

LIPARI, ITALY

Lipari Highlights

ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY

Lipari is the largest of the seven Aeolian Islands and is well known not only for its mythological connections, but most of all for its natural beauty. Arriving at **Marina Corta**, you will board your coach and proceed on a panoramic tour of the island. Two beaches, **Marina Lunga** and Marina Corta, frame the town of Lipari, which is encircled by 13th -14th century walls and dominated by a 16th century Norman castle. Nearby there is an impressive view of the bay. Between the islands of Lipari and Vulcano, in the **Bocche di Vulcano**, you will see picturesque rocks resembling Druidical stones, among them the **Pietralunga**, a basalt nearly 240 feet (72m) high. After a brief stop at **Canneto Village**, you will continue with your drive noting where the road is crossed by red and black veins of obsidian. Your guide will bring you to **Pasticceria Subba** to enjoy a delicious refreshment. You'll then return to the landing area or you may choose to remain in town to explore on your own until the last tender departure.

Please note: Wear comfortable shoes and a sun hat.

PRICE\$89

Lipari Islands and Pizza Demonstration

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

Departing the pier by motor coach you will begin your sightseeing tour of Lipari. For the next 90 minutes you will make stops at some of the **best viewpoints** on the island, offering magnificent vistas of the **Aeolian Archipelago**. Then it's off to a local pizzeria, where the owners enthusiastically demonstrate how to **make traditional Sicilian pizza**. You'll have the opportunity to try your hand at making your very own pizza, according to your own personal taste. Finally, you will sit down to enjoy your creation accompanied with **wine and Aeolian cookies**, before returning to your yacht.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for people with walking difficulties, since much uphill walking is involved on cobblestone and gravel pathways.

PRICE\$149

Lipari, Vulcano by Boat

ACTIVITY LEVEL: STRENUOUS

The island of Vulcano is one of the most interesting in the Aeolian archipelago because of the exceptional nature and the variety of its landscapes. Your tour begins with a boat trip around the island where you'll see breathtaking views of the **Faraglioni, Grotta del Cavallo**, and **Vulcanello**, arriving at the only landing spot, **Porto di Levante**. You have the option to stay at the beach for a mud bath or a bath in the clear water of the island, or to follow the guide for a hike up to the volcano. The climb up to the middle crater is particularly interesting and you can reach the top in less than an hour. The bathing and mud baths are available all year round, while hot springs heat the sea. In fact, off near the Faraglioni, you'll see the boiling seawater phenomenon, caused by underwater fumaroles, jets of gas, bubbling up through the sea. The medicinal value of these thermal waters, together with the mud baths, is used in the treatment of various diseases and has made the island famous.

Please note: The hike to the volcano is only recommended for fit people as a lot of uphill walking is involved. Wear walking shoes, bring a change of clothes and bottled water. If you want to try the bathing or mud baths, bring a swimsuit and towel. If you are allergic to sulphur, please avoid this tour!

PRICE\$99