

Basic Itinerary
7 days submersible diving Aeolian Islands



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Messina

FILICUDI
DAY 2

Filicudi Porto

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1. Diving Aeolian Islands

Chartering a U-Boat Worx submersible for a memorable diving adventure is an extraordinary experience. Even more so when the dives take place in the dazzling, opalescent waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea surrounding Italy's Aeolian Islands.





2. Day 1 - Alicudi

Our charter commences on the island of Alicudi – the “small pearl of the Aeolian Islands” – in the azure waters of one the most remote islands of the Mediterranean, which has little infrastructure and no roads.

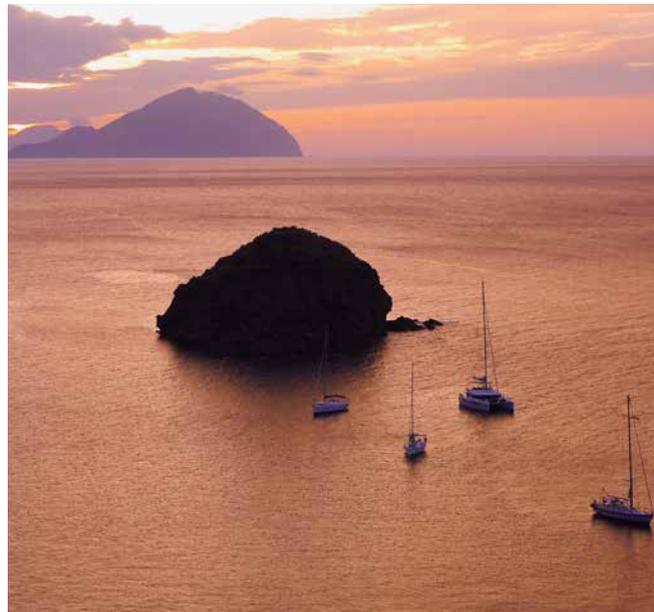
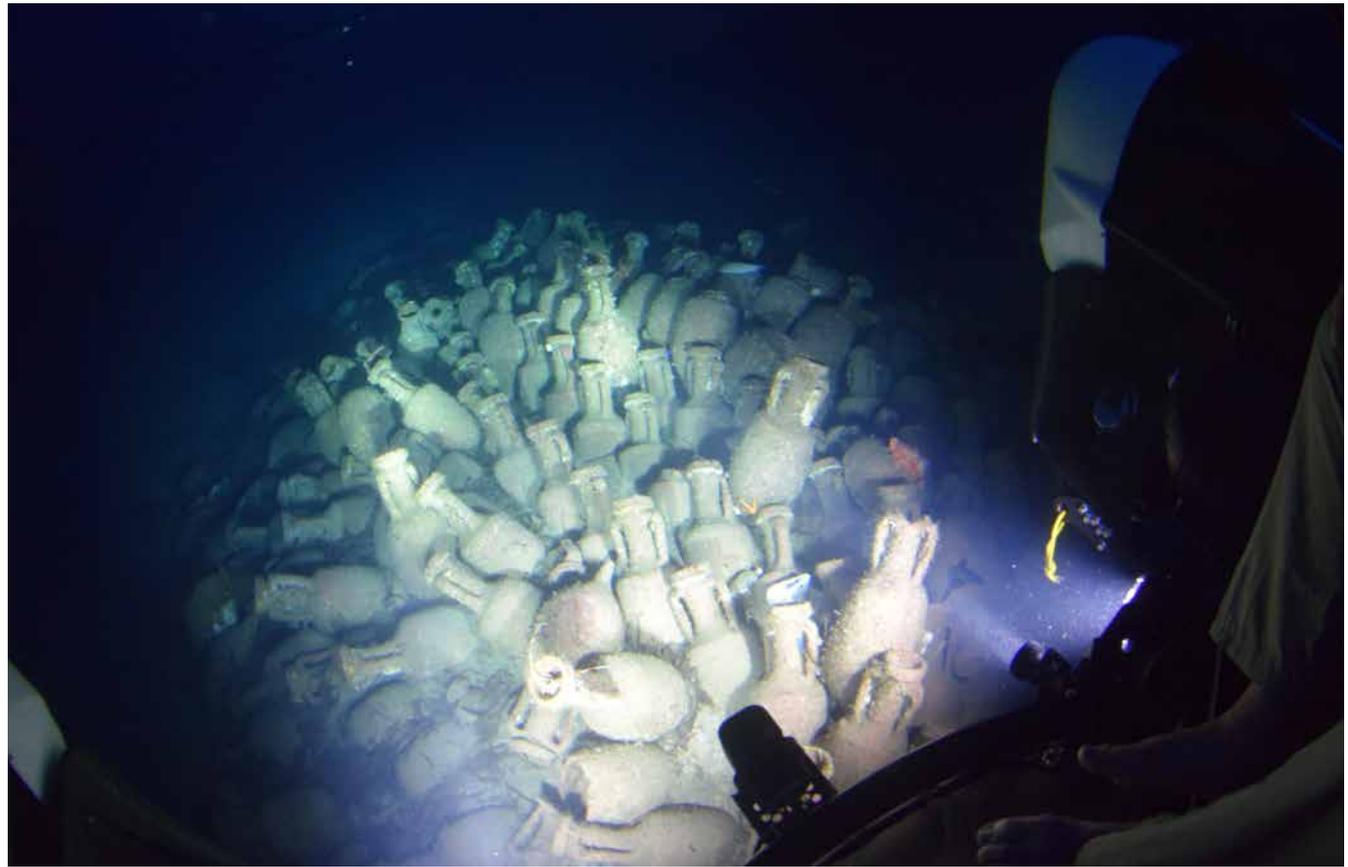
It is a unique experience to seek refuge from the world at these magical, far-flung islands amidst their pristine underwater scenery.



3. Day 2 - Filicudi

For millennia, the unique shape of Capo Graziano in Filicudi - stretched out into the sea like a pier - has attracted boats seeking shelter; many of which subsequently, unexpectedly, ran aground.

The site therefore became a scene of dramatic shipwrecks - 11 deep-water wrecks lie in these coastal waters, dating from 5 B.C. to 1943 A.D.





4. Day 3 - Salina

The clear turquoise water and white pumice sea-beds contrast with the island's dark cliffs, formed by volcanic ash. A coastline full of creeks, stacks, and caves has made Salina a favourite destination for underwater explorers.

Sea-beds - populated by numerous marine species including groupers, morays, octopus, squid, barracudas, and shoals of occhiate - have an intricate holographic structure. There are ravines, walls, creeks, caves, stacks, and old collapsed craters, where colonies of sponges and gorgonians colour the walls.



5. Day 4 - Lipari

Lipari is the largest and busiest of the seven Aeolian Islands, and the starting point for dives to the most beautiful underwater sites of the region.

The island is considered to be rather barren, however this certainly does not apply to its underwater landscape. Due to its volcanic provenance, Lipari is covered with pumice and obsidian – the former giving the surrounding water a brilliant teal hue.

The scenery between Lipari and Vulcano lives above striking, colorful rock formations, with remarkable sea clarity and unencumbered visibility into the depths, making every dive a highlight.



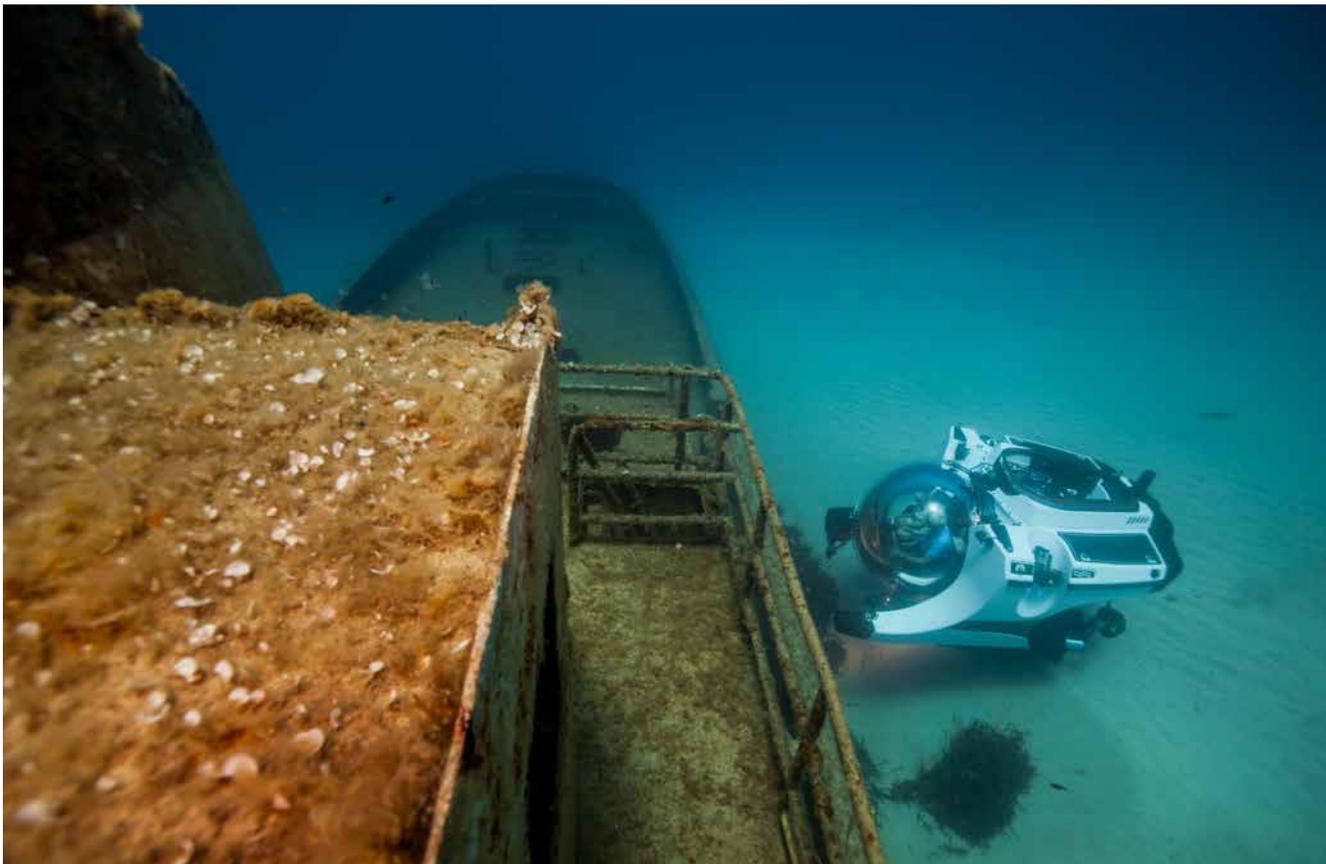


6. Day 5 - Vulcano

We start the fifth day in Vulcano, where the clear water is brimming with marine life. A history full of eruptions, seaquakes, invasions, and piracy has always attracted sailors and tourists from all over the world.

Despite the amount of tourism this destination has enticed over the past 50+ years, it is reassuring that man's intervention has not significantly damaged or altered the pristine seascape.

Such a multi-coloured seabed, a rocky coast full of creeks, stacks and caves, has made Vulcano a favourite destination for all those who are fond of underwater exploration. There are many dive sites where you can explore Vulcano's oceanic realm, each holding its own fascination.



7. Day 6 - Panarea

Panarea – the smallest of the Aeolian Islands – is a sparkling gem; with splendid bays, stylish restaurants, lively bars and quaint hotels set amidst lush vegetation.

Up until today, we have dived to visit shipwrecks at a depth of circa 100 meters, while the deeper wrecks have not been well charted.

U-Boat Worx has compiled a list of locations of wrecks around Panarea that will captivate even the most experienced of adventurers.





8. Day 7 - Stromboli

The Strombolicchio, or “Little Stromboli”, is a landmark; and as the symbol of Stromboli it is worthy of underwater exploration.

It is extremely hard, compacted basalt, resistant to erosion; and is the remnant of the original volcano from which the island of Stromboli was formed. Eruptions at this site ceased approximately 200,000 years ago.

At various depths there are orange spots of *Astroides* coral, and further down, fire-red gorgonian sea-fans and golden *Gerardia Savaglia* coral.

The water is unbelievably clear, and from below it easy to see the huge outline of Strombolicchio rising upward.

