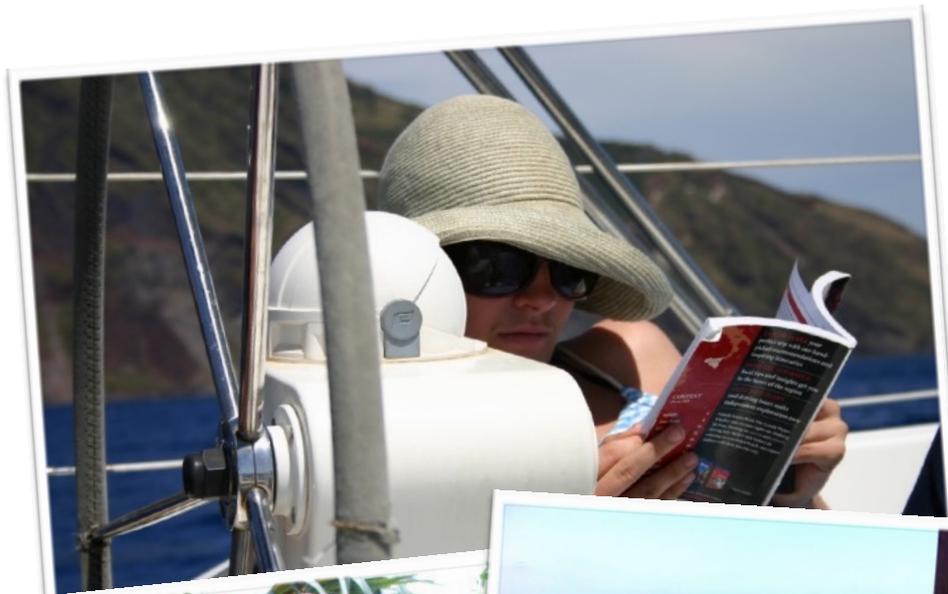


# **ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSE ON A SAIL YACHT AEOLIAN ISLANDS**



## ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSE ON A SAIL YACHT. CRUISE TO THE AEOLIAN ISLANDS

In the northeastern part of Sicily the Aeolian Islands, surrounded by a cobalt blue sea, are the scenery for an unforgettable week cruise with an Italian language and culture course.

Seven islands, all of volcanic origin, with the volcanoes of the islands of Stromboli and Vulcano always active, rich in nature, history, culture and Myths, known and inhabited even before the Hellenes, the ancient Greeks, and immortalized in Homer's descriptions.



Starting from Portorosa, and sailing along Vulcano, we will head towards the island of Lipari, with its turquoise sea. We will then head to Salina, the greenest island. We will continue sailing towards East and reach the worldly island of Panarea. We will sail around Stromboli after sunset to admire its active volcano light up the night. We will be halfway through our cruise and looking towards the West we will see Filicudi and Alicudi, the most exclusive of the seven Aeolian Islands, silently waiting for us.

## PROGRAM

**SATURDAY** Embarkation in Portorosa, Furnari (Messina). After storing our provisions, we will be ready to set sail and, with a favorable wind, we will head to Lipari sailing along the coast of Vulcano that will welcome us with its active crater. Overnight in Lipari in the port of Pignataro.

**SUNDAY** Lipari. After having a typical breakfast with a mulberry "*granita*" (a local ice delicacy made in various flavours) we will walk up to the Castle of Lipari, which rises above the sea in a rich archaeological area. Here we'll be in the upper part of the town and we will be able to dominate the entire bay of Marina Lunga and Marina Corta and the lower part of the town. Attached to the Spanish dome is the medieval cloister of the ancient Benedictine Norman monastery. Here we will be able to feel the ancient sacredness of this place, surrounded by silence and by a shiny, sparkling sea. Once back to the boat we will hoist the sails and, pushed by the wind, we will sail to Salina. On our way we will stop in the northern part of Lipari for a refreshing swim in the turquoise waters by the now disused pumice quarries.

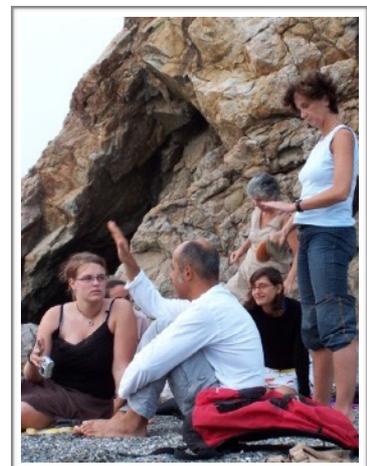


**MONDAY** Salina. A peaceful overnight stay in the port of Santa Marina. Salina is the greenest of all the Aeolian Islands and those who love the mountains cannot resist the extinct volcano of *Monte Fossa delle Felci*, 962 meters high. We will sail towards Pollara in the afternoon, on the western side of Salina, natural set of the film “Il Postino”. We will enjoy a peaceful evening at anchor in the bay of Pollara, sheltered by high cliffs while far away we will see the moon fade behind Filicudi.



**TUESDAY** Panarea. Once the sun rises above the waters of Pollara you cannot resist a dip and a regenerating swim in an inviting sea. In the morning we will take a walk in the small village of Pollara, renowned for its capers and where it is also possible to taste Malvasia, typical wine of the Island of Salina. The view up there will leave you breathless. We will hoist the sails in the afternoon and head towards Panarea., where we will arrive just before sunset. We will look for a safe anchorage at Cala Junco, one of the most beautiful bays of the Eolian Islands, dominated by the promontory of Punta Milazzese. Here stands a prehistoric village (1400 BC), a safe and strategic area against the pirates, who attacked these seas up until two centuries ago.

**WEDNESDAY** Stromboli. We will spend our morning with dips in the sea and walks on the island of Panarea. After the Italian lesson there will still be time to sunbathe on the deck. It takes about three hours to sail to Stromboli and the best time to set sail is in the early afternoon with a rising wind from the west. We will sail along the islets of Lisca Bianca, Dattilo, Scoglio Spinazzola and Basiluzzo, and head towards the “*Sciara del fuoco*”, a deep depression on the northwestern side of Stromboli generated by the accumulation of volcanic material erupted by the main crater of the volcano. Under a full moon we will watch a unique, thrilling show created by the frequent eruptions of this volcano. Overnight stay at anchor, between Strombolicchio and Piscità, a small village of Stromboli.



**THURSDAY** Vulcano. After a visit to the island and a stop at the bar “Ingrid”, where we will dominate Stromboli with its endless sea, we’ll go back to the boat and set sail towards the island of Vulcano. In a favorable wind we will sail along the northern side of Panarea, stop for a swim, sail in the channel between Lipari and Salina and continue towards Vulcano, where we will anchor in the bay of Ponente in front of the black sand beach.

**FRIDAY** Portorosa. Excursion up the volcano on the island of Vulcano early in the morning, on our way back, in the hottest part of the day, satisfied with our performance and with the view up there, we will enjoy the coolness of the bar “Da Remigio”, where an Italian lesson will be held while having a granita or a cappuccino. We will visit the island by sea in the afternoon, and sail towards the southern part of Vulcano, we’ll stop for a swim by the lighthouse of Gelso and, once we are all back on board, we’ll hoist the sails and head towards Sicily. Overnight stay in Portorosa. Dinner at a trattoria.



**SATURDAY** We will have to get ready to disembark in the morning and we will exchange addresses. When it’s time to say goodbye we will feel nostalgic for all those things that filled our days and for the dimension of life at sea that involved us during the whole sailing cruise. The islands of Filicudi and Alicudi lie there waiting to be explored. We will leave but we will promise to see each other again for another adventure at sea. Fair winds!

## ONE WEEK CRUISE

### EMBARKATION DATE

Saturday September 14, 2019

### DISEMBARKATION DATE

Saturday September 21, 2019

### EMBARKATION BASE

Portorosa – Furnari (Messina)

### DISEMBARKATION BASE

Portorosa – Furnari (Messina)

### AIRPORTS

Catania - Fontanarossa  
Palermo - Falcone Borsellino  
Trapani - Birgi

### FEES

€ 720,00 per person in double cabin.



**INCLUDED IN THE PRICE** Accommodation in a double cabin, 7 overnight stays, bed linen, Italian language and culture course (10 lessons of 45 minutes each), enrollment fee, study material, assistance during the entire journey.

**ADDITIONAL COSTS PER PERSON** About € 200,00 (for the week) for provisions, fuel, harbor fees and final boat cleaning. A kitty will be planned to handle these collective expenses. The skipper is exempt.

**SUGGESTIONS** We suggest you bring only essential items, together with a bathing suit and comfortable shoes for the excursions. It is possible to actively participate in sailing the boat. Please bring boat shoes to be used only on board. The lessons are held either in the morning or afternoon on board or on land. The program may vary according to weather conditions.

**IMPORTANT** If the minimum number of four participants is not reached, thirty days prior to the departure date the trip can be cancelled. Notice of cancellation will be sent via email and the full advance payment will be refunded. Otherwise the school must receive the final payment thirty days prior to the starting date.



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