



An unforgettable Long Weekend Exploring the Beautiful Coasts Around the Etna Volcano and the Natural Beauties of the Land

Tour of Emotions > Sicily

- Private transfer from the airport to Catania Marina (15 minutes).
- Welcome on board with typical Sicilian fingers food
- Departure to Aci Castello 5 nm (0:40 hour)
- Visit the beautiful Norman Castle of Aci Castello built in 1076
- Departure to Aci Trezza 1 nm (0:15 hour)
- Thursday

   Anchorage at the faraglioni of Aci Trezza (eight amazing volcanic rocks that inspire Omero in the Odissey)
  - Enjoy the fantastic water of this marine park
  - Aperitif and Dinner on board
  - Overnight at the anchor
  - After breakfast departure to Riposto 11 nm (1:40 hours)
  - Departure with a jeep for a great full day trekking at Etna Volcano
  - Late morning visit our favourite boutique vineyard and experience a private wine tasting and lunch with the owner
  - Back to Blue Deer in the afternoon
  - Aperitif and dinner on board
  - Overnight at the anchor
  - After Breakfast departure to Taormina (8nmiles 1:15 hours)
  - Enjoy the morning in the beautiful water of Isola Bella: snorkelling water toys and diving if interested
- After lunch visit of Taormina village with a private guide
  - Before dinner enjoy a special Sicilian cocktail lesson & aperitif at Taormin the Morgana
  - Dinner on the beach at trattoria da Nino
  - Overnight at the anchor
  - After breakfast departure to Giardini Naxos 4 nm (0,30 hours)
  - Visit the amazing "gole dell'Alcantara"

• Lunch on board

- Enjoy the water again before departure
- Goodbye aperitif on board
- 18:00 private transfer to Catania Airport (1:00 hours)

### **THURSDAY**

### Just Crossing the Border to the lands of Myth

According to your flight schedule arrival at the Catania Airport where you'll meet your English Speaking driver. He will escort you to your Catamaran, in Marina di Catania (15 minutes transfer with a luxury vehicle). You are going to embark for an amazing private cruise exploring the fascinating cities perched between Etna and the sea on a cliff of lava, verdant with lemon trees and Mediterranean maguis. Your crew an your private guide for the day welcome you on board the Blue Deer with appetizers and drinks, we start our 40 minutes navigation to Aci Castello and Acitrezza. Aci Castello and 9 other neighbouring towns and villages derive their name from the Aci, a mythical underground river which came into being on the death of Acis, the shepherd beloved by Galatea and killed by the Cyclops Polyphemus. Arrive in the harbor of Aci Castello and take a stroll around this fascinating fishing town famous for its Castle, a sentinel located on a basalt rock which rises sharply out of the sea. The town was covered with lava in the eruption of 1169 and was

rebuilt in 1297 by a rebel admiral of Frederick II of Aragon. Climb the long flight of steps built in the lava leads that brings up to the castle. Back on board continue the navigation towards Acitrezza. This fishing-village described by Giovanni Verga in his masterpiece, I Malavoglia (The House by the Medlar Tree). In the sea in front of the tiny harbor, with its boats in various stages of construction or repair, are seven lavastone rocks called the Faraglioni del Ciclope. now protected as a marine nature reserve. They are the result of an ancient lateral eruption of Mt. Etna and represents the fragmentary rim of a crater. According to the legend, the rocks are those thrown by the Cyclops Polyphemus at Odysseus, who had just blinded him, to disappoint a cyclops is not a good idea after all! Enjoy the uncontaminated water of this unique place. Enjoy dinner on board tonight, cooked up by our chef from the freshest local ingredients and served with some of the most flavorful wines from the area, when come to food and wine Sicily is a real continent to discover. Night at anchor.











### **FRIDAY**

### The Ineffable Majesty of Mount Etna

Awake this morning to a homemade breakfast on board of all your favorites. Ready for an out-of-the-ordinary day, we navigate for one hour and forty minutes North reaching the beautiful, fertile coastline known as the Riviera dei Limoni, lemon groves are planted along the coast all the way to Taormina. We stop in Riposto where your today adventure is about to start. Meet our local mountain guide at the boat and head out for a short transfer to magical Mt. Etna.

Europe's highest volcano, Etna, at 3,329 meters is still active and is a recognized landmark with its smoking cap that continues to change due to seismic activity.

You'll drive up the mountain side in a 4x4 allowing ease of access to a continuously changing landscape of trees, lava flows and endemic plants.

Your guide will find the perfect starting point for your trek today giving you a one-on-one experience with this surreal lunar landscape.

Late morning you'll visit a cellar and experience a private wine tasting and lunch with the owner

of our favorite boutique vineyard. There are many wine regions that compare themselves with Burgundy but few have a better argument than **Etna DOC**.

Try some of the best crus that this complex wine region produces, one of the most interesting and dynamic wine region of Europe, while talking with the owner who will tell you everything you need to know about them. Your mountain guide will escort you back to your catamaran during the afternoon.

Tonight enjoy aperitif and dinner on board. Night at anchor.









# SATURDAY The Italian Dolce Vita & Mediterranean Chicness

Start again today with a plentiful breakfast on board, prepared by our wonderful chef. Then we navigate for an hour and fifteen minutes to finally reach the chic and trendy Taormina. Renowned for its magnificent position above the sea on a spur of Mt Taurus commanding a celebrated view of Etna. With a delightful winter climate, it became a fashionable international resort at the end of the 19th century, today is still the most exclusive holiday destination on the island. The small town, with its elegant Corso off which lead intriguing little stepped streets, its villas and hotels built in mock Gothic or eclectic styles at the beginning of the 20th century, its verdant gardens, the medieval churches and palaces, the tiny streets. Greek and Roman remains, have lost none of their magic. Reach the fishing village of Mazzarò by Capo Sant'Andrea with its sandy beach. A narrow isthmus leads to Isola Bella. of a great natural beauty, a famous symbol of Taormina and now an open-air museum. During the morning enjoy a wonderful relaxing time in the beautiful water of Isola Bella, the whole bay

enjoys protected status as a nature reserve.

We enjoy lunch on board. Late **afternoon** enjoy a **guided tour of Taormina** with our local expert. Discover this enchanting small town. Meet your **English speaking driver** and **your guide** and reach the downtown Centre of Taormina, Corso Umberto represents a variety of historical periods, from the early Greek settlements and the Roman age, to the remains of Byzantine and Medieval constructions up to the 15th Century Visit of the Greek Roman theatre.

For your last night in Sicily we have designed a special Sicilian night for you. A special Sicilian cocktail lesson & aperitif before dinner at the most fashioned bar in Taormina the Morgana, followed by a special dinner on the beach, a real Sicilian treat by the sea, at trattoria da Nino. Nino is very well-known among Sicilians, it unthinkable to go to Letojanni and don't stop by for homemade pasta with seafood at Nino's trattoria, enjoy this very local and delicious dinner "when you in Rome do as the Romans do". After dinner your driver will escort you back to the harbor.











### **SUNDAY**

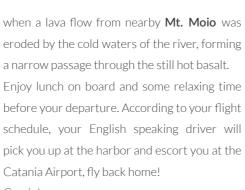
### Emotional Rafting in a Deep Gorge of Basalt Prisms

After breakfast on board, we start our navigation towards **Giardini Naxos**, four miles south Cape Taormina, Giardini Naxos was founded by a group of settlers led by Theocles of Naxos in 734 BC, and was the first Greek colony on Sicily, closely folled by Syracuse and Leontinoi.

Meet your English speaking driver and your Naturalistic guide they will escort you to the amazing "Gole dell'Alcantara".

From Giardini Naxos a road signposted Francavilla leads island along the Alcantara Valley (el-qantata, meaning barrage-bridge in Arabic), hich is verdant with lemon groves. The river, 50 km long, springs from Mt Soro in the **Nebrodi Mountains.** Is the road that leads us to the Gole dell'Alcantara, an unexpectedly deep gorge of basalt prisms. It was originally formed

a narrow passage through the still hot basalt. Catania Airport, fly back home! Grazie!















SAN LORENZO SEA LODGE

Perfectly designed in every detail the San Lorenzo Sea Lodge "Blue Deer" is a real manifestation of the finest Italian taste and passion for sublime luxury. The interior and exterior design are an expression of the most sophisticated style envisioned by the Owners Giorgia and Stefano Barbini to deliver life enriching experiences to their guests. The same refined atmosphere can be found in their San Lorenzo Mountain Lodge "White Deer" in the Dolomites. With these two exquisite properties the Giorgia and Stefano Barbini embrace the combined beauty of the sea and the mountains in their own extraordinary way.



The catamaran can accommodate up to 10 guests in four separate spaces in the hulls including 2 deluxe cabins and 2 VIP cabins. Each of them designed to the smallest detail to bring comfort and pleasure. The cabins are equipped with comfortable king-sized beds, wardrobes and retractable TV's. Thanks to spacious windows guests can wake up in the morning sun and go to sleep in the star light. The two deluxe guest cabins comprise two single (convertible) beds and a bunk bed to the wall that is ideal for children. Each room has its own unsuited spacious bathroom.

The crew quarter is located in the portside hull and has a separate entrance from the cockpit that allows for more privacy when the guests rest inside the yacht. Cruising

onboard the Blue Deer is living a story-like adventure as well as unforgettable experiences. With her spacious layout, this 74ft catamaran was designed to fit the needs of people who appreciate the highest standards combined with the greatest hospitality. The sailing catamaran can be seen as the ideal getaway from busy life. The Blue Deer is an ultimate option for family and friends cruises where wellbeing, comfort and huge amounts of pleasure are essential. The Blue Deer is an ultimate option for family and friends cruises where wellbeing, comfort and huge amounts of pleasure are essential. The catamaran is rent only exclusively.

Length:	22.5/74 ft	Fuel capacity:	2x3 000 l
Maximum Beam:	10.5/34.5 ft	Guests:	8+2
Displacement:	45T	Crew:	2-3
Draft:	2.2 m/ 7.2 ft	Total living space:	240 sqm
Air draft:	35 m	Naval Architecture:	Sunreef Yachts
Main sail:	180 sqm	Interior Design:	Sunreef Yachts
Genoa:	150 sqm	Together with the Owners who were	
Main Engines:	2x240 HP Yanmar	engaged in every single stage of design	







## **Beratung und Buchung:**

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