



*With its excellent hospitality and friendly staff, this sumptuous and iconic liberty hotel, steeped in history and charm, is quite the place to stay in the heart of glorious and vibrant Palermo.*

# GRAND HOTEL E DES PALMES

VIA ROMA, SICILY





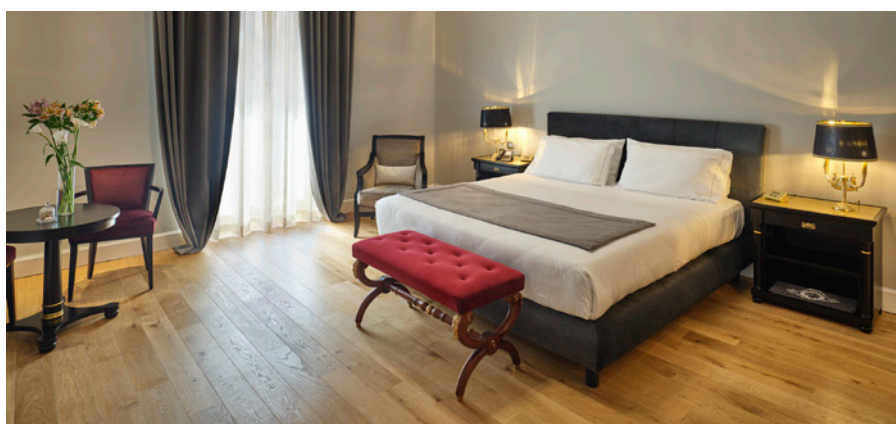
The Grand Hotel e Des Palmes stands out as one of those icons of 19th century Palermo where the likes of Wagner and Raymond Roussel stayed and enjoyed the notable masterpieces of architect Ernesto Basile. The building was built on the initiative of the Ingham-Whitaker family in 1874 and used as a private residence. The house was connected by a secret passage to the adjacent Anglican church and initially the building consisted of a two-story low body with an exotic winter garden that reached the sea. At the end of the 19th century, the house was sold to the knight Enrico Ragusa, who commissioned Ernesto Basile to carry out the transformation of Palazzo Ingham into the Grande Albergo delle Palme, a symbol of the Belle Epoque. The hotel was purchased in 2018 and has been totally renovated to the very highest of standards cleverly regaining its former splendour and original atmosphere, whilst skilfully introducing the ultimate in modern and sophisticated design and technology.

Walking into the Grand Hotel e Des Palmes one cannot fail to be struck by the magnificent décor, the warm atmosphere and the friendliness of the staff. Exclusive and refined, there is a wonderful feeling of stepping back into a bygone mystical era rich in art and music. The current owner has cleverly mixed traditional elements of art nouveau elegance and grandeur together with contemporary features ensuring absolute luxury and comfort. Each of the bedrooms is the perfect balance between tradition and contemporary style with fine marble bathrooms, luxurious linens and



toilettries. Some rooms look onto the main Via Roma, others onto the inner courtyard whilst several of the Suites has its own terrace and impressive view across the rooftops of Palermo. During his long stay in Palermo, Richard Wagner found the true inspiration to complete the writing of Parsifal between November 1881 and July 1882 and in the Suite named after him today, there is still the grand piano, a gift from his father-in-law Franz Liszt, on which he transcribed the score of the last act of the opera!





The rooftop Overture terrace serves out of this world sushi and is a must. Come up here early evening after a day walking the streets of Palermo and enjoy aperitivi in a vibrant yet relaxing atmosphere where one can absorb the magic of this fascinating city steeped in history and culture – a true melting pot if ever there was one – before yummy sushi dinner here or sophisticated Sicilian dining downstairs in the NeoBistrot where one can enjoy and hang out in the impressive and beautiful mixology bar. Breakfast is

also served here and is sumptuous and unforgettable! A feast of delicious, fresh Sicilian pastries, juices, ricotta, fruit accompanied by excellent coffee in the most glorious setting is a great way to start the day.

Centrally located, the Grand Hotel e Des Palmes is ideally placed for exploring Palermo on foot. Just a few minutes away is Teatro Massimo and a little further the Quattro Canti and the Capella Palatina and for those who love markets and street food then it's not far to the



markets of Capo, Vuccaria and Kalsa areas. Staying at the Grand Hotel e Des Palmes is a very special and memorable experience and the concierge service second to none - nothing is too much trouble. Highly recommended for a short break to Palermo or as part of a tailor made itinerary around Sicily, Grand Hotel e Des Palmes is a great addition to my hand picked hotel selection.



## Information

### Service:

- Bed & Breakfast

### Accommodation:

- 86 rooms (comfort, Superior, Executive, Deluxe)
- 14 Suites (Junior Suite, Suite, Junior Suite Terrace, Suite Terrace Open Space)
- 1 Presidential Suite Wagner

### Facilities:

- NeoBistrot
- Mixology Bar
- Roof Garden Restaurant on the 5th floor
- Gym
- Winter Garden Lounge area
- Room service 24hrs
- Garage with car valet
- Concierge

### Activities & Local Interest:

- The joys of Palermo with all its historic sites, markets & shops
- Beach at Mondello 10kms
- Port 1km
- Cefalù 1.5hrs

### Airport:

- Palermo Punta Raisi 40mins (30kms)

