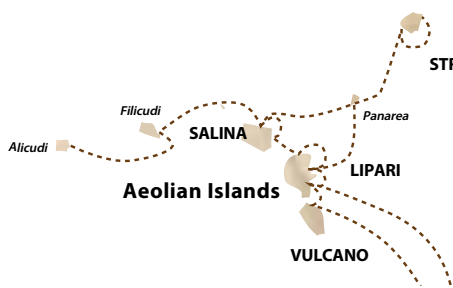




# The Aeolian Islands



If you like islands, you will love Lipari, Vulcano, Stromboli, Panarea, Salina, Filicudi and Alicudi. Access to the islands is by boat - hydrofoil (foot passengers) or ferry (cars and passengers). The main departure point is from

Milazzo, on Sicily's north coast, which connects daily with all the islands.

Other departure points from Sicily include Capo d'Orlando, Cefalù and Palermo where the crossing takes longer to reach the archipelago. Regular services usually run between April to early October. Sunvil offers accommodation on four islands - Lipari, Salina, Vulcano and Stromboli. The other islands can be reached by boat from any of the islands as day trips.



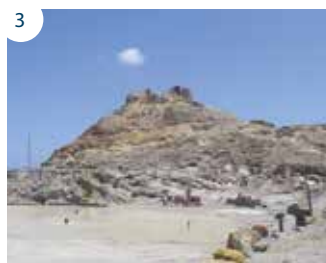
Lipari

The largest of the seven Aeolian Islands, Lipari town has an ancient acropolis crowned by a castle, a cathedral and a fine museum (the swimming off the rocks below is a bonus).



Salina

Twin-peaked Salina, the archipelago's second largest and greenest island, has a lush, verdant landscape thanks to its natural freshwater springs, woodlands, wildflowers and vineyards producing sweet Malvasia wine.



Vulcano

Vulcano remains a jewel of rare beauty and unspoilt nature, evident in its lush vegetation, smoky fumaroles, renowned natural mud pool and the release of sulphur and warm waters close to the Levante beach.



Stromboli

The volcano is Stromboli's main attraction with guided walks (c.2 hours) to climb the summit to arrive just before sunset. The best black sand beaches are small coves along the coast at Piscità.

# Lipari

The island is particularly remarkable for its varied scenery, with a jagged coastline surrounded by unpolluted waters and an array of colours from the green vegetation and white pumice stones to black and red volcanic rocks.

## Rocce Azzurre Hotel, Lipari

This family-run hotel is positioned directly on the sea front in a quiet bay, 20-minutes walk (partly uphill) from the harbour. Some rooms have been nicely decorated in a classic style and are different in colour and shape, some have traditional floor tiles, which originate from Caltagirone – famed for its colourful ceramics, others with a more modern style. The location, as well as the friendly service of this owner-managed hotel, provides a warm welcome to guests.

**Accommodation:** 33 air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms and junior suites.

- Airport: 144km Catania
- 1 hour journey by hydrofoil to Lipari from Milazzo
- 3-star hotel
- Half Board
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£836 per person\***



## Tritone Hotel, Lipari

A small, modern hotel, the Tritone is well situated within walking distance of the village centre and only 500 metres from Portinente beach and 3km from Canneto beach. The property is beautifully set in well-maintained gardens with a swimming pool fed by a natural hot spring. Its close proximity to the sea and easy access to both the commercial centre and the beach make this hotel a good base from which to explore the small volcanic island of Lipari.

**Accommodation:** 38 air-conditioned rooms including classic rooms, comfort rooms, deluxe rooms and a suite.

- Airport: 144km Catania
- 1 hour journey by hydrofoil to Lipari from Milazzo
- 4-star hotel
- Complimentary WiFi
- Half Board
- Restaurant
- Swimming pool
- Spa

Guide price from **£1,251 per person\***

## Therasia Resort & Spa, Vulcano

This beautifully located hotel is only 1km uphill from the port and easily accessed via the hotel's shuttle bus. The white and pastel shades of the building and the moorish ambience contrast with the dark rocks and vegetation of the island. Here, on the promontory of Vulcanello, where the property is situated, you are surrounded by nature. There are ample terraces from which the views are stupendous. The sunsets over the islands of Lipari (5-minutes away by hydrofoil), Alicudi and Filicudi are spectacular.

**Accommodation:** 94 air-conditioned rooms including classic rooms, comfort rooms, deluxe rooms, junior suites and suites.

- Airport: 140km Catania
- 45-minutes by hydrofoil to Vulcano from Milazzo
- 5-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant
- Swimming pool
- Spa

Guide price from **£1,312 per person\***



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# Salina & Stromboli

Salina, the greenest of the Aeolian Islands, has pebble beaches and vineyards that produce Malvasia wine. Stromboli has one of the most active volcanoes in the world, high cliffs and black sand beaches.

## Signum Hotel

This charming property is made up of several buildings that were once ordinary houses within the village. The owners bought several houses over the years and have created a small community set around a series of landscaped terraces and luscious gardens filled with beautifully scented Mediterranean plants. The guestrooms, simple in style, are furnished with antiques, have whitewashed walls and many have a private terrace or balcony with garden and sea views.

**Accommodation:** 30 air-conditioned (ceiling fan) rooms including classic rooms, superior rooms, deluxe rooms and suites.

- Airport: 144km Catania
- 90 minutes by ferry from Milazzo to Salina
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant (1-star Michelin chef)
- Spa
- Swimming pool

Guide price from **£1,555 per person\***



## Capofaro Malvasia & Resort, Salina

A UNESCO World Heritage Site and nature reserve since 1981, the seven islands that form the Aeolian archipelago are found approximately 40km north east of Sicily, with Salina at its centre. Located on the north east coast of Salina, the Capofaro Malvasia & Resort is one of five estates owned by the Tasca d'Almerita family – producers of award winning wines. Named partly after the Malvasia grape, native to Salina and believed to have been introduced to the island between 588-577B.C. by the Greeks, the estate has a 6 hectare vineyard.

**Accommodation:** 21 air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms, superior rooms, junior suites, exclusive suites and suite 21.

- Airport: 378km Catania
- 90 minutes by ferry from Milazzo to Salina
- 5-star resort hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant
- Swimming pool

Guide price from **£1,582 per person\***

## La Sirenetta Park Hotel, Stromboli

This modern hotel, situated at the base of an active volcano, is nestled on the beach (a minute walk) and surrounded by the greenery of its own gardens. The guestrooms are simply furnished and there is a rooftop terrace, salt water swimming pool and gourmet restaurant serving local Sicilian and Italian dishes. The volcano on Stromboli has been continuously erupting for two thousand years, and is one of the main draws of the island. Watch, from a safe distance, as lava and gas are ejected from craters just below the summit.

**Accommodation:** 49 air-conditioned rooms including classic rooms and superior rooms.

- Airport: 378km Catania
- 70 minutes by hydrofoil from Milazzo to Stromboli
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Beach location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£1,185 per person\***



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# Sicily & the Aeolian Islands

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

Discover the elegance and style of Taormina, created by a rich history over the centuries, by the invading Greeks, Romans, Arabs and Spaniards. With regular sailings from Milazzo, take the boat to Lipari, an ideal base from which to island hop to the other, equally fascinating, islands of the archipelago. Experience life on Vulcano, separated from Lipari by a small stretch of sea, a jewel of rare beauty and unspoilt nature.

**Day One:** On arrival, transfer to Taormina.

**Days Two & Three:** Days at leisure. Explore the delights of Taormina with its Greek Theatre, charming boutiques and shops, botanic gardens and open-air dining.

**Day Four:** Take a private transfer to Milazzo (1½ hours) and boat to Lipari (1-hour). On arrival, transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon, visit the castle, the Norman cathedral of San Bartolomeo (built on the site of an ancient acropolis) or marvel at the stunning scenery from Quattrocchi viewpoint with its spectacular panorama across the archipelago.

**Day Five:** Day at leisure. Take the opportunity to island hop and visit one or more of the other Aeolian Islands.

**Day Six:** Self-transfer to Lipari port (20-minutes downhill walk) to catch the hydrofoil to Vulcano (30-minutes – boat tickets are not included and must be purchased locally). Alternatively, the hotel offers a complimentary transfer to the port – pre-booking required. On arrival in Vulcano, self-transfer to your hotel. It is also possible to pre-book the complimentary hotel shuttle bus from Vulcano port – please request a time of booking.

**Day Seven:** Day at leisure – spend the day on Vulcano. 'Take the cure' in a sulphur pool and wash off in a curiously bubbling sea - catching more than a whiff of Vulcan himself! Walk to the top of the volcano for a fabulous view of the crater and surrounding archipelago.

**Day Eight:** After breakfast, self transfer to Vulcano port, or take advantage of the complimentary hotel shuttle bus to the port - pre-booking is recommended. At the port catch the hydrofoil to Milazzo (45-minutes crossing). On arrival at Milazzo port you will be transferred by car to Catania airport for your return flight home.



\*Guide price based on  
2-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Gatwick to Catania (other airports on request)
- Private transfer from Catania airport to Taormina (Day 1)
- 3-nights Grand Hotel Miramare, Taormina BB
- Shared transfer, including boat crossing, from Taormina to the Rocce Azzurre Hotel, Lipari (Day 4)
- 2-nights Rocce Azzurre Hotel, Lipari BB
- 2-nights Therasia Resort & Spa, Vulcano BB
- Boat tickets from Vulcano to Milazzo (Day 8)
- Private transfer from Milazzo port to Catania airport (Day 8)

**Departures**  
Daily

**Duration**  
7 nights

**Guide price from**  
£1,210 per person\*

