



BIKE & BOAT

Sicily & Aeolian Islands · Italy

Route

from Milazzo / to Milazzo

Duration

8 days / 7 nights

Distance

80km

Level 2

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Volcanic wonderland in southern Italy

Island hopping in Italy: our eight-day exclusive cycling, hiking and boat trip to Sicily and the Aeolian Islands takes you to a magical corner of the world full of natural wonders and history. On the Aeolian Islands, you will experience Bella Italia in a particularly multifaceted way. The archipelago off the north coast of Sicily includes the seven main islands of Lipari, Vulcano, Salina, Filicudi, Alicudi, Panarea and Stromboli. They are of volcanic origin, some of the volcanoes are still active today and have created a wonderful world of multi-colored rock formations.

You will explore the island paradise of the Aeolian Islands from Milazzo on board the two-masted motorsailer Sundial. Once you have arrived in the harbor, you will set off on an exploration tour by bike or on foot in the company of your expert guide. Discover enchanting nature as well as traditional island villages and look forward to delicious local specialties on board and ashore. The spectacular volcanic islands with the affectionate nickname "Seven Sisters" will surprise you!



Itinerary

1st Day Sicily/Milazzo (embarkation)

Individual arrival at Catania Airport in Sicily. Here you will meet your fellow travelers at 3:30 pm and be transferred to the port of Milazzo. From 6 pm, we commence check in on the Sundial in the Marina di Nettuno in Milazzo. Enjoy your welcome drink and the subsequent dinner on board. Your guide will then present the itinerary to you in detail. Overnight stay in Milazzo.

2nd Day Sicily/Milazzo (aprx. 15 km by bike)

Your first bike tour takes you towards Capo di Milazzo, where you have the opportunity to swim in the azure waters of the Venus Basin, a natural sea basin protected by rocks. Back in Milazzo, you will have time to explore the historic center and mighty citadel, which is the largest fortress in Sicily with an area of 7 hectares and 1200 square meters. Overnight stay in Milazzo.

3rd Day Sicily/Milazzo – Vulcano Island (aprx. 20 km by bike)

In the morning, the Sundial sets course for the island of Vulcano. The name says it all: the volcanic origin of the island is easily recognizable by the Sulphur steam rising from its craters. Today's round trip offers you many opportunities to admire the spectacular landscape formed by numerous volcanic eruptions. The afternoon is open to you for either relaxation or an optional activity. How about a hike to the crater of the largest volcano (Vulcano della Fossa)? Or a hot bath in the Sulphur mud (Pozza dei Fanghi)? You can also swim in the sea between bubbling fumaroles (volcanic openings in the earth)! Overnight stay in the port of Vulcano.

4th Day Vulcano – Panarea – Stromboli (aprx. 3,5 h on foot)

After breakfast, transfer to Panarea, the smallest of the Aeolian Islands. At the mini islands of Lisca Bianca, Bottara and Dattilo (where the volcanic activity is still clearly visible) we make a stopover for a swimming break in the deep blue sea. After arriving in Panarea, we anchor in a beautiful bay to enjoy lunch on board. After lunch, the Sundial sails towards Stromboli. From the water, we have a beautiful view of the famous Sciara del Fuoco, the "fire chute", in which lava continually flows from the volcano into the sea! In the late afternoon, we go on a hike on the Stromboli up to a height of 400 meters above sea level. From here we have a spectacular view and can enjoy an evening picnic. Today we spend the evening in a sheltered bay near the island of Stromboli.

5th Day Stromboli – Panarea – Salina (aprx. 2,5 h on foot)

After breakfast, we head back to the island of Panarea and set anchor in the bay of Porto San Pietro. From there, we embark on another hike that takes us through the village of Panarea and across Drautto beach to the prehistoric village of the same name. At lunch time, we enjoy a picnic with a view of the beautiful Cala Junco bay before boarding the Sundial again. Our ship then sets course for the island of Salina, where guests then have free time to explore. Overnight stay in the port of Salina.

6th Day Salina Island and Lipari Island (aprx. 20 km by bike)

The best way to explore the island of Salina is by bike! From Santa Marina on the east coast we cycle to Pollara, a historic village with a stunning panoramic view of the west coast of the island. We then continue to the small lake at

Punta Lingua on the southernmost tip of the island. There we can enjoy a wonderfully refreshing local beverage. Back on board, we cross over to the pretty island of Lipari, where guests can stroll through the village of the same name in the evening. Overnight stay in the port of Lipari.

7th Day Lipari Island – Milazzo/Sicily (aprx. 25 km by bike)

After breakfast, we embark on a particularly beautiful bike tour along the coast of Lipari. From Lipari, we cycle to the picturesque village of Canneto and the beach of the same name. Here, we take a lunch break with a picnic at the Quattrocchi panoramic point before cycling back to the historic center of Lipari. Embrace the opportunity to take a few nice memorable photos! Thereafter, it is time to cast off again! Enjoy the last crossing on board the Sundial back to Milazzo. Guests can round off their trip with an individual dinner in one of the town's many restaurants. Overnight stay in Milazzo.

8th Day Sicily/Milazzo (Disembarkation)

We first fortify ourselves with another tasty breakfast on board! Check out is at 9:00 am and then collective transfers will take you to the airport. Expect to arrive at the airport around 12:00 pm. Of course, for those interested, guests can extend their vacation in Sicily. For those who want to get even more out of this adventure please take a look at our optional 4-day extension program. This starts directly after the cruise and takes you on three self-guided cycling stages via Villafranca, Messina and Taormina and on to Catania. Hotel accommodation and luggage transfer are included!



Sundial · Comfort

Port of Embarkation

Milazzo (Sicily/Italy)

Size

24,5 m x 6,25 m

Capacity

6 cabins, 12 beds

Special Features

Year of construction

1992

Cabin size

4 cabins 8 m²
and 2 small cabins 7 m²

Cabin features

Air conditioning, tiled bathroom, mirror, shower cubicle, washbasin & WC (rental hairdryer is available on board)

Beds

Double beds: 195 x 120 cm

Service

Daily cabin inspection, towel and bed linen change in the middle of the week

Extras

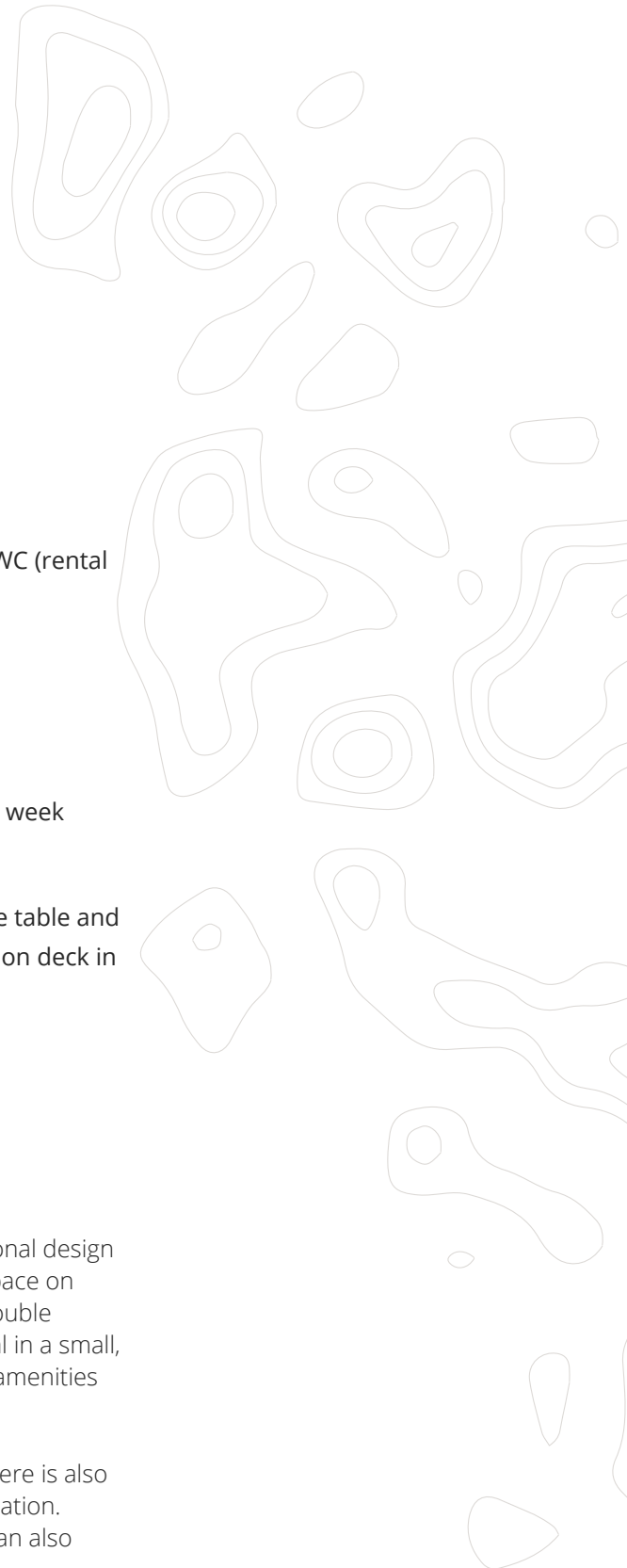
Stern access, outside deck with upholstered seating and loungers, large table and chairs on deck in the shade, swim ladderchairs, large tables and chairs on deck in the shade, WiFi

Sundial

The Sundial is a charming, wooden, two-masted motorsailer in the traditional design of a Turkish gullet, on which you will immediately feel at home. There is space on board for a maximum of 12 passengers, who are accommodated in six double cabins below deck. This means you can enjoy your vacation on the Sundial in a small, informal group. The common areas and cabins are equipped with all the amenities to ensure that you have a comfortable journey.

All cabins have their own bathroom with shower, washbasin and toilet. There is also a small closet, air conditioning and the portholes can be opened for ventilation. Meals can be enjoyed on board on the shaded main deck where guests can also enjoy a comfortable sunbathing area.

The sun deck is equipped with ample sun loungers. Whenever the ship is in port, free Wi-Fi is available in the communal areas. Guests can look forward to friendly customer service from the crew and delicious Mediterranean cuisine from the chef.



Dates, Prices & Services

Included services

- 8-day cruise on a comfort motor yacht with crew
- 7 nights in a double cabin below deck with shower/WC
- Full board: 7 x breakfast, 7 x packed lunch, 6 x three-course evening meal
- Coffee and tea and welcome drink on board
- 1 x 0.5 l water bottle with lunch and water carafe with dinner
- Guided bike tours, hikes and sightseeing according to the program
- Rental bike helmet
- Overview maps and GPS app for the individual cycling and hiking stages on board
- Collective transfer between Catania airport and Milazzo port on arrival and departure day (registration required)
- Bed linen and towels as well as daily cabin cleaning
- English and German speaking tour guide

Not included in the basic tour price

- Travel to Catania/Sicily
- Individual airport transfers
- 1 dinner, snacks and drinks ashore
- Entrance fees for museums and other sights
- Please bring your own beach towel (if required)
- Tips for crew and tour guide

Prices for Additional Optional Services

Small double cabin for single use below deck	Surcharge: 1,050 euro/person
If two people occupying a small double cabin below deck (7 m ²)	Discount: 300 euro/person
Rental bikes with Ortlieb saddle bag	Hybrid bike: 125 euro/week; E-bike: 235 euro/week (limited)
Insurance against theft and damage to the rental bike	Hybrid bike: 10 euro/week; E-bike: 20 euro/week (not insured: grossly negligent damage)
4-day extension program in Sicily	Please see additional nights

Discounts

- Children up to age 16 receive a discount of 25 % on the basic tour price (not combinable with any other discount / does not apply for single occupancies).
- There is a discount of 300 euros/person for two people occupying a small double cabin below deck (7 m²).

- If this is your third or more Islandhopping tour booked directly with us, you will receive our SEA-YOU-AGAIN discount for your next tour in 2025.

Dates

Date	Accommodation	Start City	End City	Base Price
11.05.2024 – 18.05.2024	Sundial	Milazzo	Milazzo	2.399,00 €
18.05.2024 – 25.05.2024	Sundial	Milazzo	Milazzo	2.399,00 €
25.05.2024 – 01.06.2024	Sundial	Milazzo	Milazzo	2.399,00 €
05.10.2024 – 12.10.2024	Sundial	Milazzo	Milazzo	2.399,00 €

Arrival

Port of embarkation – Milazzo

Your port of embarkation is Milazzo in northern Sicily, aprx. 130 km from Catania airport.

The docking location of your boat can be found here :

[□ Position in Google Maps](#)

You can check in on board from 6 pm on the day of embarkation. If you have not booked a transfer, please call your local tour guide to find out the exact berth. The relevant telephone number can be found in your travel documents.

Arrival by plane

The fastest, cheapest and most convenient way to get to Sicily is by air. There are flights to Catania from many international airports.

When booking your flight, please note that your outbound flight should land in Catania at 2:45 pm at the latest and your return flight should take off at 1:30 pm at the earliest if you wish to take advantage of the free shared transfers between Catania airport and Milazzo. The departure time of your collective transfer on the day of arrival is **3:30 pm**. The transfer on the day of departure is at **9:00 am** from the ship.

From the airport to the harbour

To make your arrival and departure as smooth as possible, we recommend that you book our free shared transfers between the airport and the ship. These are only available on embarkation and disembarkation days.

If you would like an exclusive airport transfer or hotel transfer, you are welcome to book this with us in advance. The transfer prices can be found in the table "Additional bookable services"

You are of course free to book an individual transfer yourself (e.g. with [Connecto Transfers](#)) or use the regular train service between Catania and Milazzo.