



Sicily And Eolian Islands Tour
9D/8N Tuesday Palermo – Catania
Exclusive small groups tour up to 20 pax

A journey in The Sicilian Traditions, due of unique blend of escorted tour in Sicily and independent stay in Aeolian Islands with a scheduled excursions program

1st Day / Tuesday PALERMO

Independent arrival at the hotel in Palermo, accommodation, and overnight

2nd Day / Wednesday PALERMO

After a buffet breakfast, Free time at disposal for visit Palermo. lunch on your own; in the afternoon appointment with our guide to continue the guided tour of the city at "I Quattro Canti di Città" Piazza Pretoria, Piazza Bellini and internal visit of Martorana Church. continue to reach one of the most famous markets of Palermo "La Vucciria" where you will have the chance to taste the delights of typical Palermo's street food. Accommodation at your hotel and free time at disposal for dinner. Overnight.

3rd Day /Thursday PALERMO – MONREALE – CEFALU' – TAORMINA

After a buffet breakfast departure to visit the town of **Monreale**, situated on a hill at few kms far from Palermo in panoramic position. Visit of the Cathedral, one of the most beautiful monuments in the world with its Moorish architecture, housing very fine mosaics representing a complete cycle of the Old and New Testaments in Arab-Norman style. Continue to **Cefalù**, a former fishing village, now a charming coastal town. Enjoy a walk to the city centre and down main street to reach the Arab-Norman Cathedral and the medieval wash-house built in the rock. Free time at disposal to explore the town and shopping and lunch on your own. Proceed to Taormina through the coastal road passing through **Messina** from where we'll have the chance to admire the suggestive scenery of the Strait of Messina. Accommodation at your hotel and free time at disposal for dinner. Overnight.

4th Day /Friday TAORMINA – MT. ETNA – TAORMINA
(wine tasting)

After a buffet breakfast, excursion to **Mount Etna**, the highest active Volcano in Europe. Weather conditions permitting, across fascinating landscape with different kind of vegetation, a mixture of citrus groves, vineyards and fruit trees. We will reach a height of 1800 metres to visit the Sylvester Craters where we'll enjoy a spectacular panorama over the Ionian Sea. Stop at a local vineyard on the eastern slopes of Etna and visit a prestigious cellar. We will have the opportunity to taste different local wines accompanied by local cheese and cold cuts. In the afternoon back to **Taormina**, charming city called "the pearl of the Ionian Sea": enjoy time at leisure for shopping or walking through its tiny streets. Possibility to visit the Greek-Roman Theatre on your own (Ticket €12,00 p.p.), with its spectacular view of Giardini Naxos and Mount Etna. Free time for dinner and overnight

5th Day /Saturday TAORMINA – MILAZZO – LIPARI

After buffet breakfast, departure to Milazzo. Boarding at the port of Milazzo for Lipari by hydrofoil. Arrival on the island of Lipari, the largest of the Aeolian archipelago. Transfer to the hotel and free time to visit the delightful village of Lipari. Free time for dinner and overnight at the hotel.

6th Day /Sunday LIPARI – PANAREA – STROMBOLI – LIPARI

After a buffet breakfast, free morning at disposal and lunch on your own. In the late morning departure by boat to Panarea / Stromboli. First stop in **Panarea** where it will be possible to visit the small village with a pleasant walk along the streets among the white Aeolian-style houses. Then continue with the boat to **Stromboli**, the island defined as the wildest island because it seems to preserve its bond with nature and in particular with the volcano, called by the locals "Iddu"; free time to visit. Once you get back on the boat, you will continue until you reach the "Sciara del fuoco", a ridge of the crater from where the lava descends. From the boat it will also be possible to witness the evocative eruptions of the volcano that follow one another with intervals of about fifteen minutes. Return to Lipari in the evening. Free dinner and overnight.

7th Day / Monday LIPARI – SALINA – LIPARI

After a buffet breakfast in hotel, departure by boat to **Salina**. After a stop in the center of S. Marina, continue by boat to circumnavigate the island, swim in **Pollara**, the beach of the famous film "Il Postino". Free lunch. Continue to **Lingua** where there is a salt lake from where salt was extracted in ancient times (hence the name of the island). Return to Lipari in the afternoon. Accommodation at hotel and free time at disposal for shopping and dinner. Overnight

8th Day / Tuesday LIPARI – CATANIA

After breakfast in the hotel, transfer to the port of Lipari, and boarding on the hydrofoil for Milazzo. Following transfer to Catania, arrival at the hotel and accommodation. Lunch on your own; afternoon at your disposal for a free visit of the historic center of **Catania** and its main attractions Piazza Duomo, Pescheria, Castello Ursino, Piazza San Francesco, via Teatro Greco, Piazza Dante, via Gesuiti, Alessi staircase, Piazza Università, Piazza Vincenzo Bellini and Piazza San Placido. Overnight in Hotel

9th Day / Wednesday

After buffet breakfast, end of the Tour





HOTELS SELECTED FOR THE TOUR:

Palermo	Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa 4**** Politeama Palace 4**** or similar
Taormina	Villa Diodoro 4**** Hotel Caparena 4**** or similar
Lipari	Gattopardo 4**** or similar
Catania	Katane hotel 4**** or similar

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR

- ✓ Experience a coach tour of Sicily's highlights before experiencing the "unique" atmosphere of the small pearls of the Aeolian Islands archipelago. A unique blend of escorted tour in Sicily and independent stay in Lipari with a boat excursions program scheduling
- ✓ We have designed this program to alternate the visits to the Sicily's main icons of Palermo and Taormina and their tourist attractions archaeological and monumental sites with gastronomic and enological experiences.
- ✓ Visit to the main historical market of Palermo to have a full immersion in the "Authentic Sicilian life" and visit to a prestigious winery on Mount Etna where the native vine of "Nerello Mascalese" is grown
- ✓ Boat excursions as scheduled with the possibility of swimming in one of the most suggestive locations on the island of Salina
- ✓ Free time at disposal in each city/town for shopping or to enjoy a walk
- ✓ Exclusive tour for **small groups up to 18/20 People max**
- ✓ Exclusively In English
- ✓ We have selected Charming Hotels located In the historical centres in Palermo or Exclusive Resorts with swimming pools in Taormina.
- ✓ Visit of the Main Sicilian **UNESCO SITES**: the Arab-Norman Palermo itinerary and the Cathedrals of Monreale and Cefalù, the Etna volcano
- ✓ Other visits: Catania, Cefalù and Panoramic tour of the Messina strait; Taormina, Panarea, Lipari, Salina e Stromboli islands

TYPICAL SICILIAN EXPERIENCES

- ✓ Typical Street Food (light dinner) in Palermo
- ✓ Visit of a typical winery on Etna and wine tasting
- ✓ Natural show of the volcanic eruptions of Stromboli "Sciara del Fuoco"

BOOKING SERVICES PRE/POST TOUR

Available on request our department: **INFO@BARBACCIAVIAGGIETURISMO.COM**

Hotels: pre-night / post-night tour booking

Transfers: in / out from the airport or other Cities

CANCELLATION FEES:

- 100 % penalty **from 2 days** before and **NO SHOW**
- 80 % **from 3 to 7 days** before the beginning of the Tour.
- 40 % **from 8 to 14 days** before the beginning of the Tour
- 20 % **from 15 to 30 days** before the beginning of the Tour

Covid-19 restrictive policies: At the printing date of this brochure, no particular restrictive measures have been foreseen for the containment of the spread of COVID-19. It will be Retevacanze's responsibility to keep customers informed about possible measures introduced by the government as soon as the news is made public.

DEPARTURE DATES Summer 2023:

From **Palermo on Tuesdays**





LOW SEASON

May ..09..16..23..30

September... 26

HIGH SEASON

June ... 06...20..27

July..18...

August...29

September..05..12..19

GROSS RATES:

Rate per Person

In Double room

Suppl. Single room

3rd pax in triple room

Low Season

€ 1.560,00

€ 268,00

On Request

High Season

€ 1.680,00

€ 298,00

RATE INCLUDES:

- 8 nights accommodation in 4* hotels
- Board: 8 Breakfasts at Hotel.
- Street food experience in Palermo
- Visit of a cellar and Wine tasting on Mount Etna
- Regular multilingual boat excursions from Lipari to Panarea, Stromboli and Salina
- Transfer by hydrofoil Milazzo Harbour/Lipari RT
- Transfer by minivan from Lipari Harbur/Hotel RT
- Transfer by minivan Taormina/Milazzo (on day 5) and Milazzo/Catania-Hotel (on day 8)
- Transportation de Luxe motor coach* with free wi-fi
- *a minivan with English Speaking driver, normally not equipped with wifi, will be provided if the number of participants is equal to or less than eight
- English speaking Tour Escort* (excluded Aeolian Islands)
- Local Guides where necessary
- Whispers Kit (for group with more than 10 passengers)
- Portage at hotels (excluded Aeolian Islands)
- Retevacanze staff assistance

RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Transfers in/out
- Entrance tickets to sites and museums
- City Tax: to be paid directly at the Hotel
- Everything which is not clearly specified under "rate includes"

ENTRANCE TICKETS SUPPLEMENT (net Rates):

TOTAL € 8,00 (net rate) per person up-to-date Sept. 2022

PALERMO: Martorana Church € 2,00 /MONREALE: Dome € 4,00 + € 2,00 presale fees

Attention: *The above price is valid on September 2021. In case of price increases, we will have to update it.

OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTS. (net Rates):

- Accommodation Hotel Bouganville 4* Lipari €90,00 p.p. L.S. & H.S.
- Accommodation Hotel Tritone 4* Lipari Comfort Room €77,00 p.p. L.S
- Accommodation Hotel Tritone 4* Lipari Comfort Room €210,00 p.p. H.S
- Cooking class (Lipari) with dishes preparation and dinner €140,00 p.p.
- Sunset wine tasting at the Castellaro Estate (Lipari) with a visit to the winery €60,00 p.p.

important information:

* For reasons not dependent on Retevacanze (public events, religious holidays, sporting events or adverse weather conditions), the itinerary can be changed without notice; in this case Retevacanze will ensure

- where possible - similar visits and excursions according to the spirit of the tour program.

For the part of the tour to the Aeolian Islands in case of adverse weather conditions, the day of the excursions could be modified or canceled, or early return to Sicily may be required; in this case Retevacanze will ensure, where possible, alternative solutions in compliance with the travel program.

If the number of participants does not reach the minimum of 9 pax, Retevacanze **will guarantee the departure**, with a **minivan**, **English Speaking driver** and Local Guide services where necessary, reserving the right to make changes to the travel program by giving notice within 30 days before the departure date

