

ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSE ON A SAILBOAT IN THE AEOLIAN ISLANDS



ALONG THE PATH OF ULYSSES AMIDST THE ISLANDS OF WIND

Sun, blue skies, crystal clear sea. Sailing on board comfortable and fast sailboats you can immerse yourself into the magnificent scenery of the Eolian Islands while studying Italian language and culture. The view will indeed leave you breathless: imposing volcanoes that rise above a blue sea, bays and caves unreachable but by boat, unforgettable sunsets, unique fishing villages, spotless beaches, a fascinating and untamed nature, the traditional hospitality of the Sicilian people.

A unique opportunity for nature lovers and for those who just cannot resist the ever so fascinating Aeolian Islands, often chosen as a cinema set for their incomparable beauty (Antonioni, Rossellini, Moretti).

ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COURSE

The course, consisting of a total of 15 lessons, 3 lessons each day, will be held on board as well as on land. Each lesson will last 45 minutes. The exact time of the lessons will be agreed upon on location. The teacher will be on board for the entire duration of the journey making it possible to speak Italian outside the scheduled lessons as well.

SUGGESTIONS

It is possible to actively participate in the sailing of the boat. We suggest you pack only essential items, together with a bathing suit and a comfortable pair of shoes for excursions. It is possible to sleep on deck, and in this case we suggest you bring a sleeping bag and a mat. The programme may vary depending on wind conditions.

Dates different from those mentioned above may be organised for groups.

The course on board may be preceded or followed by a course at the Laboratorio Linguistico.



TRAVEL PROGRAMME

- Saturday Portorosa - Furnari.** Boarding in the afternoon. Departure for Lipari after having bought the provisions. Dinner and overnight stay on Lipari.
- Sunday Lipari.** Journey to the pumice caves and the Faraglioni in the morning. In the afternoon the journey continues towards Salina. Overnight stay in Rinella.
- Monday Salina.** In the morning the journey towards Pollara begins sailing towards Santa Marina di Salina and therefore around the island. Overnight stay in Santa Marina di Salina.
- Tuesday** The journey towards **Stromboli**. In the afternoon, it is possible to either climb to the top of the volcano, or simply admire the eruptions from the sea. Overnight stay on Stromboli.
- Wednesday Stromboli.** In the morning a visit to Strombolicchio and Ginostra and then off towards Panarea. Overnight stay on Panarea.
- Thursday Panarea.** A journey around the island. Visit to Basiluzzo, Calajunco, Lisca Bianca and Lisca Nera. Journey towards Vulcano. Overnight stay on Vulcano.
- Friday Vulcano.** A journey around the island. Excursion to Grotta del Cavallo and to the Solfatare. Climb to the top of the volcano. Return to Portorosa. Overnight stay in Portorosa.
- Saturday Portorosa - Furnari.** Breakfast on board and disembarkation.

Italien ohne Sizilien macht gar kein Bild in der Seele: hier ist erst der Schlüssel zu allem.

Italy, without Sicily, would leave no mark upon the soul: only here lies the key to all.

(J. W. GOETHE)

WHY STUDY ITALIAN IN SICILY?



The tradition of the Italian language began in Sicily at the court of Frederick II in the thirteenth century. Here his Sicilian School planted the roots for the Italian language, and this tradition was subsequently continued and developed in Tuscany. Here the poet Jacopo da Lentini created the poetic form of the sonnet, which was exported to the rest of Italy and later all over Europe. Studying Italian in Sicily means discovering its artistic wealth and cultural heritage accumulated through the centuries. The University of Messina, founded in the 16th century, represents a cultural reference point not only for Sicily, but also for Italy and Europe. In 1955, in the same city of Messina, some ministers of foreign affairs, at a historical meeting, laid the foundations for the rise of the European Union.



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HOW TO REACH

MILAZZO

- By plane, to Reggio Calabria, Catania or Palermo, then by train or bus
- By train, Milazzo station
- By car, motorway A20, Milazzo exit
- By ship, from Naples via Eolian Islands



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