



Centro Storico Wander

The *centro storico* is the loud, pounding heart of Naples, a dizzying rush of bellowing baristas, cultish shrines and operatic *palazzi* (mansions). Take a deep breath and dive in.

Start Port'Alba
Distance 1.8km
Duration 2 ½ hours



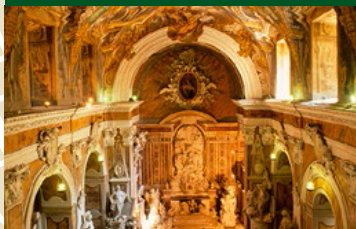
1 Begin at the old city gate of **Port'Alba**, inaugurated in 1625 by the Spanish viceroy of Naples, Antonio Álvarez.

2 Drop into erudite bookshop **Colonnese** (☎081 45 98 58; <https://colonnese.it>; ⌚10am-7.30pm; 🗺Dante) to browse vintage Neapolitan prints and postcards.

3 Slip into the **Chiesa di San Pietro a Maiella** to admire Mattia Preti's baroque paintings in the coffered wooden ceiling.

Take a break... Pizzeria Gino Sorbillo (☎081 44 66 43; www.sorbillo.it; ⌚noon-3.30pm & 7-11.30pm Mon-Sat; pizzas from €4; 🗺Dante), a cult-status pizzeria, is besieged by hungry hordes.

Classic Photo Cappella Sansevero



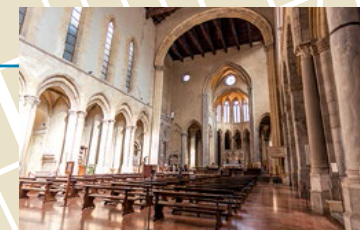
4 View Giuseppe Sanmartino's inimitable *Veiled Christ* sculpture inside the **Cappella Sansevero**



5 Adjoining a blissful cloister, the show-stopping **Chiesa e Chiostro di San Gregorio Armeno** is on Via San Gregorio Armeno.



7 At Via Duomo, turn left to reach Naples' **Duomo**, home to spectacular baroque interiors and the oldest baptistry in Western Europe.



6 The Gothic simplicity of the **Basilica di San Lorenzo Maggiore** is worth a peek before turning right into bustling Via San Gregorio Armeno.



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