



What inspired **Renato Guttuso**, famous Sicilian artist, to dedicate a painting, in 1974, to the Vuccirìa market? The “**Vuccirìa di Palermo**” is the title of the painting that soon became one of his most famous works and an emblem of Sicily.

The *Vuccirìa* is one of the four most popular historic markets of Palermo together with *Ballarò*, *ù Capo* and *Borgo Vecchio*

. These markets still maintain most of their original aspect although time and modernization have inevitably marked them. A visit to these markets fully immerses you in the spirit of the city and is a not-to-miss experience, far from the usual tourist attractions.

Located in the central area between Via Roma and Corso Vittorio Emanuele the buildings surrounding the marketplace show evidence of Second World War bombing. Unluckily the negligence of the local administration has done little to avoid the relentless deterioration of the area; this however doesn't affect the people's attachment to the place.

The term *Vuccirìa* derives from the French word *boucherie*, or butcher shop, dating back to the 13th century Angevin domination of Sicily and it denotes the origins. Thereafter the market became well-known for its fresh fish and fruit.

