



PICCOLA UNIVERSITÀ ITALIANA

PER STRANIERI – TROPEA

“L’Italiano Navigando... alle Isole Eolie”

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... is an inspiring programme for all those who do not only love the Italian language, but also our sea and our beautiful country.

Discover Italy’s picturesque natural habitat while sailing among the seven Lipari islands on a 22-metre wooden sailing boat, surrounded by the life and language of Italy.

The luxuriant greenery, together with the deep blue, crystalline waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea, create an enticing atmosphere, guaranteeing peace and relaxation. The wide variety of interesting walks that can be taken on Stromboli and the other islands of Lipari make the week complete.

Accommodation is provided in double room cabins (double or single use) and the galley offers excellent Italian fare.

Throughout the entire week, the students shall constantly be in contact with the onboard personnel, providing them with a further occasion to learn our language and culture.

The students shall board the boat in Tropea, at 5 pm on Saturday, leaving it the next Saturday, by 9:00 am.



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The Sailboat

- The Cabins

The cabins are double, or doubles used as singles, with closets, bureaus and a private bathroom, complete with a hot and cold-water shower.

- The Lounge

The Lounge holds not only a well-stocked kitchen, but also a television, a video recorder, dvd and cd players, plus a stereo and a charging unit for mobile phones.

- Outside portion

The main deck is equipped with an outdoor shower and 10 sun lounges, while the stern portion is furnished with roomy couches and a dining table.

- Sailing

Plans call for 4 hours of sailing daily; at night, the boat is generally anchored off the coast, and a tender equipped with an outboard motor is used to go ashore.

- The kitchen

The onboard kitchen is ready to satisfy the most refined connoisseurs of Mediterranean cuisine; the main course is generally fish; any special needs regarding diets or allergies should be communicated in advance.

- Cleaning

Daily cleaning of the cabins and changing of the linen is the responsibility of the crew.



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The Aeolian Islands – “The Seven Sisters”

...born of fire and wind, the AEOLIANS, peaks that emerge from the white foam of the sea, reveal the presence of all the primordial forces of Nature. A forge of civilisations, the history of the archipelago, peopled by the Sicules, the Greeks, the Phoenicians, the Etruscans, the Romans, the Normans, the Swabians and the Aragonese, is intertwined with myths and legends that hover over the islands, marking the passing centuries and luring in restless voyagers in search of impossible geographies, magical, enthralling sites that... may be unmatched anywhere else in the world!

The seven islands, all volcanic in origin, offer travellers on pleasure boats a wide variety of opportunities: from the simple life of the Alicudi and the Filicudi, the oldest of the islands (roughly a million years in age) to the high-society scene of Panarea, not to mention the rich vegetation of Salina, the relaxing culture of Lipari, the beauty of Stromboli's active volcano and the reefs of Vulcano.

The southernmost point of the archipelago is marked by the Vulcano lighthouse, found at Punta dei Porci, at sea level, on a high tower placed on a building of two storeys, both painted white. At the far north end is the Strombolicchio lighthouse, while Capo Faro, to the NE of Salina, is marked by another lighthouse placed on an octagonal tower. Panarea is also marked by a lighthouse. Placed on the Punta Peppemaria. The passage between Vulcano and Lipari is extremely narrow and, under adverse weather conditions, the sea and the wind can make sailing difficult.

STROMBOLI

The northernmost of the islands, and possibly the most striking, on account of its perennially active volcano and its height of 926 metres, is Stromboli. Fiery boulders and tongues of flame erupt from its three mouths in continuation, lighting up the night and noisily rolling down to the sea, along the "Passageway of Flame": a one-of-its-kind sight... an awesome wall of black rock. Just below the water is a full-fledged dive into the abyss, leading directly to a downward plunge of black sand that reaches more than three thousand metres into the deep, better known as the TYRRHENIAN DITCH.

Today Stromboli, with its latest eruptions and the resulting tidal wave, have reminded everyone of the history of its potential for destruction ... but the volcanoes have always existed; in the past, a celebrated traveller by the name of Alexandre Dumas, on viewing one of the frequent eruptions of the Stromboli volcano, said, "I must say, that night was one of the most extraordinary of my life.... I could not take my eyes off that terrible but magnificent spectacle".

There are two docking points on the island: Ficogrande e Scari. The Ficogrande inlet holds a wharf reserved for ferry ship; pleasure boats are allowed to moor on the rest of the dock space, paying attention to the shallow water and the jetty that has been partially destroyed by the tides. Scari has a commercial dock whose leading portion is reserved for ferries, though space can be found on the rest of the wharf.



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PANAREA

The Island of Panarea, the smallest of the entire Aeolian archipelago, is definitely the best known, thanks to its nightlife and social scene.

Elliptical in shape, it consists of a high ridge that reaches an altitude of 421 metres on the Pizzo del Corvo, which is topped by a cross. The island's main docking point, called Scalo Ditella, is located on its eastern coast, near the Punta Peppemaria, in San Pietro. Here we find a cement dock 97 metres in length and 10 m in width, equipped with mooring stanchions and rings. Anchoring is prohibited within 200 metres of the head of the dock, in order to avoid obstructing the manoeuvres of the scheduled passenger ships; pleasure boats can dock on the north side of the quay. A site not to be missed: the Cala Junco, a marvellous inlet surrounded by rock walls.

SALINA

The second largest island in terms of surface area and population, as well as the greenest of the Aeolians, Salina is famous for its caper plants and its Malvasia vineyards, dominating the archipelago with a mountainous zone consisting of two ancient volcanoes: Monte Fossa delle Felci (962 m) and Monte dei Porri (860 m). There are a total of four docking points. Santa Marina, the island's main port, where it is easiest to find a berth, together with all the other services, including fuelling at the quay, has two mooring docks divided into two portions: the northern one reserved for fishing boats and the southern one for pleasure ships.

In the picturesque fishing port of Rinella, there is a mooring dock only on the east side, with water depths of from 0.50 to 4 metres. Only small vessels can dock in Malfa, taking care to avoid the surface reefs. The set of the film "The Postman", located in the Pollara district, is open to visitors.

Today Salina, called Didyme, or "Twins", in ancient times, has a population of 2300 and is divided into three independent municipalities, which, in turn, are divided into five districts that make for lively vacationing in the summer. Well worth seeing is the Museum of Emigration in Malfa, opened in 1999 to record and preserve the history of those who emigrated from the Aeolians to different continents in the 1800's and 1900's.

FILICUDI

This is the ideal island for those who truly love the sea. Named "Phoenicusa" in ancient times, or "Rich in Ferns", this is the oldest island of the Aeolians. Its 250 residents, scattered among the three main inhabited areas, are proud of the wild, uncontaminated setting. At Cape Graziano, an extremely interesting archaeological zone, a natural inlet named Porto marks the start of a trail that leads up to the Cape Graziano abutment, from where an archaeological site dating back to the Bronze Age and consisting of roughly thirty oval huts built on a terrace, can be viewed. In the waters below, at two different depths, are the remains of a pair of Roman ships that have been "plundered" by the usual pirates of the sea and, unfortunately, are now off limits to legitimate divers.



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LIPARI (Capital of the Aeolians)

The Island of Lipari is the largest of the Aeolians, easily sighted from the sea, thanks to the massive presence of Mount Chirica (602 m) and Mount Sant'Angelo (593 m). Mount Pelato, for its part, is known throughout the world, being covered with pumice that is processed and exported. There are numerous inhabited areas: Lipari, the most important, stretches between the inlets of Marina Lunga and Marina Corta, divided by the Acropolis, which was fortified in 1400. An attraction not to be missed is the Aeolian Museum, whose 25 rooms offer intriguing documentation on the series of civilisations that have occupied the islands over the centuries.

There is no actual port, but various sites make for acceptable docking. The main ones are: Marina Corta, consisting of two docks directly across from one another: only a small portion of the southern wharf is set aside for pleasure vessels. The anchorage of Sottomonastero runs to the north of the Marina Corta, starting from the Punta Scaliddi. It consists of a number of different wharfs, plus a dock 65 metres in length reserved for pleasure craft and offering approximately 50 berths, plus excellent protection from winds arriving from the 3rd and 4th quadrants.

The sheltered port of Pignataro, consisting of a breakwater dock with berths offering depths of 3 and 5 metres and the possibility of mooring pleasure boats as well, provides the best protection, especially from winds out of the 1st and 2nd quadrants. Canneto, on the other hand, is sheltered from winds out of the 3rd and 4th quadrants, and has a wharf at which ferries dock. During the tour of the Island, we will seek, in addition to the small port of Pietralunga, while passing through Inzolfato, a small segment of coastline with a sulphurous, stratified geological composition, running up to the reefs of Pietra Menalda and Pietra Lunga, which appear to be guarding the canal that separates Lipari from Vulcano, and from there to the castle of Lipari, as far as the Marina Corta.

VULCANO

Only 800 metres of canal separate Lipari from Vulcano and its reefs. The island, called Hierà (sacred) in ancient times, is divided into three parts: Vulcano Piano, at an altitude of approximately 400 metres, rich in vegetation whose chief plant is broom; Vulcano Porto, the level portion, where ships dock, located in the shadow of the crater formed by the last eruption, which occurred between 1888 and 1890; and, finally, Vulcanello, which rose out of the water in 183 AD, providing the site for formation of the craters that became the isthmus which ties it to the island, creating the two largest inlets. With its extra-fine sand, rock formations, sulphurous ponds and bubbling hot springs, the island presents one-of-its kind landscape. The Greeks called it the "Island of Fire", or the place where the Gods forged the weapons of heroes.

Passenger ships, hydrofoils and commercial vessels permitting, pleasure boats can dock at the Gelso landing, between Punta dei Porci and Punta Bandiera, on a wharf made of masonry, 30 metres in length and 11 metres in width, designed exclusively for evacuation of the island in the event of a volcanic explosion.

The tour of the Island by sea begins from the Porto di Levante, reaching the Cavallo Grotto, inside which the reflection of the Sun's rays creates fascinating combinations of light and colour. Moving on, we arrive at the lighthouse, while the Gelso district features a stupendous beach with extremely fine sand. Continuing the tour, we come across bays and inlets of rare beauty, before returning to Porto di Levante.



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The program

1st day: Tropea (Saturday)

- Saturday afternoon 5:00 pm
- Boarding and distribution of accommodations onboard
- Cocktails and welcome dinner onboard, offered by the Captain
- Night spent on port

2nd day: Stromboli-Panarea (Sunday)

- Crossing: approximately 4 hours long
- Swimming and snorkelling
- Lunch under the "passageway of flame" (weather permitting)
- Strombolicchio and Ginostra, the world's smallest port
- 4:00 pm: departure for Panarea

3rd day: Panarea-Salina (Monday)

- Possibility of an excursion to Leni and to the village of Pollara, nestled inside the crater of a volcano
- Swimming at the Salina spit, where the most renowned Italian crushed ice in the Aeolians can be tasted
- Overnight stay

4th day: Salina-Filicudi-Salina (Tuesday)

- Swimming and snorkelling at "La Canna" on Filicudi, visit to the "Bue Marino" grotto.
- A tour of the island, from Cape Graziano to Pecorini, with a walk on the "Montenasseri" reef
- Lunch in the bay (Pecorini)
- Overnight stay at Salina, in the bay, in the Lingua district.

5th day: Salina-Lipari (Wednesday)

- Possibility of a visit to the Castle and to the Museum of Archaeology (Europe's most important).
- Swimming in the pumice quarries and the aquamarine waters of the Bay of Porticello.
- Tour of the island, from Sottomonastero to Canneto.

6th day: Lipari-Vulcano-Panarea (Thursday)

- Tour of the island of Vulcano, thermal mud and swimming amidst the steam geysers of the black sands, plus a visit to the Cavallo grotto.
- Possible excursion to the "forge trench"

7th day: Panarea-Tropea (Friday)

- Possible excursion to Cala Milazzese, site of a "prehistoric village"
- Tour of the island, the Panarea reefs, return to Tropea at 5:00 pm.
- Return to Tropea in the evening, arriving after roughly 4 hours of sailing.

8th day: Tropea (Saturday)

- Leave the ship on Saturday morning, after breakfast (9:00 am).



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Services included

- Full pension meal plan, including mineral water
- Daily chart of boat, with 4 hours of sailing
- Crew consisting of captain, cook and sailor/engine mechanic
- All-risk Kasko insurance + civil liability insurance
- Air conditioning
- Diving masks and flippers for all participants
- Television, cd stereo, video recorder, DVD, mobile phone battery charger

Price for a cabin (double room) is EUR 1200 per person.

Price for a cabin (double room for single use) is EUR 2400 per person.

Services provided at extra charge

- Excursions to the craters of Stromboli and Vulcano.
- Wines and beverages + 2 dinners weekly (on day of arrival and departure)
- Port taxes where required, stays in ports, moorings.
- Night-time excursion (2 hours) to the “Stream of Fire” on Stromboli.
- Night-time sailor escort services from 11 pm on.
- Canoes
- Waterskiing
- Skin diving



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Captain's Qualifications

- Professional certification as “**Manager of Chartered Pleasure Boats**”, issued by the Ministry of Transportation and Navigation.
- Diploma as a windsurf instructor
- “Dive-Master” diploma from Scuba Schools International
- Boating license for both motor-powered and sailing ships, without limit of distance from the coast

Captain's experience

- Caprera Sailing School
- Charter: Strait of Sicily, Tyrrhenian and Ionian Seas, Greece, Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea, Yemen, Seychelles, Madagascar, Kenya and Zanzibar.
- Commander of pleasure boards
- Sailing and windsurf instructor
- Expert sailor with the Italian Naval League

Weather

In the event of adverse weather conditions (for more than 2 days *), with the boat being unable to set sail, the program shall be changed and held as follows:

Lodging and food shall still be supplied on the boat.

Daily afternoon excursion may be agreed to and organised in historically and culturally important sites of the Calabria Region:

- Vibo Valentia and Pizzo (Museum, Castle ...)
- Scilla and Reggio Calabria (Castle, Chianalea, National Museum)

*for the first 2 days of the stay made necessary by the weather, no excursions shall be organised.

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