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Butera 28

Palermo, Sicily, Italy

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Telegraph expert rating



" Budget-conscious travellers who want to be at the centre of the Palermo action, close to the main sights, will appreciate the homespun charm of Butera 28's apartments. Service is hands-off, but the owners can arrange a day's cooking lesson with a Sicilian duchess in her 18th-century palazzo, if you wish. "

Rooms from **£50** per night

Telegraph Review

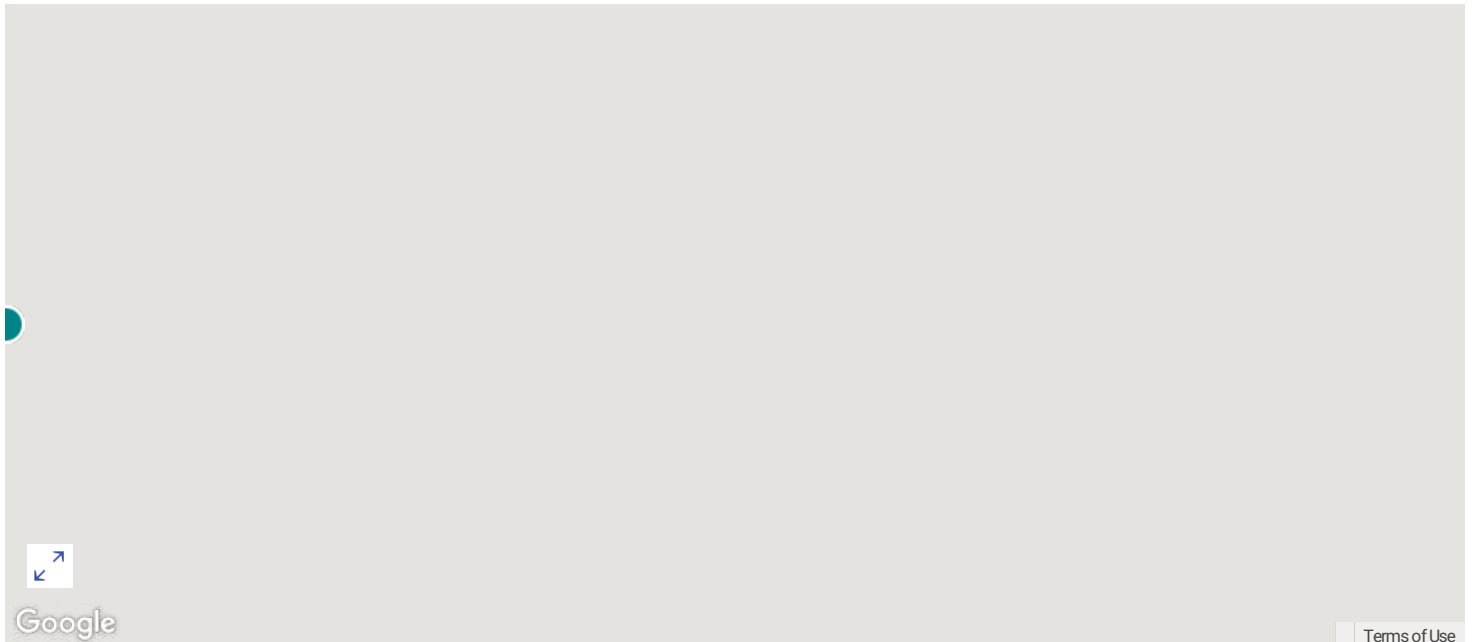


By **Lee Marshall**, destination expert

Location

9/10

It's just back from the old port, near the charming park of Piazza Marina with its age-old banyan trees. Several good bars and restaurants are nearby (like Santandrea – see main Sicily guide).



Style & character

7/10

An extra picture or two on the bare white walls would be nice, but the Sicilian maiolica floors and the apartments' mix of heirloom antiques with comfy armchairs and sofas is charming in a homespun sort of way.

Service & facilities

7/10

You're metted, greeted and given the key with an explanation of how things work – but otherwise left free to enjoy your own Palermo apartment. However Nicoletta Polo Lanza, the charming and helpful owner, is on call if anything goes wrong, and kitchens come stocked with a range of basic supplies, from milk to olive oil.

Wi-Fi

Rooms

7/10

Apartments vary in size from a petite 35 square metres to a massive 180 square metres (the size of three smallish Italian city flats). All apartments have kitchens or kitchenettes with cooking facilities and washing machines, and true to the palazzo's aristocratic Sicilian lineage, most bathrooms have bathtubs rather than shower cubicles (Sicilian nobles were suckers for our odd English ways). Note that the cheapest option, Apartment 2, gives onto the courtyard parking area – and can seem a little cramped and dark; it may be better to stretch that budget and go for one of the brighter and roomier first-floor flats.

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Food & drink

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The apartments are rented out on a self-catering basis, so it's up to you whether you eat in (perhaps after a shopping exhibition in the colourful Vucciria market, which is just a few blocks away) or explore the area's many restaurants and trattorias. The owners can also arrange a day's cooking lesson with a Sicilian duchess in her 18th-century palazzo – which you get to tour after lunch.

Value for money

9/10

This place must be the best accommodation bargain in downtown Palermo. Even the largest apartment (suitable for four) only costs €150 a night, and €80 is a typical price for one of the roomy two-person flats on the first floor.

Access for guests with disabilities?

No.

Family-friendly?

Yes, the owners are lovely with kids.

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