



# Catania

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Charismatic seaside Catania is a young, dynamic soul, inhabiting a body of narrow alleys and ornate Baroque buildings mounted on top of well-preserved remains of ancient Greek and Roman settlements. Mount Etna defines the cityscape both in terms of the striking panorama and building material - Catania is even referred to as the "grey city" for the colour of lava rocks used to construct many of its buildings.



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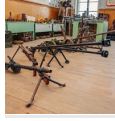
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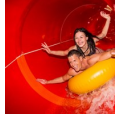
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## THE CITY



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Catania is one of Sicily's nine provinces. It is bordered by Taormina to the north, Augusta to the south, Bronte, Adrano, and Misterbianco to the west, and the Ionian Sea in the east. The provincial capital of Catania was founded at the base of the volcano Etna in 729. It was one of the first Greek colonies on the island.

Like other Sicilian cities, it has been heavily influenced by its rulers - Romans, Arabs, and Normans to name a few. The largest impact came from its neighbour, the volcano Etna - when it erupted in 1669 it devastated the city and killed 12,000 inhabitants. Catania was rebuilt in the Baroque style preserved to this day, complete with large boulevards and squares.

Over the last few years, tourism has become one of the biggest sources of revenue. With the sixth largest airport in Italy, Catania is a natural hub for tourists travelling to the island's east coast. It is easy to take day trips from here to the spectacular Mount Etna, to the ceramics centre of Caltagirone, and to the picturesque mountain villages like Randozza and Linguaglossa. There is also Sicily's most glamorous tourist town, the Roman city of Taormina with its medieval city centre, where D.H. Lawrence wrote "Lady Chatterley's Lover."

## DO & SEE



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Catania boasts a plethora of incredible cultural sights. Pay a visit to Piazza del Duomo, marvel at the splendid Catania Cathedral, and walk down the historic Via dei Crociferi (named a UNESCO World Heritage Site). Catania's location by the warm sea makes it a perfect destination for holiday-makers, and hiking trips can be made to the (still active) Etna volcano. In the vicinity, small towns such as the beautiful Taormina or Caltagirone make for ideal day-trip destinations.

### Duomo Square (Piazza del Duomo)



Duomo Square (Piazza del Duomo), encircled by impressive Baroque buildings in the heart of Catania, recently became a UNESCO World

Heritage Site. In the middle of the square is Fontana dell' Elefante, Catania's most famous monument - the lava stone Elephant Fountain.

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Address: Piazza del Duomo, Catania

Opening hours: Open 24/7

### Catania Cathedral



Piazza del Duomo is also home to the elaborate Baroque Cattedrale di Sant'Agata (or simply the Catania Cathedral).

Behind the marble walls is the final resting place of the city's patron saint, Agata. Every February processions are held in her honour.

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Address: Via Vittorio Emanuele II 163, Catania

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 7am-12pm / 4pm-7pm, Sunday 7:30am-12:30pm / 4:30pm-7pm

Phone: +39 095 320044

Internet: [www.cattedralecatania.it](http://www.cattedralecatania.it)

Email: [info@cattedralecatania.it](mailto:info@cattedralecatania.it)

### Vincenzo Bellini Museum



Sicily's most famous composer is Vincenzo Bellini, who was born in Catania (1801-1835). His operas "Norma", "La Straniera" and

"Sonnambula" are famous all over the world. Museo Civico Belliniano is claimed to be one of the nicest in Catania, exhibiting pianos and memorabilia.

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Address: Piazza San Francesco d'Assisi 3, Catania

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-7pm, Sunday 9am-1pm

Phone: +39 095 715 0535

Internet: [www.comune.catania.it/la-citta/culture/monumenti-e-siti-archeologici/musei/museo-civico-belliniano](http://www.comune.catania.it/la-citta/culture/monumenti-e-siti-archeologici/musei/museo-civico-belliniano)

More Info: Museo Cicico Belliniani

### Teatro Romano & Odeon



At Via Vittoria Emanuele you will find Catania's best kept ruins from Roman times. The Roman Theatre, including gladiator tunnels and the circular auditorium Odeon lie next to each other, surrounded by residential buildings dating to later centuries.

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Address: Via Vittorio Emanuele II 266, Catania

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +39 095 715 0508

Internet: [www.regione.sicilia.it/beniculturali/dirbenicult/data-base/page\\_musei/pagina\\_musei.asp?ID=148&IdSito=29](http://www.regione.sicilia.it/beniculturali/dirbenicult/data-base/page_musei/pagina_musei.asp?ID=148&IdSito=29)

Email: [parco.archeo.catania@regione.sicilia.it](mailto:parco.archeo.catania@regione.sicilia.it)

### Mount Etna



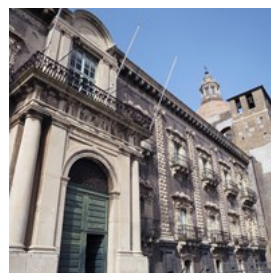
Etna, Europe's largest active volcano, stands about 3,330 metres high between Catania and Taormina. It erupts regularly and since 2002

visitors are not allowed to climb to the top of any of its four craters (hiking up is allowed). Regular buses depart for Etna from Catania.

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Address: 95031 Adrano, Province of Catania

### Monastery of San Nicolò l'Arena



Come here for a stroll in the beautiful surroundings or a guided tour. Monastery of San Nicolò l'Arena (16th century Monastero dei

Benedettini) is one of the biggest Benedictine monasteries in Europe and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Today it hosts a

part of the University of Catania.

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Address: Piazza Dante Alighieri 32, Catania

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +39 095 710 2767

Internet: [www.monasterodeibenedettini.it/en](http://www.monasterodeibenedettini.it/en)

More Info: [info@officineculturali.net](mailto:info@officineculturali.net)

### Massimo Bellini Theatre



Teatro Massimo Bellini is the musical heart of Catania. Different types of high-class performances are held here continuously -

operas, ballets, concerts, Bellini's work and so on. If you don't find anything that attracts you, but you still want to see the insides of the Baroque-style building, join a guided tour.

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Address: Via Giuseppe Perrotta 12, Catania

Phone: +39 095 730 6111

Internet: [www.teatromassimobellini.it](http://www.teatromassimobellini.it)

More Info: Check the website for their schedule and guided tours.

### Marionettistica Fratelli Napoli



This theatre, only a 5-minute walk from the historical centre, tells the story behind the typical Sicilian puppet theatre.

Visitors can both see and hold a puppet. If you wish to watch a show, bear in mind that there is a summer break.

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Address: Via Reitano 55, Catania

Phone: +39 347 095 4526

Internet: [www.fratellinapoli.it](http://www.fratellinapoli.it)

Email: [fratellinapoli@hotmail.com](mailto:fratellinapoli@hotmail.com)

### Etnaland



Etnaland consists of three kinds of amusement parks: an aqua park with water slides and lots of different pools, a

prehistoric park with replicas of dinosaurs and one theme park with roller coasters and rides. Here you can easily spend a whole day.

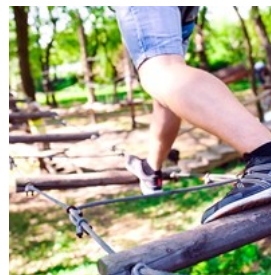
Photo: Ikonoklast Fotografie/Shutterstock.com

Address: Contrada Agnelleria, Belpasso, Catania

Phone: +39 095 791 3333

Internet: [www.etnaland.eu](http://www.etnaland.eu)

### Monti Rossi Adventure Park



Located in the Red Mount pine woods close to Etna, this park is made up of bridges, wires and cables hooked in the treetops to create paths up in the air.

There are different levels of difficulty. Visitors can stay on the ground and join the workshops or explore nature trails and relaxation areas.

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Address: Via Goethe, Nicolosi

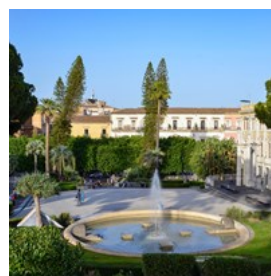
Phone: +39 388 755 3812

Internet: [www.montirossietaadventurepark.it](http://www.montirossietaadventurepark.it)

Email: [etnaparkmontirossi@gmail.com](mailto:etnaparkmontirossi@gmail.com)

More Info: Check the website for seasonally changing opening hours.

### Giardino Bellini



After a lot of walking in the bustling city, a break in a lush green park can be necessary. The Giardino Bellini park is located just off the Via

Etna in the city centre, and here you can enjoy

a quiet moment among plants, trees, statues and fountains.

Photo: ClaudiaMMImages/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Etnea 292, Catania

Opening hours: Daily 6am-10pm

### Butterfly House (Casa delle Farfalle)



At Casa delle Farfalle, the Butterfly House, you can see some of the most beautiful butterflies and flowers in the world. If you want to learn more

about these spectacular creatures, join a complimentary lecture. The greenhouse is situated in the Monte Serra Park, just outside the city of Catania. Note that the Butterfly House closes during the winter season.

Photo: Behling/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Umberto I 244, Viagrande, Catania

Phone: +39 095 78 90 768

Internet: [www.casadellefarfallemonteserra.it](http://www.casadellefarfallemonteserra.it)

Email: [info@parcomonteserra.it](mailto:info@parcomonteserra.it)

More Info: Check the website for seasonally changing opening hours.

### San Benedetto



Monastero San Benedetto, situated in Crociferi street, is a symbol of Catania. It is identifiable by the arch which unites the

Monastery's main abbey and the Church of Saint Benedict - one of the most beautiful baroque churches in Sicily - to the little abbey, wherein the MacS museum is housed.

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Address: Via Teatro Greco 2, Catania

Phone: +39 095 710 2767

Internet: [www.officineculturali.net/english.php](http://www.officineculturali.net/english.php)

Email: [info@officineculturali.net](mailto:info@officineculturali.net)

More Info: Via Crociferi belongs to UNESCO World Heritage.

### Orto Botanico



The little-known botanical garden is a true godsend on hot summer days when the asphalt melts with heat and shaded areas are few and far

between. There is a section of exotic plants and one for Sicilian species, as well as a large greenhouse.

Photo: FPWing/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Etnea 397, Catania

Opening hours: October-March: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 8am-1pm. April-September Monday-Friday 8am-8pm, Saturday 8am-1pm

Phone: +39 095 430901

Internet: [www.ortobotanicoitalia.it/sicilia/catania](http://www.ortobotanicoitalia.it/sicilia/catania)

### Museo del Cinema



Museo del Cinema - detailing the history of cinematography and featuring quite a few cinematic memorabilia and posters - is one of

four in the small museum complex (others include the ones dedicated to radio, maps of Sicily and WWII).

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Address: Viale Africa, Catania

Opening hours: January-June / September-December: Tuesday-Sunday 9am-5pm. July & August: Tuesday-Sunday 10am-6pm

Phone: +39 095 401 1928

Internet: [www.cittametropolitana.ct.it/il\\_territorio/museo\\_del\\_cinema.aspx](http://www.cittametropolitana.ct.it/il_territorio/museo_del_cinema.aspx)

Email: [museo.cinema@cittametropolitana.ct.it](mailto:museo.cinema@cittametropolitana.ct.it)

### Museum of the Landing in Sicily 1943



Sicily played an important role in the liberation from the German occupation during World War II. This museum (Museo Storico dello Sbarco in Sicilia 1943) displays memories and history from that time, and often leaves its visitors emotionally concerned.

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Address: Le Ciminiere, Viale Africa, Catania  
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### Aci Castello



9 kilometres north of Catania, the small and picturesque town of Aci Castello is located right by the coastline. The castle, which you should not miss out during your visit, was built by the Normans in 1076. Today, it hosts a museum for those interested in its history. The town also offers breathtaking nearby beaches - perfect for a day trip. Per bus, it takes around 35 minutes from Catania to get to Aci Castello.

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Address: Aci Castello, Province of Catania

### San Giovanni Li Cuti

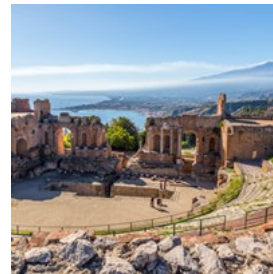


The curious beach not too far from downtown is made up of volcanic eruption remains. This results in a beach consisting of black stones - in contrast to the regular golden sands. The padding might not be ideal for sunbathing, but

the water is certainly crystal-clear. San Giovanni Li Cuti is located in Catania's north.

Photo: Michal Zieba/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Via San Giovanni Li Cuti, Catania

### Taormina



Half-way between Catania and Messina lies the picturesque, waterside Town of Taormina. It's situated at an elevation, which makes for some splendid views over the water, and has a few pleasant beaches down below. A not-to-be-missed attraction is the ancient Greco-Roman theatre.

Photo: K. Roy Zerloch/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Taormina, Province of Messina

### Caltagirone



The small town of Caltagirone, located 42 miles from Catania, is at the heart of Sicily's ceramic handicraft tradition. The town also offers beautiful architecture, so do not miss the richly decorated walls of the Scala dei Santa Maria steps. The stairs are lined with old historic buildings.

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Address: Caltagirone, Province of Catania

## DINING



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The cuisine in the Catania region is just like in the rest of Sicily - a delectable combination of Italian and Mediterranean cooking. Fish and seafood are the dominant ingredients, complemented by olive oil and wine from the mountains around Etna. One unusual ingredient that has made its way into a variety of dishes and condiments is the local pistachio (the ultimate Catanese pizza is one topped with cream cheese and grated pistachios). In the pasta department, try the local speciality Pasta alla Norma - a pasta dish cooked with aubergines, tomatoes, ricotta cheese and basil.

### Scirocco Sicilian Fish Lab



With its location in the heart of the famous Catania fish market, it's no wonder this street-corner restaurant consisting of a counter and three single tables on the street keeps patrons coming back for more fresh battered seafood cones time after time again. Try the boneless cone assortment.

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Address: Piazza Alonzo di Benedetto 7, Catania  
Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-11pm  
Phone: +39 095 836 5148  
Internet: [www.sciroccolab.com](http://www.sciroccolab.com)

Email: [info@sciroccolab.com](mailto:info@sciroccolab.com)  
More Info: Pescheria di Catania

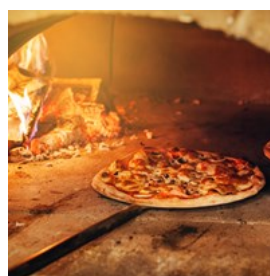
### Le Tre Bocche



Le Tre Bocche really allows the marvellous seafood from the region to shine in its exquisite dishes, and the fact that the restaurant has its own stand on the famous local seafood market is a testament to the quality of the ingredients like no other. Try the unusual, eerie-looking squid ink spaghetti.

Photo: [svariophoto/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/author/svariophoto)  
Address: Via Ingegnere 11, Catania  
Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 8pm-11:45pm, Sunday 1pm-3:30pm / 8pm-11:45pm  
Phone: +39 095 538 738  
Email: [ristorante3bocche@hotmail.com](mailto:ristorante3bocche@hotmail.com)

### Gisira Pizza and Drinks



Gisira Pizza and Drinks is a popular pizza restaurant in Catania where you can choose from a wide array of toppings. For a different dining experience, order your pizza by the metre. If you are into football - they offer to broadcast many national and international matches.

Photo: [Andrey Grigoriev/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/author/AndreyGrigoriev)  
Address: Via Gisira 62, Catania  
Opening hours: Monday-Friday & Sunday 8pm-11:45pm, Saturday 7pm-11:45pm  
Phone: +39 095 349 652  
Internet: [www.gisira.it](http://www.gisira.it)  
Email: [info@gisira.it](mailto:info@gisira.it)  
More Info: They have a second branch in Aci Castello (Via Re Martino 206).

### Trattoria Catania Ruffiana



It can be a bit tricky to find this family-run gem, but do give it a try. In a rustic setting, guests can revel in typical Italian dishes at rather

reasonable prices. Their chocolate cake is said to be the best ever and a must to finish off your dinner in the best way possible.

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Address: Via Aloï 50, Catania

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 12:30pm-2:30pm / 7:30pm-10:30pm

Phone: +39 095 216 2222

Internet: [www.cataniaruffiana.it/home.html](http://www.cataniaruffiana.it/home.html)

Email: [info@cataniaruffiana.it](mailto:info@cataniaruffiana.it)

### Giglio Rosso



This small trattoria with checked tablecloths serves authentic Sicilian food for reasonable prices. Fish, seafood and the antipasto buffet are

popular choices among guests. Regulars come here to revel in the home-made dishes in a warm and cosy atmosphere.

Photo: giovanni boscherino/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Sant'Anna 19, Catania

Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-4pm / 6:30pm-11:30pm

Phone: +39 095 715 2492

Email: [trattoriagigliorosso@gmail.com](mailto:trattoriagigliorosso@gmail.com)

### Me Cumpari Turiddu



Just a short walk from the Duomo, Me Cumpari Turiddu serves food made of regional products - top-notch dishes with meat, fish and pasta, and

home-made bread. The restaurant is part of the Slow Food Foundation and spoils its guests with an authentic Sicilian atmosphere. As a "ristorò", Me Cumpari Turiddu is a combined restaurant, bistro, cafe and deli.

Photo: Francesco83/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza Turi Ferro 36-38, Catania

Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-1am

Phone: +39 095 715 0142

Internet: [www.mecumparituriddu.it/en](http://www.mecumparituriddu.it/en)

Email: [info@mecumparituriddu.it](mailto:info@mecumparituriddu.it)

### Locanda Cerami



Located in a superb location, in a small courtyard in front of a beautiful baroque church, Locanda Cerami serves delicious pizzas, salads,

and other Italian dishes. There is also an extensive list of beers and wines, and the friendly staff do their best to offer guests a lovely dining experience. Indulge your pizza and enjoy the view on Via Crociferi, part of the UNESCO World Heritage.

Photo: Camo24/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Crociferi 69, Catania

Opening hours: Daily 7pm-12am

Phone: +39 095 224 6782

Internet: [www.locandacerami.it/locanda-cerami](http://www.locandacerami.it/locanda-cerami)

Email: [info@locandacerami.it](mailto:info@locandacerami.it)

### Sushi Live



For a break from the Italian food, though it's hard, try Sushi Live. The menu offers about 50 different rolls to choose from, along with sashimi,

tempura and other hot dishes; great to take away or enjoy in the eatery. Sushi Live is located in



the city centre, close to Giardino Bellini park.

Photo: Maksim Toome/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Etnea 318, Catania

Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday 12:30pm-2:30pm /

7:30pm-11:30pm, Sunday 7:30pm-11:30pm

Phone: +39 095 311 272

Internet: [www.sushilive.it](http://www.sushilive.it)

Email: [info@sushilive.it](mailto:info@sushilive.it)

### FUD - Bottega Sicula



The trendy eatery is known for its playful approach to dish naming (even "still water" turns into "stil uoter" on the label, light-heartedly poking fun at the Italian way of (mis)pronouncing English words). It serves a variety of succulent burgers and beers to go along.

Photo: NatashaPhoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Santa Filomena 35, Catania

Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-1am

Phone: +39 095 715 3518

Internet: [www.fud.it/location/catania](http://www.fud.it/location/catania)

Email: [info@fudcatania.it](mailto:info@fudcatania.it)

### Thai Princess



With little variety on the area's food scene, Thai Princess provides a nice alternative to the ubiquitous pizza, pasta, and seafood fare found all throughout Catania and Sicily. The restaurant serves good quality, affordable Thai classics in a refined environment.

Photo: jutamas/Shutterstock.com

Address: Viale Africa 31, Catania

Opening hours: Daily from 7pm

Phone: +39 333 191 8404

Internet: [www.thaiprincess.it](http://www.thaiprincess.it)

Email: [info@thaiprincess.it](mailto:info@thaiprincess.it)

### Ristorante Be Quiet



Tucked away in a small alley and yet very central is the Be Quiet restaurant and lounge bar. The establishment serves tasteful and flavorful

Italian fare. Pizza seems to be a standout in terms of popularity, but do try the seafood as well.

Photo: Denizo71/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Monte Sant'Agata 6, Catania

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday-Friday 6pm-11:30pm,

Saturday & Sunday 11:30am-11:30pm

Phone: +39 095 226 2180

Email: [info@ristorantebequiet.it](mailto:info@ristorantebequiet.it)

### Eat Pizzeria



The establishment serves remarkably good pizza (some may say the best, but the competition is big) - try one of the many topping combinations and

follow-up with a decadent dessert. They also serve pizzoli, a local speciality: Sicilian focaccia filled with various stuffings. The pizzeria is located in central Catania and enjoys great popularity with locals. The quality-to-price ratio is more than reasonable.

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Address: Via Coppola 49/51, Catania

Opening hours: Daily 7:30pm-12:30am

Phone: +39 095 310 100

Internet: [www.eatpizzeria.it](http://www.eatpizzeria.it)

Email: [info@eatpizzeria.it](mailto:info@eatpizzeria.it)

### La Siciliana



Do not let the simple interior fool you — La Siciliana is one of Catania's best restaurants. It has been around since 1968, owned and run by one family. The establishment specialises in local cuisine, and guests are welcome to select their seafood of choice from a display on ice.

Photo: norikko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Viale Marco Polo 52, Catania

Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday 12:30pm-3pm / 8pm-11pm, Sunday 12:30pm-3pm

Phone: +39 095 376 400

### Oxidiana



Oxidiana is located in the heart of the city and mainly specialises in fish — namely sashimi and sushi, but serves a selection of Japanese delights ranging from grilled meat and fish to dessert. Book in advance to ensure being seated, as the restaurant is quite popular.

Photo: funkyfrogstock/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Conte Ruggero 4A, Catania

Opening hours: Sunday-Thursday 8pm-11:30pm, Friday-Sunday 8:30pm-12am

Phone: +39 095 532 585

Internet: [www.oxidiana.it](http://www.oxidiana.it)

Email: [info@oxidiana.it](mailto:info@oxidiana.it)

### A Putia Dell'Ostello



The cavernous interior of this popular local restaurant is frequented by locals and renowned for the superb variety of vegetarian and vegan options (vegan lunch served on Sundays). On Wednesdays, the establishment hosts guest DJs, and Fridays are reserved for live jazz.

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Address: Piazza Currò 6, Catania

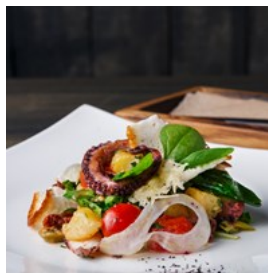
Opening hours: Open 24/7

Phone: +39 095 723 3010

Internet: [www.agorahostel.com](http://www.agorahostel.com)

Email: [agorahostel@gmail.com](mailto:agorahostel@gmail.com)

### Ristorante il Locandiere (Caltagirone)



If you pay a visit to the town of Caltagirone, Ristorante il Locandiere is a good choice for lunch or dinner. This relaxed fish restaurant is known for its delicious and creative seafood appetisers and mains. Enjoy a gourmet experience in an intimate setting for a reasonable price.

Photo: Prostock-studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Don Luigi Sturzo 59, Caltagirone

Opening hours: Monday 7:30pm-10pm, Tuesday-Saturday 12:30pm-2pm / 7:30pm-10pm, Sunday 12:30pm-2pm

Phone: +39 093 358 292

Email: [dallocandiere@yahoo.it](mailto:dallocandiere@yahoo.it)

## CAFES



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Italian coffee doesn't need a special introduction, and the variety of local sweets and pastries is truly mind-boggling - many an establishment in Catania serve mouthwatering Italian delights, from cream-stuffed cannoli to chocolate-filled croissants, and other alluring treats, notably granita, which is a semi-frozen dessert. In the savoury department, Sicily is known for its juicy arancini (stuffed rice balls, coated with bread crumbs and then deep-fried. They are usually filled with ragù, mozzarella, and peas).

### Prestipino



One of the more well-known cafes in Catania, Prestipino is the place to go to indulge in a beautifully crafted, elegant dessert right in the heart of it all, the Duomo square. The cafe also serves savoury granita pastries, ice cream, cakes, and coffee.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Piazza Duomo 1, Catania  
Opening hours: Daily 7am-12am  
Phone: +39 095 320840  
Internet: [www.prestipinoduomo.com](http://www.prestipinoduomo.com)  
Email: [info@prestipinoduomo.com](mailto:info@prestipinoduomo.com)

### Pasticceria Savia



The historical Pasticceria Savia holds somewhat of a legendary status in the city and is said to be the place that serves some of the best arancini in the area (multiple stuffings available to choose from). After the savoury treats, tuck into one of the airy pastries or decadent cakes.

Photo: Liudmyla Chuhunova/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Via Etnea 302/304, Catania  
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 7:45am-9:30pm  
Phone: +39 095 322335  
Internet: [www.savia.it](http://www.savia.it)  
Email: [segreteria@savia.it](mailto:segreteria@savia.it)

### Chocofusion



Chocofusion is synonymous with chocolate haven. Some of their delights are caramel cakes, cookies, Sacher, flans, and many more hits. Gelato is also available.

Photo: RICIfoto/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Viale Vittorio Veneto 52, Catania  
Opening hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30am-12am, Friday 7:30am-1am, Saturday 7:30am-2am, Sunday 7:30am-1am  
Phone: +39 095 216 3096  
Internet: [www.chocofusion.eu](http://www.chocofusion.eu)  
Email: [chocofusion.ct@gmail.com](mailto:chocofusion.ct@gmail.com)

### Comis Ice Cafe



The cafe, located right by the Bellini Theatre, is known for the high quality and variety of its ice creams (do give the pistachio a try). The offer is not limited to Italy's most well-known dessert, however - the place also serves granita in several

flavours.

Photo: Luboslav Tiles/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza Vincenzo Bellini 8/9, Catania

Opening hours: Monday–Thursday 7am–9pm, Friday &

Sunday 7am–1am, Saturday 7am–2am

Phone: +39 095 715 2499

Email: santocomis@hotmail.it

### Bisou



The superb cafe serves savoury foods and desserts, both equally decadent. For breakfast, try the mini-pancakes soaked in chocolate cream or the savoury avocado and salmon variety. If dessert alone is what you're after, the cafe will certainly not disappoint with the selection.

Photo: Francesco83/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza Giovanni Verga 21 E/F, Catania

Opening hours: Monday 8am–1pm, Tuesday–Saturday

8am–8:30pm, Sunday 9am–1pm / 4:30pm–8:30pm

Phone: +39 095 216 5811

Email: bisou@bisoucatania.com

### Pasticceria Spinella



The popular patisserie (right next to Pasticceria Savia) serves traditional Sicilian savoury snacks (arancini, deep-fried stuffed rice balls, a selection of layered, and plain-dough pastries) as well as the delightful Italian desserts, such as cannoli, cakes, and all manner of sweets.

Photo: ChiccoDodiFC/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Etnea 292/298, Catania

Opening hours: Monday–Friday 7:30am–10:30pm, Saturday

7:30am–11:30pm, Sunday 7:30am–11pm

Phone: +39 095 327 247

Internet: [www.pasticceriaspinella.it](http://www.pasticceriaspinella.it)

Email: [info@pasticceriaspinella.it](mailto:info@pasticceriaspinella.it)

### Juice and Food



The cafe serves a selection of healthy and easy-on-the-taste-buds fruit smoothies and juices, as well as quite a few light meals – soups, wraps, and bagels. The cafe uses fresh ingredients, and all food is prepared on-site. It is located in the north of the city centre.

Photo: Bochkarev Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: Corso Italia 243, Catania

Opening hours: Monday–Friday 9am–10pm, Saturday

9am–11pm, Sunday 10am–10pm

Phone: +39 095 722 3618

Internet: [www.juiceandfood.it/en](http://www.juiceandfood.it/en)

Email: [info@juiceandfood.it](mailto:info@juiceandfood.it)

### Pasticceria Quaranta



Sicilians and tourists flock to this traditional yet innovative bakery in the heart of Piazza Mancini Battaglia. The establishment serves a large selection of both scrumptious sweets and savoury snacks to be enjoyed on the breezy terrace. Arancini and Cassatelle di Agira (pastries made of pistachio or chocolate) are both locals' and tourists' favorites.

Photo: matteo fabbian/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza Mancini Battaglia 17/20, Catania

Opening hours: Daily 7am–12:30am

Phone: +39 095 712 4893

Internet: [www.pasticceriaquaranta.it](http://www.pasticceriaquaranta.it)

Email: [info@pasticceriaquaranta.it](mailto:info@pasticceriaquaranta.it)

### Ciocolato Caffè



This waterfront café features one of the best gelatos on the island and is the best shelter from the dog days of July and August. Besides the gelato, coffee, granita, and the freshly baked cakes are a must-try too.

Photo: JM Travel Photography/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Viale Ruggero di Lauria 129, Catania  
Opening hours: 24/7  
Phone: +39 095 498640  
Internet: [www.ciocolatocafe.it](http://www.ciocolatocafe.it)  
Email: [dolcitantazionict@gmail.com](mailto:dolcitantazionict@gmail.com)

### Bar Mazzini



Bar Mazzini is a window that goes out onto Sicily's culinary scene when it comes to cannoli (tube-shaped shells filled with ricotta) and cipollini (a puff pastry filled with cheese, ham, tomato, black olives, and roasted onion). Stop by and have a chat with the owner David (who speaks English) and discover authentic Sicilian recipes.

Photo: Wead/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Via Auteri 6, Catania  
Opening hours: Daily 5am-8pm  
Phone: +39 095 346 361

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Catania is a student town, and as such, boasts quite a few hip bars and clubs frequented by the local youths. A regional speciality in terms of nightlife is the so-called "lido" - beach venues well-visited by tourists and locals for sunbathing, swimming and water sports during the day, and transforming into bars and beach clubs after sundown.

### Afrobar



Afrobar is a beachfront venue with a dance floor that is set directly on the sand. It's located on premises of one of the many waterside "lido" spaces. During the day, the place is visited by beach-goers and families, but the night sees it transform into a night club with bonfires and fire dancers.

Photo: nd3000/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Via Presidente Kennedy 47, Catania  
Opening hours: Open 24/7  
Phone: +39 345 713 3484  
Internet: [www.afrobar.it](http://www.afrobar.it)  
Email: [efarg@tiscali.it](mailto:efarg@tiscali.it)

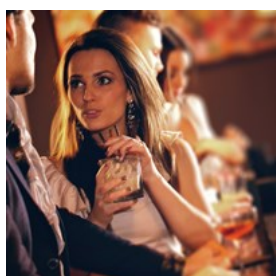
### Mercati Generali



Arguably the finest nightlife establishment in Sicily (and a solid contender for being in the top worldwide), Mercati Generali is located about 10 kilometres from the city centre, but is certainly worth the drive. The crowd it attracts is rather posh, but the vibe remains relaxed and party-like.

Photo: Nykonchuk Oleksii/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Strada Statale 417, Catania  
Phone: +39 095 435764 / +39 334 9197095  
Internet: [www.mercatigenerali.org](http://www.mercatigenerali.org)  
Email: [info@mercatigenerali.org](mailto:info@mercatigenerali.org)

### Zò



The Zò cultural space frequently serves host to various events and happenings, such as music and dance shows, various performances, and movie screenings. There are an on-site restaurant and a bar, which is an intimate, candle-lit space with an extensive selection of wines from the cellar.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Piazzale Rocco Chinnici 6, Catania  
Opening hours: Monday & Tuesday 9am-5pm, Wednesday & Thursday 10am-5pm, Friday-Sunday 6pm-11pm  
Phone: +39 095 816 8912  
Internet: [www.zoculture.it](http://www.zoculture.it)  
Email: [info@zoculture.it](mailto:info@zoculture.it)

### Bar Cuore



The cosy Bar Cuore is a great place for both a coffee and an evening drink in a young, dynamic environment. The eclectic interior invites for a very casual evening pastime inside or in the outdoor seating area. Drinks served range from draft beer to cocktails.

Photo: bogdanhoda/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Via Penninello 35, Catania  
Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 5pm-2am  
Phone: +39 347 609 5021

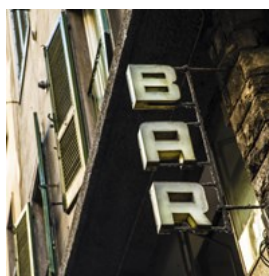
### Razmataz Wine Bar



Wine, beer and cocktails are all served in the beautiful outdoor square of this evening venue. This one is the ultimate place to be for an aperitivo and onwards. Several food options are always available and vary daily (these are listed on the board).

Photo: JM Travel Photography/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Via Montesano 17/19, Catania  
Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-2am  
Phone: +390 95 311 893

### Nievski



Nievski's clearly left-leaning interior is popular for pre-party drinks amongst the local artsy and alternative crowds, as well as the student population. The stairs in front of the establishment are a buzzing hang out spot as well, favoured by the younger generations.

Photo: maradon 333/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Alessi 15/17, Catania

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 5:30pm-2am

Phone: +39 095 313792

Internet: [www.nievski.it](http://www.nievski.it)

Email: [nievski@hotmail.com](mailto:nievski@hotmail.com)

### Le Capannine



Le Capannine is a beach club by day and a pumping party venue at night, when its relaxed cafes and fitness spaces transform into busy dance floors (DJs spin different genres depending on the spot) and bars. The venue follows a Caribbean theme, complete with palm trees and tropical cocktails.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: Viale Kennedy 93, Catania

Phone: +39 095 735 7235

Internet: [www.lecapannine.com/en](http://www.lecapannine.com/en)

Email: [info@lecapannine.com](mailto:info@lecapannine.com)

### Etnea Roof Bar & Restaurant



The stunning views over mount Etna aren't the only reasons to pay a visit to this rooftop establishment: the evening "aperitivo" buffet is varied and generous and includes a drink in the price. During the daytime, it is a high-quality restaurant that serves elevated Italian and Mediterranean food.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Etnea 218, Catania

Opening hours: Daily 1pm-2:30pm / 8pm-11pm

Phone: +39 095 250 5111

More Info: Located in Palace Catania | UNA Esperienze

### Mezzaparola



Currently, a popular watering hole, Mezzaparola is a tiny bar with some seating in the upstairs lounge area, but patrons often opt to simply chill outside by the entrance when it gets too packed (which it increasingly does near midnight).

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Landolina 48, Catania

Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday 7pm-3am, Sunday 7pm-12am

Phone: +39 333 691 3266

Internet: [www.mezzaparolapubcatania.business.site](http://www.mezzaparolapubcatania.business.site)

Email: [mezzaparolapub@gmail.com](mailto:mezzaparolapub@gmail.com)

### Boheme Mixology Bar



A bar with a great ambience, Boheme Mixology has no set menu, but rather offers guests the option of getting something very special crafted for them based on individual preferences. The bar is centrally located, with a mixed crowd of locals and international visitors.

Photo: Maksym Fesenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Montesano 27/29, Catania

Opening hours: Daily 7pm-3am

Phone: +39 095 250 3340

Internet: [www.bohememixologybar.com](http://www.bohememixologybar.com)

Email: [info@bohememixologybar.com](mailto:info@bohememixologybar.com)

### First Lounge Bar



The tucked-away bar in a small central square isn't a place a wandering visitor would just stumble upon. It's a hidden gem of a spot with seating outside and a distinctly bohemian feel to it, much due to the past-century-looking buildings encircling the square.

Photo: xmee/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Martinez 13, Catania

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 6pm-2am

Phone: +39 320 763 3921

Email: firstcatania@gmail.com

### Glamour Hoppe Bier Cafe



The casual eatery and bar isn't one of the places to go for those party vibes, but it's certainly great for a leisurely evening with a cocktail following an abundant aperitivo. Music nights are hosted here on the regular, which includes both contemporary and jazz tunes.

Photo: alexpro9500/Shutterstock.com

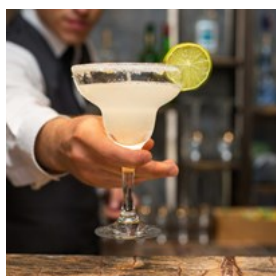
Address: Via Carcaci 11, Catania

Opening hours: Wednesday-Monday 6pm-2am

Phone: +39 095 218 0579

Internet: [www.glamourhoppe.business.site/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=referral](http://www.glamourhoppe.business.site/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=referral)

### Rix Catania



The classy yet laid-back Rix is a place where cocktails are serious business - the mixologists exhibit true professionalism, and craft both vintage and contemporary drinks of a very

decent quality. Food is served for those looking to grab a bite, and the pizza seems to be much favoured.

Photo: Tarik Kaan Muslu/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Enrico Adolfo Pantano 54, Catania

Opening hours: Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 7pm-2am,

Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday 7pm-1:30am

Phone: +39 095 836 2922

Email: ritz@mercatigenerali.org

### A Putia Dell'Ostello



The cavernous interior of this popular local restaurant is frequented by locals and renowned for the superb variety of vegetarian and vegan options (vegan lunch served on Sundays). On Wednesdays, the establishment hosts guest DJs, and Fridays are reserved for live jazz.

Photo: pixy\_nook/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6 Piazza Curro, Catania

Phone: +39 095 723 3010

### La Giara (Taormina)



The town of Taormina offers more elegant dining, one of the classics being La Giara. The Art Deco-inspired space with breathtaking views over the water and stunning shoreline is popular for romantic dinners. The concise menu features meat and seafood dishes.

Photo: Mikhail\_Kayl/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vico la Floresta 1, Taormina

Opening hours: Saturday 12am-5am

Phone: +39 0942 233 60 / +39 0942 625083

Internet: [www.lagiarataormina.it](http://www.lagiarataormina.it)

Email: info@lagiarataormina.it



## SHOPPING



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Catania is sometimes referred to as the Milan of Sicily - not so much for the fashion, but for the enterprising spirit. There are countless craftsmen, artists and small business owners who sell their wares all over the city, one example being the typical 53-inch Sicilian Pupi puppets that can be bought on Via Etnea. The elaborately carved wooden candelabras on sale in the historic quarters are another speciality of the region, and so are the colourful local ceramics.

One must-visit local attraction is the open-air fish market La Pescheria - a bustling, loud, smelly locale where some of the finest seafood restaurants go to stock up on dish ingredients. Brand name shopping can be had along expensive Corso Italia and around Via Pacini, Via Umberto I, and Via Etnea.

### La Pescheria



The bustling, smelly market La Pescheria (next to the cathedral), is worth a visit even if you are not buying any fish.

It's a cultural experience in its own right - seeing the busy vendors display all sorts of curious marine creatures is quite the uncommon sight.

Photo: Marco Ossino/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza Alonzo di Benedetto, Catania

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 8am-2pm

### Via Etnea



One of the city's main arteries and its busiest shopping street, Via Etnea stretches all the way from the Duomo square towards Etna

(hence the telling name). The street is lined with all manner of shops and department stores, as well as a variety of eateries to suit any taste.

Photo: Luca Aless(image cropped)

Address: Via Etnea, Catania

### Corso Italia



The Corso Italia street, running from the seaside up towards Mount Etna, is one of the most elegant streets in the city. It is the place to go for

upscale brand name shopping - the street is lined with world-famous brand name stores and boutiques and breathes a sophisticated air.

Photo: Ji-Elle(image cropped)

Address: Corso Italia, Catania

### Mercato di Piazza Carlo Alberto



The busy morning market in Carlo Alberto square is a vibrant shopping venue where anything and everything from fresh produce to clothes and

spices can be found. Come with time, as there are a lot of stalls to browse through. It can get a bit loud in peak hours, but the bustle decreases

after 1 pm.

Photo: Sabino Parente/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Piazza Carlo Alberto, Catania  
Opening hours: Monday–Friday 8am–2pm, Saturday 8am–7pm  
Internet: [www.comune.catania.it/informazioni/cstampa/default.aspx?cs=20365](http://www.comune.catania.it/informazioni/cstampa/default.aspx?cs=20365)

### Enoteca Regionale di Sicilia



This old town Sicilian wine shop packs a punch with its variety of local wines from small wineries in the region and all over Sicily. Apart from wines, the store stocks a variety of other local products, including many made from olives and pistachio. Wine tasting is possible.

Photo: Markus Mainka/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Via Vittorio Emanuele II 155, Catania  
Opening hours: Monday 4:00–8pm, Tuesday–Saturday 10:30am–8pm  
Phone: +39 095 746 2210  
Email: [enotecaregionale@tiscali.it](mailto:enotecaregionale@tiscali.it)

### Wine & Charme



The cavernous shop holds a host of treasures, it seems – the store's curious insides hold a selection of local products and wines from Etna and all over Sicily (prices range from several euros per bottle to a couple of hundred euros), as well as charming souvenirs (such as the famous local ceramics).

Photo: Christian Delbert/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Via Vittorio Emanuele II 143, Catania  
Opening hours: Daily 9am–9pm  
Phone: +39 095 4194395  
Internet: [www.wineandcharme.com](http://www.wineandcharme.com)  
Email: [info@wineandcharme.com](mailto:info@wineandcharme.com)

### I Dolci Di Nonna Vincenza



The sweet shop I Dolci Di Nonna Vincenza is a great place to go for traditional Italian sweets and pastry (that can be packed up and turned into perfect gifts). Do get a box of cannoli – the "classic" variety or ones with chocolate, pistachio, or orange flavoured cream filling.

Photo: Kvitka Fabian/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Piazza San Placido 7, Catania  
Opening hours: Monday–Saturday 8:30am–8pm, Sunday 9am–1:30pm  
Phone: +39 095 7151844  
Internet: [www.dolcinonnavincenza.it](http://www.dolcinonnavincenza.it)  
Email: [sanplacido@dolcinonnavincenza.it](mailto:sanplacido@dolcinonnavincenza.it)  
More Info: There are three other locations: Via Gabriele D'Annunzio 216/218, Via San Guiseppe la Rena 30 and at Bellini Airport.

### Menza



A celebrated store is known throughout Catania, Menza specialises in Italian deli products. One side of the store is given over to savoury foods such as meats, cheeses, and even entire meals (there is a seating area for those looking to dine on-site), while the other is packed with sweets and pastries.

Photo: Natasha Breen/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Viale Mario Rapisardi 143/145, Catania  
Opening hours: Daily 9am–11pm  
Phone: +39 095 350 606  
Internet: [www.menza.it](http://www.menza.it)  
Email: [info@menza.it](mailto:info@menza.it)

### Mizzica



For traditional Sicilian souvenirs, try the centrally located Mizzica boutique. It sells hand-made crafts and decor items, bags, jewellery and accessories. The store offers good value for money and is a good find for those looking to bring local souvenirs to loved ones.

Photo: hookmedia/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Garibaldi 13, Catania

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-8pm, Sunday 9am-7pm

Phone: +39 393 988 9214

Internet: [www.mizzicasouvenir.it](http://www.mizzicasouvenir.it)

Email: [bechidaniela@gmail.com](mailto:bechidaniela@gmail.com)

### Porte di Catania



The Porte di Catania shopping mall is located outside the city centre, close to the airport. The large Auchan supermarket occupies the ground floor (great for groceries and deli foods); the second floor is packed with shops and stores of major local and international brands.

Photo: Billion Photos/Shutterstock.com

Address: S.S. Gelso Bianco, Catania

Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm

Phone: +39 0955 78717

Internet: [www.portedicatania.gallerieauchan.it](http://www.portedicatania.gallerieauchan.it)

Email: [galleries.portedicatania@ceetrus.com](mailto:galleries.portedicatania@ceetrus.com)

### Etnapolis



Etnapolis, a major shopping destination in Sicily, offers a unique shopping experience complete with a multiplex cinema, kids entertainment area and dining venues. There is a large affordable supermarket inside, as well as a great selection of local and international brand stores and boutiques.

Photo: gpointstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Contrada Valcorrente 23, Belpasso

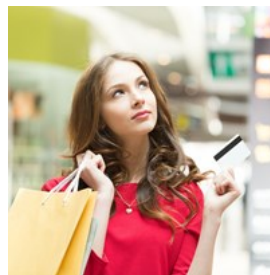
Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-9pm

Phone: +39 095 7867432

Internet: [www.centroetnapolis.it](http://www.centroetnapolis.it)

Email: [info@centroetnapolis.com](mailto:info@centroetnapolis.com)

### I Portali



One of the largest shopping centres in the south of Italy, I Portali is right for those looking to do some major shopping. It is located about an hour's drive outside of Catania but is certainly worth the trip if upscale international clothing, accessories and beauty brand stores are what you're after.

Photo: [www.BillionPhotos.com](http://www.BillionPhotos.com)/Shutterstock.com

Address: Viale Cristoforo Colombo 6, San Giovanni La Punta

Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm

Phone: +39 095 741 5534

Internet: [www.iportaliweb.it](http://www.iportaliweb.it)

Email: [info@iportali.net](mailto:info@iportali.net)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Airport Catania-Fontanarossa



Catania's airport, Fontanarossa (CTA), is located 7 kilometres south-west of the city and handles both domestic and international

flights.

Buses (AMT Alibus) connect the airport to Catania city centre and leave every 20 minutes from 5 am to midnight. There are also several other bus companies, operating other cities on Sicily such as Etna Trasporti to Taormina. The journey takes 50 minutes. Sais Autolinee takes travellers to Palermo in 2-3 hours. Bus tickets can be bought at the currency exchange office or at a newspaper shop inside the airport terminal.

A taxi from the airport to the city takes about 15 minutes. There are taxi ranks outside the airport.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Via Fontanarossa, Catania

Phone: +39 0957 239 111

Internet: [www.aeroporto.catania.it](http://www.aeroporto.catania.it)

### Passport/Visa



Italy can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and

most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travellers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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### Best Time to Visit



May to June and September to October are the best months to visit the ancient port city of Catania on Sicily's eastern coast. Spring and

fall offer pleasant weather with temperatures reaching a maximum of 19 to 26 degrees and a less crowded city. July and August are the hottest and draw in sun worshippers.

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### Public Transport



A rental car is the best way to explore Sicily. The road network is well maintained, especially the toll roads (autostrade). To drive in the city of

Catania can be quite tricky though. A majority of

the city centre is for pedestrians and parking lots are difficult to find.

An alternative to driving is travelling by train to Messina, Syracuse, Palermo and other cities from the station at Piazza Giovanni XXIII.

A cheaper mode of transport is the bus, which departs from the depot at Via d'Amico close to the train station. To get around in the city, the company AMT serves a number of lines. Bus tickets must be validated upon entering the bus (get them punched in the orange machine onboard).

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair  
Address: Piazza Giovanni XXIII, Catania  
Internet: [www.amt.ct.it](http://www.amt.ct.it)  
More Info: [www.interbus.it](http://www.interbus.it)

## Taxi



Taxi fares vary, and the rate increases after 10 pm. The 10 percent tip is sometimes included in the overall price (check with the driver). The

licensed taxis are often yellow or white and have a meter.

Radio Taxi Catania  
+39 095 330 966  
[www.radiotaxicatania.org](http://www.radiotaxicatania.org)

Distefano Taxi  
+39 360 968 390  
[www.taxi-catania.com](http://www.taxi-catania.com)

Photo: ArrivalGuides

## Post



The post office in Catania is situated at Via Etna 215 and can be recognised by the yellow "PT" sign. Stamps can be bought at tobacconists

that either carry the blue and white "Tabacchi" sign or are simply marked by the "T" sign.

Photo: Andy Fuchs  
Address: Via Etna 215, Catania  
Opening hours: Monday-Friday 8:20am-7:05pm, Saturday 8:20am-12:35pm  
Phone: +39 095 7478151  
Internet:  
[www.poste.it/cerca/index.html#/risultati-cerca-up/catania](http://www.poste.it/cerca/index.html#/risultati-cerca-up/catania)

## Pharmacy



Farmacia Caltabiano Dr.  
Mauro Marcello Piazza  
Stesicoro 36, Catania +39  
095 327647  
Monday-Friday  
8:30am-1pm /

4:30pm-8pm

Farmacia Cutelli Fonzo Franca  
Via Vittorio Emanuele 54, Catania  
+39 095 531 400  
[www.farmaciacutelli.it](http://www.farmaciacutelli.it)  
Monday-Friday 7am-12am, Saturday 7am-1pm /  
7pm-12am, Sunday 7pm-12am

Farmacia Lucina  
125 Via Umberto I, Catania  
+39 095 311691  
Monday-Saturday 8:30am-1pm / 4:30pm-8:30pm

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## Telephone



Country code: +39 Area code: 095 (also dialled in Catania). If you call Italy from abroad, you must always dial zero in the area code (do not omit it

as is the general practice when making international telephone calls), e.g. +39 095 + the number.

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## Electricity



The standard voltage in Italy is 230 volts and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. Power plugs and sockets are of type F and L.

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## Population

311,584

## Currency

1 Euro = 100 cents

## Opening hours

Shops are open Monday-Friday 8.30 am - 1 pm and 3.30 pm - 7 pm (some stores open at 9 am and close at 8 pm); a few of them stay open also on Saturdays. Some supermarkets stay open 24/7.

## Internet

[www.comune.catania.it](http://www.comune.catania.it)

## Newspapers

La Gazzetta di Catania

La Sicilia

Cataniaoggi

## Emergency numbers

Police: 112

Fire Brigade: 115

Ambulance: 118

Coast Guard: 1530

## Tourist information

Tourist Information Catania

Via Vittorio Emanuele II 172, Catania

+39 095 742 5573

[www.comune.catania.it/la-citta/turismo/contatti-e-mailing-](http://www.comune.catania.it/la-citta/turismo/contatti-e-mailing-)

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Monday-Saturday 8am-7pm, Sunday 8:30am-1:30pm

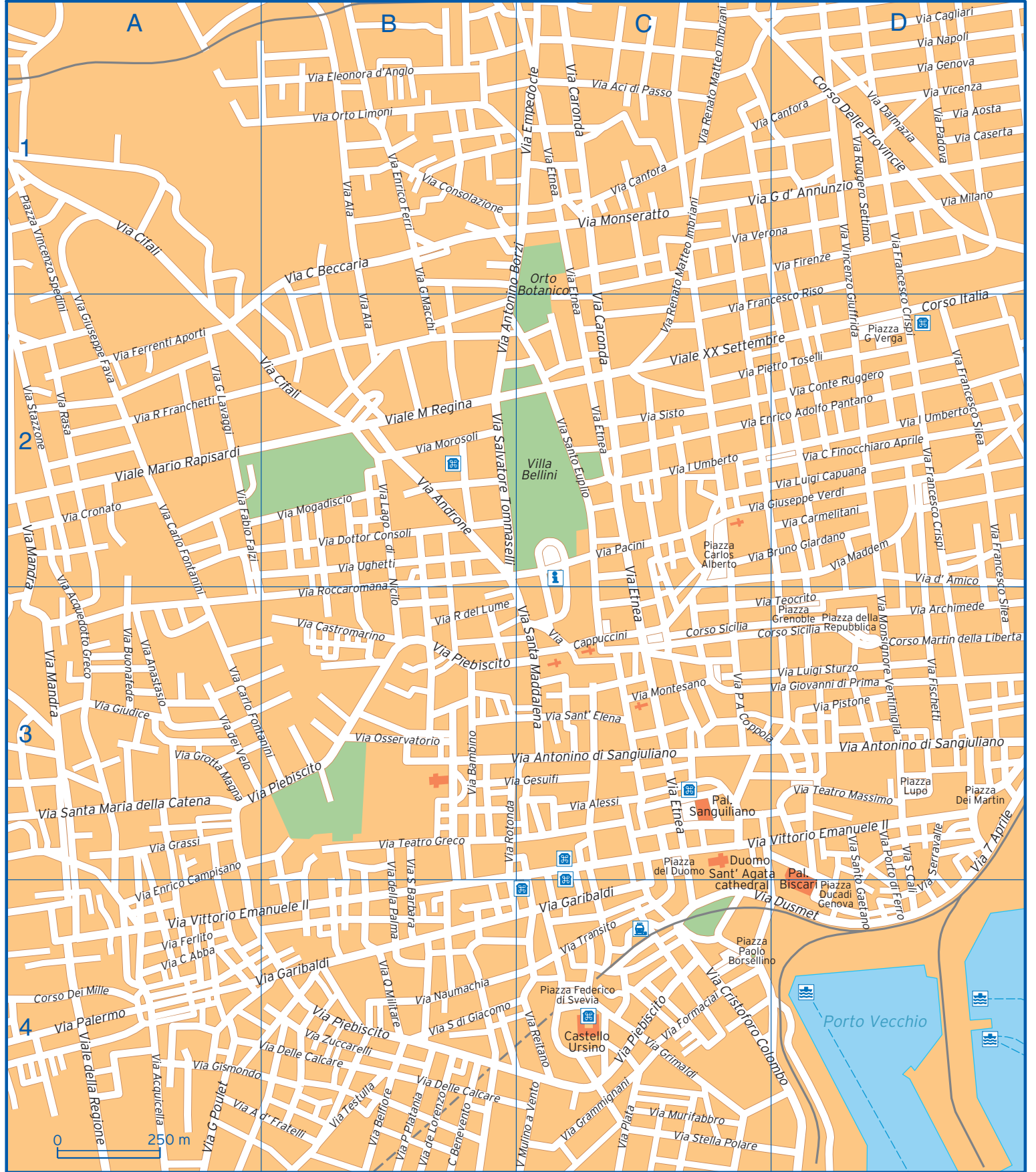
International Airport "Vincenzo Bellini"

Via Fontanarossa, Catania

+39 095 723 96 82

Monday-Saturday 8am-7:15pm, Sunday 8:30am-1:30pm







Corso Dei Mille	A4	Via Cronato	A2	Via Monsignore Ventimiglia	D3
Corso Delle Provincie	D1	Via Dalmazia	D1	Via Montesano	C3
Corso Italia	D2	Via de Lorenzo	B4	Via Morosoli	B2
Corso Martin della Liberta	D3	Via dei Velo	A3	Via Mulino a Vento	C4
Corso Sicilia	C3 D3	Via della Palma	B3 B4	Via Murifabbro	C4
Cortile Benevento	B4	Via Delle Calcare	A4 B4	Via Napoli	D1
Piazza Carlos Alberto	C2	Via Dottor Consoli	B2	Via Naumachia	B4
Piazza Dei Martin	D3	Via Dusmet	C4 D4	Via Orto Limoni	B1
Piazza del Duomo	C3	Via d' Amico	D2	Via Osservatorio	B3
Piazza della Repubblica	D3	Via Eleonora d'Anglo	B1	Via P A Coppola	C3
Piazza Ducadi Genova	D4	Via Empedocle	C1	Via Pacini	C2
Piazza Federico di Svevia	C4	Via Enrico Adolfo Pantano	C2 D2	Via Padova	D1
Piazza G Verga	D2	Via Enrico Campisano	A3 A4	Via Palermo	A4
Piazza Grenoble	D3	Via Enrico Ferri	B1	Via Piebiscito	A3 B3 C4
Piazza Lupo	D3	Via Etnea	C1 C2 C3	Via Pietro Platania	B4
Piazza Paolo Borsellino	C4	Via Fabio Falzi	A2	Via Pietro Toselli	C2 D2
Piazza Vincenzo Spedini	A1 A2	Via Ferlito	A4	Via Pistone	D3
Via 7 Aprile	D3	Via Ferrenti Aporti	A2	Via Plata	C4
Via Aci di Passo	C1	Via Firenze	D1	Via Porto di Ferro	D3 D4
Via Acquedotto Greco	A2 A3	Via Fischetti	D3	Via Q Militare	B4
Via Acquicella	A4	Via Formaciai	C4	Via R del Lume	B3
Via Ala	B1 B2	Via Francesco Crispi	D1 D2	Via R Franchetti	A2
Via Alessi	C3	Via Francesco Riso	C2 D1	Via Rasa	A2
Via Anastasio	A3	Via Francesco Silea	D2 D3	Via Reitano	C4
Via Androne	B2	Via G d' Annunzio	C1 D1	Via Roccaromana	B3
Via Antoni d' Fratelli	A4 B4	Via G Lavaggi	A2	Via Rotonda	B3
Via Antonino Borzi	B2 C1	Via G Macchi	B1 B2	Via Ruggero Settimo	D1
Via Antonino di Sangiuliano	B3 C3 D3	Via Garibaldi	A4 B4 C4	Via S Cali	D3 D4
Via Aosta	D1	Via Genova	D1	Via S di Giacomo	B4
Via Archimede	D3	Via Gesuifi	B3 C3	Via Salvatore Tommaselli	B2
Via Bambino	B3	Via Giovanni di Prima	C3 D3	Via Santa Barbara	B3 B4
Via Belfiore	B4	Via Gismondo	A4	Via Santa Maddalena	C3
Via Bruno Giardano	C2 D2	Via Giudice	A3	Via Santa Maria della Catena	A3
Via Buonafede	A3	Via Giuseppe Fava	A2	Via Santo Euplio	C2
Via C Abba	A4	Via Giuseppe Poulet	A4	Via Santo Gaetano	D3 D4
Via C Beccaria	B1	Via Giuseppe Verdi	C2 D2	Via Sant' Elena	C3
Via C Finocchiaro Aprile	D2	Via Grammignani	C4	Via Serravalle	D3 D4
Via Cagliari	D1	Via Grassi	A3	Via Sisto	C2
Via Canfora	C1 D1	Via Grimaldi	C4	Via Stazzone	A2
Via Cappuccini	C3	Via Grotta Magna	A3	Via Stella Polare	C4
Via Carlo Fontanini	A2 A3 B3	Via I Umberto	C2 D2	Via Teatro Greco	B3
Via Carmelitani	D2	Via Lago di Nicilo	B2	Via Teatro Massimo	D3
Via Caronda	C1 C2	Via Luigi Capuana	D2	Via Teocrito	C3 D3
Via Caserta	D1	Via Luigi Sturzo	D3	Via Testulla	B4
Via Castromarino	B3	Via Maddem	D2	Via Transito	C4
Via Cifali	A1 A2 B2	Via Mandra	A2 A3	Via Ughetti	B2
Via Consolazione	B1	Via Milano	D1	Via Verona	C1 D1
Via Conte Ruggero	D2	Via Mogadiscio	B2	Via Vicenza	D1
Via Cristoforo Colombo	C4 D4	Via Monseratto	C1	Via Vincenzo Giuffrida	D1 D2

Via Vittorio Emanuele II  
Via Zuccarelli

A4 B4 C3 D3 Viale della Regione  
B4 Viale M Regina

A4 Viale Mario Rapisardi  
B2 Viale XX Settembre

A2  
C2 D2