

# SICILY



Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea and one of the 20 regions of Italy. It has 5 million inhabitants and its capital city is Palermo.

Its provinces are: Agrigento, Caltanissetta, Catania, Enna, Messina, Palermo, Siracusa, Ragusa and Trapani.

Sicily is in the central Mediterranean Sea, and is separated from the Italian Peninsula, by the Strait of Messina. Its most prominent landmark is Mount Etna, one of the tallest active volcanoes in Europe and one of the most active in the world. The island has a typical Mediterranean climate.

Sicily has a triangular shape, that's why it is also called Trinacria.

The territory is mostly hilly and is intensively cultivated wherever possible. Along the northern coast, there are the mountain ranges of Madonie, Nebrodi, and Peloritani, that are an extension of the mainland Apennines. The cone of Mount Etna dominates the eastern coast. In the southeast lie the lower Hyblaean Mountains

Sicily and its surrounding small islands have some highly active volcanoes. This is due to the fact that Sicily is geographically on the northern edge of the African continental plate.

The three volcanoes of Vulcano, Stromboli and Lipari, in the Aeolian Islands, are also currently active.

Sicily also includes several neighbouring islands such as : the Aegadian Islands, Pantelleria and Lampedusa.

### Rivers



The island is drained by several rivers, most of which flow through the central area and enter the sea at the south of the island. The main rivers are: the Salso, the Alcantara and the Simeto. Other important rivers on the island are the Belice and Platani in the southwest.

### Climate



Sicily has a typical Mediterranean climate with mild and wet winters and hot, dry summers with very changeable intermediate seasons. On the coasts, especially in the south-west, the climate is affected by the African currents and summers can be torrid.

Snow falls above 900–1000 metres, but it can fall in the hills. The interior mountains, especially Nebrodi, Madonie, and Etna, enjoy a full mountain climate, with heavy snowfalls during winter. The summit of Mount Etna is usually snow-capped from October to May.

On the other hand, especially in the summer, it is not unusual that there is the sirocco, the wind from the Sahara. Rainfall is scarce, and water proves deficient in some provinces where a water crisis can happen occasionally.



## GEOGRAPHY VOCABULARY

MOUNTAIN	SEA
RIVER	FALL
ISLAND	OCEAN
VOLCANO	TEMPERATE
CLIMATE	CONTINENTAL
COAST	DROUGHT
DESERT	DRY
FOREST	PROMONTORY
LAKE	TROPICAL
CLIFF	POLAR
HILL	WET
WEATHER	PENINSULA
NORTH	SOUTH
EAST	WEST



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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ISLAND- HILLY- SEA- CONTINENTAL- LAKE- DRY- WET-  
NORTH- WEST- SOUTH- CLIFF- OCEAN

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