

MALTA, SICILY & THE AEOLIAN ISLANDS 2023

- Aboard the 21-cabin M/Y Harmony G
- June & July 2023
- 8-day cruises from Valletta to Valletta, Malta



AT A GLANCE



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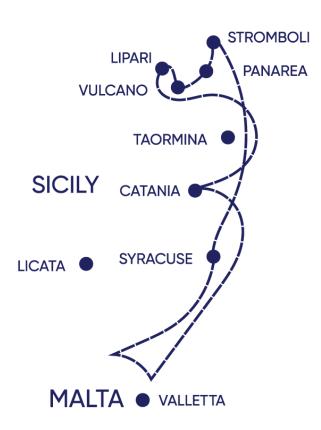
The unique and varied peninsulas of both countries offer a natural playground to be best experienced by a small ship, and so we have designed the ultimate itinerary for you to experience the destinations we visit in depth, always keeping in mind your comfort and safety. Rising out of the cobalt-blue seas off Sicily's northeastern coast, the Unesco-protected Aeolian Islands (Vulcano, Lipari, Salina, Panarea, Stromboli, Filicudi and Alicudi) are a little piece of paradise, a seven-island archipelago offering a wealth of opportunities for relaxation and outdoor fun.

Highlights include:

Valletta - Gozo Island - Syracuse - Lipari - Panarea - Stromboli - Catania - Taormina - Vulcano Island



MALTA, SICILY & THE AEOLIAN ISLANDS SATURDAY DEPARTURES | 7-NIGHTS/8-DAYS ON THE M/Y HARMONY G | 2023



DAY 1 - VALLETTA, MALTA

Embarkation at 3pm. Enjoy a welcome drink and meet your crew and fellow passengers. Overnight in port.

DAY 2 - VALLETTA - GOZO ISLAND, MALTA

Morning sailing to Gozo Island. Morning swim stop at one of Gozo's beautiful beaches. Arrival in Gozo harbor after lunch. Optional excursion with visits of the Citadel and its baroque Cathedral, our Lady of Ta Pinu Basilica, the St George Basilica and the Cathedral Museum. Late in the afternoon, after a short wine tasting, we will return to the ship. Late night departure for Syracuse, Sicily. Overnight at sea.

DAY 3 - SYRACUSE, ITALY

Early morning arrival in the port of Syracuse. Syracuse, one of the most and prestigious cities of the Hellenic World, was a rival of Athens. Our morning optional excursion will bring us to the spectacular 15,000-seat Greek theatre, the elliptical Roman amphitheater, the Archaeological Museum, the Temple of Apollo, the Fountain of Aretusa, and the Cathedral, which incorporates the remains of the famed Temple of Athena. After lunch you can take our afternoon optional excursion taking you inland, into Sicilly's southeast region, known for its baroque towns. You will visit exquisitely-preserved Noto, a jewel of a town situated on plateau. Late in the evening we leave Syracuse for the Aeolian Islands. Overnight at sea.



DAY 4 - LIPARI, ITALY

Morning arrival in Lipari, the largest of the Aeolian Islands, sitting on the red volcanic rock looking like a "wall of bronze", according to the Greek poet Homer. Archaeological remains found here have yielded clues to civilizations which date back to 1700 BC, including the Neolithic stones that sit alongside ancient tombstones, and ruins of Greek walls and Roman villas. The Spaniards found their way here in the 16th century, building the Castello (castle) and the 17th century cathedral that is perched above the harbor; All these sights will be available for seeing them on your morning optional sightseeing excursion. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight in Lipari.

DAY 5 - VULCANO ISLAND - PANAREA - STROMBOLI, ITALY

We leave Lipari in the morning to reach Vulcano Island, famous for its majestic volcano crater and the mud baths. Morning optional walking tour along the slopes of the volcano towards the crater, while enjoying gorgeous views over the sea and the archipelago. In the afternoon we sail to Panarea, a quaint old style Aeolian Island. Late in the afternoon, we reach Panarea. Time at leisure in port, and in the evening we start our trip to Catania and sail slowly past the island of Stromboli, famous for its live volcano. The sight of live lava eruptions is not to be missed. Overnight at sea.

DAY 6 - CATANIA, ITALY

Morning optional excursion to the Etna Volcano, the highest point in Sicily and a live volcano. A resident volcanologist will provide you with full details on its activity and volcano activity in South Italy. In the afternoon you can take our optional walking tour of Catania and discover the hidden treasures of this old Italian city. Overnight in port.

DAY 7 - CATANIA - TAORMINA, ITALY

Our day starts with an optional tour at nearby Taormina, a city with endlessly winding medieval streets and secluded gardens hidden by stone walls. Our optional full day excursion to this city boasting such beauty and history, features a stroll along the Corso Umberto, lined with piazza, Duomos and palazzo such as the Palazzo Santo Stefano. Later you will take a guided tour of the ancient Greek Theatre with wonderful uninterrupted views of the seal. Our lunch break is followed by time at leisure explore the city and its shops. After our farewell dinner, we start our return sailing to Malta. Overnight at sea.

DAY 8 - VALLETTA, MALTA

Disembarkation at 9am after breakfast.



Itineraries can be changed at the discretion of Variety Cruises and of the Vessel's Captain in case of adverse weather conditions - winds of 6/7 Beaufort or more depending on the vessel- on port authorities not allowing a vessel to leave port or in case of other extraordinary conditions. Such itinerary changes do not automatically entitle passengers to any refunds, but Variety Cruises guarantees that passengers are disembarked at the advertised port of disembarkation on time for their flights.



SAILING DATES

From Valletta to Valletta, Malta June 17, 24 July 15

GENERAL INFORMATION

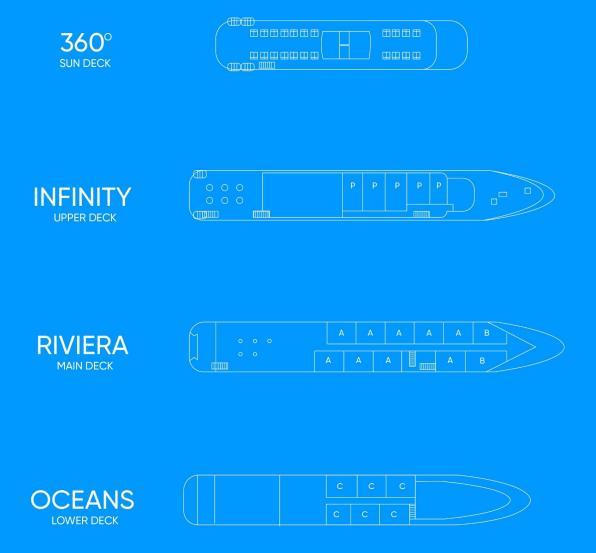
Length: 54 m Launched: 2001 | Renovated: 2013 Cabins: 21 Capacity: 44 passengers Crew: 16-18

The M/Y HARMONY G is a 54-meter/21-cabin elegant yacht that was launched in 2001 and renovated in 2012-2013. This sleek high-tech looking yacht complies with the most stringent SOLAS safety regulations.

Service on board is provided by your Captain, the Cruise Coordinator and your experienced Marine and Hotel crew members. Service will be attentive or unobtrusive according to your requirements and priority is always given to the safety and comfort of passengers.

Organized excursions are available for most ports of call and can be pre-booked or reserved 24 hours in advance.





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CABIN SPECIFICATIONS

The 21 cabins of the M/Y HARMONY G are located on the Upper Deck (4 cabins), the Main Deck (11 cabins) and the Lower Deck (6 cabins). They are upscale, intimate and decorated with soft color furnishing. The cabins are equipped with twin or queen size beds, with two of the cabins being triples, and have large windows (two portholes on the Lower Deck). All cabins offer en suite bathrooms with shower, flat-screen TVs, CD/DVD players, music channels, mini fridges, hairdryers, individually controlled A/C and safe deposit boxes.

LIFE ON BOARD

During the day, life on board centers around the Bar Lounge and Dining Room at the Main Deck and meals are also served "al fresco" depending on the weather. The Captain will drop anchor at secluded bays and beautiful uninhabited islands where, weather permitting, guests enjoy swimming, snorkeling, and kayaking. The Mega Yacht accommodates all guests at one single seating and provide a high standard of cuisine, always with some local flavor.

Main deck lounge & dining room

The classy dining room is surrounded by large windows providing beautiful views of the ports of call. The spacious dining room seats all passengers in a single, unassigned seating and food is served at the table or displayed on the state of the art hot & cold buffet which.



Upper deck lounge area & dining room

The interior lounge has relaxing couches and comfortable lounge chairs where you can have a drink and gaze out of the large windows at the breathtaking sceneries you are cruising into, read a book, watch television on the satellite TV or one of our documentaries on the next place you are visiting. Also located on the Upper Deck, the outdoor dining area provides beautiful views of the ports of call visited.

Sun deck

The vessel features a Sun Deck with a sitting area to relax and enjoy unobstructed views and with ample Sun loungers' space to bask under the sun, read a good book or just gaze at the scenery.



