



MONCADA BROKERS' TIPS



Welcome to seven Mediterranean wonders

In the 1950s our grandmother Mirta fell in love with the Aeolian Islands at first sight and left Florence to settle on the island of Vulcano. She built the wonderful hotel Sabbie Nere ("black sands") where we spent many summers of our childhood.

The Aeolian Islands are in our heart. Seven unique jewels to become Unesco Heritage, each with a different nature and soul. All very mysterious, and so beautiful.

You will not forget the magnificent sea, flora and fauna, the Cave of the Horse in Vulcano, or the pumice in Lipari, Stromboli erupting incandescent lapilli at night seen from Panarea, a splash in the water bubbles at Lisca Bianca, the walks on Salina and Filicudi. And finally Alicudi, greeting us sternly but hiding a sweet core.

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OUR TIPS (1963) AEOLIAN ISLANDS

Itinerary suggested by Captain Robert Besic MY SOUTH PAW C

The Aeolian Islands are off of Sicily's northeastern coast and are Unesco protected treasures. Two are active volcanoes, and all have stunning, crystal clear waters offering a wealth of opportunities for relaxation and sport for swimmers, kayakers, divers and hikers. The islands are named after the Greek god and keeper of the winds Aeolus.



Your voyage begins at Port of Vibo Valentia Marina, just 30 minutes away from Lamezia Terme Airport. After embarking and meeting your crew, we will sail to the island of Stromboli, one of the three active volcanoes in Italy. After swimming between the Strombolicchio sea stack with its lighthouse and black sands beach on Stromboli Island, take a walk and sip an aperitivo in the charming village. A fabulous dinner on board wil be served and a nighttime circumnavigation of the island is an excellent idea to see the Sciara del Fuoco, a geological phenomenon caused by volcanic activity that will light up the Sicilian night.

DAY 1

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1963 VIBO VALENTIA MARINA - STROMBOLI

After breakfast, it's time to move to the island of Basiluzzo in Panarea archipelago. At anchor just a few metres away from the island rocks, you can enjoy a crystal clear sea with any of the water toys, or you can swim to the cliffs. After a light, refreshing lunch, and a lot of sun all afternoon it is time to anchor at Panarea. Panarea is the smallest and the most glamorous of the Aeolian Islands. With its white houses surrounded by colourful bouganvillea and hibiscus, it is a must visit destination for a yacht tour of the archipelago. The crew will be at your service all night with the tender, as usual, so that you can dance all night in the famous night bar Raya.

DAY 2 (1963) STROMBOLI - PANARLA

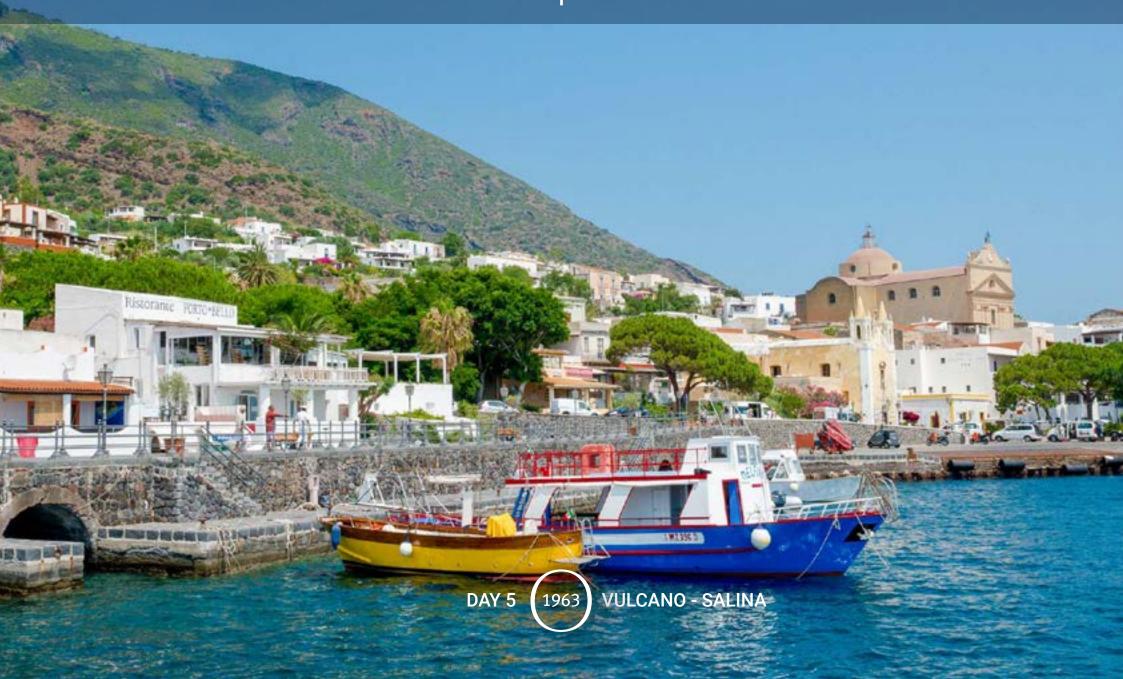
While you enjoy breakfast, fresh groceries will already be on board. The first morning swim is behind the rocks of Lisca Bianca, just 10 minutes away from Panarea. Another beautiful beach with white sands and crystal clear seawater is only 10 nm away, and it's waiting for you. The next stop is Porticello on the Lipari Island, paradise anchorage for snorkelling. Late afternoon is time to move to the anchorage just outside the old harbour of Marina Corta in Lipari. When the sun begins to set, you can wander through the streets of the beautiful town of Lipari, the proud capital of the archipelago. Home to an impressive fortified citadel, a world-class archeological site, and picturesque streets and squares makes this a magnificient town to explore.



Fresh fish and groceries are on board, and we are ready for the next spot: Vulcano. But first, stop for a swim around Faraglioni di Lipari. In the afternoon we'll be at the Port of Vulcano. You can try one of the island's sulfur spas or hike up to the volcano's crater following a path of red sand that looks like something from another planet. The energy bursting from the heart of the islands in sulfurous offshore areas and spots of natural mud adds to the unique charm of the archipelago. Late afternoon arrives and we are headed to the bay of Spiaggia di Gelso, to see the beautiful sunset, and spend the night there, almost alone, not disturbed by ferry traffic.

DAY 4 (1963) LIPARI - VULCANO

Salina is arguably the most varied island in the archipelago, so after dropping the anchor close to the harbor of Sta Marina, head inland to explore it. Luxury minivans are available if you want to enjoy one or two of the island's charming villages at leisure or have a vineyard and wine tasting tour. Salina's name comes from a small lake of seawater that once yielded salt, and it is also known as the "Green Island" for its luxurious vegetation. Don't forget to be back on board on time for a delicious dinner, fresh fish and lobsters. We will stay overnight close to Punta Lingua, away from traffic.



Fresh fish and fresh vongole (clam) shells are already on board as we sail around the island. The picturesque village Rinella is behind us, and we are heading to the spectacular bay of Pollara, under the arch of volcanic rock shaped by the sea and the wind called Punta Perciato. Swimming, water toys, snorkelling, or just relaxing on the sundeck all day. The choice is yours and lunch is served on the upper deck. Pollara is known as the location of some of the most memorable scenes of the movie Il Postino (The Postman). Sunsets are one of the most spectacular, with Filicudi in view. We will spend the night in front of the beautiful Malfa.



Why not take a walk to the village centre? It takes only 15-20 minutes and the coffee is excellent. Our next destination is the introspective and quiet island of Filicudi, a perfect destination to get back to a slower lifestyle. The island is far from the stylish crowds of Panarea and Lipari, and the absence of public lighting makes the sky all the more enchanting and starry at night. During the day, anchored close to the famous sea stack La Canna, enjoy yourselves until aperitivo time on the pier of Pecorini a Mare. After a delicious dinner on the yacht, enjoy your last night on board for this time.





DAY 8

Starting early in the morning, we will sail to our final destination, arriving before noon hoping to see you again.

1963 FILICUDI - PALERMO OR VIBO VALENTIA



International airport	Language	Currency		Average air temperature	Average water temperature	Distances
Embark: Lamezia Terme Airport Disembark: a.Lamezia Terme b.Palermo	Italian	Euro		22°C-30°C May-October	18°C-26°C May-October	Day 1: 40 nm Day 5: 13 nm Day 2: 13 nm Day 6: 5 nm Day 3: 10 nm Day 7: 13 nm Day 4: 5 nm Day 8: 60/70 nm
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