

PATTI – TINDARI- AEOLIAN ISLANDS

Tailored for Post Conference ICAHM participants

28 - 30 October 2018 - 3DAYS -2NIGHTS



*The Archipelago of the Aeolian Islands consist of seven exquisite islands off the coast of Sicily - Lipari, Panarea, Vulcano, Stromboli, Salina, Alicudi and Filicudi - in addition to smaller islets and giant boulders. They all emerge from an uncontaminated sea, created by still-active volcanoes (Stromboli and Vulcano), and blessed by a savage beauty. The Aeolian Islands are a UNESCO **World Heritage Site**, of which Lipari is the largest island in the chain.*

The Archaeological Museum in Lipari is one of the must-see places – it is tucked inside Lipari Castle, which stands out on the island’s eastern bay in between its best docks, Marina Lunga and Marina Corta. There is also a marvelous Greek acropolis and a Norman cathedral.

*According to Greek mythology, **Vulcano** was the location of the blacksmiths of Hephaestus, the god of fire, metal work and the fine arts. It is possible to observe numerous volcanic phenomena here, from smoke clouds, vapor spouts (at both the volcano’s mouth and under the sea) and sulphuric mud holes known for their therapeutic properties.*

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Day 01 - October 28 – Patti and Tindari

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11.00am - Depart from Montalbano Elicona by deluxe motor coach and drive towards the Roman Villa in Patti Marina. The villa dates from the Imperial Age of Ancient Rome. The villa covers a very substantial area (20,000 sq. meters) and includes several highlights, including the original Roman baths, and a number of impressive floor mosaics featuring both patterns and pictures of animals. Continue your drive to the tiny, charming village of Tindari, an oasis of peace and tranquility, perched high above the sea on a cliff dominating the Aeolian Islands. After some free time for a snack on your own you shall first visit the remnants of ancient Tyndaris, built in 396 B.C. by Dionysius: The Roman city, the Basilica and the Greek theatre. Continue your tour visiting the modern sanctuary dedicated to the Black Madonna. See the original wooden statue of the Black Madonna which the tradition says was swept ashore during a terrible sea storm.

The next stop is Patti, where you will do a short walking tour through the center of the city before reaching your hotel: the Best Western Plus Terre di Eolo Hotel in Patti.



Day 02 – October 29 – Mini cruise Lipari & Vulcano

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Following breakfast in hotel, depart at 7:30am with your guide from Patti to Milazzo for 09.00am ferry boat crossing to Lipari.

After skirting the promontory of Capo Milazzo, you will sail to **Lipari** for the first stop, allowing you to explore the old town, the archaeological park or relax during shopping in town. Then

sail from Lipari to the island of **Vulcano**. During this part of tour you will be able to see the mythological area and admire the 'Faraglioni', 'Lo Scoglio di Papa Giovanni', 'La Grotta degli Angeli' and 'Lo scoglio della Mummia'. You will also see the beautiful 'Piscina di Venere', 'La Grotta del Cavallo' and "Lo Scoglio del Leone' until you reach Vulcano for the second stop. Here you can choose to take a bath in the hot springs in the area of sulphurous muds, use the beautiful black sand beach or have lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon



departure from Vulcano to Milazzo, passing by the beautiful 'Scoglio della Sirenetta'. Return to Milazzo around 5.45 pm. Transfer by motor coach to your hotel in Patti.

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Day 03 - October 30 – Local Farms and Departure

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Following breakfast, check-out of the hotel before today's departure at 9:00am from the hotel to **Azienda Agricola Daemone**. Daemone is a family-run **winery** founded in 2000 to reclaim a pre-existing vineyard planted with native grapes in 1975. Passion, tradition, experience and technology are words that describe the certified organic winery, one of the stops on the Wine Route of the Province of Messina, in an area with a wealth of history and wine-making traditions. They also make extra-virgin olive oil from the olive groves that border the vineyard. Guests are treated to a guided tour of the vineyard and its fascinating proto-mills, a visit to the winery, and wine-tastings accompanied by excellent local products. Following this tour, you will continue driving uphill where you will visit Antica **Tindari's farm** with the vineyards of the "red wines", autochthonous grapes (Malvasia and Inzolia), the winery, the agriturismo, and the ancient olive tree grove. The old farmhouse is situated in the middle of this vineyard, with breathtaking views of the Gulf of Patti and the Aeolian Islands. The place is surrounded by the hills, completely restructured but maintaining the original style of the stone country house. You will visit the farm and enjoy a variety of dishes cooked with products grown in the farm. The visit completed board your coach and transfer to Catania Airport (arrival around 16.30h).



***** End of Itinerary *****

Cost based on minimum 10 paying participants

Sharing double/twin room € 595,00 per person, vat included
Single supplement € 50,00 vat included

English is the official language for this tour.

Tour package includes:

- All Transportation as per program in Deluxe Air-Conditioned transportation, fuel, parking;
- Extensive sightseeing as outlined in itinerary with English speaking guide
- 2 nights' accommodation at 4*Star hotel Best Western Plus Terre di Eolo in double rooms in HB (breakfast and dinner)
- Lunch on the last day at Antica Tindari's farm
- Visit and tasting at Daemone farm
- Airport transfer on day of departure to Catania Airport
- Mini cruise Aeolian Islands
- Admission fees included in the itinerary;
- All city and local taxes, service charges and VAT

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Not included in Tour Package price:

- Extras
- Personal expenses
- Tips for drivers and guides
- Trip Insurance

Payment and Cancellation Policy:

Reservation and Full Payment Due by: 31st May 2018

20% fee for cancellation upon payment

30% fee for cancellation within 01st to 30th September 2018

50% fee for cancellation within 01st to 15th October 2018

75% fee for cancellation within 16th to 20th October 2018

100% fee after 21st October 2018