

# The Aeolian's colors

The Aeolian Islands, so similar, so different but incredibly fascinating. The obsidian's black and the white of pumice in Lipari; the red of fire in Stromboli; the reddish yellow sulfur in Vulcano; the whitewash of Panarea; yellow broom Filicudi; the purple heather of Alicudi; the green of trees IN Salina. A palette of beautiful colors that makes this archipelago unique in the world. A journey full of light and color, joy and relaxation within this spectacular natural framework, in which the cobalt blue sea acts as a common background.



## Program

### 1<sup>st</sup> Catania, Milazzo and Vulcano

Arrival of the group in Catania, meeting with the driver, transfer to Milazzo and boarding on the hydrofoil which will lead you to Vulcano. Hotel accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Filicudi - Alicudi

Breakfast in hotel and boarding on motorboat, you will pass among the stacks, leaving Salina on your right. Once you are near Filicudi you will get close to the "Grotta del Bue Marino" where you can dive in blue waters. After you will visit the nearby stacks: Montenassari, Giafante and especially La Canna, a particular kind of rock that stands for 85m. You will then flow towards the harbor for a visit of the prehistoric village of Capo Graziano and the town center. Lunch will be served on board with a delicious plate of "maccheroni". In the afternoon, visit of the ancient grinding wheel and travel towards



Alicudi, the less populated island of the archipelago, more backed off than the others. The walk along the trail will take you back in time. After a refreshing bath, return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Panarea - Stromboli

Breakfast and boarding on motorboat. Coasting Lipari we will make a stop at the Pomice Cave, famous for its shimmering stones, that emphasize even more the beautiful blue sea. Travel towards Panarea, where we will visit the natural bay of Calajunco, above which lies the prehistoric village of Capo Milazzo. Stop in the nearby Cala Zimmari to bathe. Tour among the little islands in the surroundings and visit of the “Cave of Lovers”, return to the harbor. Free time in Panarea for a walk through the elegant streets, or to visit the prehistoric village or take a bath. Lunch on board. In the afternoon we will continue to Stromboli. Before landing we will see a small fishing village named Ginostra, where time seems to be stopped and where you will admire the “Sciara del Fuoco”, a steep slope crossed by streams of lava, and the Strombolicchio (a gigantic rock). Once on the island you can have a walk among the shops and the magnificent gardens or go swimming in the cobalt blue waters. Dinner on board and at sunset we will return under the Sciara to contemplate the suggestive scenery that the volcano constantly gives, exploding in a red symphony of lapilli. Return to hotel in the late evening, overnight stay.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Vulcano

Full board in hotel. Free day dedicated to relax and / or individual activities.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Lipari e Salina

Breakfast in hotel and boarding on motorboat. After leaving the Castle, the Monte Rosa and the Canneto we will make a first stop at the Cave Pomice for a bath. We will then continue towards Acquacalda and Salina. After courting the east side we will stop to bathe once more in the beautiful Bay of Pollara, famous for Troisi's film "Il Postino". Travel to Rinella. Stop in Lingua, a small fishing village where besides the delightful coves, you can visit the salt lake which gave name to this island. Lunch on board. There will also be the chance to see Santa Maria Salina, the most inhabited village on the island where you can enjoy a magnificent “ granita fruit”. On the way back we will visit the most beautiful caves of Lipari with the possibility of a last bath on the beach of Vinci, in front of the Faraglioni (stacks). Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Vulcano

Full board in hotel. After breakfast boarding on motorboat for a tour around the island: coasting the Vulcanello, where the lava has created fantastic figures and the picturesque Valley of the Monsters. Leaving on the right the Faraglioni, the Grotta degli Angeli, you can admire the bay of Sabbie Nere (black sand) well known for its long beach of volcanic sand and the active volcano of the island, named Great Crater of Fossa. We will then continue till the Grotta del Cavallo, near which there is the pool of Venus: a circular body of water. Coasting along the Gelso, a small town almost uninhabited we will stop for a bath. The excursion will end at the harbor of Levante. Free time in the afternoon, dinner and overnight stay.



## 7<sup>th</sup> Vulcano

Full board in hotel. Free day dedicated to relax and / or individual activities.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Vulcano, Milazzo e Catania

Breakfast in hotel, hydrofoil boarding and departure for Milazzo by bus GT, then travel towards Catania

**Notes:** The tour is proposed with a fixed stay in Vulcano with excursions by boat throughout the islands. Vulcano, in terms of accessibility, is the most friendly island. Most of the facilities are in the flat area where the town is located. It has two beaches, east and west, accessible with footrests that arrives close to the shore. As for the motorboats, the company "Queen of the Seas" allows you to take on board people with reduced mobility. However, none of the shipping companies owns motorboats equipped with toilets for the disabled. In Lipari (10 min by hydrofoil from Vulcano) there is a medical unit of hemodialysis. As for the hydrofoil transfers from Milazzo see annex Ustica Lines.

