

Tour of Sicily and Aeolian Islands

1st day: Landing at Palermo airport and meeting with our representative. Bus transfer and hotel accommodation. Welcome Cocktail, dinner and overnight.

2nd day: PALERMO - Monreale - Mondello - PALERMO about 70 Km

After breakfast, day excursion to the historic center of Palermo, rich of artistic and historical monuments. Visit of the Cathedral and the Catacombs. Continue to Monreale famous for its magnificent cathedral whose walls are covered with beautiful mosaics of Arab-Byzantine style representing biblical scenes from the Old and New Testament. Return to hotel for lunch. In the afternoon, visit of the historic center of Cefalù a former fishing village become famous by the imposing presence of its Arab-Norman cathedral built by the Norman King Roger II. Later, visit of the medieval wash-house built in the rock. Free time for shopping. Proceed to the hotel in the area of Milazzo. Accommodation, dinner and overnight.

3rd day: Lipari, Panarea e Stromboli

After breakfast, depart for Lipari by Boat. Accommodation and Lunch. In the afternoon departure to Panarea, Stop for a bath at Calayunco Bay. Then stop at San Pietro's little harbor. Free time for visiting the little island. Continue to Liscia Bianca, Bottaro, Basiluzzo, Spinazzola, and second stop for a bath in the sulphurean mud of Bottaro. Proceeding for Ginostra and visit of the little village. Later departure for the "Sciara del Fuoco" the place where the past lava flows touch the blue sea waters. After visiting the village the boat will lead you back to the "sciara del fuoco" where you will admire the fantastic explosions of Stromboli. Dinner on board where you can taste a typical aeolian "maccheronata". Then return to Lipari, hotel accommodation, and overnight.

4th day: Vulcano and Lipari

After breakfast departure to Vulcano and its most beautiful coast lines. The Grotta del Cavallo and the Venus swimming pool. Then you reach Vulcano where you can visit the little village, and having a bath in the hot waters or in the sulphurous mud. Later return to Lipari and lunch at the hotel. In the Afternoon you can visit the town of Lipari, which is the largest of the Aeolian islands, walking through the typical little streets where you can breath the typical Aeolian everyday-life. Return to the Hotel, dinner and overnight.

5th day: Etna and Taormina

After breakfast departure to Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe. Across fascinating landscape, we will reach a height of 2000 meters, where we will enjoy a fantastic panorama of the Ionic Sea. There you can visit the Silvestri craters or ascend by cable car up to 2800 m. buying a ticket on site. Return to hotel for lunch. In the afternoon departure to Taormina, the tourist resort of international renown. Free visit of the greek-roman theater. Free time for shopping. Return to hotel (Catania area), dinner and overnight.

6th day: Siracusa Caltagirone

After breakfast departure to depart to Syracuse to visit the most beautiful Greek colony of Sicily. Visit of the archaeological area including the famous Latomie of the Paradise, (ancient stone carries), the Greek Theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre and the Dionysius "Ear". Visit the island of Ortigia, the small baroque old city centre of Siracusa, : here you can admire the Cathedral and the "Fontana Aretusa". After lunch, departure to Caltagirone, famous for its ceramic production. Visit of the historic centre and of its famous "Scala di Santa Maria del Monte" with its 148 decorated steps. Free time for shopping. Return to the hotel (Caltagirone area) dinner and overnight.

7th day: Agrigento (Valley of the Temples)

After breakfast depart for Agrigento and visit of its Valley of the Temples dating from the fifth century BC. Among them, the Concordia Temple has maintained its original structure in such a good conditions as to merit the label of "the best preserved Doric temple in Sicily". After lunch, free time on the beach. Proceed to the hotel in the area of Palermo. Accommodation, dinner and overnight.