

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...
- 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...
 - 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...
- 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...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	66°	53°	8d
Jun	81°	68°	4d
Aug	87°	74°	4d
Sep	81°	70°	9d
Oct	75°	63°	11d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

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

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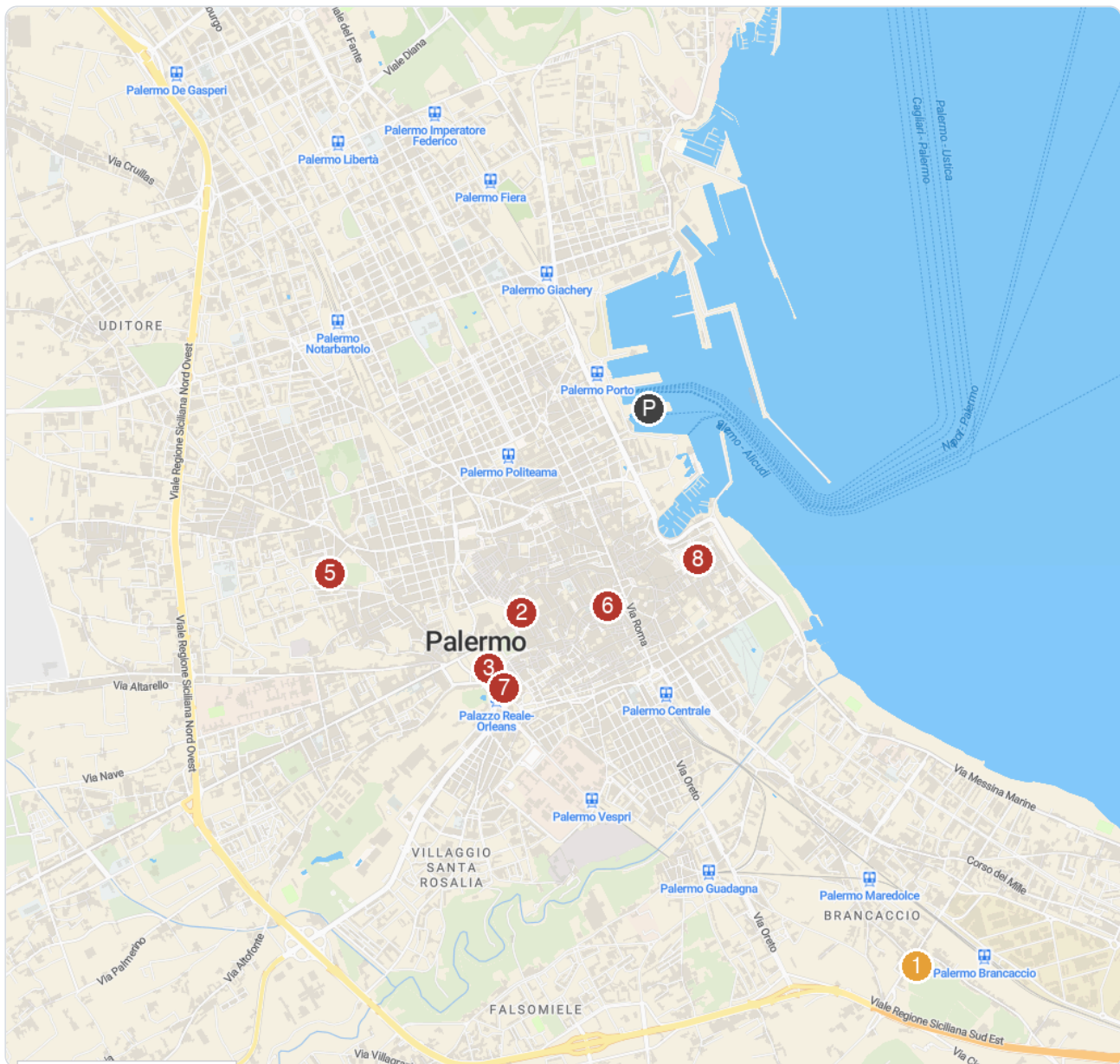
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- 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.

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 | | | |