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Welcome to **Palermo!**

Venue:

Palazzo Branciforte - Sala dei 99

Largo Gae Aulenti, 2, 90133 Palermo

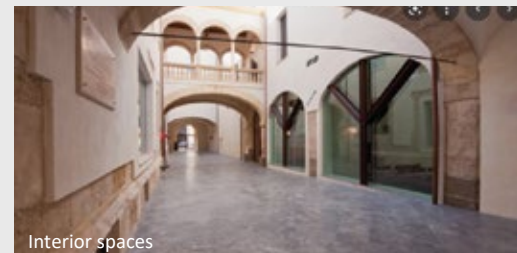
Built in the late 1500s, Palazzo Branciforte has a history closely linked to the life of Palermo. In 1801 it became the seat of the "Monte della Pietà for Foreclosure" and was intended to house the section of non-precious assets. Named "Monte di Santa Rosalia" in honor of the patron saint of the city, 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.



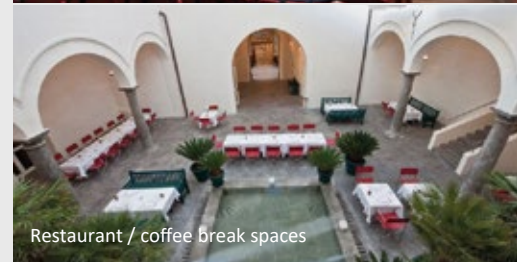
Entrance



Interior spaces



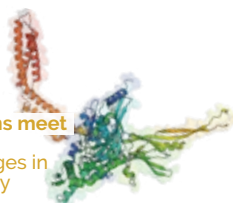
Sala dei 99 (conference room)



Restaurant / coffee break spaces



The ground - floor archaeological collection



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EMERGENCY NUMBER: 112

*it includes Police, Ambulance
and Medical assistance*

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM PALERMO AIRPORT:

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

The Prestia e Comandè bus service operates regular routes between Palermo Airport and the city center. Buses depart approximately every 30 minutes, and the journey takes about 45 minutes. Route: Board the bus at the airport and disembark at Via Roma 265 (Vucciria), which is less than 400 meters away from the venue.

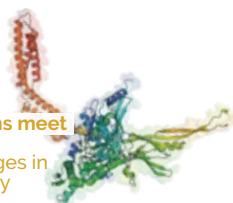
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"Shared taxi":

Two platforms are located at the arrivals area for the taxi sharing cars
it costs 8 € 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 (Tickets are available at the station or online for 6,80 € (**Trenitalia website**)).- travel time about 75 minutes).



SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ACCOMMODATION

Please find below a list of different price ranges hotels, all very close to the venue.

Ostello Bello Palermo

Address: Via Galileo Ferraris, 3, 90133 Palermo

Tel. +39 3484929563

Web site: <https://ostellobello.com/en/hostel/palermo/>

Hostelò - Luxury Hostel

Address: Via Ruggiero Settimo, 55, 90139 Palermo

Tel. +39 334 190 6571

Web site: <https://www.hostelopalermo.com/>

Hostel A casa di amici

Address: Via Dante, 57, 90141 Palermo

Tel. +39 328 3172205/ +39 091 7654650

Web site: <https://acasadiamici.com/en/>

Hotel Verdi ★★

Address: Via Maqueda, 417, 90133 Palermo

Tel. +39 091 584928

Web site: <http://www.albergoverdi.it/>

La Serenissima Hotel ★★★

Address: Via dei Cassari, 24, 90133 Palermo PA

Tel. +39 091 2737160

Web site: <https://www.laserenissimahotel.it/>

Ibis Styles Palermo Cristal ★★★

Address: Via Roma, 477 A, 90139 PALERMO

Tel. +39 091 5070649

Web site: <https://all.accor.com/hotel/B2H7/index.en.shtml>

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

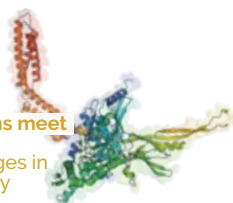
Web site: www.hotelmediterraneopa.com

Hotel Palermo Quattro Canti ★★★

Address: Via Vittorio Emanuele 291, 90133 Palermo

E-mail: palermo@hotelbb.com - Tel. +39 091 332082

Web site: <https://www.hotel-bb.com/en/hotel/palermo-quattro-canti>



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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/>

Hotel Politeama ★★ ★★

Piazza Ruggero Settimo, 15 90139 Palermo
E-mail: mail@hotelpoliteama.it Tel. +39 091 32 27 77
Web site: <https://www.hotelpoliteama.com/>

Eurostars Centrale Palace Hotel ★★ ★★

Address: Via Vittorio Emanuele 327, 90134 Palermo
E-mail: info@eurostarscentralepalace.com - Tel. +39 091 8539
Web site: Eurostars Centrale Palace Hotel

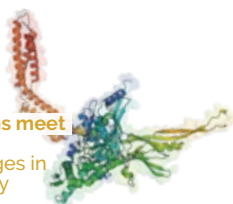
Ibis Styles Palermo President ★★ ★★

Address: Via Francesco Crispi, 230, 90139 PALERMO
Tel. +39 091 580733
Web site: <https://all.accor.com/hotel/9132/index.en.shtml>

Hotel Mercure Palermo Centro ★★ ★★

Address: Via Mariano Stabile, 112, 90139 Palermo PA
Tel. +39 091 324911
Web site: Hotel Mercure Palermo Centro

In this area of Palermo you can also find many alternative accommodations, such as B&Bs or guest houses: you just have to choose the one you prefer!



FOOD AND BEVERAGE IN YOUR FREE TIME



STREET FOOD

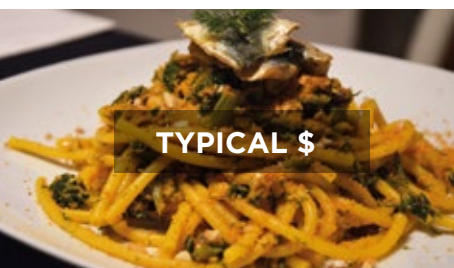
Dainotti's da Arianna - Via Mura di Porta Carini, 51

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



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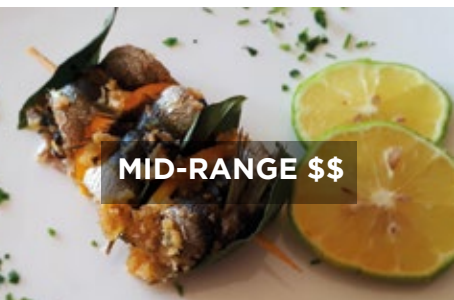
Trattoria Ferro di Cavallo: Via Venezia, 20

Typical Sicilian cuisine with excellent value for money

Bisso Bistrot: via Maqueda, 172A (Quattro Canti corner)

Trattoria Al vecchio club Rosanero: vicolo Caldomai

Osteria Mangia e Bevi: Largo Cavalieri di Malta, 18



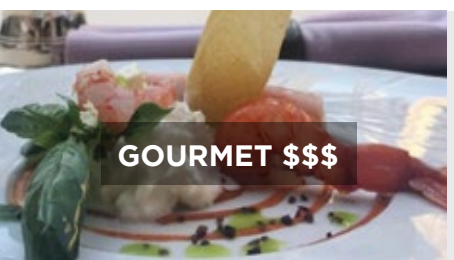
MID-RANGE \$\$

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.



GOURMET \$\$\$

L'Ottava nota: Via Butera, 55 (Michelin Guide)

Osteria dei Vespri, Piazza Croce dei Vespri 6 (Michelin Guide)

CITYSEA, Via Filippo Patti, 30 (Chef Natale Giunta)



FOOD AND BEVERAGE IN YOUR FREE TIME

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

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 20/30 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** (with the Museum on Inquisition)



the beautiful Marina of "**La Cala**"

Palermo Marina Yachting
Along the perimeter of the Castello a Mare archaeological park, a promenade, a square and an urban lake with a musical fountain



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.





Archaeological museum Antonio Salinas

Piazza Olivella, 24

Modern Art Gallery of Palermo GAM

Via Sant'Anna, 21



Teatro Opera dei Pupi Mimmo Cuticchio

Via Bara all'Olivella, 95

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!



Serpotta's Oratorio San Lorenzo

Via Immacolatella, 1

Serpotta's Oratorio Santa Cita:

Via Valverde, 3

Cathedral of Palermo

Palazzo dei Normanni and the extraordinary Cappella Palatina



Piazza Bologni

Palazzo Belmonte Riso, also known as RISO, Museum of Contemporary Art of Sicily



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 takes 45 minutes and the cost is around 11 € roundtrip. You can check the train timetable or buy the tickets on <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/>

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/>

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**.

