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EXCLUSIVE GROUP EXPERIENCES

IN PALERMO







Frequented by royalty, dignitaries and Hollywood luminaries, Villa Igiea's palatial interiors provide a striking canvas to host the most sensational events. Nestled at the base of Mount Pellegrino and the Gulf of Palermo, our palazzo is perfectly placed for an array of experiences set along the Mediterranean's picturesque coastline.

All of our venues, whether inside or out, can be tailored to suit your every wish. It's not only our spaces that are memorable, the experiences on offer both inside and outside Villa Igiea are exceptional: guests may be entertained with a range of excursions curated by our local experts, including Sicilian cooking classes, scenic boat tours and unique wine tastings.

Our dedicated team can also create a diverse range of engaging team building activities, from stylish fashion show challenges to professional video shoots, puppet shows and creative workshops.



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AT VILLA IGIEA

### **TEAM BUILDING**

# A TASTE OF SICILY

Paying homage to the island's renowned delicacies, our cooking challenge is a gastronomic journey to discover some of Sicily's most delicious traditions that have been inherited through generations of families and farmers. Guests will be divided into teams and introduced to six different cooking tasks. Through these educational activities, budding chefs will come away with a booklet of wonderful Sicilian recipes and new skills to recreate at home. Buon appetito!

Up to 200 guests

# PALERMO FASHION WEEK Style challenge

Immerse your team in the world of high fashion and the numerous roles associated with a fashion house in this engaging and stylish challenge. Your group will be divided into teams and introduced to their challenge: creating and hosting their own fashion show.

#### Up to 200 guests





### **TEAM BUILDING**

THE POWER OF PUPPETRY & STORYTELLING Creative workshop

Expand your team's creative thinking through the power of puppetry and storytelling in an inventive workshop enhanced with state-of-the-art technology. Bring your favourite characters to life through exciting visuals, animations and more.

Up to 100 guests

# FILM TRAILER PRODUCTION

Creative workshop

Our team of professional directors and camera operators have created a wonderful workshop to draw out your team's creativity and interpersonal skills through the production of a film trailer of your choice. Once filming is complete, our professional editors will ensure your film is ready for your grand premiere gala dinner.

#### Up to 80 guests

### **SPORT & WELLNESS**

# TENNIS

Play in one of Palermo's most sensational outdoor courts overlooking the sparkling waters of the Mediterranean. We can arrange group lessons with our team of professional coaches to help perfect your forehand, backhand and improve your overall technique. Game, set, and a match made in heaven.

Up to 4 guests

# CARDIO TENNIS

The perfect group fitness programme for those seeking an adrenaline boost while honing techniques. Our cardio tennis sessions are crafted by expert coaches to raise your game and your heartbeat with drills, activities, and the introduction of new skills to deliver the ultimate full body and calorie burning aerobic and anaerobic workout. A sublime sea breeze and the promise of a post-workout dip in Villa Igiea's pool provide all the motivation you need to succeed.

Up to 4 guests





Enjoy the delicate scent of orange blossom at the entrance to our Villa Igiea Spa. Our extensive menu of luxurious experiences and treatments will melt away any tension. Treat yourself with our exclusive range of Irene Forte Skincare products, made with Sicilian botanicals handpicked from our organic farm, in Verdura Resort's idyllic orchards and olive groves on the island's southern coast. Our therapists combine cutting-edge technology with richly relaxing therapies for heavenly results.

### **SPORT & WELLNESS**

# **REST & RECREATION** Villa Igiea Spa

#### Up to 6 guests

### **SPORT & WELLNESS**

### NAMASTE Outdoor Yoga

Bask in the golden glow of Villa Igiea's tiered gardens in an outdoor yoga session. The refreshing Mediterranean sea air is the ultimate tonic for cleansing your mind, body and spirit. Our qualified yoga teacher can create a group practice to suit the team's abilities to help discover inner balance, strength and flexibility.

#### Up to 15 guests

### FUN AND HEALTHY Fitness activities

If you're in pursuit of a social activity to keep fit during your stay, you'll feel at home in this relaxed session for all fitness levels. Our group workouts are designed to give you a fun yet focused introduction to a more active lifestyle in an interactive and welcoming environment, to teach you healthy habits and activities that fit easily into your daily routine.

> Up to 8 guests (indoors) and up to 15 guests (outdoors)



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# ART & CULTURE

# THE ROYAL PALERMO

Monreale tour

Explore the extraordinary Monreale Monumental Complex, a recently appointed UNESCO World Heritage Site. These exquisite buildings, which include the Royal Palace and Palatine Chapel, symbolise the unique exchange of many cultures and religions from 7th-century Sicily.

#### Up to 40 guests\*

\*We can arrange private tours outside of the public opening hours, with the addition of a private concert for up to 100 guests.





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### **ART & CULTURE**

# THE BAROQUE JEWEL

Baroque Church of the Immaculate & Capo Market

Palermo's colourful neighbourhood, Capo, is home to one of the city's most fascinating sites; the Baroque Church of the Immaculate. Also known as Casa Professa, the striking building is still used by the Society of Jesus and is one of Palermo's most sensational churches. Don't miss the surrounding Capo Market when visiting this vibrant part of the city.

Up to 60 guests

### ART & CULTURE

# THE OPERA IN PALERMO

Musical evening

Palermo holds the primacy for the coexistence of two opera houses: Teatro Massimo and Teatro Politeama Garibaldi. Both theaters not only represent a place of entertainment - they also tell the story of a city growing during the 1800s and are, still today, two of its most popular symbols. For a truly unforgettable evening, our concierge can arrange an exclusive opera or symphonic concert, allowing your team to experience the venues in private.

Up to 150 guests





### CULINARY

# A TOUCH OF BEAUTY AND FLAVOUR Culinary tour

Sicily's temperate climate and rich confluence of cultures lend themselves to an extraordinary melting pot of cuisines. Enjoy a guided tour through Palermo's pretty centre and taste local delicacies from an array of traditional street stalls. Explore wonderful Sicilian dishes accompanied by a characterful local wine.

Up to 150 guests

CULINARY

# BALLARÒ MARKET INNER HABITS Tour of local markets

A trove for any gastronome, Mercato Ballarò is Palermo's famous street food market full of tasty delicacies and traditional treats. Discover the secrets of ancient recipes handed down through street food vendors who share their family history from their favourite corners of Palermo.

Up to 150 guests





### CULINARY

# WINE TOUR

Tasca D'Almerita Winery (Regaleali)

Discover the heart of Sicily by immersing yourself in the idyllic wheat fields, vineyards and hills, enjoy an instant sense of calm and be transported through a journey of aromatic flavours and fine wines. At Regaleali Estate Tasca d'Almerita, explore the winery and its award-winning wines, accompanied by a delicious Italian lunch.

Up to 40 guests

### ADVENTURE

# ICONIC PALERMO BY VINTAGE FIAT 500 Fiat 500 tour

An icon of Italian style and heritage, the FIAT 500 has become an Italian legend. Weave through Palermo's bustling boulevards in a vintage Fiat 500 in this threehour guided tour. You'll be taken through the ancient port of Palermo, the traditional Sicilian Old Quarter, striking baroque palaces, the Teatro Massimo and other icons including the Norman district, Quattro Canti, and the 12th-century Duomo.

Up to 100 guests

# ART, FUN AND SWEET TREATS BY VESPA Vespa tour

Meander through Palermo in true Italian style on a three-hour guided tour by Vespa, zig-zagging through some of the city's prettiest alleyways and lesser-known areas. Admire the historic centre of Palermo and soak up the beautiful architecture and historical jewels of the Sicilian capital. Be sure to try the delicious local brioche and gelato during your pitstop.

Up to 20 guests





Glide through the Gulf of Palermo and soak up some of the best views and most striking swimming spots with a private boat tour of Sicily's capital. Delicious refreshments including soft drinks and a buffet lunch will be served on board. All you need to do is kick back, relax, and watch Palermo's idyllic scenery go by.

### ADVENTURE

# ENJOYING THE CHARMING COAST Boat tour

Up to 100 guests

# MADONIE REGIONAL NATURE PARK Adventure playground

A natural adventure playground, Madonie Regional Nature Park offers walking tracks and wildlife in abundance. From the sublime tree-capped mountainsides, sharp-eyed hikers can spot deer, boar, wildcats and eagles soaring above the rugged coastline, while those interested in Sicily's rich history should stop by one of the charming medieval villages within the park.

#### Up to 40 guests

#### DISCOVERY

# PALERMO UNDERGROUND The Qanat Tunnels, a Unesco World Heritage Site

Palermo is a treasure trove of architectural heritage, yet many of the city's best kept secrets are hidden from view. Among these are the Qanat; a series of underground tunnels dating back to the Arab rule between 827 to 1061. You'll begin this surreal experience by descending 15 meters via an iron ladder. Prepare for a slightly more humid atmosphere than above ground, while your torch reveals the ancient pathways that enriched the soil of some of the city's most famous Palaces and Royal gardens.

#### Up to 20 guests

# THE MYSTERIES OF PALERMO

Castles, Catacombs and Churches

Palermo is home to an array of extraordinary castles, gardens, catacombs and churches. On this tour, you'll marvel at some of the capital's most unusual monuments including The Zisa castle which was built as King William the Conqueror's private summer residence, and the Capuchin Catacombs with its astonishing display of 8,000 mummies. The day concludes with a visit to the Spasimo: a wonderful open air theatre. A symbol of Palermo's renaissance, the Spasimo is located in the pulsating heart of the Kalsa, a fantastic location to enjoy an aperitivo after your day of sightseeing.

Up to 100 guests





Dive into a unique cultural experience whilst exploring Sicily's rich culinary heritage. Guests will be guided by the Duchess on an early morning excursion to Capo Market to choose the freshest seasonal ingredients and discover some of Palermo's hidden sites. After lunch, tour the beautifully restored palace rooms as a guest of the Duke and Duchess.

OUTSIDE VILLA IGIEA

### **TEAM BUILDING**

# THE SICILIAN MASTERCLASS EXPERIENCE

Becoming Sicilian

Sicily's rich blend of cultural influences create a wonderful backdrop to learn new skills. Discover Sicilian traditions under the expert guidance of our local artisans. This memorable experience is a feast for the senses embracing the essence of this wonderful region through its art, craft, food and wine traditions. Learn to play a traditional musical instrument or hone your culinary skills with live cooking workshops.

Up to 200 guests

# THE DUCHESS OLD RECIPES Culinary workshop

#### Up to 24 guests for cooking class and lunch and up to 80 guests for seated lunch or dinner

### TEAM BUILDING

# TREKKING Above monte Pellegrino

For those seeking an adventurous trail through Palermo, look no further than this memorable trek traversing the Monte Pellegrino mountainscape. Accessible for all abilities, this route combines a vigorous hike and the azure waters of the Gulf of Palermo. You will pass through the iconic 17th-century Santuario di Santa Rosalia with postcard-perfect views over Palermo and the marina.

Up to 20 guests

# BIKING ADVENTURES

Discover Palermo's historical, artistic and scenic charms on a bike tour exploring the coastline. You'll pass by the Borgo of Arenella, Mondello, the Real Parco della Favorita, and Chinese Palazzina. After an exhilarating ride, your tour will lead you back to Villa Igiea for a well-deserved aperitivo.

#### Up to 20 guests







Located on the ground floor with direct access to our English Garden sits our Belle Epoque Ballroom, designed for grand ceremonies and gala events. Accommodating up to 180 seated guests, the ballroom is lined with tall pillars, intimate alcoves and verdant palms. Wonderful acoustics create the perfect environment for live performances, while our elegant free-standing piano can be used as a statement piece or functional addition to your events.

The Belle Epoque Ballroom can accommodate:

### PRIVATE DINING

# BELLE EPOQUE BALLROOM

Banquet: 180 guests Reception: 280 guests Theatre: 200 guests AT VILLA IGIEA

### PRIVATE DINING

# FLORIO RESTAURANT

Florio Restaurant's interiors pay homage to the villa's Neoclassical elegance. Floor-to-ceiling windows bathe the space in a soft natural light and reveal magnificent views of the Tyrrhenian Sea. This wonderfully bright, airy venue accommodates up to 80 seated guests. Its Winter Garden, decorated in sea hues, emulates Palermo's inviting seaside charm.

#### The Florio Restaurant can accommodate:

Indoor Banquet: 80 guests Reception: 130 guests

Outdoor Banquet: 70 guests Reception: 130 guests

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Step out to one of Palermo's most iconic terraces for aperitivo hour and savour an extraordinary menu of cocktails and Sicilian delicacies, salads and fruit bowls designed by bar maestro Salvatore Calabrese and renowned chef Fulvio Pierangelini. Be it either surrounded by verdant botanical gardens and Palermo's azure waters or under the carefully restored 1950s frescos, Igiea Terrazza Bar is the perfect venue for dancing the night away.

### PRIVATE DINING

# IGIEA TERRAZZA BAR

#### Igiea Terrazza Bar can accommodate:

Indoor Banquet: 50 guests Reception: 80 guests

Outdoor Banquet: 120 guests **Reception: 150 guests**  AT VILLA IGIEA

# PRIVATE DINING

# ALICETTA POOL BAR

Alicetta Pool Bar is enclosed in a pretty metal pavilion modelled on the same design as one at Palermo's Palazzo Butera. Gaze out across the azure sea and dine just as the hotel's royal guests, dignitaries and Hollywood luminaries would have done, toasting to new beginnings in one of Palermo's most prestigious addresses.

Alicetta Pool Bar can accommodate:

Banquet: 70 guests Reception: 90 guests





# TERRAZZA BIANCA

Terrazza Bianca is a covered terrace and an incredible setting for al fresco dining with astounding views of the Gulf of Palermo. This is Italian dining at its most sophisticated.

#### Terrazza Bianca can accommodate:

Banquet: 40 guests Reception: 60 guests

# TERRAZZA MARE

Surrounded by Villa Igiea's historic facade and the expansive Tyrrhenian Sea, this idyllic patio is the perfect setting for an unforgettable cocktail soirée or private reception.

Terrazza Mare can accommodate:

**Reception: 180 guests** 

# PALAZZO ALLIATA DI PIETRA TAGLIATA

The angular stone façade of Palazzo Alliata di Pietra Tagliata rises up behind the bustling market stalls on Via Bandiera in central Palermo. This striking palazzo was originally conceived in the 15th century and evolved over time thanks to its successive owners. Inside, authentic Sicilian Rococo interiors are decorated in a blaze of stuccoes, while gilding and frescoes by the celebrated Vito D'Anna contrast the more austere, earthy tones of a later neo-Gothic makeover.

Palazzo Alliata can accommodate up to 120 seated guests in the main room and 80 seated guests in the adjacent room





# PALAZZO VALGUARNERA GANGI

Nestled in the heart of historic Palermo the 18th century Palazzo Valguarnera Gangi is still owned and lived in by the Gangi family. A grand baroque palace, its opulent interiors resemble an ornate jewellery box, infused with the glamour of times gone by and a sense of unbridled luxury thanks to original furniture and perfectly preserved collections of artwork. Step into Luchino Visconti's iconic ballroom scene in 'll Gattopardo' ('The Leopard') filmed here in 1963. Its chandeliers, painted ceiling, gilded walls and gigantic painted leopards on the floor are an extraordinary sight to behold.

#### Palazzo Gangi can accommodate up to 60 seated guests

### PRIVATE DINING

# VILLA TASCA

Located just outside Palermo, the twenty-acre park surrounding the aristocratic Villa Tasca exudes a magical quality. The symmetrical stone villa can be glimpsed through verdant vegetation, which sweeps over serpentine pools giving way to an expanse of lawn and mature trees. Inside the family-owned villa, vast spaces are flooded with natural light and decorated with pastel-hues, Arcadian trompe l'oeil frescoes and majolica tiles. This glorious home has played host to a gilded list of luminaries, including Guy de Maupassant, Richard Wagner, and Jacqueline Kennedy.

> Villa Tasca can accommodate up to 150 seated guests





# TEATRO MASSIMO

The Teatro Massimo, a Palermitan symbol of prestige and cultural institution, was inaugurated in 1897, after nearly three decades of work that reshaped the heart of the city. Today, and since then, its beauty and location make it one of the most important opera houses in Europe, not only for cultural activities but also for the services it can offer. The Royal Box, covered in mahogany wood and featuring a precious ceiling adorned with flowers, the circular Pompeian Hall and the Coat of Arms Room with its fresco walls and massive windows overlooking Palermo are all unique settings for a memorable gala dinner.

The Royal Box may accommodate up to 50 seated guests The Pompeian Hall may accommodate up to 100 seated guests The Coat of Arms Room may accommodate up to 150 seated guests

# MEETING ROOMS

Create a lasting impression with our events team. Whether you're looking to host an important meeting or an intimate social gathering, our striking event spaces are fully-equipped to provide a stylish base which can be tailored to your requirements. Bathed in natural light, each room is fitted with wireless internet, video conferencing capabilities and on-site audiovisual equipment.

#### SALA BASILE

Located on the first floor, our Sala Basile reception hall is a well-lit and versatile space, with floorto-ceiling windows and a refreshing garden view. Striking frescoes by Ettore De Maria Bergler, under the direction of architect Ernesto Basile, create a sensational backdrop for private events, cocktail receptions and meetings.

Boardroom: 42 guests Cabaret: 50 guests Classroom: 60 guests Reception: 120 guests Theatre: 120 guests U-Shape: 50 guests

#### LIBRARY

Adjacent to Sala Basile, our Library is a charming space for small to medium sized group meetings. Tall ceilings allow natural light to pour in through elegant windows, creating a bright and airy atmosphere, for productive discussions and focused work.

Boardroom: 18 guests Cabaret: 20 guests Classroom: 20 guests Reception: 50 guests Theatre: 40 guests U-Shape: 20 guests

#### SALONE BELMONTE/CONFERENCE HALL

This palatial space was once the Florio family's stylish private members' club "The Circle of Foreigners". Today, the room's tall and elegant windows provide an impressive view of the azure sea. The 288 sqm hall is an opulent venue for conferences, networking and glittering receptions with a conservatory perfect for coffee breaks or cocktails with sweeping views of the coastline.

Boardroom: 65 guests Cabaret: 200 guests Classroom: 200 guests Theatre: 350 guests U-Shape: 100 guests





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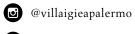
Discover history, majesty and serenity at Villa Igiea: a turn-of-the-century palazzo at the perimeter of vivid Palermo. A long-loved seaside-meets-city sanctuary for royalty, dignitaries and Hollywood luminaries, trace their paths through tiered villa gardens that sweep down to the port and out to the Tyrrhenian Sea, and through Igiea's palatial Art Nouveau interior, revitalised as a Rocco Forte hotel.

• 30 min from Palermo International Airport

• 90 min from Verdura Resort

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# ACCOMMODATION

#### • 78 rooms

• 22 suites

# RESTAURANTS & BARS

- Florio Restaurant
- Igiea Terrazza Bar
- Alicetta Pool Bar

# VILLA IGIEA SPA

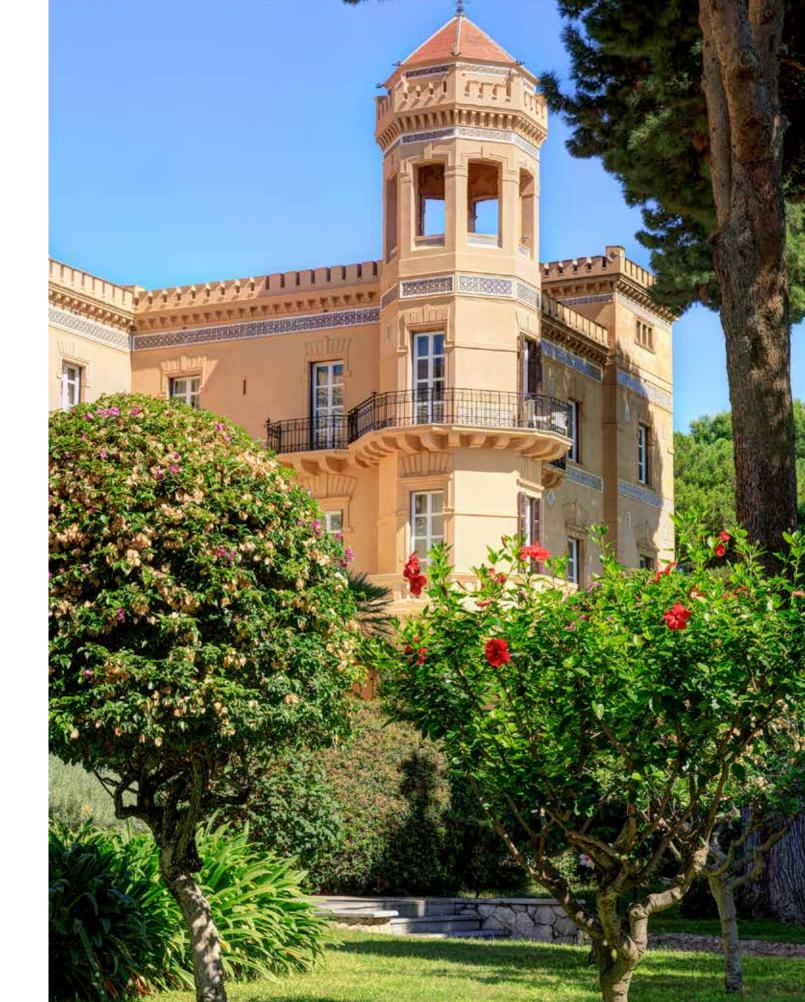
- Outdoor pool
- 5 treatment rooms (Including a double room)
- Gym
- Beauty corner

# MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Sala Basile
- Library
- Conference Hall
- Belle Époque Ballroom
- Terrazza Bianca
- Terrazza Mare

# ACTIVITIES

- Boat trips
- Culinary activities
- Sightseeing excursions
- Tennis court



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