



Taormina

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Over the years, Taormina has been a source of inspiration for artists from all over the world. Celebrated as the idyllic destination par excellence, it represents the ideal place to escape from the chaos of city life.

Located 200 metres above sea level, it is settled on a coastal terrace, overlooking the vastness of the Ionian Sea. The natural beauty of the hill from which the city rises is completed by the view of the imposing Etna volcano.



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The feeling of being on such a high ground, the available panoramas and the fusion of nature and art at its best have made Taormina a sought-after travel destination.

A former Greek settlement, the city was then conquered by Romans and Byzantines and the splendour of that golden Era has lasted throughout the years. Here nature's beauty has been enhanced by human hands and culminated in the Greek Amphitheatre, which dominates the surrounding scenes.

The vibrant centre of the city is Piazza IX Aprile, adorned by the 17th century Sant Agostino and San Giuseppe's churches; once you cross Porta di Mezzo (literally "middle door"), you will enter the ancient part of the city where the Clock Tower was erected over 300 years ago.

Corso Umberto I is the main road that runs through the whole city. With a myriad of shops and restaurants, it will also lead you from the city centre to Porta Catania and the magnificent Badia Vecchia.

Taormina is not only a captivating historical site: its coastal line, marine grottoes and faraglioni (rock formations) have enchanted numerous generations and they are only a cable way ride

away from the city centre.

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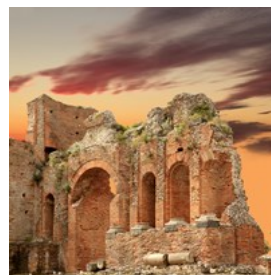


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The medieval town can probably be walked within one day and this gem located on the East coast of Sicily has a unique charm that has attracted many travellers, despite its small size.

The historical centre, Corso Umberto I with its shops and traditional Sicilian restaurants, crystal water beaches and the numerous options for a day trip in the Sicilian surroundings are some of the ingredients that make the so called "pearl" of the Ionic Sea so unique and alluring.

The Greek Amphitheater



Certainly the most iconic monument of the city, the Amphitheatre was erected in Taormina in the 2nd century BC.

Celebrated by Goethe for "the most beautiful view from a theatre", it overlooks the Ionic sea and Mount Etna. The classic cavea was tailored by the side of the hill and it serves as stage for international events.

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Isola Bella



The literal translation "beautiful island" wasn't given at random. This Mediterranean isle serves as a natural habitat for diverse species of birds and sea life. With its crystal waters, it acts as a bathing spot where you can also enjoy the ocean breeze.

Photo: Martin M303/Shutterstock.com

Address: Isola Bella, Taormina

Public Transport: Take the cableway from Pirandello road to Mazzarò.

More Info: It is a pebbly beach so it's recommended to use plastic shoes.

IX Aprile Square

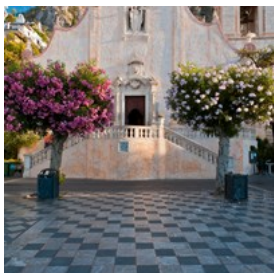


A bustling landmark of Taormina, Piazza IX Aprile is the vibrant heart of the town. Guarded by two majestic churches, it offers an sweeping view of the Ionic Sea. With its traditional cafes and restaurants, it is a place where you can sip some local almond wine while listening to musicians fiddling with their strings.

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Address: IX Aprile Square, Taormina

Chiesa di San Giuseppe



Constructed at the end of the XVII century, San Giuseppe church dominates Piazza IX Aprile with its Baroque facade. The interiors are decorated with floral motifs and angels, as well as with some frescoes picturing traditional

Catholic images.

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Address: IX Aprile Square, Taormina

Phone: +39 094 223 766

Internet:

www.comune.taormina.it/la-citt/chiese/s-giuseppe.aspx

Villa Comunale



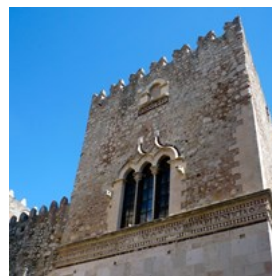
The gardens of this villa represent a shaded solution after the days spent at the beach. Designed by the British and eccentric Lady Florence Trevelyan, they fairly resemble British gardens, although they house a diverse and rare Sicilian flora as well as exotic plants. The architectural items are also considerable: there are bizarre constructions like the Beehive and other more classical statues.

Photo: Anna Lurye/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bagnoli Croci Road, Taormina

Opening hours: Winter: 9am-Sunset. Summer: 9am-Midnight

Corvaja Palace



Overlooking Badia square, this iconic palace was erected throughout the Arabs' domination in the XI century. The architectural features show a mixture of styles, blending together to create this mansion. By taking a walk up the XIII century staircase, you'll be able to enjoy the art exhibition hosted in the building.

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Address: Corso Umberto, Taormina

Phone: +39 094 262 0198

Corso Umberto I



Corso Umberto I crosses the entire town in what is the most iconic walk in Taormina. It goes from Porta Catania to Porta Messina, the two ancient gateways that guard the city define the border of the medieval town.

The road will lead you to historical sites of the city as well as some of its most famous restaurants, cafes and shops.

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Address: Corso Umberto I, Taormina

Odeon



If you happen to stroll through the many alleys in town, you might stumble upon the Odeon. Only a few steps away from the main road, this

Roman theatre was discovered in 1892 underneath buildings constructed upon it over the years. Its remains stand out from the rest of the city, a testament to the long gone Ancient Roman Era.

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Address: Timeo Road, Taormina

More Info: Located near Palazzo Corvaja.

Lido Mazzarò



You can take a ride on the cable way from the main town to this well known beach: the available view will anticipate what to expect from Lido

Mazzarò. Although it is a pebbly beach, it is ideal for sunbathing, and If you fancy having lunch

here, you will also find some local restaurants.

Photo: lapas77/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lido Mazzarò, Mazzarò

More Info: It is a pebbly beach so it's recommended to use plastic shoes.

La Grotta Blu



A hidden gem located at Mazzarò Beach, this scuba-diving spot is also ideal for a boat trip: the crystal blue of the sea is reflected on the inside of the grotto, creating a show of dazzling lights and colours. You will find numerous scuba-diving schools throughout Taormina and Isola Bella, for beginners or advanced divers.

Photo: Dudarev Mikhail/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nike Diving Center, Isola Bella District, Mazzarò

Phone: +39 339 196 1559

Internet: www.diveniketaormina.com/en

Email: gri.francesco@tiscali.it

Duomo di Taormina



Also called "Fortress Cathedral", this is a Medieval church built in the 13th century over the ruins of San Nicola's church. The austere facade granted it the title of biggest medieval monument in Taormina: with its Gothic-Norman style, it shouldn't be missed.

Photo: AMB/Shutterstock.com

Address: Duomo Square, Taormina

Piazza Duomo Fountain



The Fountain located in Duomo Square is further enhanced by the medieval figure of Taormina's Cathedral, standing right in front of it and

dominating the square. Constructed in a Gothic style, this monument is guarded by the statue of the Minotaur, the half-man half-horse mythological emblem of the city.

Photo: Marcin Krzyzak/Shutterstock.com

Address: Duomo Square, Taormina

Spisone Beach



Known for its clear water, this public beach is bigger than Mazzarò Lido and certainly more relaxing: in fact it's one of the locals' most

frequented spots, as it doesn't often bustle with tourists. The tiny rock islands emerging from the blue surface complete the picture of this natural landscape.

Photo: Samot/Shutterstock.com

Address: Spisone Beach, Nazionale Road, Taormina

Public Transport: Reachable by taking the bus number 22 at Caparana bus stop.

Alcantara Gorges



A day trip to the Alcantara Gorges offers a way to cool off and hide from the hot Sicilian sun. Located on the slope of Mount Etna, they formed

over 4000 years ago due to the flow of lava that was crystallised thanks to the Alcantara river, creating the natural sculptures that can be seen

today.

Photo: Natursports/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Nazionale Road, Motta Camastra

Public Transport: From Taormina bus terminal numerous Interbus buses run to Alcantara Gorge. Check departures on www.interbus.it

Phone: +39 328 658 0130

Internet: www.goledellalcantara.it

More Info: The journey takes roughly an hour and 10 minutes by bus and 40 minutes by car.

Giardini Naxos



Featuring white sandy beaches and crystal water, this 4 km coastline is one of the most well-known bays on the island. Plentiful

restaurants, bars and shops as well as the archaeological park, make Giardini Naxos a perfect alternative for a day trip. Located only 6 km from the Taormina city centre, the bus ride takes only 26 minutes.

Photo: S. Leggio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Giardini Naxos, Messina

Public Transport: From Taormina bus terminal numerous Interbus buses run to Giardini di Naxos. Check departures on www.interbus.it

Madonna della Rocca Church



Perched on the mount that dominates Taormina, this church was carved out of rocks and features peculiar rock interiors.

From the city centre, walk up the numerous steps that lead here, where you'll be able to enjoy a sweeping view of the city.

Photo: slavapolo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Madonna Rocca Road, Salita Castello

Opening hours: Winter: 9.30am-12.30pm. Summer:
9.30am-12.30 4pm-7.30pm
Phone: +39 338 803 3448

Taormina Film Festival



Hosting internationally acclaimed cinema celebrities since 1955, Taormina Film Festival is the main event in town. Every year in June, the

ancient Greek amphitheatre comes once again back to life to celebrate the best in the cinema industry.

Photo: hafakot/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ancient Theatre of Taormina, Teatro Greco Road, Taormina

Internet: www.taorminafilmfest.it/en

"The Godfather" Movie Locations



If you're a fan of Francis Ford Coppola's movie "The Godfather", you may know that there are spots in and around Taormina that have been used as

filming locations for the piece. These are the train station Taormina-Giardini, the Santissima Annunziata church in Forza d'Agró, and the Vitelli Bar in Savoca. There are guided tours that can be booked, with further information available at Taormina's Tourist Information Centre.

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Address: Vittorio Emanuele II Square, Taormina

Phone: +39 0942 23243

DINING



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The essence of the Sicilian cuisine lies in dishes that belong to a tradition dated hundreds of years ago, resulting from the mixture of different cultures that have lived in this town starting from its first Greek settlements.

Taormina boasts some of the most well-renowned eateries of the Mediterranean Island. The tender meat of the swordfish fished locally is served with vegetables or plain as a "secondo piatto" (the second course) always preceded by a "primo piatto" (the first course, usually pasta, risotto or soup) and an antipasto (the appetiser). To finish off the meal you can order a dessert rigorously accompanied by almond wine, a peculiarity of Taormina's tradition.

Villa Antonio



Villa Antonio serves typical Sicilian cuisine with a modern twist, adjusting some specialities to make them stand out from other

traditional restaurants. It is located just in front of the Ionic Sea, a view that can be enjoyed from their balcony. It also acts as a B&B, in case you needed a place to stay in.

Photo: Wead/Shutterstock.com

Address: 88 Luigi Pirandello Road, Taormina
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 24 hours
Phone: +39 942 625 502
Internet: www.villaantonio.it
Email: info@villaantonio.it

Al Saraceno



Perched above the city Taormina, the restaurant is located on the way to the Saraceno Castle. This position offers a sweeping view of the entire city,

the bay and Mount Etna, often capped with snow. The cuisine is rigorously Sicilian, offering dishes based on both beef and seafood, as well as pizzas.

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Address: 16/18 Madonna della Rocca Road, Taormina
Opening hours: Daily Noon-2.30pm 7pm-11.30pm
Phone: +39 942 632 015
Internet: www.alsaraceno.it
Email: info@alsaraceno.it

Nettuno



Located in the heart of the historical centre of Taormina, Nettuno Restaurant offers an à la carte menu based on local seafood. Seating is

available both indoors and on their open courtyard, and you can also join cooking classes, learning directly from the restaurant's chef.

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Address: 5 Salita Santippo, Taormina
Opening hours: Thu-Tue 12.30pm-11.30pm, Fri-Wed 11.30am-11pm
Phone: +39 094 262 6023
Email: ristorantenettunonaxos@hotmail.it

Trattoria Don Ciccio



"Trattoria" is the name used by Italians to refer to those "less sophisticated" restaurants where authenticity and Italian

flavours are the main focus.

Combining fresh ingredients cooked on the spot and a rustic atmosphere, Trattoria Don Ciccio can offer pasta-based dishes as well as many kinds of meat, such as pork shank with almonds and locally caught swordfish.

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Address: 19 Damiano Rosso Road, Taormina
Opening hours: Daily 10am-11pm
Phone: +39 942 628 341
Email: trattoriadonciccio@gmail.com

Tischi Toschi



Tischi Toschi prides itself on using only seasonal ingredients, so that's why its menu changes according to what is available at the local

markets, but examples of what you may find are fennel meatballs, caciocavallo all'Argentiera, which is a typical kind of cheese, and cod belly with potatoes.

Photo: [Sea Wave/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/SeaWave)
Address: 3 Francesco Paladini Alley, Taormina
Opening hours: Daily 7pm-10.30pm
Phone: +39 339 364 2088
Internet: www.tischitoschitaormina.com
More Info: It is recommended to make reservations in advance, as the available seats are not that many.

Murgo Winery



With a terrace that overlooks their vineyards and the Ionian Sea, as well as a patio and garden available during summertime, Murgo

Winery offers ample choice for seating. Their fixed-price menu features Sicilian appetizers, two first courses, a mixed grill and a dessert to finish off. You can also book a wine tasting tour, where you'll be able to enjoy specials such as the Lapilli Bianco and Etna Rosso.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: 13 Zafferana Road, San Michele Village
Opening hours: Daily 7am-10.30pm
Phone: +39 095 950 520
Internet: www.murgo.it/en
Email: info@murgo.it

Vineria Modí



Settled in the city centre, Vineria Modí offers a menu based on seafood and Sicilian tradition, with dishes such as spaghetti with cuttlefish

ink and seared tuna filet with onion cream. The staff that will also aid you in pairing up the best wines with your tastes and food choice.

Photo: Quality Master/Shutterstock.com
Address: 13 Calapitrulli Road, Taormina
Opening hours: Wed-Tue 12.30am-2.30pm 6.30pm-10.30pm
Phone: +39 942 236 58
Internet: www.vineriamodi.com
Email: info@vineriamodi.com

Ristorante Taormina



This restaurant lets you enjoy either its pasta with seafood dishes or its pizzas while sitting under their terrace, letting you enjoy a view of the main

road, Corso Umberto. They also have many options for traditional desserts, from the Sicilian cannoli, pastries with ricotta filling, to tiramisù.

Photo: zakharov aleksey/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2 Teofane Cerameo Alley, Taormina
Opening hours: Wed-Tue 11.30am-11.30pm
Phone: +39 942 243 59

Pizzeria Villa Zuccaro

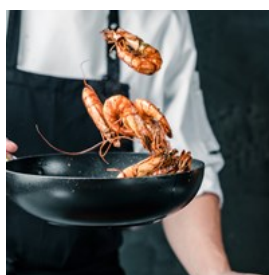


Located in a villa dating back to the 1600s, this pizzeria boasts 35 different kinds of pizza, counting classics like Margherita and Quattro

Formaggi but also their signature Villa Taormina, filled with mushrooms and smoked ham. You can finish your meal with Sicilian desserts such as the "cuzzole", made with fried dough.

Photo: Natalia Lebedinskaia/Shutterstock.com
Address: 5 Carmine Square, Taormina
Phone: +39 942 628 018
Internet: www.villazuccaro.axeleroweb.it
Email: villazuccaro@tao.it

Gambero Rosso



From its inception in 1949, Gambero Rosso has offered every Italian dish anyone could be looking for: from seafood like mussels and octopus to

fresh pasta and oven cooked pizza. They also

provide outdoor seating facing the bustling alley opposite to it.

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Address: 11 Naumachia Road, Taormina
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 11.30am-3pm 6pm-11pm
Phone: +39 094 224 863
Internet: gambero-rosso-taormina.business.site
Email: gamberorossotaormina@tiscali.it

CAFES



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If you're searching for a breakfast spot, you can head to a local "pasticceria" (pastry shop). In Italy the traditional breakfast (la prima colazione) consists of a latte and whatever your sweet tooth may have you crave. The astute Sicilians, however, came up with an idea to combine the morning meal with a refreshing solution to cope with the hot summer of the Mediterranean island: pair a "granita", which is Italian slush, with a "brioche col tuppo" and you'll get the ideal Sicilian breakfast.

Etna Pasticceria

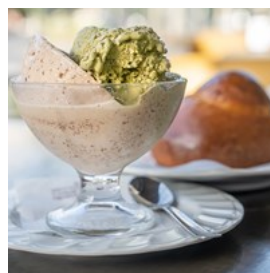


Serving a wide selection of Sicilian delicatessen that range from traditional almond sweets to ricotta cannoli, Etna Pasticceria makes for a fine traditional breakfast spot. Located on the crowded Corso Umberto I, it also serves as an

ideal place to relax in before moving on with your shopping day.

Photo: Harmony Waldron/Shutterstock.com
Address: 112 Corso Umberto I, Taormina
Opening hours: Winter: daily 8am-9pm. Summer: 8am-Midnight
Phone: +39 942 247 35
Internet: www.pasticceriaetna.com
Email: pasticceriaetna@gmail.com

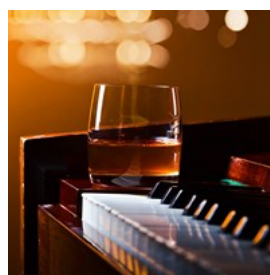
BamBar



This family-run bar specialises in the traditional granita, available in many different flavours such as coffee, pistachio and white chocolate. It is possible to couple it with a warm "brioche col tuppo", a Sicilian pastry. The bar is pretty small, but you can also enjoy your dessert on the go, while strolling through town.

Photo: giuseppelombardo/Shutterstock.com
Address: 45 Di Giovanni Road, Taormina
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 7am-10.30pm
Phone: +39 094 224 355
Email: sarettoambar@gmail.com

Wunderbar



Coming with outdoor seating facing the sea, Wunderbar offers both continental and English breakfast, so that you can start your day with either a sweet or savoury meal. It also acts as a spot for an aperitif, sporting cocktails made following secret recipes such as the "Liz Taylor" or the "Richard Burton". The evenings are also livened up by live piano or sax music.

Photo: Igor Normann/Shutterstock.com
Address: 7 IX Aprile Square, Taormina

Opening hours: Daily 8am-1pm
Phone: +39 942 625 302
Internet: www.wunderbarcaffe.com/en
Email: info@wunderbarcaffe.it

Mocambo Caffè Bar



Elegant red and white interiors, glass chandeliers and a location facing the city centre all contribute towards Mocambo's upscale ambience. Seating is available both indoors and under their terrace, while a dedicated tea room is also available.

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Address: IX Aprile Square, Taormina
Opening hours: Daily 8am-2.30am
Phone: +39 942 233 50

Ape Nera



This cafe not only acts as a spot to have your breakfast, but also lunch and dinner. You can order simple dishes such as sandwiches and

baguettes, a drink coupled with a savoury snack or choose their salmon tartare. If instead you're looking for something sweet, cakes and cannolis are also available.

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Address: 65 Corso Umberto I, Taormina
Phone: +39 094 223 938

Caffé Cavallaro



If you're looking for pastries, Caffé Cavallaro has them in many shapes and forms: fruit tarts, chocolate cakes or traditional ones like cannoli. You can also order a Sicilian brioche filled with ice cream, to be coupled with a granita or sorbet.

Photo: [Gandolfo Cannatella/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: 165/167 Corso Umberto I, Taormina
Opening hours: Wed-Sat 7.30am-1pm 3pm-9pm, Sun 7.30am-1.30pm 3.30pm-9pm, Mon 7.30am-1pm 3pm-9pm
Phone: +39 094 251 259

Antica Pasticceria Salamone

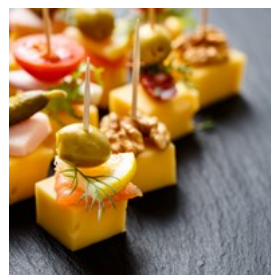


Everything that you can see on this bakery's counter has been made following the local traditions: you can have a Sicilian breakfast

consisting of a granita and brioche, but you can also order pastries such as the "raviola" with ricotta, cannoli, "saccottino" biscuits with chocolate and croissants with different fillings.

Photo: [night flower/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: 236 Vittorio Emanuele Road, Giardini Naxos
Opening hours: Daily 7am-8pm
Phone: +39 094 251 398

IBar Coffee & Drink



This neon-lit bar is located just beside the Duomo, so its outdoor seating can give you a nice view of this central part of town. You'll be able to order savoury appetisers of bread, olives and ham along with your drinks, or one of their

pastries, such as the "babá with rum" cake.

Photo: zi3000/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Duomo Square, Taormina

Opening hours: Daily 8am-2am

Phone: +39 094 262 8841

Caffé Solaris



Located not far from the city centre but untouched by the larger crowds, Caffé Solaris is a bar that gives you the opportunity to enjoy a meal while

viewing the Ancient Roman Odeon Theatre.

You'll be able to order traditional Italian food like the "bruschetta", garlic bread with toppings like tomatoes, ham and pesto, as well as pasta and frittata.

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Address: 33 Timeo Road, Taormina

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11.30am-11pm, Sun 10.30am-4.30pm

Phone: +39 349 577 2732

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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As an exclusive seaside resort, Taormina attracts a crowd of both young and older people, offering quality entertainment for everybody. The evening starts at 6, when folks pour down the streets to attend an event that is part of the local lifestyle: the "aperitivo". The internationally

called "happy hour" here becomes an opportunity to get together and release the stress of everyday life. It normally consists of a Spritz (Prosecco, soda water and Aperol or Campari) and some handmade snacks which are usually on the house.

For those who want to continue partying, Taormina has no shortage of options especially over summer, from nightclubs to late bars.

Morgana Lounge Bar



Morgana Lounge is an upscale bar with a peculiar habit: it changes its interior design every year, using local materials and decor.

Their signature cocktail menu contains drinks that can only be tasted here, and they offer catering for events as well.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4 Scesa Morgana, Taormina

Opening hours: Daily 8pm-3am

Phone: +39 942 620 056

Internet: www.morganataormina.it

Email: info@morganabar.it

Daiquiri



This bar comes with an interior decorated with tropical motifs and outdoor seating embraced by green foliage and stone walls.

Their cocktail offering contains specials such as the espresso martini, to be enjoyed while listening to the music in the background.

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Address: 4/5 Palladini Square, Taormina

Opening hours: Daily 6pm-2am

Phone: +39 320 785 7129

Internet: www.daiquiri-taormina.com
Email: info@daiquiri-taormina.com

Time Out Pub



Standing out from the multitude of local Sicilian bars, Time Out Pub opens its doors to those who aren't searching for traditional Italian dishes.

Here the menu consists of finger food, burgers, wraps and sandwiches, which can be enjoyed while watching the live sport events or be taken to go.

Photo: [Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: 21 San Pancrazio Road, Taormina
Opening hours: Everyday 7.30pm - 2am
Phone: +39 333 525 8971
Internet: www.timeoutpub.com
Email: info@timeoutpub.com

La Giara



Since 1953, when La Giara opened, it has been a staple of Taormina's nightlife. It's an upscale seafood restaurant that also acts as a

sophisticated club, equipped with white interiors that are able to change colours thanks to the lighting. Themed events are hosted every Saturday, as well as guest DJs.

Photo: [Gorodisskij/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: 1 Vico La Floresta, Taormina
Opening hours: Sat Midnight-5am
Phone: +39 942 233 60
Internet: www.lagiarataormina.it
Email: info@lagiarataormina.it

Re di Bastoni



One of Taormina's cultural centres, Re di Bastoni hosts jazz musicians and features paintings of emerging artists. Their beer

selection includes limited offers, such as Pan, a brown ale with Nebrodi hazelnuts, that can be coupled with appetisers such as garlic bread with cheese, tomatoes and ham.

Photo: [Danil Nevsky/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: 120 Corso Umberto I, Taormina
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 11am-2am
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Email: redibastoni@hotmail.com

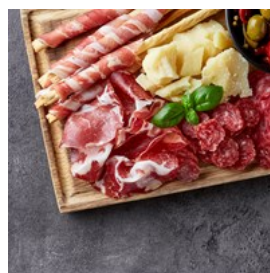
Q Lounge Bar



Q Lounge Bar is located in one of the main squares of the city, able to host any kind of private event. Their patio is embellished by blooming trees, white sofas and wooden tables, on which you'll be able to enjoy their tropical cocktails or a glass of champagne.

Photo: [Yellowj/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: 6 Paladini Square, Taormina
Opening hours: Daily 10am-2am
Phone: +39 942 212 96
Email: qbar-whitebar@hotmail.com

Casamatta Wine Bar



The interior of this bar is made mainly from repurposed materials: the counter and chairs use wood from wine crates while the walls are

adorned with pallets, as well as by shelves holding books, bottles and ceramics. They offer appetisers served on chopping boards, as well as bruschette and paninis, to be enjoyed while listening to live music that changes every week.

Photo: baibaz/Shutterstock.com

Address: 14 Santa Maria dei Greci Road, Taormina

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 6.30pm-1am

Phone: +39 349 328 1515

Internet: www.casamattawinebar.com

Email: casamattatao@gmail.com

Arco Rosso



Mostly famous for its rotating lineup of "bruschette", toasted garlic bread with varying toppings such as pistachio pesto, Arco

Rosso allows you to relax outside and watch the hustle and bustle of the city. Appetisers made with cheese and ham, paninis and sandwiches can be coupled with wine for your aperitif.

Photo: Pinkyone/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7 Naumachia Road, Taormina

Opening hours: Daily Noon-Midnight

Phone: +39 335 582 1830

Timoleone Café



Timoleone Café sits beside the Odeon Theatre, along the stairway of Timoleone Road. The outdoor seating is located in a

garden adorned with fruit trees and embraced by stone walls. Their drinks are made with homegrown fruit, and their dishes are mainly pasta-based, with appetisers on the side.

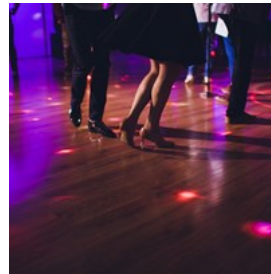
Photo: Elena Veselova/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6 Timoleone Road, Taormina

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 5.30pm-Midnight

Phone: +39 346 877 7633

Tropicana Disco Naxos



Located in the nearby settlement of Giardini Naxos, Tropicana Disco comes equipped with two halls and three dance floors. Many different

dancing styles are available every Saturday and Sunday, among which you'll find the ballroom, Latin and Caribbean kinds.

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Address: Tevere Road, Giardini Naxos

Phone: +39 339 480 5521

SHOPPING



Egor Myznik/unsplash

Taormina's main shopping destination is certainly Corso Umberto I, popular for the the multitude of stores it has to offer: you can find traditional souvenir shops and restaurants, but also many upscale boutiques specialising in either shoes, bags or leather accessories.

Trussardi



A prestigious name of the fashion industry, Trussardi is an Italian brand selling luxury goods. Creating signature garments since 1911, its clothing options range from women's clothing and lingerie to menswear, shoes, accessories and perfumes.

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Address: 210 Corso Umberto I, Taormina

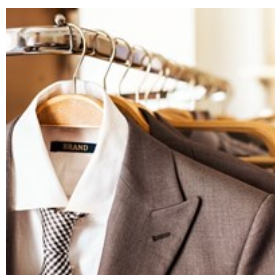
Opening hours: Daily 10am-1pm 4pm-8pm

Phone: +39 942 624 548

Internet: www.trussardi.com

Email: trutaormina@trsevolution.it

Parisi



At Parisi you'll be able to find the most well-known brands for both women and men clothing, from Prada to Dolce&Gabbana. Born as a tailor's shop, it now collaborates with exclusive brands and features an in-store bar from where you can enjoy a view of the sea.

Photo: Oleksandr Berezko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Corso Umberto I, Taormina

Opening hours: Daily 9.30am-1pm 4pm-9.30pm

Phone: +39 942 231 82

Internet: www.parisitaormina.com

Email: info@parisitaormina.com

Nara Camicie



Although their focus has always been on designer shirts since 1984, Nara Camicie offers also different options for women's clothing as well

as menswear, such as cardigans and jackets. You can also find accessories such as scarves and hats.

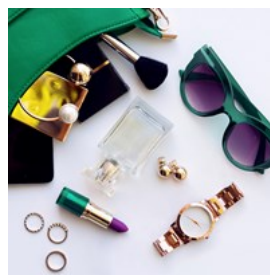
Photo: Lu Mikhaylova/Shutterstock.com

Address: 45 Corso Umberto I, Taormina

Opening hours: Daily 9.30am-1pm 3.30pm-10pm

Phone: +39 942 628 038

Furla Babà Srl



Boasting more than 80 years of expertise and world-renowned designs, Furla is a cornerstone of the Italian fashion brands specialised in producing luxury bags and accessories. Here you'll be able to find wallets, backpacks, shoes and other leather goods for both women and men.

Photo: Viktoria Minkova/Shutterstock.com

Address: 43 Corso Umberto I, Taormina

Opening hours: Daily 9.30am-8.30pm

Phone: +39 942 244 43

Internet: www.furla.com

Falconeri



In their wooden and softly lit store in Taormina, Falconeri sells a vast selection of "made in Italy" items: starting from woollen crew necks and roll necks, going through gloves and mittens made of cashmere, to silk scarves.

Photo: TonelloPhotography/Shutterstock.com

Address: 189/191 Corso Umberto I, Taormina

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8.30pm

Phone: +39 942 625 986

Internet: it.falconeri.com

Tosca Blu



Specialised in footwear and accessories, this boutique sells branded Tosca Blu products, as well as lots of other great names in the shoe

industry. Located at Corso Umberto I, it stands out thanks to its colourful variety of shoes for women, bags and wallets.

Photo: Natali Glado/Shutterstock.com

Address: 83 Corso Umberto I, Taormina

Phone: +39 942 242 18

Internet: www.toscablu.com

Coccinelle



Another Italian brand which is gradually becoming popular worldwide is Coccinelle, which has recently opened a shop in

Taormina. It focuses on designer leather bags and other accessories for women, such as wallets, coin purses and card holders.

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Address: 193/195 Corso Umberto I, Taormina

Phone: +39 942 628 089

Internet: www.coccinelle.com

Kiseki Jewels



A well-known jewellery shop in Taormina, Kiseki Jewels features an exclusive collections of luxury accessories. Their lineup consists of

bracelets, earrings, necklaces and rings made with gold, natural stones and coral.

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Address: 55 Corso Umberto I, Taormina

Phone: +39 942 628 861

Internet: www.kisekijewels.com

Geox



Another great Italian name at the shopping alley Corso Umberto I, Geox is a well known brand mostly famous for its breathable and

waterproof shoes, suitable for every occasion.

They also sell jackets and coats, as well as accessories like belts and bags, for both men and women.

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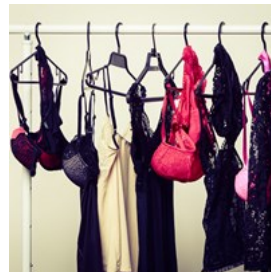
Address: 46 Corso Umberto I, Taormina

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8.30pm

Phone: +39 942 245 75

Internet: www.geox.com

Yamamay



An Italian brand of lingerie and beachwear, Yamamay has become a well-known name in the last 10 years. They offer ample variety in bras and

nightwear for women, as well as for briefs and undershirts for men, while also selling articles for children.

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Address: 41 Corso Umberto I, Taormina

Internet: www.yamamay.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Airport



The closest airport to Taormina's city center is Fontanarossa Airport in Catania, which is located 64km from the city. The cheapest way to get to

Taormina is by bus, taking S.A.I.S. service or Etna Trasporti to Taormina.

Alternatively, there are numerous options to rent a car:

Aptransfers Srl +39 095 5874852

Forzese +39 95 349294

You can also book a taxi:

Social Taxi Catania +39 095 330966

www.radiotaxicatania.org

Taxi Sat Service +39 095 6188 www.6188.it

May you require any further information, an information desk is located at the Arrival area (next to Lost & Found).

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Fontanarossa Road

Phone: +39 957 239 111

Internet: www.aeroporto.catania.it

Email: sac@pec.aeroporto.catania.

Public Transport



The best way to get around in Taormina is by feet: the city, in fact, it's quite small and can be easily walked. If you fancy a trip a bit further

on, Interbus has services to go to other Sicilian cities and to particular landmarks outside the town. The bus terminal is located in Luigi Pirandello Road.

The cableway is another option, connecting Taormina city centre with Mazzarò and the beaches.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Phone: +39 913 457 91

Internet: www.interbus.it

Taxi



Italian's taxis are white with a red TAXI sign on top: it shouldn't be a problem to hail one. If you wish to book a taxi, here's some company

that run from Taormina to Catania and other Sicilian cities.

www.taxirobertomirabile.com +39 346 581 0872

sicitytaxiservice.com +39 320 75 33 070

www.taxitaormina.net +39 333 12 75 225

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Address: 3 David Herbert Lawrence Road, Taormina

Phone: +39 346 581 0872

Internet: www.taxirobertomirabile.com

Email: mirabileroberto@gmail.com

Post



There are numerous post offices where to get stamps from and where to post letters. Here's the main ones: Poste Italiane: Funivia Mazzarò Square

+39 942 626193

Ufficio Postale Taormina : Sant'Antonio Square

+39 942 213011

Mailboxes are red and they have "POSTE" written on.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Sant'Antonio Square, Taormina

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-6.30pm, Sat 8am-12.30pm

Phone: +39 942 213 011

Pharmacy



The Italian Pharmacy system is designed to ensure an open pharmacy at night or holidays within each area. You will find a sign on the door

that will direct you to the one on duty, along with emergency numbers and opening hours.

Giarrizzo Pharmacy

420 Corso Umberto I +39 094 251 267

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: 420 Corso Umberto I, Taormina

Phone: +39 0942 51267

Telephone



Country code: +39 Area code 0942

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



In Italy the standard voltage is 230 V and the frequency is 50 Hz. The power plugs and sockets are of type F (two pins, compatible also with

types C and E) and L (three pins, compatible also with type C).

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Passport / Visa



Italy can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, 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) travelers 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



Although events like the Film Festival and the exhibitions in the Greek Theatre all take place during the summer, this season is definitely when

Taormina is the most crowded while also being characterised by a hot climate.

The mildest seasons both in terms of tourists and temperature are spring and fall, when the sea is still warm and baths can be taken. There are also a couple of events that may be of interest, such as the religious procession "Madonna della Rocca".

Photo: VectorA_/Shutterstock.com

Population

11,075

Currency

Euro

Opening hours

Most shops are open Monday to Saturday from 8am to 6pm or 8pm.

Newspapers

Giornale di Sicilia - www.gds.it

Messina Oggi - www.messinaoggi.it

Emergency numbers

112 Police

118 Emergency

115 Firefighters

Tourist information

Ufficio informazioni turistiche Palazzo Corvaja

Vittorio Emanuele II Square, Taormina

+39 094 223 243

Servizio Turistico Regionale Taormina, Unità Operativa di Giardini Naxos

54 Tysandros Seafront, Giardini Naxos

+39 094 251 010

Mon–Thu 8.30am–2.15pm