

Palermo, Sicily, Italy

Sicily's street-food-scented capital layers Arab-Norman cathedrals, crumbling baroque piazzas, and raucous outdoor markets into one of the Mediterranean's most vivid port days.

Docked (cruise terminal) Typical call: 8-10 hrs Currency: Euro (€) Language: Italian

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Cruise Terminal, Porto di Palermo — 1 km from city center

Walk to center: 15-20 min walk or 5-min taxi to Quattro Canti

Best For: History lovers, street food, architecture, markets

Don't Miss: Cappella Palatina, Ballarò Market, Teatro Massimo

Getting around: **Taxi** €8–€15 · **Rideshare** Uber, FreeNow, ITaxi · **Hop-on hop-off** City Sightseeing Palermo

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Cappella Palatina & Palazzo dei Normanni** — The gold-mosaic chapel inside the Norman Palace is one of the finest examples of Arab-Norman art in the world.
- **Ballarò & Vucciria Markets** — Palermo's ancient street markets are theatrical experiences: vendors shout prices, smoke rises from grills, and arancini and sfincione are served...
- **Teatro Massimo Opera House** — The third-largest opera house in Europe, best known to film buffs as the setting for The Godfather Part III's finale.
- **Monreale Cathedral Day Trip** — About 7 km uphill from Palermo, Monreale's 12th-century cathedral has one of the finest collections of Byzantine mosaics in Europe.
- **Palermo Street Food Walk** — Palermo is one of Italy's best street-food cities.

BEST WALKS

- **Terminal to Norman Palace via Quattro Canti** 3.5 km · ~1.5 hrs · Easy — Walk from the cruise terminal along Via Francesco Crispi to the historic center, then explore Via Vittorio Emanuele through Quattro Canti and the Cathedral before...
- **Market Quarter Loop** 2 km · ~1 hr · Easy — From Quattro Canti head south into the Albergheria district for the Ballarò Market, then loop back through Piazza della Kalsa to the Vucciria area for a contrast in...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇮🇹 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:31AM–7:42PM · Jun 5:43AM–8:30PM · Aug 6:21AM–7:59PM · Sep 6:48AM–7:14PM · Oct 7:15AM–6:28PM	
Apr	66°	53°	8d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	81°	68°	4d		
Aug	87°	74°	4d		
Sep	81°	70°	9d		
Oct	75°	63°	11d		

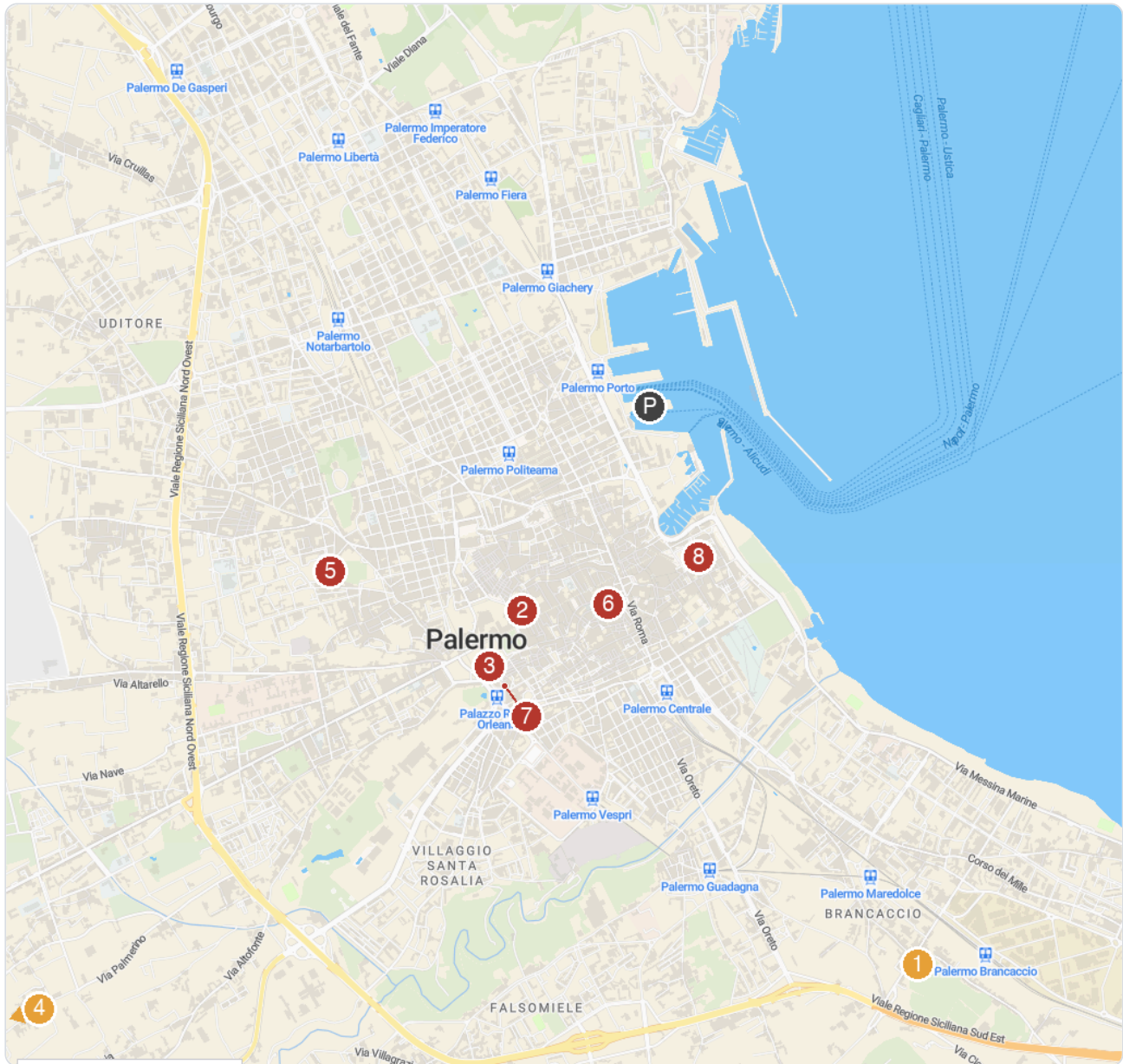
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash is king in the street markets — small notes preferred. ATMs are plentiful near Quattro Canti and Via Maqueda.
- Pre-book Cappella Palatina online (coopculture.it) — it's the top sight and queues can eat an hour of your port day.
- Start early — the markets are most alive before noon and the midday heat (July–August) can be intense. Head for shade or Mondello in the afternoon.
- Eat like a Palermitano — skip the tourist restaurants near the terminal and eat at market stalls. Arancini at Ke Palle and sfincione from street vendors are the real deal.
- Taxis back to the ship — use the official white taxis with meters, or apps like iTaxi. Agree on fare for non-metered rides. Allow 30 min buffer before all-aboard.
- Dress for churches — shoulders and knees must be covered to enter the Cathedral and Cappella Palatina. Carry a scarf or light layer.

Palermo, Sicily, Italy — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Castello di Maredolce | Norman royal hunting lodge with a lake, now ruins. | 2 Palermo Cathedral | Palermo's grand cathedral, a mix of architectural styles. |
| 3 Palazzo dei Normanni | Historic Norman royal palace, now Sicily's regional assembly. | 4 Cattedrale di Monreale | Stunning Norman cathedral famous for its golden mosaics. |
| 5 Zisa Palace | Arab-Norman summer palace with beautiful gardens and water features. | 6 Church of Saint Mary 'dell'Ammiraglio' | Byzantine church known for its stunning golden mosaics. |
| 7 Church of Saint John of the Hermits | Iconic red-domed Norman church, once a mosque. | 8 Palazzo Chiaramonte Steri | Medieval palace, once a prison, now a university museum. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |