

distinctive. For the people of Sicily, the soil, land, and sea are the foundations for their pride, and those same basic elements are among the many reasons sailors plan their voyages to this island.

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Today, the waters around Sicily—including the Aegadian and the Aeolian Islands—have become a beloved destination for the ambitious sailor. Ferocious wind conditions and unpredictable weather patterns keep many from visiting by way of sea. But those wanderers who know that nothing good comes easy will venture the depths. Once you've conquered the difficulties, the beauty to be discovered is like no other. Sicily reveals its brilliance to sailors who put in the effort and calls them to indulge in its food and drink, to discover its landscapes, so pure and unadorned, and to explore its hidden corners and intriguing past.

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### AEOLIAN TRIANGLE

*Many seafarers believe that the Mediterranean has its own version of the Caribbean's Bermuda Triangle. In this place, a triangle is formed between Ustica off the Sicilian coast, the Aeolian Islands, and the Strait of Messina. Often, in this place, a strange mix of bad weather can be experienced. Many sailors and yachtsmen who've spent years sailing around the Mediterranean seas are convinced that legends of the Aeolian Triangle are to be believed and feared.*

