

IMAGINE/DISCOVER/LIVE

Gran Tour of Etna

EXCITING
HORIZON
Be Your Journey

During the itinerary, your professional guide will be a geologist, environmental educator, expert in zoo anthropology. She will accompany you and explain the complex form of equilibrium created by the presence of the great “Mountain”.

7 DAYS

Etna - Excursion



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DAY 1

Fly to Catania airport. Transfer to the accommodation. Dinner and briefing with Giuseppe Riggio, our living heritage, journalist, author of numerous books dedicated to the Sicilian volcano and the hidden beauties of Sicily. He tells about Etna and Sicily enhancing territory and the memory of the twentieth century.

DAY 2

Departure from the village of Fornazzo, 800 meters above sea level. Turn your back on the Ionian Sea and begin the climb. The first part of the trek tells stories of men. You walk on the cobbled road that mules once used to go to load the snow in the deposits scattered in the middle of the woods. Dinner in the company of our Living Heritage, one of the leading volcanologists in our area, expert in environmental issues, author of scientific publications and handbooks.

DAY 3

You cross the enchanted forest of birches, very white and rare trees that stand out against the black of the lava. You can observe and cross, beyond the tourist resort of Piano Provenzana. You may see lava flows that break the path, to reach then, the iconic Monte Nero, which, is almost always cobalt coloured. This is also one of the highest points of the route, almost 2000 meters above sea level. We change sides. We move on the Northern paths of Etna. The Nebrodi's woods not far away, the Peloritani and the Strait on the other side. Dinner in the company of our Living Heritage geologist, journalist, storyteller, and writer. His novels are imbued with a deep love for this territory. He describes the landscapes and emotions that each of us, crossing it, captures.

DAY 4

Visit to the entire western side. You return up to 2000 meters of altitude. In the background you can see the Madonie, the Rocca Busambra on the edge of the horizon, Mount Altesina which has marked the centre of the island since the Middle Ages. Looking up towards Mount Etna, the volcano reveals always different faces.

DAY 5

During this day you return to the valley. Across the area of the Sapienza refuge, you go up to the Southern ridge of the Valle del Bove, a place that bewitches. You pass amid imposing lava towers and vertiginous precipices. You go down again through ancient sheep tracks to reach the places that Giovanni Verga told in "Story of a Blackcap" and finally you arrive in Zafferana, at 600 meters above sea level. Dinner in the company of one of the last remaining Sicilian storytellers. He studies and re-proposes in an authentic way, the reinterpretation of these Sicilian characters since the fourteenth century slowly disappeared at the beginning of the second half of the last century (Luigi Di Pino). The storyteller was a traveling poet, an entertainer, a communicator who, travelling through Sicilian villages, told in music, true stories of lovers, legends, satires against the powerful and political.

DAY 6

The tour continues from the Sapienza refuge where you take the cable car and reach 2500 meters. From here the jeeps (or on foot) will take us to the eruptive hole above 3300 meters of the 4 most important craters: the Central Crater, which includes those known as Voragine and Bocca Nuova, the Northeast Crater and the Southeast Crater. You will walk surrounded by a truly lunar, extraordinary, wonderful landscape, which makes you forget all the effort made to reach the summit. Etna or Mongibello ... Entrance door to the abode of Hephaestus, the place where the giants Enceladus and Tifeo, the philosopher Empedocles, King Arthur, Queen Elizabeth I of England rest. Dinner with a selection of Etna doc wines presented by an expert.

DAY 7

Breakfast in hotel and end of services.

The estimated budget for this trip is:
from € 3.750,00 per person (minimum 4 people)
to € 2.800,00 per person (maximum 16 pax)

Ad hoc quotation for 2 pax.
Maximum group 16 pax.

Included

Half board for 6 days in a double or twin room. Lunches organized for 6 days, guide service for the duration of the tour, transport by luxury minibus, insurance, possible covid 19 tampon through an approved laboratory.

Not included

Flight, single room supplement, tips, portorage at the airport, luggage tax at the hotel, drinks at dinners, meals not mentioned in the program, tastings for a fee. Anything that is not specified under "included".

