

VISITOR EXPERIENCE AND APP

The Museum offers accessible visitor routes through the **Civic-Guide app**, providing audio content and dedicated tactile supports for exploring the most iconic artifacts.

Through the **official website**, visitors can also download and consult museum content, including guided itineraries and artwork descriptions.



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OPENING HOURS

Winter schedule in effect from November 2025 to the end of March 2026

Open daily:

Continuous hours: 9:30 AM – 4:45 PM

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CASTELBUONO CIVIC MUSEUM



THE MUSEUM

Located in the heart of the **Ventimiglia Castle**, the historic residence of one of the most influential families of medieval and Renaissance Sicily, the **Civic Museum of Castelbuono** is today a vibrant center of art, history, and culture.

Acquired in 1920 through a public fundraising initiative, the castle has safeguarded for over five centuries the **Sacred Relic of Saint Anne's Skull**, a symbol of a devotion still deeply rooted in the local community.

The **permanent collections** are organized into **Archaeology**, **Urban Planning**, and **Sacred Art** sections, alongside a **Gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art**: a journey that weaves together memory and experimentation, local identity and a contemporary perspective.



THE CASTLE

Built in 1316 by **Francesco I Ventimiglia** on the remains of a pre-existing Byzantine tower, the castle evolved from a military fortress into a refined noble residence. The town of Castelbuono grew around this structure, which still stands today as its historical core and current museum venue.

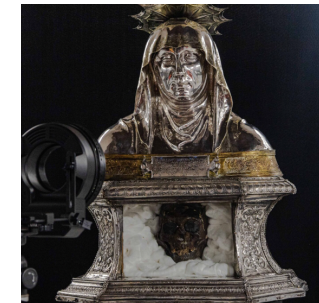
PALATINE CHAPEL

Completed in 1684, the Palatine Chapel is a Baroque masterpiece enriched by the **stucco work of the Serpotta brothers** on a background of pure gold. The space captivates visitors with its dynamic decorations, populated by cherubs and fantastical figures that create a highly evocative and artistically refined setting.

The chapel houses the **Skull of Saint Anne**, a central relic for local devotion, displayed to the faithful only during the July celebrations. The festivities culminate on July 27th with a solemn procession and the blessing of the town from the castle tower balcony.

At sunset, the chapel transforms into a sensory evening experience, featuring lights and Baroque-inspired storytelling.

THE COLLECTIONS



Sacred Art

Home to the precious **Treasure of Saint Anne**, including gold and silver artifacts and centuries-old devotional vestments.

Archaeology

Documents the origins of the castle and medieval life through artifacts, coins, and tools.



Modern and Contemporary Art

A dynamic collection featuring 20th-century masters alongside works that engage with contemporary artistic languages.