



My Venice Travel Guide

Sicily by land & sea

SEPTEMBER 19th -26th 2024



8 DAYS PACKAGE TOUR

WITH A 4 DAY CRUISE IN THE AEOLIAN ISLANDS
BY LUXURY CATAMARAN WITH **SKIPPER & PRIVATE CHEF**

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Enjoy this amazing trip through the beautiful Sicily!

Sicily was ruled over the last twenty-five hundreds years by Greeks, Romans, Normans and Arabs before becoming part of Italy, so this island is a unique mosaic of different cultures, which are also reflected in its delicious great cuisine.

You will visit **Palermo, Taormina, Catania, Mount Etna** and Fisherman Villages in the **Eolian Islands** during the **4 day cruise by catamaran**, while **sleeping on board in beautiful private cabins**.

Called the "Seven Pearls of the Mediterranean", these islands, have been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site because of their wild beauty, unspoiled nature and their volcanic phenomena. The islands are a magical place where history and myth mingle together. You can go hiking, visit fishing villages and stop at extraordinary local restaurants.

This trip will be a journey through **flavours, colors, amazing food, wine tastings** and **beautiful stops along the way**. You will visit highlights, off the beaten path, villages, and you will have **free time for your own shopping or other experiences...**

All accommodations are in beautiful hotels in Palermo and Taormina, and in the exclusive cabins of the catamaran during the cruise.

Each day during the cruise you can reach the coast by tender and spend **free time in the village**.





Day #1 Palermo walking tour & Private Palazzo

Half day - Overnight in Palermo

After meeting the driver at Palermo airport, (**YOU ARE EXPECTED TO LAND IN THE MORNING**) transfer by luxury minivan to reach your accommodation in Palermo. After check in, you will have free time to relax and meet with the guide in the lobby of the hotel.

3 pm - Meet the guide in the lobby of the hotel for a food walking tour to see **Palermo, via Maqueda, 4 Canti, Piazza Pretoria** and the **historical city center** to immediately immerse yourself in the Sicilian lifestyle. You will taste a typical **Sicilian cannolo** in a shop run by nuns!

Dinner will be in a local restaurant (trattoria) where you will have authentic Sicilian cuisine.



Day #2 Food tour at the old markets in Palermo

Half day tour - Overnight in Palermo

10 am - Meet the guide in the lobby of the hotel and reach with a short walking tour the most authentic, liveliest and **oldest markets** of Sicily, **Mercato del Capo** and **Ballarò**, where you will see all merchants at work and taste **street Sicilian food, pistachios, almonds** and **olives**.

On the way back to the hotel, close to Teatro Massimo you will know the history of the **Opera dei Pupi**, a **UNESCO site**, which is a specific type of puppet theater, established in Sicily in the early 1800's.

In the afternoon, feel free to spend your time exploring Palermo.





Day #3 Cefalu' & embarkation by luxury catamaran in the Aeolian islands


Overnight stay in the Catamaran 

Hotel checkout, meet the driver in the lobby and depart for the little fisherman village of CEFALU' for a self-guided walking tour in the village and have early lunch.

Transfer to the harbor.

At approximately 2 p.m. Embarkation and departure for the island of Lipari, the first of the beautiful Eolian Archipelagus. Often along the way, you will see **dolphins** that will keep you company for a few minutes of your sailing! Arrival at the island of Vulcano at sunset, **dinner on the catamaran** and **overnight stay in the catamaran** in the roadstead of Vulcano.

Everyday by tender you can reach the coast and spend **free time in the village and enjoy dinner and sightseeing**. A welcome aperitivo will be served.

 Visits and tastings at **wineries** on request.



Day #4 Cruise by luxury catamaran in Lipari and Panarea island

Overnight stay in the Catamaran 

7:30 am-10:00 am Early chef-made breakfast and then a hike to the top of the volcano in **Volcano island** (if you want) and you will see a stunning panorama. Then you will depart for **Lipari island** where the chef will prepare a local Sicilian lunch! (Time normally required for the excursion to the crater is about 2 hours).

Departure for Lipari around 12:00 pm. Navigation for about 45 minutes before reach this wonderful roadstead, characterized by shallow, warm, crystal clear and.... white waters, thanks to its seabed covered with fine sands of pumice stone.

Bathing, lunch and relaxation before continuing to **Panarea**, which will be reached thus, in full wonderful sunset.



Boat to the buoy and transfer by dinghy, you will be able to disembark and stroll around the most fashionable island of the archipelago.

Aperitif in the most elegant club of the island from whose terraces you can enjoy a breathtaking panorama with the **Stromboli** almost at your fingertips. The **Sciara del fuoco (eruption)** will be seen, the island's main attraction.

Dinner in the catamaran or at the village as you prefer. Overnight stay in a catamaran.

 Visits and tastings at **wineries** on request.

Day #5 Cruise by luxury catamaran to Salina island


Overnight stay in the Catamaran 



Chef-prepared breakfast and departure for **Salina**, the **island of vineyards** and then a visit to important wineries. This is the island of **capers** and the small farms that harvest, process and export them all over the world. Here, as in Lipari, the urban environment is lively though smaller, chic shops, all gathered around the central church.

Dock in the harbor, the main center of the island for a **stroll through the alleys of the historic center Old Town**. In the afternoon, upon request, it is possible to visit a renowned winery among the best in the Malvasia production, with **tasting of wines and typical local products**.

Dinner in the catamaran or at the village as you prefer.

 Visits and tastings at **wineries** on request.



Day #6 Taormina

Overnight stay in Taormina

Chef-prepared breakfast and sailing in the morning (3 hours) to the harbor, and catamaran's checkout.

Transfer by minivan with driver to Taormina and check into hotel. In the afternoon, a private **Taormina walking tour at sunset** to explore the village and its amazing hidden corners. It is an explosion of colors, the blue of the sea and the purple of the bouganville and amazing shops. Its magnificent **Greek-Roman theatre** is the most spectacularly situated in the world and you will reach it through Corso Umberto I, **Taormina's main street** is the right place to taste the typical **granite Siciliana and marzapane!**





Day #7 Catania & mount Etna Wine tour

Full day - 7th Night in Taormina

Today you will visit the **beautiful Catania**, with **Piazza Duomo**, the heart of the city, the **Cathedral**, the city hall and the Pescheria, the **colourful fishmarket**, and the **Roman theatre**.

You will stop in the most **ancient pasticceria** with Franca, the owner, proud to let you taste **local typical cakes** like **cannoli with pistacchio**, **cassata ninnuzza**, **pasta di mandorle**, "almonds milk".

Lunch will be in a local trattoria.

In the afternoon you will reach a unique **wine cellars** on **Mount Etna**, World Heritage site in 2013. Etna is a unique destination which is one more reason to visit Sicily. The **volcano** has always inspired winemakers, enthusiasts, and wine lovers. Each slope of the mountain has its own history and presents an inimitable set of soil and climatic characteristics.

Overnight stay in Taormina.



Day #8 Departure

Transfer by minivan to Catania Fontanarossa airport.

If your flight is in the afternoon you will have free time in Taormina in the morning. If you are reaching another destination, we will be happy to help you to organize accordingly.

EXTRA SERVICES ON REQUEST

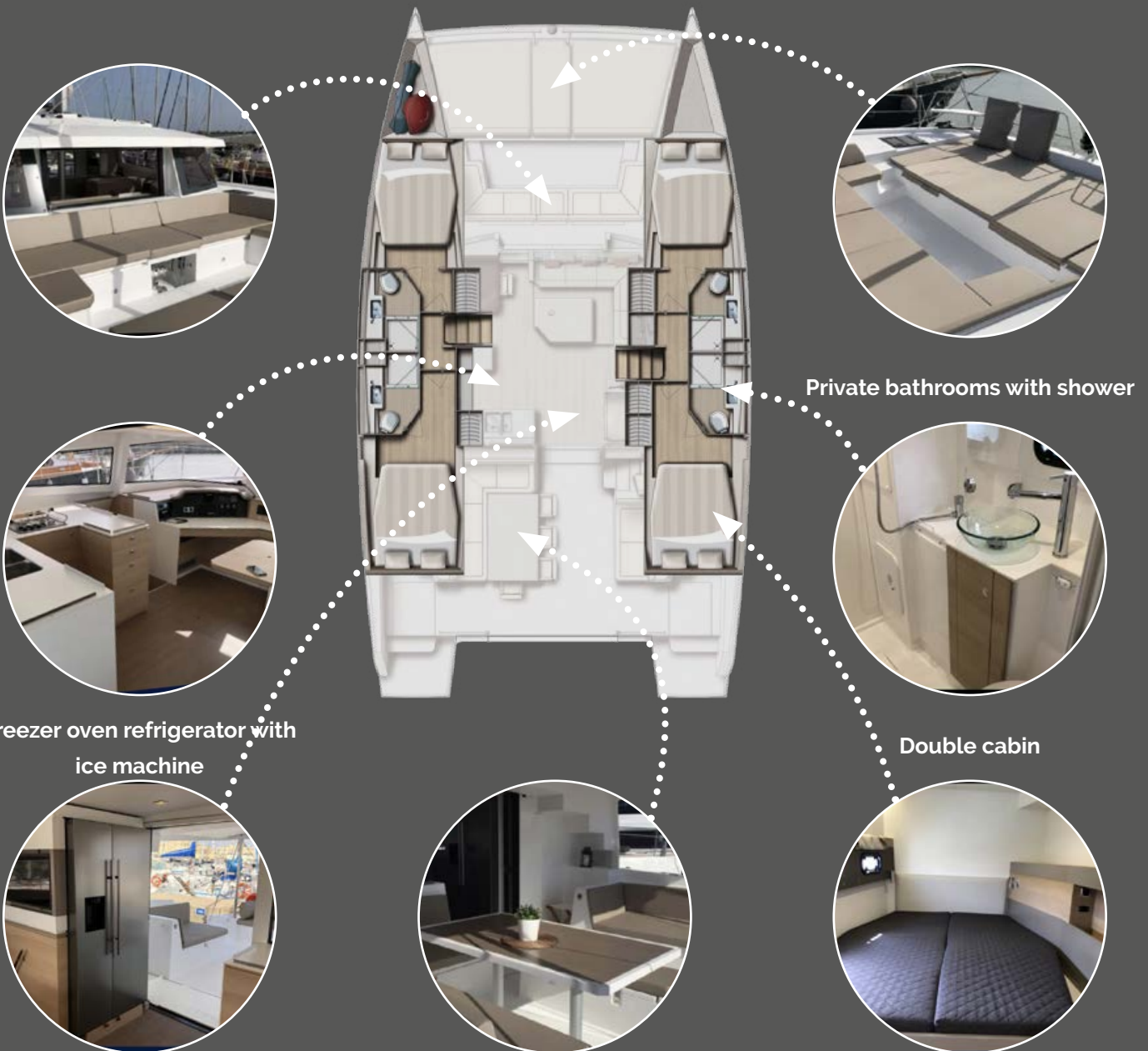
- Cooking class.
- Fishing experience on the catamaran
- Wine tasting experience of Italian wines in the catamaran
- Helicopter transfers

If you are looking for a longer holiday in Sicily or anywhere else in Italy we can make it happen.

Catamarano BALI 4.5 a/c Liberty

(UP TO 8 GUESTS)

Year 2019
n° 4 Double Cabins
n° 4 toilets
1 Skipper's cabin
Length 13.60 m
Width 7.42 m
Air conditioning
cd palayer
dinghy+engine
tv flat screen



Private bathrooms with shower

Freezer oven refrigerator with
ice machine

Double cabin

Catamarano BALI 4.0 Catspace a/c Vichi

(UP TO 8 GUESTS)

Year 2023

n° 4 Double Cabins

n° 4 toilets

1 Skipper's cabin

Length 12.31 m

Width 6.56 m

air conditioning

desalinizer

cdpalayer

dinghy+engine

tv flat screen



Double cabin



Freezer oven refrigerator with
ice machine



Private bathrooms with shower



Double cabin



Services & Pricing

Prices in euros: Request a quote at
info@myvenicetravelguide.it

INCLUSIONS:

- Private transfer by car /minivan to from to the airports in Sicily from Palermo's airport (Falcone and Borsellino) to the hotel and from the hotel in Taormina to Catania Fontanarossa. Land is Palermo's and take off from Catania's airport.
- Private transfer by car/minivan for all the excursions mentioned
- Local expert guides in all cities and during all the wine excursions
- Wine guide expert during the wine tours in The Eolian islands
- Wine tastings at winecellars in Mount Etna
- Food tastings in Palermo, Catania and granita in Taormina
- 4 aperitivi /day while 4 day cruise (one per day) with wine and local products
- Tickets for Private Palazzo in Palermo
- Accommodation: 4 stars hotel
- Accommodations are 2 nights in Palermo and 3 in the catamaran and 2 in Taormina
- Breakfast: every day
- Lunch: everyday while in the catamaran
- Dinner: 2 dinners on the catamaran (you can also choose to have dinner at restaurant, in this case it is not included in the price)
- Luxury Catamaran and Skipper
- Chef
- Confort pack:
 - Bedlinen and bath towel sets
 - Mid-week bath towel sets exchange
 - Eco-friendly cleaning products
 - Initial supply of bath & kitchen essentials
 - Onboard galley transport service
 - Final cleaning
- Wi-fi, snorkeling & diving equipments, sup & beach towel sets
- Vegan, and gluten-free food options (optional)
Attentive selection of staff who can cook according to guests' dietary restrictions.
Attentive selection of products at specialized local shops.

CONDITIONS:

- 50% deposit (not refundable) at the time of booking
- 50% balance 60 days before departure

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- Before 60 days before arrival – no fee
- From 30-59 days before arrival 50% fees
- 30 Days or later -100% fees

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