



ITALY

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AEOLIAN ISLANDS (TOUR CODE: 11717)

STARTS AND ENDSPalermo to
Catania**TRAVEL PERIODS**

01 Nov 2022 - 20 Dec 2023

EXPERIENCE

Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Private Escorted Tours

Discover the wonders of the 5 unspoiled Aeolian Islands during this exciting 8-day journey from Palermo.

Highlights

- Discover Lipari, Vulcano, Panarea & Stromboli and Salina islands
- Overnight stay in one of the most renowned destinations in Sicily: **Taormina**
- Taste Aeolian culinary specialty such as "*Pane cunzato in Lingua*"

Unique experiences await you on the volcanic archipelago of the Tyrrhenian Sea. You will be arriving into **Palermo** Airport, then take a private transfer to your hotel. Short stay in Palermo to explore the beautiful Sicilian Capital and its surroundings such as **Monreale and Cefalu'**. Continue, then to Milazzo and board ferry and set sail to the beautiful island of Lipari. Enjoy a welcome dinner in a local restaurant.

Join boat excursions to the islands of **Vulcano, Panarea, Stromboli and Salina** to see breathtaking views of the bay and to visit small yet charming villages, including Pollara, which was built on the remains of an ancient crater. For a bucket list-worthy experience, you can hike up a volcano to see a crater or swim in energising sulphur mud baths. Proceed to **Taormina** for the last night of this itinerary and be astonished by the luxurious boutiques, the Teatro Antico, the breathtaking view over Jonio sea and Mount Etna. End of the service at Catania Airport.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Palermo at Hotel Palazzo Sitano or similar
- 4 nights in Lipari at Hotel a'Pinnata or similar
- 1 night in Taormina at Hotel Villa Diodoro or similar
- Arrival private transfer from Palermo airport to Hotel in Palermo
- Transfer from Cefalu' to Milazzo by private car
- Hydrofoil from Milazzo to Lipari and return
- Hydrofoil from Lipari to Salina and return
- Private Transfer from Milazzo to Taormina hotel
- Departure private transfer from Taormina to Catania airport
- Daily Breakfast
- 7 Meals included: 1 welcome dinner at the hotel, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Guided Visit of Palermo by private car
- Street food experience/tour in Palermo
- Guided Visit in Monreale, Cefalù
- Minicruise Lipari and Vulcano by private not exclusively boat
- Minicruise Panarea and Stromboli by private not exclusively boat
- Tour of Salina with tasting of "pane cunzato in Lingua" and "capperi in Pollara"
- Short Guided walking tour of Taormina
- Porterage service at hotels

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Palermo Airport Palermo

Meet your driver at the Arrival of Palermo Airport and transfer to the hotel. Enjoy a welcome drink and dinner at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Palermo at 4* **Palazzo Sitano** or similar.

Dinner



CATHEDRAL OF PALERMO

Day 2

Palermo

After breakfast, the morning is dedicated to the visit of Palermo with local guide: walking in the pedestrian area of the historical centre of Palermo, one of the largest in Europe; with Martorana Church, Piazza Bellini, Piazza Pretoria, “I Quattro Canti di Città - the four corners”, making a pleasant walking along Corso Vittorio Emanuele, the ancient “Cassaro”, Piazza Bologni the Cathedral (internal visit) and the outside of Norman Palace. You will have the chance to taste Palermo’s street food at a typical local market.

In the afternoon, enjoy a **sight of Palermo from Roofs and Terraces**: Palermo’s skyline is amazing especially when it is kissed by the sun. Terraces and walkways along the parapets were exceptional observation posts to control and protect the area but also to enjoy the most important religious events. This is a walking tour along the historical centre with stops on the tops of beautiful buildings. You will discover the history and the most theatrical beauty of Palermo. It includes a final tasting time in one of the most elegant terraces of Palermo.

In the evening, enjoy a dinner located in a panoramic position.

Overnight stay in Palermo at 4* **Palazzo Sitano** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



PALERMO

Palermo Monreale Cefalu Lipari

After breakfast, depart for **Monreale** and visit the Cathedral, one of the most beautiful monuments of the world with its Moorish architecture, housing very fine mosaics representing a complete cycle of the Old and New Testaments. Then proceed to **Cefalù**. Visit the Cathedral, the medieval lavatory and walking along the beautiful coastal town with a wonderful sand beach. In Cefalù, you will have lunch in a stunning restaurant by the sea.

In the afternoon, transfer to Milazzo pier and embark the public hydrofoil to Lipari. Upon arrival at **Lipari**, transfer to the hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner.

Overnight stay on Lipari Island at 4* **Hotel a' Pinnata** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



CATHEDRAL OF MONREALE

Lipari Vulcano Lipari

After breakfast, take part to a full day tour with lunch included by boat of Lipari and Vulcano islands. Leave from the port of Marina Corta and pass through the faraglioni before arriving in Vulcano island. There you will do a tour around the island, admiring the sea and several grottos. Time at leisure in Vulcano to spend at your leisure, enjoy a bath in the black sand beach, or climb up the volcano or experience the thermal bath. Lunch at restaurant or on board. Return to your hotel and the rest of the evening is at your leisure (dinner not included).

Overnight stay on Lipari Island at 4* **Hotel a Pinnata** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **5**

Lipari Panarea & Stromboli Lipari

In the morning, visit **Lipari** and the **archaeological museum** that offers an important collection of prehistoric artifacts and an interesting section entirely dedicated to the volcanic activity, with the explanation of several kinds of volcanic stones created by the volcanic eruptions, like as the pumice stone and the ossidiana stone.

Free time for lunch and then, in the early afternoon embark on a minicruise for **Stromboli**, passing by the small isle of **Panarea** for a brief visit. In Stromboli, you will have dinner on board with the typical "*maccheronatra eoliana*" (pasta). In the evening, the boat will stop in the sea to admire the "*Sciara di fuoco*" an expulsion of lava created by the night eruptions of the volcano. Return to Lipari approx around 22.30 hours.

Overnight stay on Lipari Island at 4* **Hotel a' Pinnata** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **6**

Lipari Salina Lipari

After breakfast, depart for a full day of Salina island. Take the hydrofoil from Lipari to Salina, upon arrival there will be a guide waiting for you for a visit of the island by private car. During the excursion you'll sample a typical product of Salina island "*pane cunzato in Lingua*" and try in Pollara some "*capperi and cucunci*" (local plants). At the end of the day, return to Lipari by Hydrofoil.

Overnight stay on Lipari Island at 4* **Hotel a' Pinnata** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **7**

Lipari Milazzo Taormina

After Breakfast, take a transfer to the pier and embark the hydrofoil to Milazzo.

Transfer to Taormina by a private car. Free time for lunch (*own expenses*).

In the afternoon visit **Taormina**, the most famous Sicilian town, called the pearl of Mediterranean Sea: the Greek theatre, the Cathedral, Palazzo Corvaja, walking along the tiny street and admiring the view of the sea and the volcano Etna. Dinner at pizzeria with pizza menu.

Overnight in Taormina at 4* **Hotel Villa Diodoro** or Similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 8

Taormina Catania Airport

Breakfast and private transfer to Catania airport. End of services.

Breakfast



ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Palazzo Sitano

Palermo

Located in the historical centre of Palermo, within walking distance to some of the city's most beautiful monuments, Palazzo Sitano is an entirely renovated historical residence with a twist of modern interior design, creating a fascinating contrast. Featuring a lovely internal courtyard, this hotel proves to be an elegant and comfortable accommodation for its customers.



Hotel A' Pinnata

Lipari

Hotel A' Pinnata has an ideal position to enjoy the view of the entire eastern coast of the island. The sumptuous furnishings and the use of typically Aeolian and Mediterranean colors give the hotel a unique splendor, improved by rooms equipped with every comfort. Its flawless position also gives the opportunity to enjoy an exclusive view of the bay of **Porto Pignataro**.



Hotel Villa Diodoro

Taormina

Hotel Villa Diodoro is a wonderful property located just a few steps from the idyllic town of Taormina. It boasts a **beautiful pool area** looking out over Mount Etna and the Bay of Naxos.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means we may need to offer an alternative hotel of equivalent or better quality. Our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit.

Excluded:

- Airport portorage, tour escort, entrance fees, meals not indicated, local city tax, drinks except mineral water, tips, personal extras, what not indicated at "rates include"

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package