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WELCOME TO SUNSAIL PORTOROSA

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On behalf of Sunsail/ Sailitalia Team I would like to welcome you to Portorosa. Situated right in front of the Aeolian Islands, this is the best place to start your sailing holiday to discover this special sailing area. Born and raised in Sicily, with a huge passion for sailing, I have a great knowledge of this area, so please do not hesitate to contact me or the rest of the team for any other information. I wish you a great sailing holiday and hope that you enjoy your time on board,,

Giovanni Denaro - Portorosa Base Manager

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We love to see what you've been up to on your holiday. Share your photos on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram making sure to tag:

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THE BASE IN SICILY

BASE FACILITIES IN PORTOROSA MARINA

Toiletes & Showers, open 24 hours,
located at the Portorosa Marina main office
Water & Electricity on docks
Laundry
ATM
Parking service - needs to be
pre-booked, 40€ per week
Fuel station
24 hour surveillance
Ice

Sailitalia/Sunsail
Villaggio Turistico
Portorosa
Zona Laguna Azzurra
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Italy

CONTACT

Tel.	+39 094 119 32110
Technical Support	+39 348 810 2664 (24/7)
VHF	08 (working hours)
	06 (out of hours)



RECEPTION OFFICE HOURS

open all year round

Mon - Thu :
10:00 - 13:00

Fri & Sat :
10:00 - 19:00

Sun :
Closed
(open 9:00 - 12:00 in the case of
embarkation or late arrival in high
season)

If you arrive out of hours, there will be a
letter of arrival for you on the reception
door.

IMPORTANT

Your crew list, a copy of your sailing licence (if you have one) or a completed Sunsail sailing resume must be returned to your agent at least 3 weeks before your departure. It is equally important to confirm your arrival time with the base and bring a mask.

HOW TO FIND US

From the entrance gate, take the first left. After 200 Mt turn right and go straight. You will arrive at roundabout with trees. You can park after that, right in front of our office. All our boats are behind the office. Go around the office and down the stairs to the quay.



HOW TO GET TO OUR BASE IN SICILY

ARRIVAL BY PLANE: FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE BASE

Our base is part of the holiday village “Villaggio Turistico Portorosa” in Furnari. It can be reached from the airports of Catania (2 hours transfer), Reggio Calabria (2 hours transfer) and Palermo (3 hours transfer). Our offices are situated in the area of “Laguna Azzurra”.

From Catania Airport: The bus company SAIS provides a service from the airport to Messina station. From here there are two alternatives either take the train to Barcellona P.G. then by taxi to the “Villaggio Turistico Portorosa” or take the bus line AST right to the tourist village.

From Reggio Calabria Airport: The bus company Cavalieri provides a service between the airport and Messina station. From Messina station to the tourist village by the bus line AST.

From Palermo Airport: By bus or taxi to Palermo station from where you can take the train to Barcellona P.G. From the station take a taxi to the tourist village.



TRANSFER (AIRPORT TO BASE)

Transfers from the airport to the base can be arranged on request. The transfer time from Catania Airport to the base is approximately 2 hours, and the transfer time from Palermo Airport to the base is approximately 3 hours. The costs are around:

From	1-3 pax	4-8 pax	9-14 pax
Catania Airport	€ 230.00	€ 300.00	€ 390.00
Palermo Airport	€ 305.00	€ 370.00	€ 450.00

Please note: On arrival, you will need to make payment by card (MasterCard or Visa) to our Sailitalia team at the base. Please DO NOT pay the taxi driver directly.

ARRIVAL BY CAR

The ferry crossing over the Messina Strait costs approx. € 32,00. From Messina take directions towards the ring road (tangenziale) Bocchetta, motorway ME - PA, exit at the tollgate Falcone. From here continue on the main road 113 Falcone - Messina until you reach Portorosa.



USEFUL CONTACTS FOR YOUR TRIP

AIRLINES / AIRPORTS

Lufthansa	+ 39 199 400044	www.lufthansa.it
Air One	+ 39 199 207080	www.TUI.it/AirOne
Air France	+ 39 199 309092	www.airfrance.it

CAR RENTALS

Avis Catania airport	+39 095 340500
Reggio Calabria airport	+39 0965 643023
Palermo airport	+39 091 591684
Europcar Catania airport	+39 095 348125
Reggio Calabria airport	+39 0965 643431
Palermo airport	+39 091 591688
Hertz Catania airport	+39 095 341595
Reggio Calabria airport	+39 0965 643093
Palermo airport	+39 091 213112
Maggiore Catania airport	+39 095 340594
Reggio Calabria airport	+39 0965 643148
Palermo airport	+39 091 591681

TRAVEL AGENCY

Iniziativa Viaggi sas Via Enrico Martinez 5 98122 Messina Tel	+39 090 52496 www.iniziativaviaggi.it
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TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE

Associazione Turistica "Pro Loco Artemisia" Castoreale	+39 090 974 6673	www.prolocoartemisia.it
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BANKS AND MONEY EXCHANGE

Opening Hours :	Monday - Friday: 8:30 - 13:30 Saturdays: 8:30 - 13:00 (during the summer months only)
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Cash Machine operational 24 hours a day.

POST OFFICE & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The post office is located in the town of Tonnarella and you can walk as it's only 600 meters away.

The office is open from Monday to Saturday 8:20 to 13:35.



HOTELS

Hotel Riviera Azzura +39 0941 313964 www.rivierazzurraoliveri.it

APARTEMENTS

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Portorosa Residence +39 0941 874491 www.portorosaresidence.it
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BED AND BREAKFAST

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nel paese di Falcone +39 0941 34274 www.urlaub-sizilien.it
Trattoria Donna Rosa,
nel borgo di Oliveri +39 0941 314074 www.ristorantedonnarosa.it
Trattoria Lido Belvedere,
nella marina di Oliveri +39 0941313096 www.lidobelvedereoliveri.it

BARS Bar Di Fresco

UPON ARRIVAL

CHECK IN AT OUR RECEPTION

When you arrive to Portorosa, please go to the Sunsail Reception where our team will help you check in. Please ensure you have the following items ready:

- Face Mask - wear one on the Check In
- Passports or Identity Cards for all of the crew
- Original Skippers Licence
- Credit Card for a refundable deposit (only Mastercard or Visa credit cards are accepted)
- Mobile phone number

EMBARKING TIME

Official boarding time is 18:00, however, we always do our best to have all yachts ready as early as possible, and appeal for your patience and understanding. Please leave your mobile phone number with Reception who will inform you when your yacht is ready.

WHAT TO DO WHILST WAITING FOR YOUR BOAT

- Read through the Brief List given to you on your Check In, it will help you meet your technician prepared.
- Provisioning
- Have lunch in one of local restaurants
- Visit Taormina, coming from Catania, or Cefalù;
- Visit Tindari with its Greek theater and the Marinello ponds nature reserve coming from Palermo

AREA BRIEFINGS

We hold individual chart briefings for all our bareboat charters. One of our local experts will provide you with a detailed briefing of the local cruising area and assist you with planning your itinerary. Please arrange a time for your area briefing at the reception and make sure only 2 members of your crew participate, while wearing face masks.

BOAT BRIEFING

Once you have boarded your yacht, a technician will come aboard and explain all operating systems to you. This will include the rigging, electronics and safety equipment. Please follow along to ensure you are familiar with everything onboard your yacht. It is important you are aware of the location of all safety equipment (lifejackets, harnesses, first aid kit, fire extinguishers and tool box) before departure. Please ensure only the skipper and co-skipper participate, and wear a mask, like the Sunsail technician.

EARLY BOARDING

is now available in Portorosa! Check with your booking agent and get on board at **15.00** instead at 18.00!

BERTHS AT THE BASE

Sailitalia/Sunsail has reserved berths in the Port of Portorosa, in front of the Sailitalia/Sunsail Office. Your first and last night moorings are complimentary. All other nights are at customer's expense and subject to availability. Payment details will be confirmed at the Base.

SAILING LICENCE

To sail in this destination you'll need a **sailing licence**. The requirement is (at min.) an ICC or an RYA Day Skipper qualification or above. Original license/certificate must be presented upon check-in at the base.



STARTER PACK ON BOARD

Once you are onboard, you will find some basic products already present: toilet paper, a box of matches, soap, a sponge, a floor cloth and a bin liner for each rubbish bin. You will also find sanitation gel for your use, but no face masks.

PROVISIONING

If you have pre-ordered provisioning for your boat,, please check your order is complete. You can order here: store.sunsail.com, just please note that it should be done at least seven days prior to your embarkation and make sure you selected the right Sunsail base.

There are two little supermarkets in the area for additional last-minute provisioning, but as they are difficult to reach, especially without a car, we suggest the majority of supplies be ordered in advance.

DIVING AND SNORKELLING

To help you avoid travelling with an extra bag, Sailitalia/Sunsail has snorkelling fins for your use at all of its bases. The equipment is stored in the office. Just ask to be supplied with the correct size. Due to new measures we no longer supply masks and snorkels to guests, so we suggest they be brought with you.

ELECTRICITY

All yachts are equipped with power cords, a battery charger and 220V plugs. The piers in the marina are equipped with 220V outlets. The piers of other marinas are generally equipped with 220V outlets.



FUEL

Upon returning to the base you must refuel your yacht, unless you have purchased our pre-paid fuel option. You can fuel up just before entering into the marina.

ICE

Included in the Mediterranean Service Plan, ice will be provided on the boat on your arrival. Sunsail yachts are equipped with a 12V refrigerator.

YACHT DAMAGE WAIVER AND SECURITY DEPOSIT

Forgot to get YDW before you departed? We've got you covered! Purchase it at the reception and don't worry about possible damage! Inquire at the reception for further details.

Please be aware that in case of damage to the boat or loss of equipment onboard, Sunsail maintains the right to keep a correspondent amount of the security deposit.

If damage to the boat is done through gross negligence and above the value of the given security deposit, the guest may be liable to pay the full cost of the damage.



BEFORE LEAVING THE BASE

- Please ensure you have all the kitchen equipment and bedding you require. Extra bedding and some cooking utensils are available upon request.
- Make sure you ask our staff at the Reception if you require snorkelling fins for your sailing trip .
- Check if you need children's life jackets. We have plenty at the base so ask for one in case you need it.
- Make sure your fuel and water tanks are full.
- Make sure you have your boat papers.
- Don't forget your boarding plank or electricity cords while sailing out.



Optional Extras

IF YOU DIDN'T PRE-ORDER YOUR OPTIONAL EXTRAS, PLEASE ASK AT THE RECEPTION

STAND UP PADDLE BOARDS (SUPs)

SUPs are a great way to explore our coastline and beaches. They are light and easy to maneuver which makes them the ideal tool to find your very own private spots.



ONE PERSON KAYAKS

Our one-person kayaks provide the freedom of exploration of surrounding bays and beaches.

ENJOY A CAREFREE HOLIDAY... ON THE WATER

STAY CONNECTED

Looking for WI-FI Internet connection while sailing around the globe? For a nominal fee, you can check your email, read the [Sunsail blog](#) for sailing tips and keep up on social media. If cutting the cord on your vacation isn't an option, ask your Sun-sail Holiday Planning Specialist about adding WI-FI to your sailing package.



DURING YOUR CRUISE

BOAT PAPERS

Your boat papers are an identification file for your yacht; they contain all the documents required for you to charter one of our boats in Italy. Legally those documents **MUST** be onboard your yacht at all times whilst cruising. The best place to keep your papers is under the chart table and remove them only when asked.

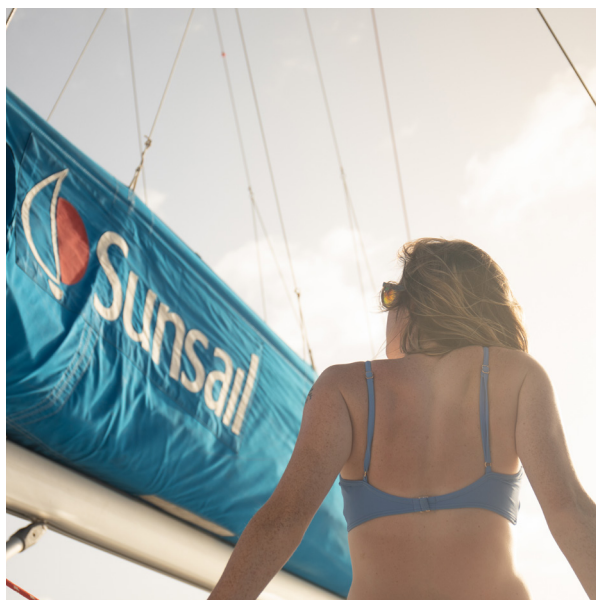
MOORING FEES

Berthing fees are payable at most ports in Italy with cash and some also accept card payments; the cost of the mooring fees depends on the size of the boat and the time of the season, for more information contact the marinas individually.

CHARTER WITH SKIPPER

The skipper is responsible for the yacht. The skipper assumes the technical control of the boat and will be held responsible for damage that may arise within the framework of his services, whether to the people present onboard, the boat itself or to a third party. The charterer holds the legal responsibility for the boat and will be responsible for damage caused to the boat by his own use.

Due to new regulations a skipper should have his own cabin and head, and will wear a face mask whenever the social distancing regulations prescribed cannot be held. We expect our guests to try and do the same.



KEEP A LOOKOUT

All Sunsail yachts are equipped with an autopilot. Make sure one person is always maintaining a lookout, especially if the auto pilot is on. This person should be close to the helm and should watch for other vessels, debris, fish pots, land or other navigational hazards.

Make sure your lookout knows how to disengage the autopilot and brief him / her on what to watch out for. Breaking water or patches of light colored water and brown areas may indicate shallow water or rocks. Seeing one fish pot usually means that there will be others.

IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT

The base must be informed of all accidents as soon as possible so they can notify the insurance company and take any necessary steps.



4 HOUR BREAKDOWN GUARANTEE

We want to make sure your sailing vacation is fun, memorable and successful. So if you have any problems during your yacht charter, please call us and we'll sort them out within 4 working hours from your call. Check out more details [online](#).

IT COVERS

- Engine
- Transmission
- Windlass
- Sails
- Standing and running rigging
- Battery and alternator

IT DOESN'T COVER

- Electronics and Generator
- VHF
- Refrigeration
- Air conditioning
- Water maker
- CD player
- Marine toilets
- Water pump
- Dinghy and outboard
- Depth and speed instruments

Note: Breakdowns occurring outside the defined sailing area and hours (8am-5pm), problems due to user negligence, bad weather or force majeure are not covered.



**Our Yachts and
Future Development**



**Community and
Wildlife-Based
Initiatives**



**Engagement and
Education for Our
Customers and Our
Employees**



Action on Waste



**Net Zero: Our
Carbon Reduction
Commitment**



SUSTAINABILITY

As passionate sailors, we want to look after the beautiful destinations that our customers visit. Being conscious of the impact we can have on local communities; the ocean and wildlife is key to ensuring we protect them for future generations to enjoy. Here are a few of our top tips on how to minimise your footprint when out on the water that collectively makes a big difference:

Sails up, sail green!
Minimise the motor.

Anchor with care.

Give sea life space and
do not attempt to touch
marine life.

Take only pictures.

Leave only footprints.

Throw nothing overboard.

Turn electricity off.

Use air-conditioning
only when needed.

Recycle and reuse
where possible.

Bring refillable
water bottles.

Say NO to plastic bags
and bring a reusable bag.

Minimise your plastic.

Collect litter when possible.

Buy local.

Use eco-friendly and fair
trade products.

Use facilities on land.

Shower quickly and ashore
where possible.



FIND OUT MORE

OUR
 **OCEAN**
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YOUR SAFETY

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY ABROAD

Please locate your safety card when you get onboard and ensure that all crew read it before leaving the marina. If you cannot find it, then please contact reception who can provide a replacement. Although you will have watched the [online Charter Safety Briefing](#) before leaving home, we recommend that you rewatch the video before leaving the dock. This can be done on your own devices using the QR code.

We care a lot about your personal safety, so please read more about these topics in the safety card:

- Accident and Illness
- Be Aware and Safe
- Swimming and Beach Safety
- Alcohol and Drugs



SCAN ME

SWIM SAFE

Swimming is often a fun and important part of a vacation. However local rules, flag systems, currents and where swimming may be permitted, can be different and vary from country to country. We strongly recommend that you and all your crew read through our 'swim safe' information [online](#) before you travel. Unfortunately even the strongest of swimmers can get into difficulties. The information on our website covers children, your surroundings, looking out for others, and not overestimating your own ability. Snorkel vests, life jackets (please see [page 16](#) for advise on what is available) and diver down flags are all available on board.

RETURN PROCEDURES

RETURN TO PORTOROSA PROCEDURE

- Please empty all holding tanks and bilges before returning to base.
- If you have NOT prepaid for fuel, please make sure to refuel your boat in Portorosa.
- Use VHF channel 08 to call Sunsail base; please only radio as you approach the breakwater (Use Channel 06 for Marina Portorosa if you arrive outside working hours).
- You will be given assistance during the mooring procedure in the base. If you feel you need additional support while entering the port, make sure to let the harbor master know.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOUR BOAT

Please ensure:

- Your boat papers are left on the yacht.
- You have had a debrief with one of our technicians; please inform the technician of any faults on the boat. This enables us to keep our boats in the best condition and ensures the boat will be ready for the next customer. Please remember to wear a face mask.
- Your questionnaire is filled out and taken to the office after the debriefing. Your deposit will then be cancelled.
- Water tanks have been refilled.
- All linens are left on the beds. We will fog the entire yacht before the start of the cleaning.
- All rubbish has been removed and disposed of in marina bins.
- The children's life jackets have been left on the boat.
- All personal possessions have been removed; please check thoroughly as items are often left onboard.
- Navigation equipment, the chart table, and all other equipment are checked and reset. All hatches are closed. The keys have been left on the boat. Your transfer has been arranged.



STATE OF THE BOAT UPON RETURN

The boat must be returned in good order. The boat's equipment must be cleaned and stored in its original place. We ask the same for all crockery and cutlery. Personal belongings must be put into bags to free the interior of the boat. The dinghy must be presented inflated on the deck or on the pier. It is therefore preferable that you return to port in the middle of the afternoon to carry out these steps.

THE RETURN INSPECTION

A second inventory will be made using the first made on departure as a reference. A detailed technical verification will be made with an examination of the floor frame, keel bolts, motor fixtures, the propeller shaft and the hull.

RETURN FEES

For loss or damage of equipment, you will be invoiced from your security deposit.

CLAIMS

If during your charter a technical problem or difficulty has occurred, and if this is due to something that we could be held responsible for, we ask you to make your claim to the person responsible at the base when you return. This will authorise you to assert your rights according to the contract.

IMPORTANT NOTE

We must ask you to leave the boat no later than 9:00 am the day after your return inspection, so that we can start preparing the boat for the next customer.



LOCAL NAVIGATIONAL CONDITIONS

HAZARDS

We would like to draw your attention to two of the most frequent causes of accidents in our region: grounding and propeller fouling.

- **Running aground** : Running aground is unfortunately frequent and causes enormous damage: rupture of flooring and partitions, water infiltration, injury to the crew and interruption of the cruise. The risk of running aground is even greater because of the beauty of the area, the absence of tides and an open coastline. It is easy to forget the primary rules of navigation. Pay careful attention to the detail on the charts, the coastal guides and nautical instructions, and check them regularly. Constantly be aware of your surroundings. If you have any doubts, (after consulting nautical charts, navigation ruler, handbearing compass, etc.) do not take the risk! Electronic instruments (sounder, GPS, etc.) are navigational aids and you must not rely on their information only.

- **Propeller fouling** : This can also cause severe damage: the propeller shaft may become bent, the bracket may be bent or torn out, the engine can be torn off its mounting, the cutlass bearing may be damaged and a serious leak may occur. Before starting the engine, check that no ropes, painters or sheets are overhanging. When sailing with the engine, watch for nets and floating ropes or fishing lines. If the engine suddenly stops, check that there is nothing caught around the propeller (the cause of 98% of engine stops) before starting again. Check that there are no leaks around the stuffing box.

- **Towing** : In the Eastern Mediterranean it frequently happens that the captain of a vessel that has taken another vessel (or vessel that has been abandoned) on tow has the right to claim ownership or compensation for the towed boat. For a chartered yacht this means confiscation by the port authorities and the end of the cruise. To prevent any unpleasantness from being towed, always make sure you have enough fuel, to avoid going aground or damaging the propeller shaft. Do not be towed for a minor problem. Beware that assistance at sea is an obligation and that the towage can be negotiated. If towage is really necessary for the safety of the crew and the boat, come to an agreement before a witness (use the VHF).

Never take the other boat's towline-it is like handing your boat over to them. Instead, give your own towline. Should they refuse, their intentions become obvious. Inform the base as soon as possible so they can take the necessary steps with the insurance company.

The restricted zones will be advised during the briefing given at embarkation.



PORTS AND MARINAS

During the summer months, you will generally need to call in advance to reserve a berth at other Ports and Marinas. You will find a booklet on board listing the telephone numbers for these. During the summer months, some places are more difficult to reserve a berth and during the briefing other possibilities will be suggested. Port authorities will sometimes request the boat's papers and your charter contract. Do not forget to retrieve your documents before leaving.

NAVIGATION

In all European waters, the International A system is used, as opposed to the B system used in American and Caribbean waters. Leaving the harbour, red beacons will be to Starboard and green beacons Port (the opposite to the B system). You will also find yellow and black beacons called Cardinals that do not exist in the B system.

TIDES

In the Mediterranean, the tide range is very small: 20cm to 40cm (one to two feet) including the variation of level due to atmospheric pressure and dominant winds.

WEATHER FORECAST

When you arrive at the Base, we will provide you with a weather forecast for the next 24 hours. On your radio, you can also listen to the weather forecast 24 hours a day on Channels 68 and 21 in both English and Italian. Harbour Offices also receive a weather forecast regularly. The best weather website for this region would be windy.com, windfinder.com and windguru.cz.

TYPICAL INVENTORY

Non-contractual document given for information only. The detailed inventory for each boat is given at embarkation.

DECK & COCKPIT

- 1 Anchor
- 1 Galvanised chain
- 1 Windlass
- 1 Windlass handle
- 1 Boom for genoa
- 1 Genoa
- 1 Mainsail (+ Batten)
- 1 Sail ties
- 1 Mainsail cover
- _ Fenders
- 2 Horseshoe lifebuoys
- 1 Floating light
- 1 Yacht's flag
- 1 Gangway
- 1 Door panel and key
- 1 Dinghy
- 1 Pump for dinghy
- 2 Oars for dinghy
- 1 Life raft
- 1 Spare anchor
- 1 Emergency helm
- 1 Hand bilge pump lever
- 1 Water hose
- 2 Plastic buckets
- 1 Boat hook
- 1 Deck brush
- 1 Jerrycan for water
- 1 Jerrycan for fuel
- 1 Jerrycan for engine oil
- 1 Fuel funnel
- 1 Handbailer
- 2 Bottles of gas
- 1 Sun awning or Bimini top
- 2 10 metre Warps
- 2 20 metre Warps
- 2 50 metre Warps

HEADS

- 1 First aid kit
- 1 Dustbin per WC
- 1 Toilet brush for WC

LINEN

- _ Blankets
- _ Pillows
- _ Sheets
- _ Towels
- _ Pillow cases
- _ Kitchen towels

CHART TABLE CORNER

- 2 Winch handles
- 1 Hand bearing compass
- 1 Navigation ruler
- 1 Divider
- 1 Distress mirror
- 1 Lead pencil & sharpener
- 1 Eraser
- _ Padlocks
- _ Charts
- 1 Water pilot
- 1 Lighthouse book
- 1 Binoculars
- 1 Flash light
- 1 Searchlight
- 1 V.H.F
- 1 CD player
- 1 Sounder
- 1 Log / Speed
- 1 Anemometer/ Windex
- 1 Foghorn
- 1 Tool box
- 1 Spare parts box
- 1 Sail repair kit
- 1 Dinghy repair kit
- 1 Set of flags N.C.Q

SECURITY GEAR

- _ Life jackets (adults)
- _ Life jackets (child)
- _ Safety harnesses
- 3 Fire extinguishers
- 1 Box distress flares
- 1 Bosun chair
- 1 Black ball
- 1 Radar reflector
- 1 Bolt & Wire cutter
- 2 Lead lines

KITCHEN

- _ Plates
- _ Soup dishes
- _ Coffee cups
- _ Bowls
- _ Glasses
- _ Forks
- _ Knives
- _ Spoons
- _ Small spoons
- _ Saucepans
- _ Frying pans
- 1 Kettle
- 2 Salad Bowls
- 1 Plastic strainer
- 3 Plastic boxes for food
- 1 Ladle
- 1 Big kitchen knife
- 1 Bread knife
- 1 Small kitchen knife
- 1 Small strainer
- 1 Can opener
- 1 Bottle opener
- 1 Cork screw
- 1 Coffee pot and filters
- 1 Water Jug
- 2 Cutting boards
- 2 Sink covers
- 1 Lemon squeezer
- 1 Pyrex oven dish
- 1 Dustpan & brush
- 1 Clothes peg set
- 4 Safety devices for stove

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

- 1 Padlocks for outboard
- 1 Petrol can
- 1 M.P.S
- 2 Sheets
- 2 Blocks + Shackles
- 1 Portable GPS
- _ Extra berth cushions

NON-SAILING TIPS

CUISINE

Thanks to Sicily's complex history, its cuisine is a diverse mixture of various influences. The Greeks brought grapes and olives and introduced the resident population to winemaking. The Romans then brought fava beans, chickpeas, lentils and varieties of pasta. They deforested vast swathes of the hinterland, planted wheat in the fertile soils and transformed the island into the "Rome's bread basket". Arabs brought almonds, aniseed, apricots, cinnamon, oranges, and much more and so expanded the island's palette with flavour combinations that are now considered typically Sicilian, such as the sweet and sour mix of raisins and pine-nuts that can be found in many favourite Sicilian dishes. They also created the Sicilian love for sweets, by introducing ice-cream and granita (made with snow from Mount Etna), marzipan and candied fruits. The best part about typical Sycilian cuisine is the ingredients and preparation - everything you get on the table was farmed not 1 km away.



Typical food for Aeolian Islands are pane cunzato - the tomato sandwich, sweet and sour rabbit, sesamini (biscuits with sesame seeds), grenada, capers, and fresh fish. Make sure to also try typical Sicilian food, like arancini (rice balls), cassata and cannolo (typical desserts with sweet ricotta cheese). Pair it up with "the wine of volcanoes" - Malvasia wine from Salina island and enjoy the complete Aeolian cuisine experience.

LANGUAGE

When in Rome- do as the Romans do. When in Italy, why not try to approach the locals in their mother tongue? Here is a short list of useful words and phrases you may wish to try:

Hello / Bye	Ciao	Beautiful	Bellissimo
Good day!	Buon Giorno	How much does this cost?	Quanto costa questo?
Welcome	Benvenuti	Waiter!	Cameriere!
Goodbye	Arrivederci!	Check, please!	Il conto, per favore!
How are you?	Come stai?	I like this	Mi piace questo...
Good	Bene	Beer	Birra
Bad	Male	Wine	Vino
Excuse me	Scusate	Water	Aqua
There you go	Ecco	Cheese	Formaggio
Thank you	Grazie	Bread	Pane
You're welcome	Prego	Olive oil	Olio d'oliva
Please	Per favore		

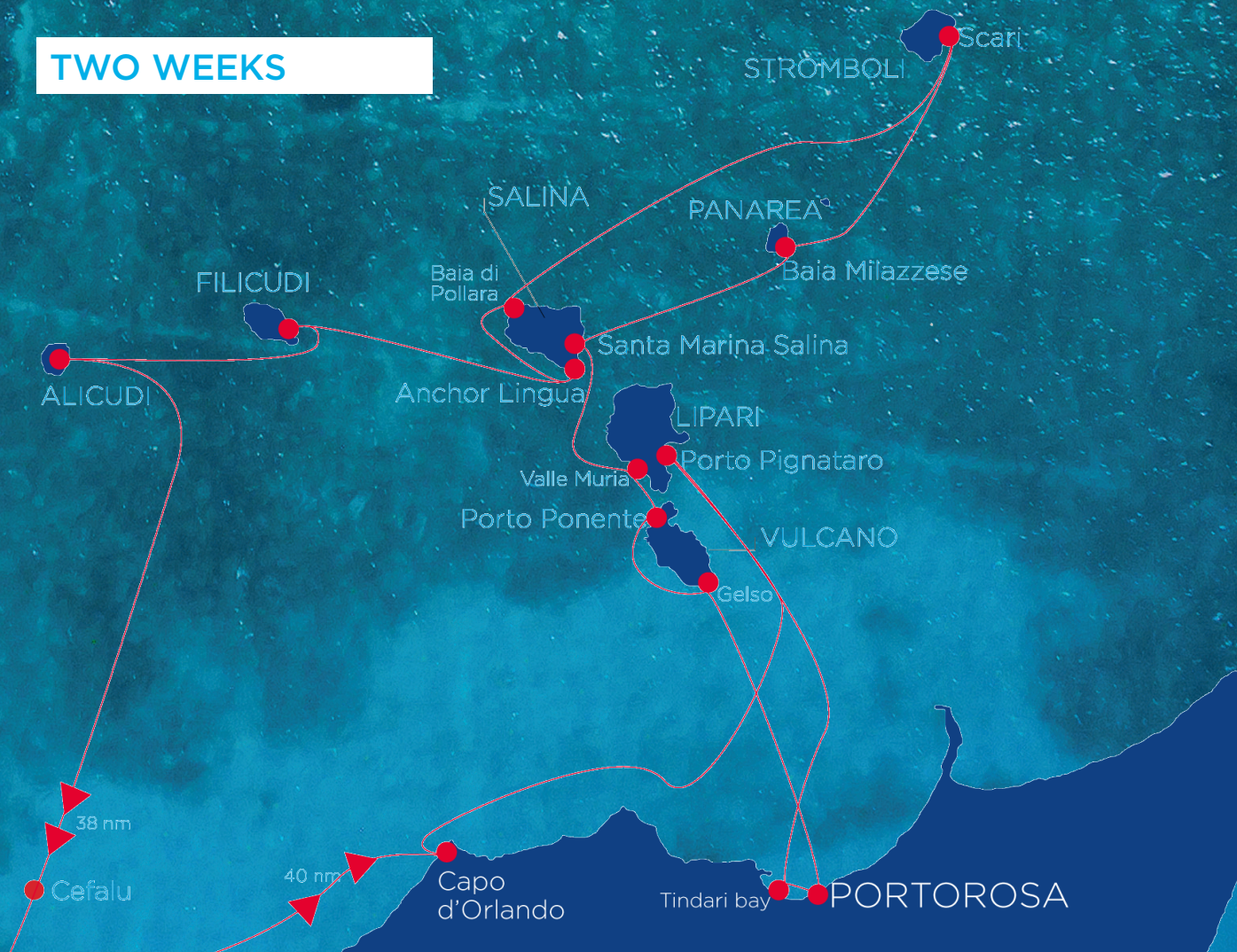
SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

ONE WEEK NORTH (APPROX. 95 NM)

- Day 1: Portorosa
- Day 2: Lipari
- Day 3: Panarea
- Day 4: Stromboli
- Day 5: Salina
- Day 6: Vulcano
- Day 7: Portorosa



TWO WEEKS



TWO WEEKS (300 NM)

Sunday (20NM)

Sail out of Portorosa and stop for lunch in Gelso, Vulcano, before continuing to the north side of the island, and spending the night in Porto Ponente. Use this opportunity to try the geothermic and mud pools in Levante or have an excursion to the crater.

Monday (6NM)

Stop for a swim in Valle Muria on the southwest side of Lipari, then continue to Santa Marina Salina for the night. Salina island is excellent for touring with scooters, wrapping up the trip with a visit to Da Alfredo restaurant in Lingua and tasting local delicacies like Pane Cunzato and granita.

Tuesday (11NM)

Sail to Panarea and anchor off Baia Milazzese or at the buoys. Picturesque town of San Pietro just becons for a visit, or you can go to the prehistoric village.

Wednesday (10 NM)

Depart from Panarea to arrive to Stromboli early afternoon and find a buoy in Scari. Spend the evening with "all together pizza "da Luciano. If you'd like to experience the volcanic mountain at its fullest, we suggest booking a guide in advance.

Thursday (25 NM)

Point your bow to Salina island's north side to find Baia di Pollara and stop for a swim. Night is better spent on the other side of the island at the Anchor Lingua. Here you can visit the Salina lake which gave the island its name.

Friday (21 NM)

Sailing in the morning towards Filicudi promises a day of adventure if you decide to visit the Blue Marine Grotto, on the north west side of the island, or the Canna rock, which is the result of the last vulcano eruption 40 000 years ago. Spend the night at a buoy in Pecorini or head to Filicudi port.

Saturday (12 NM)

Sail to Alicudi, just 12 miles from Filicudi, and enjoy in the isolation and remoteness the island provides. Try your muscles on 4 444 steps that lead to amazing views and learn who "maiara" legends are relating to.

Sunday and Monday (38 NM)

Interesting open water sailing takes you from Alicudi to the Sicilian coast. Take a day to restore after the crossing in Cefalus' marina, where you can find all services, and visit this beautiful town rich in history and traditional restaurants.

Tuesday (40 NM)

The marina of Capo d'Orlando is recently rebuilt with many restaurants and bars. The village itself is 4 kilometres away, along a nice seafront walk.

Wednesday (25 NM)

Main island of the Aeolian islands, Lipari, is a must- see. Leave your yacht in Porto Pignataro and discover the amazing island history in the archeological museum, or the greek amphitheatre.

Thursday (23 NM)

Tindari is a natural park, with 2 salty lakes and amazing wild vegetation. It is possible to climb up to the village where it is a must to visit the Cathedral of the black Madonna. On the top of the hill there is a beautiful ancient Greek theatre and roman archaeological site.

FLOTILLA ITINERARY

Experience the Italian coast with the best guides- your flotilla crew! The skipper will take care to give you the best advice and assistance during your sail, while the hostess reserves berths, restaurants and excursions and organises events like happy hour drinks. For the best support there is also a technician to help in case it is necessary.

Flotilla fee includes the lead yacht and crew costs, assistance, fuel, welcome drink and happy hour. Cost of the yacht, mooring fees and restaurants are not included in the package.



AEOLIAN ISLANDS FLOTILLA

- Saturday: Portorosa
- Sunday: Vulcano
- Monday: Panarea
- Tuesday: Salina
- Wednesday: Filicudi
- Thursday: Lipari
- Friday: Portorosa



ALICUDI

ITALIAN CUISINE FLOTILLA

This flotilla is special because of the organized wine and food tastings along the route, as well as an additional crew member! You will have a cook on board your yacht for one day, who will show how to cook some of the main Italian dishes of your choice.

Saturday: Portorosa
Welcome drinks with finger food and wine tasting of local wines.

Sunday: Vulcano - Fresh fish dinner in a restaurant near to the port.

Monday: Stromboli - Anchor in Panarea for lunch time before sailing to Stromboli.

Tuesday: Salina - Stop off in Basiluzzo before docking in the marina overnight. Here you will be able to enjoy a lovely meal in a typical restaurant and taste some of the local wines.

Wednesday: Filicudi - On the sail to Filicudi you can anchor in Pollara for lunch time. After docking in the Filicudi marina prepare for a visit to a sheep farm on the island and after a buffet dinner on the marina prepared by the locals.

Thursday: Lipari - Anchor at the famous white pumice beach “spiaggia bianca di pomici” before docking in marina Lunga. In the evening a wine tasting and dinner in a local traditional restaurant are prepared.

Friday: Portorosa - On the return to Portorosa the flotilla anchors in Faraglioni, Lipari. In the evening everybody is invited to a farewell dinner.

FILICUDI

SALINA
Pollara

Spiaggia
Bianca
LIPARI
Faraglioni

Ponente
VULCANO

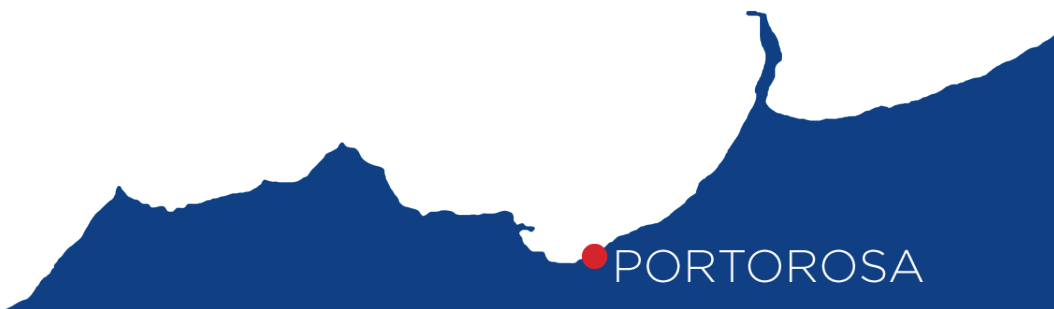
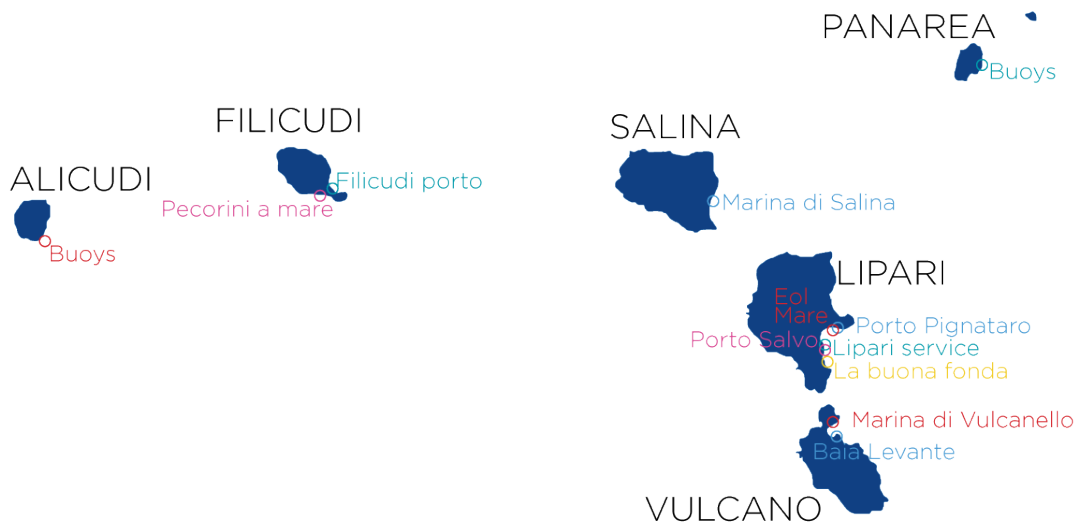
STROMBOLI

Basiluzzo
PANAREA

PORTOROSA

FACILITIES ON ISLANDS

STROMBOLI Punta Lena



VULCANO

Marina di Vulcanello on the North Eastern side of the island, and Baia Levante South of the port. Conad Supermarket is 400 m away the Main Port.

FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	CONTACT	EXTRA
Mooring Type	✓ Buoy field and floating pier in both marinas.	baialevante.it +39 3939 151 901 / VHF 14	Wifi in both marinas
Water & Electricity	✓ In both.	marinadivulcanello.com +39 3898 325 985 / VHF 13	Laundry in Baia Levante
Toilets & Shower	✓ in both.		

LIPARI

Pignataro Port, Eol Mare marina, Lipari service marina, Porto Salvo, La buona Fonda and Yacht harbour marinas all have WiFi and are very close to each other.

FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	CONTACT	CONTACT
Mooring Type	✓ Floating pier in all marinas.	portopignataro.it +39 3383 011 700	yachtharbourlipari.it +39 090 981 3152
Water & Electricity	✓ In all marinas.	eolmare.com +39 090 9814 233 / VHF 09	portosalvo.net +39 368 7190 843
Toilets & Shower	✓ in all marinas.	lipariservice.it +39 330 370 123	labuonafonda.it +39 3333 844 985

SALINA

Small supermarket at the main street - they deliver.

FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	CONTACT	EXTRA
Mooring Type	✓ Breakwater and floating piers. Buoys in Lingua and Rinella	marinadisalina.com +39 0909 022 167 / VHF 11	Wifi
Water & Electricity	✓		Laundry
Toilets & Shower	✓		Fuel

FILICUDI

Filicudi Porto and Pecorini a mare marinas - pay attention to a submerged breakwater located between the quay and the slipway and to the shoal of Capo Graziano with only 1.80 m depth!

FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	CONTACT	EXTRA
Mooring Type	✓ Floating jetty in both, Buoys in Pecorini a mare		
Water & Electricity	✓ In both.		
Toilets & Shower	✗		

STROMBOLI

Navigate carefully due to rock fall and shoals because of the active volcano. Supermarket at the main road which leads to San Vincenzo square.

FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	CONTACT	EXTRA
Mooring Type	✓ Buoys in Marina del Gabbiano	marinadelgabbiano.it +39 377 3899 607 / VHF 09	Ice and Wifi in the Lounge bar.
Water & Electricity	✗		Rubbish collecting.
Toilets & Shower	✓ In the Lounge bar.		

PANAREA

Anchor in Cala Zimmari or Cala Junko, or pick up mooring buoys on the east side of the island. Small supermarket at the main road towards Raya, at the waterfront.

FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	CONTACT	RESTAURANTS
Mooring Type	✓ Buoys along the eastern shore.		
Water & Electricity	✗		
Toilets & Shower	✗		

ALICUDI

Not many sheltered bays, seabed drops rapidly. Best to moor at the buoys in front of the village and visit in fair weather

FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	CONTACT	RESTAURANTS
Mooring Type	✓ Buoys		
Water & Electricity	✗		
Toilets & Shower	✗		

DESTINATIONS



THE AEOLIAN ISLANDS

VULCANO

Vulcano, the closest island to Portorosa, is famous for its baths in the warm waters of its submarine springs. It is studded with fantastic formations, both above ground and under water. There are three volcanoes on the island which are extinct or dormant with only the fumaroles active on one. An interesting place to visit is the Faraglione della Fabbrica just outside the Porto di Levante which is a crag with a natural swimming pool renowned for its therapeutic mud which can be found inside one of its grottos. There are two bays; Porto di Levante and Porto di Ponente.

Porto di Levante has good anchorage and provides protection from westerly, north-westerly and south-westerly winds. Porto di Ponente is a natural bay that also has good anchorage and protection from easterly, north-easterly and south-easterly winds.

All around the island there are spectacular views, interesting bays and black rock formations. The most beautiful bays for swimming, snorkelling and fishing are situated on the south side of the island between Punta dei Porci and Porto Bandiera and the north west side between Punto Monaco and Testa Grossa. There is no water or fuel available at Vulcano however it is only 2 miles to Lipari island.

LIPARI

Lipari is the oldest and largest (48 square km) of the Aeolian Islands. This elevated and craggy island has spectacular beaches and breathtaking ragged coasts whose walls rise from below the sea. Besides the town of Lipari there are four more villages on the island; Canneto, Acquacalda, Quattropiani and Piano Conte. Visitors to Lipari can enjoy not only the sea but also its archaeology, art, castles and museums.

On the east of the island is the port of Lipari which is the largest of the Aeolian Islands and home to many different marinas where there is fuel, water and amenities available. There is also an anchorage at Sotto Monastero where a lot of ships arrive. It is close to Marina Piccola which is a lovely small village however it is not protected from easterly, north-easterly and south-easterly winds.

If there is a sudden change in the weather it is advised that you leave immediately and move to the other side of the island between Le Formiche and Punta La Grotticelle. Here you will find good anchorage and beautiful crystal clear waters for swimming and snorkelling. On the north side of the main harbour is Monte Rosa where a spectacular beach of white sand and pumice is found. In the past there was a factory here. Porticello in the north-east also boasts beautiful beaches. There is an interesting Sea Museum and there are Roman ruins nearby the Monastery which is situated above Sotto Monastero.



SALINA

Salina is the second largest island (26.8 square km) and is only 2 miles from Lipari. It is the only Aeolian island with blooming vegetation and more than 400 different types of plants grow here. It is also the island with the highest peaks such as the three volcanoes that originated it: Monte Fossa dell Felci (962m), Monte dei Porri (860m) and Monte Rivi (850m). There are three villages; Santa Maria Salina, Malfa and Leni as well as five hamlets: Lingua, Rinella, Valdichiesa, Pollara and Torricella. The main port is Porto Santa Marina where there is fuel, water and amenities available.

There are some excellent restaurants here such as Porto Bello, Mamma Satina and in Lingua, a small village 2 miles from Santa Maria (where it seems as though time stopped 200 years ago) the restaurant of La Cannata. Salina provides good protection from strong winds and as Salina is the only safe harbour of the Aeolian islands it is a very busy place and it is difficult to find quay anchorage. On the south side of the Marina between Punta Lingua and Santa Marina there is good anchorage with protection from westerly, north-westerly and south-westerly winds. Rinella on the south side of the island has a small harbour and lovely bay. It is a wonderful place to stop at night and it was here that the famous Italian movie “Il Postino “ was filmed.

Pollara has excellent views and sunsets and provides protection from easterly, north-easterly and south-easterly winds. On the north of the island near Malfa is a lovely place for a visit in the day but not recommended to stay overnight. The whole of Salina is very beautiful and has a timeless, unspoilt feel to it. It is worth renting a bike, car or scooter to explore the island and enjoy its volcanic areas and typical architecture.





STROMBOLI

Stromboli is Europe's biggest active volcano after Etna. It is a 924 metre high lava mountain which dramatically drops down 2000 metres below sea-level. By day you can see the smoke of the peak joining the steam rising from the water and at night from the water you can see the red hot flow descending towards the sea.



There are two small villages on opposite sides of the volcano and Stromboli has the blackest beaches of all the Aeolian Islands. There is no quay anchorage at the port where the ferries and boats come in however there is good buoy anchorage on the west side of the harbour and water and fuel are available. There is good anchorage for the day only in front of the beautiful port of Ginostra. To the east side of the quay there is a spectacular black beach however anchorage is restricted.

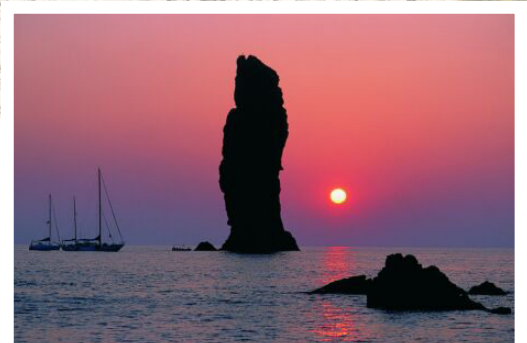
There is also good anchorage south of Ginostra. The sea depth ranges from 100-1000 metres so extra care must be taken. It is a very nice walk from the port to the town's piazza where there are excellent restaurants, bars and clubs. The contrast of black rock with traditional white houses makes Stromboli a truly magical place. The cuisine is a fantastic mix of Neapolitan and Sicilian foods and the traditional sweet cannolo must be tried in Stromboli. A 30 minute walk will take you to an Observatory and restaurant with fabulous views of the eruptions of the volcano. We suggest an organised tour for a visit to the volcanic area.

From Stromboli sailing towards Panarea we suggest a stop at the island of Basiluzzo. Basiluzzo is uninhabited and a fantastic place for swimming, snorkelling and fishing. There is also nearby the beautiful small islands of Lisca Bianca, Dattilo and Lisca Nera. These are all good places to stay for a day as overnight anchorage is not recommended.



PANAREA

Panarea is the smallest but astoundingly picturesque. The main village is called Contrada San Pietro and consists of a group of white houses clustered along the eastern side of the island. The other two villages north and south of San Pietro are Ditella and Drauto. Panarea it can be said is the liveliest of the Aeolian Islands with famous nightclubs and pubs. There is no real safe harbour so boats must never be left alone. There is anchorage on quay where the ferries arrive or in front of the famous club "Raja" where there is fair protection from wind however in the morning if the east wind arrives it is not safe. A beautiful place to anchor overnight is the bay Baia Milazzese on the east side of Punta Milazzese. On the west of this point there is the spectacular bay of Cala Junco. There are restrictions in place so as with all areas we recommend checking beforehand with the local tourist office or harbourmaster.



ALICUDI

Alicudi is the most isolated of the Aeolian Islands and is in fact an extinct volcano that rises out of the sea. It has spectacular shores and an interesting underwater panorama. There are only approximately 150 inhabitants, it is a very traditional place and it feels as if time stopped here more than 100 years ago. There are no cars on Alicudi, only donkeys. It is surrounded by very deep waters and it is difficult to anchor. There is only one place to anchor which is between Palomba and Punto Fucile in the south east of the island. It is only possible to anchor here in good weather and the yacht must never be left alone. Alicudi has a single village that rises up to Filo dell'Arpa, offering a spectacular panoramic view. We recommend Alicudi for a day visit.



FILICUDI

Filicudi is a spectacular island where like Alicudi it seems that time stopped centuries ago. It is only in the last 10 years that electricity arrived. It is the most ragged of the islands and its steep slopes, rocky coastlines and craters are its main features. The tallest of the craters is Fossa dell Felici (773m). The Grotta del Bue Marino is a huge sea cave on the north side of the island and is a must to visit. To experience the true beauty of these waters the southern area between Capo Graziano and Pecorini must be explored. There is a small quay and buoy anchorage (payment necessary) where there is good protection from easterly and north-easterly winds and the small village has a wonderful bar and restaurant. Pecorini has only been connected to Filicudi Port for the last 10 years, before this the two were connected by boat only.



The waters surrounding the area are said to be the most beautiful of the Aeolian Islands with a vast fish population, beautiful caves and panoramas. On the east side of the island is the main harbour, Filicudi harbour where ferries and boats arrive. There is buoy anchorage (payment necessary) and it provides protection from westerly, north-westerly and southern winds. In the harbour area there are excellent restaurants.

There are also beautiful bays and caves on the southwest side and between Punta Perciato and Scolgio Giafante. In these last places it is recommended to only anchor for the day. In the north-west there is the great rock "La Canna" a natural wonder that rises from the sea in a long thin line. Punta La Zotta also offers good anchorage and beautiful swimming and snorkelling opportunities.





COAST OF SICILY

CEFALU

Cefalu is said to be one of the greatest seaside towns in the province of Palermo, north east Sicily. The town is part of the Mandonie Park, a regional national park and is only a short walking distance from the Marina. Walking through the narrow medieval streets and small arches you will notice that the town is rich in history and offers a range of restaurants with typical local food.

The main attraction in Cefalu is the cathedral, also known as the Duomo, which is situated at the top of the town and stands under UNESCO protection since 2015. The mountain protecting the town is also known as the Rocca. One can hike up the “Rocca” to see some magnificent views of the seaside town. There are also many beaches to visit in the surrounding areas, up to 7 beaches to be precise.



CAPO D'ORLANDO

Once a small fishing village, this town has evolved throughout the years and now has a small marina which is surrounded by 14km of beaches. The marina is a short walk, around 4km, from the town itself where you will find many restaurants and bars.

Capo d'orlando is said to be quite particular as it is on the seafront, but it is also very near to Nebrodi, a Mountainous Regional Environmental Park. The Regional Park is great if you love hiking. Walking through the woodlands of the park you will discover the tiny historical villages, lakes, rivers, and waterfalls. You can also stop off here to enjoy some great traditional Sicilian food and wine.

TINDARI

Overlooked by a stunning Santuario, with its golden sandy beaches and enough legends to satisfy anybody's curiosity, Tindari shouldn't be missed - either as a day or overnight stop. Tindari is situated in Patti, within the province of Messina. This ancient Roman city is part of a natural park, The Natural Reserve of Marinello Lagoon, a protected area of around 400 acres including 2 salty lakes and an amazing wild vegetation. The main thing to visit in the small city of Tindari is the Sanctuary of the Black Madonna, an amazing cathedral situated at the top of village on a cliff, which is still used daily by the locals. Do not miss the chance to visit also the the wellpreserved ruins of the ancient Roman city, the archeological park, and the Greek theatre, which dates back to the 4th century.



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