

THE SUSPENDED COFFEE FROM NAPLES SPREADING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

The *Suspended Coffee* (Caffè Sospeso) is an ancient practice of the popular culture in Naples (Italy).

Based on trust relationships between customers and cafes managers, the practice is very simple: the customer pays for two coffees, leaving the receipt of the *Suspended Coffee* for a stranger who does not have money to pay for it.

With a label, a poster or a blackboard, cafes managers inform customers that *Suspended Coffees* are available for those who want them. Some cafes in the historic center of Naples manage to offer more than a thousand *Suspended Coffees* in a year.

Leaving a *Suspended Coffee* is a small gesture of solidarity of great elegance. It does not require acknowledgments and offers a good that is much more appreciated because it represents a pleasure that is part of the local culture.

In Naples, as in other cultures of the Mediterranean region, the *espresso coffee*, which is very strong and very good, accompanies all the important moments of the day. There is no meeting, transaction or work done that does not end with a coffee at the bar. For this reason, too, the simple solidarity practice of the *Suspended Coffee* lasts over time as a good tradition.

Celebrated by renowned exponents of Italian culture, this practice has been adopted in other cities of the country. In the last few years it has also been spreading spontaneously in other cities in Spain, France, Belgium, Argentina, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Ireland and many other countries. These experiences are adapted to the respective local cultures and have added to the coffee other traditional bar products such as baguettes or *empanadas* that customers want to share with less fortunate unknown people.

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[Article in theatlantic.com](#)

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[Cafés Pendientes in platosargentinos.com](http://platosargentinos.com) - Argentina

[Cafés Suspendus in sudouest.fr](http://sudouest.fr) - France

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[Café Suspendu in shbarcelona.fr](http://shbarcelona.fr)

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[Suspended Coffees in iniciativacomunitaria.org](http://iniciativacomunitaria.org) - Puerto Rico

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