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Sicily

Yacht Charter Guide

CRAFTING SIGNATURE CHARTER YACHT EXPERIENCES

Best Yacht Charter Sicily
Region: Mediterranean
Gateways: CTA - PMO
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SICILY

Overview

Sicily (Mediterranean) rewards captains who protect swim mornings at Caletta, Panarea and hold tables early at Filippino. Embark via CTA / PMO, berth with intent at Marina di Portorosa, and leave mileage for weather - the working charter view.

Private yacht charter in Sicily via CTA / PMO. Charter a yacht for a week - berths, day-anchors and shore days by Blue Ocean Club.

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Sicily week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - Marina di Portorosa, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Marina di Portorosa.
- Coastal cadence: Morning toys at Caletta, Panarea, held lunch, short reposition through Aeolian Islands, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Filippino and Lido Azzurro Panarea confirmed weeks out.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Sicily, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy at Marina di Portorosa, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Caletta, Panarea - swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

Aeolian Islands
Volcanic chain - Panarea, Stromboli night glow and Salina wine.

Taormina coast
Etna backdrop, Isola Bella and Giardini Naxos.

Palermo & Egadi
West Sicily culture with Favignana day-anchors.

Southeast baroque coast
Siracusa and Ragusa for slower cultural weeks.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Marina di Portorosa
Northeast Sicily base for Aeolian island hops. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~5 m - Gateway CTA - Transfer 90 min from CTA - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Porto di Palermo
Palermo city harbour access for west Sicily weeks. - Max LOA ~80 m - Draft ~6 m - Gateway PMO - Transfer 30-45 min from PMO - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Marina di Riposto
Etna coast marina near Taormina roadsteads. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway CTA - Transfer 45-60 min from CTA - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Porto di Catania
East Sicily city harbour - Etna coast and Aeolian staging. - Max LOA ~60 m - Draft ~5 m - Gateway CTA - Transfer 20-35 min from CTA - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorages

Caletta, Panarea
Aeolian scene anchorage - tender to hotels and bars.

Stromboli Sciara view
Night-glow roadstead in settled weather.

Isola Bella
Taormina day-hook with beach access.

Cala Rossa, Favignana
Turquoise Egadi day-stop.

Ustica calas
North Sicily offshore overnight for divers.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

Filippino
Lipari
Aeolian classic on Lipari.

Hytra
Panarea
Panarea fine dining.

Osteria dei Vespri
Palermo
Palermo destination dinner.

Principe Cerami
Taormina
Grand Hotel Timeo - Taormina formal night.

La Madia
Licata
Michelin inland Sicily day trip.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Lido Azzurro Panarea
Panarea
Aeolian beach day with yacht tender.

Mazzarò beach clubs
Taormina
Taormina cable-car beach morning.

San Vito lo Capo beach
San Vito lo Capo
West Sicily sand day.

TRANSFERS

Airport to gangway.

We choreograph CTA / PMO arrivals into Marina di Portorosa transfers.

Helicopter / GA
Private hops from CTA / PMO when Sicily supports coastal helipads or GA strips. CTA corridor PMO corridor

Chauffeur
SUV / S-Class briefed on Marina di Portorosa gates - timed to embarkation. To Marina di Portorosa (90 min from CTA) To Porto di Palermo (30-45 min from PMO)

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - SICILY

VAT & APA - Sicily short version.

On a Sicily charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

VAT / tax
Sicilian embarkation follows Italian VAT rules; Aeolian park fees and berthing are separate from VAT on the charter fee.

APA
For Sicily in high season, budget APA at roughly 25-35% of the base charter fee covering fuel, berths, food and concierge extras.

What we send PAs
A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

Aeolian Islands

Aeolian Islands is a core Sicily charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina di Portorosa - Day-anchor: Caletta, Panarea - Table: Filippino

Taormina

Taormina is a core Sicily charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Porto di Palermo - Day-anchor: Stromboli Sciara view - Table: Hytra

Palermo

Palermo is a core Sicily charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina di Riposto - Day-anchor: Isola Bella - Table: Osteria dei Vespri

EXPLORE FURTHER

Child destinations

- Aeolian Islands - Crewed yacht charter in Aeolian Islands - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Sicily.
- Taormina - Crewed yacht charter in Taormina - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Sicily.
- Palermo - Crewed yacht charter in Palermo - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Sicily.

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

What does it cost to charter a yacht in Sicily?

How much to charter a yacht in Sicily: we quote live fleet against your dates, then layer APA guidance and Marina di Portorosa berth strategy. Ranges are indicative until the yacht and week are locked.

Which marina should we embark from in Sicily?

Boarding for Sicily is typically coordinated around Marina di Portorosa; captains confirm approach and tender logistics before wheels-down.

Can you charter a superyacht in Sicily?

Private superyacht charter in Sicily works when the harbour can take the LOA - otherwise we embark nearby and tender in for shore nights.

How long should a yacht charter week in Sicily be?

Plan a week when you can - day charter yacht trips in Sicily work for tight diaries, but a full week unlocks the better swimming mornings and shore tables.

How far ahead should we book berths in Sicily?

For peak season and event weeks around Sicily, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger yachts; shoulder season is more flexible. We open the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist.

What does APA usually cover on a Sicily charter?

Fuel, berthing, food and beverage, and most guest concierge extras. Tax context for Sicily: Sicilian embarkation follows Italian VAT rules; Aeolian park fees and berthing are separate from VAT on the charter fee. We set an indicative APA band before contract.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Marina di Portorosa

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Porto di Palermo

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Marina di Riposto

High in peak season around Sicily - broker relationships matter for larger LOA at Marina di Riposto. 4-12 weeks for peak season slips Event or festival weeks near Sicily can multiply rates and eliminate availability at Marina di Riposto. We hold Marina di Riposto alternatives and Caletta, Panarea fallbacks before you sign.

Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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