



A school Geography field trip to Sicily offers your students the chance to experience a land of extremes and contrasts, where volcanoes light up the night skies, where mountain ranges jostle for supremacy, and where the sea has sculpted a coastline of stunning variety and beauty. Sicily has natural wonders aplenty, from the smoking craters of Mount Etna to the still relatively undiscovered beaches and charming Italian resorts.

On the "Vulcano Island" guided tour your geography students will walk to the summit of the volcano, up to the large crater, to observe the sulphurous vapours typical of the site before considering the link between tourism and natural wonders as Italian tourists are drawn to the sulphur mud baths and steaming hot springs. For a small fee locally, your group can even participate yourselves.

Discover the most active volcano in Europe with full day guided excursion on Mount Etna. The tour concludes with a visit to the Museum of Etna, where your students can experience the sensation of real seismic events in the 3D cinema and Earthquake simulator.

CURRICULUM LINKS

Sicily offers Field study sites covering the impacts of volcanic hazards, living alongside hazards in developed countries and the impact of tourism.



KS3

- Geological timescale and plate tectonics
- Weather and climate

GCSE

- Living alongside hazards in developed countries
- Management of tectonics hazards and their effects
- Monitoring, prediction and protection at plate boundaries
- Impact of humans on coasts
- Coastline protection schemes

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- Volcanic hazards and their impacts
- Earth structure and plate tectonics
- Coastal management strategies
- Threats to the coastline and the impact of tourism

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Depending on the flight times the first day itinerary may be moved to the final day.

Day 1	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Flight to Sicily, coach transfer to accommodation	Familiarization walking tour of Taormina or Giardini Naxos	Evening meal at accommodation
Day 2	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Full day Island of Vulcano tour with private guide	Vulcano Mud Baths – impact of tourism	Evening meal at accommodation
Day 3	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Full day Mount Etna tour with private guide	Museum of Etna – 3D cinema, Earthquake simulator	Evening meal at accommodation
Day 4	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
	Coach transfer to airport	Return flight to UK	

EDUCATIONAL VISIT OPTIONS

- Alcantara Gorge
- Stromboli



SAMPLE ACCOMMODATION

We offer a choice of hotel accommodation in the Italian resort of Taormina or nearby Giardini Naxos.



HOTEL SAN PIETRO

The Hotel San Pietro is a 3-star hotel located directly on the sea in the village of Taormina. All bedrooms have a refrigerator, TV, telephone, air conditioning and private bathroom. Most of the rooms have a balcony with sea view; some have a mountain-view. Hotel guests enjoy a private beach complete with sun beds, umbrellas and showers. Breakfasts and evening meals are taken at the hotel restaurant.

HOTEL BAIA DEGLI DEI

This 3-star hotel is located by the sea in the beautiful Bay of Giardini Naxos, just a few kilometres from Taormina. The excellent location of the hotel allows guests views of Mount Etna and the Mediterranean Sea.

Standard rooms sleep 3 and are equipped with a balcony or terrace, bathroom with shower, telephone, hair dryer, safe, TV, and air conditioning. Breakfasts and evening meals are taken at the hotel restaurant.



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