



Historic Palermo

Dense but compact, central Palermo is best explored on foot. This tour covers some of the city's most enticing assets, from dazzling Byzantine mosaics and Arab-Norman domes, to baroque stuccowork and millennia-old treasures.

Start Cappella Palatina

Distance 4.2km

Duration Six to seven hours



2 Head east through the Mannerist-style city gate of **Porta Nuova** to the architectural fusion that is the **Cattedrale di Palermo**.



6 Continue north on Via Alessandro Paternostro to Corso Vittorio Emanuele. Head up Via Roma and end your saunter at the nearby **Museo Archeologico Regionale**.

3 Continue further east to **Quattro Canti**, Palermo's most beautiful junction that divides the city's four historic neighbourhoods.

Classic Photo Capella Palatina



1 Begin your walk at the extraordinary **Cappella Palatina** (p106) and adjoining **Palazzo dei Normanni**.



4 Head south to **Piazza Pretoria** and its epic Tuscan fountain. Exit the square from its southeast corner to reach Piazza Bellini. It's here that you'll find 12th-century **La Martoranam**.

5 Continue east and cross busy Via Roma to Via Sant'Anna. Once on Via Alessandro Paternostro, stop and look into the 16th-century **Oratorio di San Lorenzo**, adorned with remarkable rococo stuccowork.



Take a break... Stop in at **Bisso Bistrot** (p268) if you're feeling peckish or thirsty.