04:00 hours); the last stop is the main railway station Palermo Centrale, but you may get off at the penultimate bus stop (via Roma n.265), which is less than 400 meters away from the venue.  

*Please consult website and timetable Prestia e Comandè for more information [https://www.prestiaecomande.it/en/](https://www.prestiaecomande.it/en/)*

**"Shared taxi":**

Two platforms are located at the arrivals area for the taxi sharing cars it costs 8 euros per person.

**Taxi:** Located at the Arrivals exit, there is an airport Taxi service which has been coordinated with the flight arrival timetable. The cost is usually 45/50 € for the distance airport-city center, something more for night-time (ask for the price before getting on board).

**Train:** from the airport arrive at the Central Station (cost 5,90 € - travel time about 75 minutes).
OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ACCOMMODATION

Please find below a list of different price ranges hotels, all very close to the venue (within 600 meters from the venue):

**Hotel Verdi ★★**
Address: Via Maqueda, 417, 90133 Palermo
Tel. +39 091 584928
Web site: http://www.albergoverdi.it/

**Hotel Joli ★★★**
Address: Via Michele Amari 11, 90139 Palermo
Tel. +39 091 332082
Web site: https://www.hoteljoli.com/

**Hotel Mediterraneo ★★★**
Address: Via Rosolino Pilo 43, 90139 Palermo
E-mail: info@hotelmediterraneopa.com Tel. +39 091 581133
Web site: www.hotelmediterraneopa.com

**Hotel Palermo Quattro Canti ★★★★**
Address: Via Vittorio Emanuele 291, 90133 Palermo
E-mail: palermo@hotelbb.com - Tel. +39 091 332082

**Hotel Tonic ★★★**
Address: Via Mariano Stabile 126 - 90139 Palermo (PA)
E-mail: info@hoteltonic.it Tel. +39 091 581754
Web site: www.hoteltonic.it

**Hotel Palazzo Sitano ★★★★★**
Address: Via Vittorio Emanuele 114, 90133 Palermo
E-mail: info@hotelpalazzositano.it - Tel. +39 091 778 1610
Web site: https://www.hotelpalazzositano.it/en/

**Massimo Plaza Hotel ★★★★★**
Address: Via Maqueda 437, 90133 Palermo
E-mail: booking@massimoplazahotel.com - Tel. +39 091 325657
Web site: https://www.massimoplazahotel.com/

**Eurostars Centrale Palace Hotel ★★★★★**
Address: Via Vittorio Emanuele 327, 90134 Palermo
E-mail: info@eurostarscentralepalace.com - Tel. +39 091 8539
Web site: https://www.eurostarshotels.co.uk/eurostars-centrale-palace.html?_ga=2.225230618.1054808884.1568210994-777404115.1568210994

The Workshop Venue is in the heart of the historic center of Palermo, you can then also find alternative accommodations, such as B&Bs or guest houses: this area has a lot of them!
**FOOD AND BEVERAGE**

**IN YOUR FREE TIME**

- **Francu u vastiddaru**: via Vittorio Emanuele, 102 (at the corner with Piazza Marina)
- **Passami U Coppu**: via Roma, 195 (at the corner with Via Vittorio Emanuele)
- **Friggitoria Chiluzzo**: Piazza della Kasla, 10
- **Antica Focacceria San Francesco**: Via Alessandro Paternostro, 58. As the name implies, it is a historic place in Palermo. Once in life you must taste the "pane 'ca meusa"
- **Ke Palle**: Via Maqueda, 270 (near to home, walking on Via Maqueda, direction Teatro Massimo): a new interpretation of the typical sicilian «arancini», declined in many different flavours
- **Trattoria Ferro di Cavallo**: Via Venezia, 20 - Typical Sicilian cuisine with excellent value for money
- **Bisso Bistrot**: via Maqueda, 172A (Quattro Canti corner)
- **Trattoria Al vecchio club Rosanero**: vicolo Caltomai
- **Osteria Mangia e Bevi**: Largo Cavallieri di Malta, 18
- **Quid gusto siciliano**: Piazza Marina, 52 - quality cuisine in front of the magnificent giant ficus in Piazza Marina
- **Buatta**: via Vittorio Emanuele, 176 - Typical Sicilian cuisine – good prices (Michelin Guide 2019)
- **Locale**: Via Francesco Guardione. You can eat, but you can also just drink: the peculiarity of this nice place is that it is designed as a house, with the various rooms, the courtyard, etc.
- **L’Ottava nota**: Via Butera, 55 (Michelin Guide)
- **Osteria dei Vespri**: Piazza Croce dei Vespri 6 (Michelin Guide)
- **Castello a Mare**: via Filippo Patti 2 (Michelin Guide - chef Natale Giunta)
**ICE CREAM AND PASTRY**

**Pasticceria Costa**, Via Maqueda: 174 (4 Canti). Superb pastry: everything is delicious! I love the wild fruit mousse, but try also the famous «setteveli» (seven layers of different types of chocolate...)

**Latte Pa** excellent ice cream close to Piazza Marina (Via Vittorio Emanuele, 87)

**Ilardo**: excellent ice cream on the promenade of the Foro Italico

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**DRINKS**

**Nautoscopio**: at the end of the Marina: it’s on the see, perfect for a drink at sunset

**Calamida** (via Cala) nice location on the Marina

**SciuRum**: (Piazza Vincenzo Bonello, Via Maqueda, 288-290): innovative concept store with expò of design furniture, lounge bar and restaurant. Cocktails are artfully made!

**Botteghe Colletti**: via Alessandro Paternostro - Little pub and great cocktails
MAIN TOURIST ATTRACTIONS WITHIN 20 MINUTES WALKING FROM THE VENUE

**Palazzo Abatellis** (Sicilian Regional Gallery, which hosts - among others - the famous paintings of Antonello da Messina)

**Piazza Marina** with the majestic ficus of Villa Garibaldi and Palazzo Steri (home of the Museum on Inquisition)

the beautiful marina of "La Cala"

**Foro Umberto I**, seafront promenade, called «Foro Italico»

the historic **Via Maqueda**, pedestrian street, which will take you to the **Teatro Massimo** and the shopping street

**San Cataldo Church**, with the famous Arab domes

**Santa Maria dell’Ammiraglio Church** also known as **Martorana**, is one of the most beautiful churches of Palermo.
Take a nice walk in the "Olivella" district: between Teatro Massimo and the Archaeological museum you find 2 narrow streets (Via dell’Orologio, Via Bara all’Olivella) with craft shops and restaurants: it is a little touristy but pleasant!
HOW TO GET AROUND WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN YOUR FREE TIME:

Everything you may like to visit in Palermo can be reached walking, but if you want to move from the center, in the area you find several bus-stops:

- **In Via Roma** every 5 minutes leave buses to the Central Station, from which you can take a train to Cefalù. It tooks 45 minutes and the cost is around 11 € roundtrip. You can check the train timeble or buy the tickets on [http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en](http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en)

- **In Via Roma - opposite direction** – at the bus stop “Via Roma-Vucciria” – you can find the numerous buses to “Sturzo-Politeama” (n. 101, n. 102, n. 103, n. 124), where you will find the connection (n. 806) to reach the beautiful beach of Mondello. Bus timetable on [http://amat.pa.it/moovit/](http://amat.pa.it/moovit/)

- **In Via Roma - same direction** – just after Piazza San Domenico, outside the “Rinascente” building, you can find the “Prestia&Comandè” pullman stop to the airport.

To go to **Barcarello** (beautiful see in Sferracavallo) you can take n.101 to “Giardino Inglese” where you will find the connection (n. 616) to reach the “Avamposto”, a natural reserve on the side of Capo Gallo: you have to walk 20 minutes, but it’s very nice! You can check the bus timetable on [http://amat.pa.it/moovit/](http://amat.pa.it/moovit/)

On the same web site, you can also check the bus to **Monreale**. You can go to the main Train Station and get the AST (Extra-urban ticket) to Monreale, or take the free-charge bus-line (“linea arancione”) in Corso Vittorio Emanuele and take the AST to Monreale in Piazza Indipendenza.

- **In Corso Vittorio Emanuele** (between the “4 Canti” cross and the corner with Via Roma), you can find the bus stop for the free-charge bus-line, also called “linea arancione” that runs around the entire city center.