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TABLE GAMES IN SICILY

The lunches and dinners of the Christmas period in Sicily last for hours and hours and not only because, well known, Sicilians like to eat, but also because there is no better time to play cards. Adults and children gather around the table and, while the adults have fun dusting off their moves and bluffs, the little ones learn secrets, games and tricks that they will then pass on in turn.

MOST PLAYED CARD GAMES ARE:

"TI VITTI" Typically Sicilian is the "Ti vitti", in which players try to exhaust their deck of cards by placing them on the "pile". If you have a card to place on your opponent's "pile" or deck and you don't, your opponent points it out by saying "you vitti" (I saw you in dialect) and you go back.

"SETTE E MEZZO" sette e mezzo or "Seven and a half": a dealer is chosen in turn and the players play against him, trying to reach the highest score without exceeding seven and a half.

"CUCÙ"

Then there is the inevitable "Cucù": starting from the dealer (and up to him) the players pass the cards trying to reach the highest score and to download the dreaded ace to the others, between Kings who block the ride and Horses blasting a player away. eventually the player with the lowest score loses one life of the three starting points

"TOMBOLA"

It is not a card game but during the Christmas holidays you can't miss the "Tombola", The players have one or more cards previously purchased, consisting of 3 lines, on each of which there are five numbers between 1 and 90. Each time the drawn number is present on one or more of his cards, the player "covers "the corresponding box. The ultimate goal of the game is to make the tombola, that is to be the first to cover all the numbers on one of your cards. Smaller prizes are also usually awarded for intermediate results, such as the both "ambo" (won by the first player covering two numbers on the same row of a card), the triple "terna" (three numbers on the same row), the quatern "quaderna" (four numbers on the same row).), the five "cinquina" (all five numbers in the row)