

The Aeolian Quarter – Luxury Boutique Hotel: Panarea, Aeolian Islands, Sicily

Summary

What a find! This superb luxury hotel on the tiny Aeolian Island of Panarea overlooks the azure Mediterranean, with the smoking volcano of Stromboli beyond. The whole island is a “hippy chic” secret retreat for well-heeled Italians and foreign royalty, and this Aeolian boutique hotel is a fabulous choice for a romantic holiday or honeymoon in Sicily. The Aeolian Quarter features the typical whitewashed pillared terraces of Panarea, but the luxury teak furnishings lend it a quirky, ethnic feel. With muted chill-out music floating on the air, the hotel’s terrace is a perfect spot for a sun-downer after a day’s sun-bathing, shopping or watersports.

Details

Panarea, one of the tiniest inhabited islands of Sicily’s northern Archipelago, is the chic playground of those in the know. Being off the mainstream tourist track, its exclusivity is assured, and here you’ll feel a million miles from the rest of Italy and even Sicily. “Chill-out” is the order of the day at The Aeolian Quarter. Sleep late, breakfast until noon and relax on the sun terraces with sea views stretching before you. With no hotel on the island having a pool, the sparkling Jacuzzi on the terrace is a real boon.

The Aeolian Quarter stands on what was an ancient settlement, where trading in water and oil once took place. It has been family owned for generations, and was once the town’s cake shop - the restaurant has lost none of that culinary expertise! The latest generation of owners have used their extensive collection of Asian and Mexican antiques to create a unique ambiance. From the outside, the hotel is a typical white-washed pillared building, with flowering terraces, whilst inside the teak furnishings, bright tapestries and crisp linen give it a minimalist ethnic feel. Each guestroom has a pretty terrace or balcony, some with stunning sea views, and no detail is overlooked in the individually styled bedrooms. Antique Asian bedframes or 4-posters are the centrepieces of most rooms, whilst teak steamers echo the theme on the terraces.

During the day you could wander into town and idle through the narrow white-washed lanes, browsing in the hippy-chic surfer shops, or head to the black sandy coves for a day’s sunbathing. Most guests hire a private boat, so that they can explore the island’s rocky coast – picnic on board or find a hidden cove to put ashore for lunch. Scuba diving is also available, as well as dolphin watching and island hopping. In the evenings, the marina of San Pietro has a lively ‘passeggiata’, with a distinctive chic chill-out theme. It’s definitely one of our favourite places for a luxury holiday to remember.

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To book this hotel call **08717 500070**



Facts & Figures

13 Guest Rooms:

- Classic double – with terrace on ground floor
- Classic double plus – with balcony or terrace on first floor
- Superior double – larger room with terrace & sea views

All rooms have: ensuite bathrooms - Sat TV – Minibar - Air-Con/heating – Safe – Telephone - Hairdryers

Hotel facilities: Sun terraces & Jacuzzi with sea views - Restaurant - Bar - Drinks Service

Also available by prior arrangement : Boat Hire & Tours – Vespa Hire – Scuba Diving - Dolphin Watching – Transfers from Catania & from Panarea Marina

Regional Highlights

- Sight-seeing and shopping in the boutiques of San Pietro
- Ruins of Eneolithic period, Island Walks
- Sunbathing in rocky and sandy coves
- Evening chill-out nightlife, magnificent views of erupting Stromboli
- At and around the hotel (extra cost) - Island hopping & Boat Tours, Scuba Diving, Dolphin Watching, Boat & Vespa Hire

Location

Nearest airports:

Catania (c.1hr to Milazzo & 1hr 40min hydrofoil crossing)
Palermo (c.2hr drive to Milazzo)

Domestic flight connections:

Rome, Venice, Milan

Domestic sea connections:

Milazzo, Lipari, Palermo, Messina, Naples, Capri

Nearest direct flight from London:

Catania (mainland)

Nearest train station:

Catania (mainland)

Beach

c.20mins walk

Nearest shops and restaurants:

Doorstep

From Catania, we can organise a car transfer to Milazzo from where regular hydrofoil services depart for the island. Please ensure that your flight arrives in time for the last hydrofoil crossing – **check with ferry operators usticalines.it, siremar.it & gruppottirrenia.it for latest timetable info.**

