



AUTUMN & WINTER
PROGRAMME



VILLA IGIEA
PALERMO

A ROCCO FORTE HOTEL



Autumn & Winter in Sicily: a Year-Round Destination

Drifting from autumnal sun to cosy winter, Villa Igea shimmers like a jewel on the edge of Palermo, the lively capital of the largest island in the Mediterranean.

Step inside and discover a world of seasonal inspiration through our colourful interiors and inventive dishes, served at Florio within an ornate Louis XVI dining hall. Relax in our serene gardens and watch the sun set from our Igea Terrazza Bar, with the sounds of our resident DJs or music performers. Enjoy on-site activities and discover the destination, with a collection of new experiences suitable for everyone. Explore Teatro Massimo's exciting cultural calendar, from bespoke tours and architectural insights to emotive operas, ballets and concerts.





Sunday Brunch at Florio by Fulvio Pierangelini

Gather friends and family for a feast of traditional Italian dishes, with live music and stunning views of the azure Tyrrhenian Sea on our sunny terrace.

Our friends at the *Dudi Book Store* will enchant and entertain children with exciting, interactive activities so the little ones will be well fed, both literally and imaginatively.

Every Sunday, from October 13th, from 1pm until 3pm

€78 per person

€35 for children under 10 years

Menu includes water and coffee, excludes other beverages

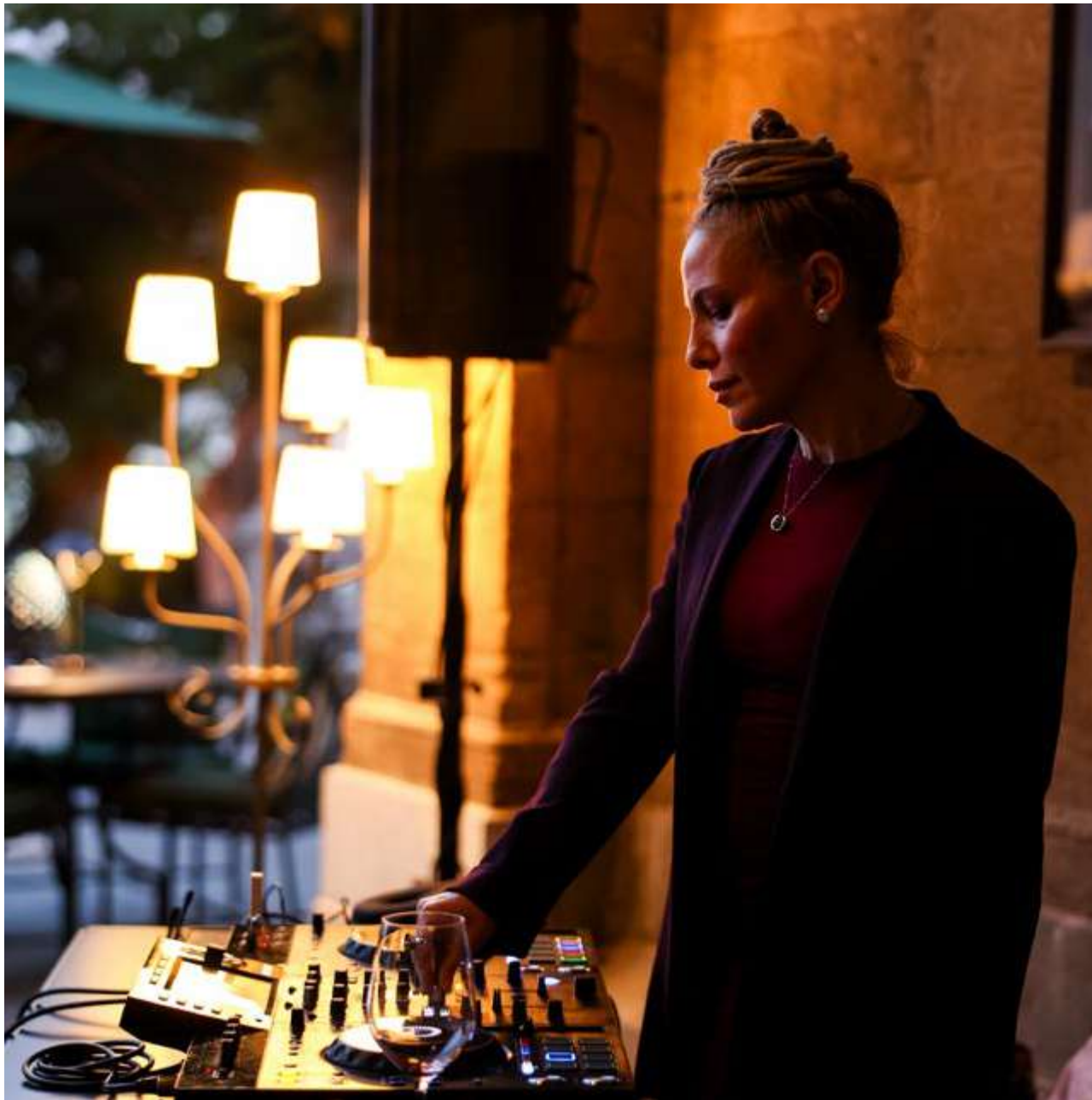
Groovy Friday at Igiea Terrazza Bar

From jazz pianists to alternative songwriters, Palermo's cobbled streets are home to a vibrant community of musical talent.

This winter, we've invited them to create the soundtrack to your Fridays, with live music under the elegant sandstone vaults of the Igiea Terrazza Bar. Sip on a selection of cocktails designed by Maestro Salvatore Calabrese and dance the night away under the stars as the Gulf of Palermo shimmers to the soulful voices of our resident performers.

Every Friday, from 7pm





Dj Nights at Igiea Terrazza Bar

Immerse yourself in captivating ambiance where live music takes center stage, and the rhythm of the night meets the art of crafting exquisite cocktails.

Join us for a sensational experience, where you can sip on crafted cocktails, unwind and let the live music elevate your night. A perfect blend of melodies and mixology awaits - see you every Thursday for a night of musical and cocktail magic!

Every Thursday, from 7pm

Meet the Cocktail Maestro Salvatore Calabrese

Discover all secrets of our *The Island of Desire* drink list by the
Cocktail Maestro, Salvatore Calabrese.

If our historic bar counter could speak, what stories would it tell?
Tales of movie stars, of Belle Epoque glamour, of Villa Igiea's most
glamorous patrons. The Maestro invites you to take a seat at the
Igiea Terrazza Bar and select a cocktail. The next story will be yours to tell.

One event in December, in collaboration with Donovan Bar London





Afternoon Tea

Afternoon tea is always a treat but especially so on the terrace of Igica Terrazza Bar.

Admire the yachts floating in the azure blue waters of the sea, glimpsed through cypress trees. Take your time choosing from our selection of tea and coffee, as you anticipate the arrival of delicate finger sandwiches. Leave room for homemade cakes and warm scones served with clotted cream and homemade preserves.

Available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday
From October 11 at 5.30pm
€35 per person

Candlelit Dinners at Florio

Gifting warmth and beauty in the coldest and darkest months of the year, Florio at Villa Igica will be illuminated by candlelight, creating an extra sense of intimacy and romance for very special evenings.

Every Monday evening, our restaurant will be switching off its lights in support of energy saving and romance to embrace guests in a memorable glow. Candlelit Evenings will bring a beacon of light during the darkest period of the year for those looking to dine or drink in beautiful surroundings with alluring radiance.

Every Monday in November, January and February





Mixology Masterclass

Immerse yourself on a sensorial journey and mix your own cocktails under the supervision of our passionate mixologists.

Learn more about the philosophy of the Creative Director Salvatore Calabrese, the bar 'maestro', has developed our 'The Island of Desire' cocktail menu, inspired by the different populations passed through the island, imprinting onto existing traditions to shape our rich and inimitable identity. Under the direction of our expert mixologists, shake and stir five cocktails at Igiea Terrazza Bar.

€90 per person

A Cultural Afternoon in Sala Basile

Spend an immersive afternoon with our special guests as they host lively discussions to ignite a deeper appreciation of Sicily's complex and enduring culture.

Within Villa Igia's historic walls, Sala Basile is a magnificent hall named after its original architect Ernesto Basile, a leading figure of the Sicilian Art Nouveau movement. Join us in this inspiring setting, among colourful Ettore de Maria Bergler frescoes framed by Vittorio Durcot's ornate woodwork, as we hear university professors, writers, and local experts share insights on the region's art, and architecture. Over freshly brewed Italian coffee and a selection of local delicatessen and sweet treats, delve deep into Palermo's past and present, unlocking the secrets of this captivating corner of Italy.

One bimonthly event from December to April
€28 per person





Brunch & Lab at Florio Restaurant

Join our complimentary workshops held by a local expert and Sicilian excellence, learn about a specific topic in an exciting group lesson.

24th of November with Campomarzio 70

19th of January with the photographer Pucci Scafidi

16th of March with Farm Cultural Park Architettura

Taste the Wines of Sicily

Enveloped in gentle coastal winds and rolling hills that come alive under the warm glow of the Mediterranean sun, Sicily possesses the perfect surroundings for cultivating a diverse range of wines.

Our expert Sommeliers have carefully selected the best varieties from our beautiful island and invite you to sample a collection of sparkling, white, red and dessert wines. Accompanied by choices of local cheeses and charcuterie, embark on a flavourful journey through the Mediterranean island.

€75 per person





Blissful Autumn at Irene Forte Spa

Embark on a Spa Journey and step into a sacred space of tranquility at the Irene Forte Spa Villa Igiea.

Enjoy a 30-minute body polish followed by a 50-minute Intuitive Personalised Massage, before completing your experience with a 60-minute Customised Facial. After your pampering spa experience, designed to nourish and revitalise body, mind and soul, feel the light sea breeze as you take in the view from Igiea Terrazza Bar and replenish with some light refreshments. Choose from tea and cake or opt for a healthy fruit juice.

€420 per person

Valid throughout the Autumn season

Sit for a Unique Portrait

In an era marked by selfies and snapshots stored in the cloud, choose an authentic portrait experience designed to capture the real you. Alessio Falzone brings Unique Portrait to Villa Igiea.

A project inspired by the dawn of photography and the nostalgia of family sittings. Return home from Palermo with a truly bespoke souvenir of your stay - a printed portrait of you and your loved ones, immortalised like a painting, in a perfect moment of connection.

Available two weekends per month, from November to March.





Theatre Lovers in Palermo

For a second season, Italy's largest opera house partners with Villa Igica, uniting both seasoned enthusiasts and those new to the art form. The grand Teatro Massimo remains a cultural jewel in Palermo's crown, where every performance invites audiences to escape to a world of passion and intrigue, reality resuming only with a final rapturous applause.

Be enchanted by a calendar of classic performances, or step behind the curtain during a private tour arranged by our concierge team.

- Peter Pan (Ballet): October
- Elisabetta Regina d'Inghilterra (Opera): October
- Fabio Biondi (Concert): November
- Le Grand Macabre (Opera): November
- Ferro - Webern / Beethoven (Concert): December
- Lo Schiaccianoci (Ballet): December
- Concerto di Capodanno - Young: January
- Concerto di Capodanno - Wellber: January
- Punturo - Requiem Tedesco (Concert): January
- Clerici - Dvorák N.7 (Concert): January
- Otello (Opera): January
- Rossini Cards, Le Sacre Du Printemps (Ballet): February
- Faust (Opera): March

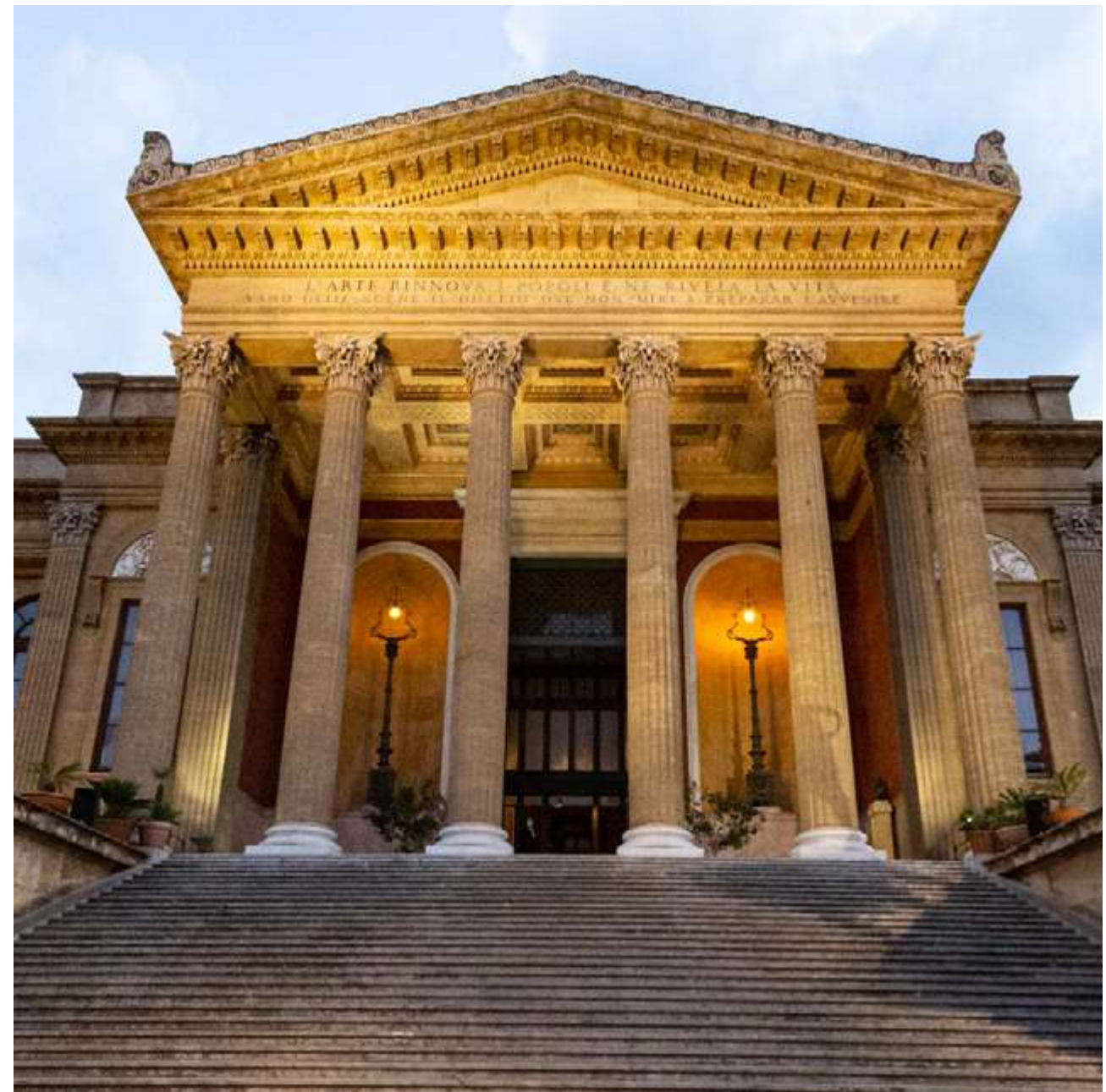
Subject to availability, advance booking is recommended
Contact Concierge for further information and tickets requests

Discover Teatro Massimo Opera House

With its grand dome, Grecian style columns and imposing staircase flanked by bronze lions, Teatro Massimo has been Palermo's star attraction ever since its opening in 1897.

Europe's third largest opera house, the grand theatre reveals its secrets on a guided tour. Admire the golden stuccoes and the Stately Royal Box. Notice the floral decorations, mahogany and red silk brocade furniture of the private Royal Sitting Room. Marvel at resonance of the Pompeian Room, dubbed the 'echo room' for its remarkable acoustics. While examining the frescoes in the Coat of Arms Hall, you'll also be treated to a wonderful view right across the city.

Group guided tours available daily from 9.30am to 5.30pm





Teatro Massimo Scenography Workshops

Villa Igiea, in partnership with Teatro Massimo, invites you to uncover the secrets of the opera house with a captivating behind-the-scenes scenography tour.

Delve into Brancaccio's theatrical heart, where artisans transform wood and canvas into stunning stage sets. In the Construction, Scenery, and Props workshop areas, guests witness the art of creation of intricate props and breathtaking backgrounds. This unique experience evolves with the artistic seasons, reflecting the dynamic nature of theatre.

Duration of the guided tour: one hour
From Tuesday to Saturday, between 9.30am and 12pm
Subject to availability and seasonality

Contact Concierge for further information

Discover Bagheria

A private excursion to two cultural gems in historic Bagheria, accompanied by a specialist guide and visual artist Francesco Domilici, whose internationally acclaimed work is exhibited at both venues.

Begin in Villa Palagonia's gardens, overlooked by the thrillingly grotesque statues that earned it the nickname Villa of Monsters. Inside, a monumental staircase is the centrepiece of the fresco-filled lobby. Enter the uncanny Hall of Mirrors before touring an entire floor usually closed to the public.

Nearby Villa Cattolica, an eighteenth century palazzo, is home to the Guttuso Museum, one of Southern Italy's most important museums housing the largest collection of works by Renato Guttuso. View the Bagherian-born artist's realist paintings and his only sculpture, alongside pieces by contemporaries such as Giuseppe Tornatore and Ferdinando Scianna.

Contact Concierge for further information





Opera dei Pupi: the last of the Puppeteers

We've pulled some strings and set the stage for a magical day of storytelling with Palermo's most wonderful tradition, the Puppet Opera, which has been declared a UNESCO masterpiece of vocal and intangible heritage.

Master puppeteer Salvatore Bumbello will teach you and your children how to produce puppet props, operate the strings and create unusual sounds from the show on the barrel organ. Following a cultural extravaganza, put on your detective cap and embark on a treasure hunt. After a successful afternoon solving riddles, unfurl your picnic blanket under an ancient Ficus in the centre of Piazza Marina. For those with a sweet tooth, complete your meal with a delicious pastry or dessert from a local sweet shop and enjoy a stroll through the peaceful grounds of the Garibaldi Garden.

Contact Concierge for further informations

Discover the Hidden History of Sicilian Matriarchy

Inspired by the legendary Donna Franca Florio, Villa Igiea presents a unique Palermo full-day itinerary, guided by extraordinary women:

Royal Legacy

Discover Palermo's history at Fondazione Federico II and explore the Norman Palace and Palatine Chapel, uncovering tales of the four Costanzas who inspired Dante's masterpiece "The Divine Comedy".

Embroidery Renaissance

Next, experience a sustainable revival of an ancient Sicilian tradition at a unique atelier, uncovering the historic craft with founder Carolina Guthmann.

Belle Époque Harmony

Step back in time with an exclusive chamber music concert in a stunning Liberty-style palazzo, courtesy of the Academy of Fine Arts.

Botanical Oasis

Conclude your journey in the restored splendour of the Duke of Serradifalco's Botanical Garden, exploring this lush paradise guided by Princess Licata di Baucina.

Contact Concierge for further information





Palermo Untold Stories by *Le Vie dei Tesori*

In partnership with Le Vie dei Tesori Festival, our expert guides take you on a grand journey through Palermo's Belle Èpoque era, tracing the power, splendour, and intrigue of the legendary Florio family.

A city of contrasts, discover Palermo's darker side, from its shadowy catacombs and ancient prisons, to stories of stolen artworks and underground societies. Alternatively, immerse yourself in the aeronautical heritage of Boccadifalco urban Airport embark and live a 20-minute private flight in a three-seater plane.

Contact Concierge for further details about our exclusive experiences:

- Palermo Segreta
- The Lions of Sicily
- Palermo Piper

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