



## **ERASMUS+ PROJECT – “European Students on the other side of the volcano”**

**Augusta – Italy**

**16th to 25th September**

### **Monday 16th**

Arrival of participants at Catania Airport

Reception by the host families

Transfer for the teachers to the chosen B&B

### **Tuesday 17th**

9:00 Arrival at school

- Guided visit to the school
- Reception/ Welcome from A.Ruiz headmistress
- Presentations of the partners: “Our schools, countries and regions”.

13:00 Lunch

- Students at home with their twins
- Teachers – offered by the Italian team

15:00 Visit of the town

17:00 Visit the Town Hall

18:00 free time for students and teachers

20:00 dinner

### **Wednesday 18th**

8:00 departure by bus to Catania

- Remember:



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- to bring water, your packed lunch, a cap

**9:30 INGV** (National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology, I.N.G.V.), *which carries out research, monitoring and surveillance in the fields of geophysics and volcanology.*

<http://www.ct.ingv.it/en/>

*Each student will take notes and pictures, these are to be used for the final presentation*

### **12:30 town visit + lunch**

#### **Piazza del Duomo**

*is a **Unesco World Heritage Site** thanks to its unique baroque style, with its contrasting lava and limestone. It is the heart of the city, standing in the center of the square, you can admire the city's emblem: **The Elephant's Fountain** . This fountain depicts an elephant carved in black lava, topped by an Egyptian obelisk. Legend has it that **this statue holds the power to appease Etna's volcano anger.***

#### **Duomo Di Catania**

*Behind the fountain, there is **Catania Cathedral**, the interior is dedicated to **Saint Agatha**, the patron saint of the city, Its relics are located inside the cathedral. In the cathedral, you can also see the tomb of **Vincenzo Bellini**, the famous classical composer.*

#### **Via Etnea and Villa Bellini**

*From piazza del duomo, we can take **Via Etnea**, the main street of Catania. At the end of the road, if the weather is clear, you will be able to see the silhouette of the famous volcano Etna . While you're here, you can do some shopping in Via Etnea's many shops, or drink a coffee and enjoy a pastry!*

*the gardens of Villa Bellini, are ideal to enjoy a bit of freshness, take a rest or picnic. We can stroll around the large trees and many fountains or simply sit on a bench in the shade and have a rest .*

#### **Ursino Castle**

*Ursino Castle is an ancient Norman fortress that now houses the Municipal Museum . Originally, this castle located at the top of a hill was built on a cliff, overlooking the sea. However, the 1669 eruption of Mt Etna changed the landscape and the whole area, leaving the castle completely landlocked, now it's about 1 km inland*

#### **PIAZZA STESICORO**

*At the crossroads of Via Etnea and Corso Sicilia there is Piazza Stesicoro and the ruins of its **Anfiteatro Romano**, a 2nd-century amphitheatre that was the largest in Sicily, said to accommodate around 15,000 spectators. It is usually close to the public, but from outside it is possible to see how it resembles the Colosseum, with several passages that run underneath.*

#### **VINCENZO BELLINI**



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*At the other side of the square the Bellini's monument lead to Piazza Bellini where you can find the magnificent **opera house Teatro Massimo Bellini**. It is an opulent example of Sicilian Baroque architecture and the interior, with its red velvet seating and decorations, can be visited throughout the year. The opera season runs from around October to June, when the theatre stages operas, concerts and recitals.*

**18:00 departure** by bus to Augusta

**20:00 dinner** offered by the Italian team

### **Thursday 19**

5:00 at school

5:30 departure by bus to Milazzo

- Remember to :
- bring your trekking shoes, a cap, water, your packed lunch, and your swimsuit

8:20 departure by ferry to Vulcano (Eolian island)

<http://www.visitsicily.info/en/vulcano-aeolian-islands/>

10:00 – 12:00

*Guided tour up to the Gran Cratere ( the big crater) it is an active volcano last eruption occurring in 1890. It takes less than two hours and it is not difficult*

*Each student will take notes and pictures, these are to be used for the final presentation*

13:00 boat tour around Vulcano, time to have lunch, swim , relax , and maybe have a mud bath

15:00 arrival to Lipari

Freetime – to visit the biggest of the Eolian island

18:20 departure by ferry to Milazzo

19:20 arrival in Milazzo

20:00 dinner in Milazzo

21:00 departure by bus to Augusta

24:00 arrival in Augusta

### **Friday 20**

9:00 at school working in groups

13:00 lunch



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- Students at home with their twins
- Teacher – offered by the Italian team

15:00 departure by bus to Siracusa

16:00 Visit The Neapolis Archeological Area – Greek Theater, Latomie the Ear of Dionysius, Grotta dei Codari, Tomb of Archimedes

17:30 Exploring Ortygia – Lungomare di Levante, Temple of Apollo, and Piazza Duomo

Free time –

18:30 departure by bus to Augusta

19:30 Augusta

20:30 dinner

### **Saturday 21st**

8:00 at school

8:30 leaving by bus to Alcantara Gorges ( Gole Dell'Alcantara).

*The Alcantara Gorges are real canyons made of black lava walls up to 50 meters high, in the typical shape of a prism that the rocks have taken during the cooling process.*

10:00 visit the site

12:00 departure by bus to Aci Trezza

*A small seaside resort, where you can see the faraglioni ( basalt rocks) or “Rocks of Cyclops”. The Legend has it that these 8 basalt rocks would have been **thrown by Polypheme the giant from Etna on Ulysses to prevent him from fleeing the island.***

13:00 lunch

15:00 departure by bus to Aci Castello

*The name derives from the Norman Castle built on the top of a basalt rock jutting into the sea. It was built in 1076 from black lava. Now one of the terraces hosts a botanical garden, exposure of plants, especially of great value from every corner of the world.*

Free time

17:30 departure by bus to Augusta

19:00 Arrival to Augusta

20:00 dinner



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## **Sunday 22nd**

Free day with Host Families

## **Monday 23rd**

8:00 at school

8:30 departure by bus to Etna

*Etna since 2013 it is in the [Unesco's World Heritage List](#) for its geological peculiarities of planetary relevance. Mount Etna is the highest volcano in Europe, and one of most active of the world*

10:00 – 17:30 Etna

17:30 departure by bus to Augusta

19:30 Augusta

20:00 dinner

## **Tuesday 24**

9:00 at school group work

*The students will work in groups, finishing the tasks. They will prepare their final presentations complete them with the data, images and observations collected in situ*

12:30 lunch

- Students at home with their twins
- Teacher – offered by the italian team

14:30 back to school

15:00 presentation

17:00 free time

20:00- 24:00 farewell party

Delivery of certificates



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Thursday 25

Departure



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