

Sicilian Cruise 2007



CRUISING ASSOCIATION SICILIAN RALLY 2007 – ITINERARY

	am	pm	evening
Wednesday 20th June	Arrival at airport, transfers to Portorosa. (Group transfers possible from Palermo or Catania airports.)	Check-in, stow provisions, general preparation.	Meet the crews, dine together at a local restaurant / pizzeria. (flexible & informal)
Thursday 21st June	FREE SAILING - familiarisation cruise. Optional swimming stop at Punta Bandiera SSE Vulcano (sandy beach). Berth at pre-booked berths at Marina Pignataro, Lipari (22NM).		Overnight at Lipari (Marina Pignataro). Aeolian fiesta: dinner, live latin music, dance. Feast on a multi-course meal of home-cooked specialities. (Includes coach transfer).
Friday 22nd June	(Friendly...) race 1 to Filicoudi (18NM).	Brief lunch stop at anchor, swimming. Cruise round Filicoudi to observe spectacular rock formations. Race 2 to NNW Salina (13NM). Possible stop at Pollara, NNE Salina, (scenic bay to relax or swim).	Overnight at Santa Marina, Salina (Pre-booked berths). Dine independently, plenty of good restaurants & pizzerias.
Saturday 23rd June	Early start, guided trek to the Fossa Delle Felci. Definitely one of the highlights - don't miss if you are fit for it. Walk up the lush mountain to the old crater. Stunning views of the islands. (6 hours).	Sail to St Pietro, E Panarea (15NM). (Optional swim at Punta Terrione, SSE Panarea, sandy beach).	Overnight at St Pietro (pre-booked buoys + RIB taxi service). Gourmet dinner at speciality restaurant, preceded by luxurious volcanic spa! Another highlight, beautiful surroundings, gorgeous food.
Sunday 24th June	Walk to pre-historic village. Stroll through the town and along the coast admiring the beautiful vernacular houses & gardens; breathtaking views. Easy walk approx. 1 mile - buggies available if required.	Relaxed sailing, explore Dattilo, Panarelli, Bottaro, Basiluzzo (3NM), all NE of Panarea. Swim at Lisca Bianca, late lunch.	Cruise to Stromboli arriving evening (17NM). Supper onboard & overnight at anchor (weather permitting - if not there is a "plan B"!).
Monday 25th June	Lazy morning chilling out, visiting Stromboli town, free sailing, swimming etc.	Optional guided climb to Stromboli; departs approx. 16:00 and returns 23:00 (ideal for observing volcanic activity by night).	Free evening for the rest. (Can sail round the island and observe the volcano erupting by night from the boat.)
Tuesday 26th June	Lazy start, sail/motor round the N side of Stromboli. Observe steaming pumice rocks catapulted into the sea.	Race 3 to Santa Marina, Salina (22NM). (Pre-booked berths.)	Overnight at Santa Marina, Salina. Group dinner al-fresco at exquisite Sicilian restaurant. Fabulous views encapsulating all the beauty of the islands.
Wednesday 27th June	Visit to Hauner wineries (inc. coach transfer) or free sailing - finishing up at Lipari for the night. (Pre-booked berths at Marina Pignataro.)		Overnight at Marina Pignataro, Lipari (pre-booked berths). Free evening to relax, walk to trendy small town. Lots of atmosphere, window shopping, dinner etc. Several recommended restaurants.
Thursday 28th June	Lazy start. Guided visit to the Lipari museum. An eye-opening tour and an opportunity to learn about the remarkable 4,000-year history of the islands. Time for shopping & lunch.	Free sailing to Vulcano (7NM). Guided trek to the volcano (4 hrs with time to stop). Another highlight, witness first-hand the awesome power of nature. (Or try a mud-bath, if it appeals.)	Overnight in Vulcano at anchor, Choice of two protected bays. Dine independently onboard or ashore. Low-key small town.
Friday 29th June	Cruise round W side of Vulcano exploring the rugged cliffs and caves. Swim in the caves, lunch.	Fleet converges at Pietra Quaglietto, W Vulcano (subject to weather). Race 4 back to Portorosa (20NM).	A farewell party with barbecue at the garden of our base, speeches (if you are making one!...), race awards, credits, clapping, debrief.
Saturday 30th June	Checkout.	Return transfers.	Return flights (and a good time was had by all).

This itinerary is only for guidance and may be modified subject to weather conditions and various arrangements with the local establishments.