

**REGULATIONS**

**Rockslide area**

It is prohibited to swim, fish, anchor or for boats or swimmers to enter within 100 meters of cliffs and other areas where accumulated material from rockslides is visible (Lipari No. 20/2020). The ordinance also designates particular areas that are prone to rockslides, where the distance is extended to 150 meters from the coast: around Cono della Fossa, Roia, Cala Rossa, Cannitello, Gelso, Praia Lunga, Grotta del Cavallo. It is also forbidden to enter the sea caves.

**HAZARDS**

In general, navigating at a distance of at least 100 meters from the shore is free of obstacles, however, there are hazardous areas to avoid where it is important to stay further away from the coast.

**Praia Lunga**

The coast at Praia Lunga, from Punta Conigliara to Punta dei Porci, is rocky and there are numerous dangerous rocks (underwater and awash).

**Cala di Mastro Minico**

Avoid entering the Cala di Mastro Minico. A dangerous covered rock (depth 1 meter) is located in the center of the bay, about 300 meters from the coast.

**TOURIST ATTRACTIONS**

**Vulcano thermal mud baths**

The mud baths of Vulcano are one of the main tourist attractions of the island. There is a small entrance fee of a few euro. The baths can be very crowded, and the best times to visit are early morning or late evening. The mud is very hot in certain areas and depending on the wind there is sometimes a strong sulfur smell of rotten eggs. There are guidelines indicated at the kiosk at the entrance. It is important to wear an old swimsuit and remove jewelry. It is not suitable for families with small kids.

**Hot springs**

There are hot springs that bubble off the sea-floor next to the mud baths and south of the black sand beach.



Gran Cratere



Valle dei Mostri

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The Valle dei Mostri or Valley of Monsters is a very short hike in an incredibly scenic area with unique lava formations (that resemble monsters) and a fantastic view of Lipari. It is a nice stop for panoramic photos. Rent a vehicle (several rental companies are located near the town pier of Porto di Levante) and include this stop in a tour of the island, or walk here early in the morning.

**Panorama above Capo Grillo**

The panorama above Capo Grillo can be reached by vehicle (several rental companies are located near the town pier of Porto di Levante). The view is breathtaking and on clear days it is possible to see all the islands.

**Capo Grillo**

There are numerous sights to see along the eastern coastline where the rugged slopes of Vulcano slip into the sea including a thermal spring, a small and picturesque sea arch, sea caves, a fresh water spring and a small pebble beach among boulders - ideal to relax and swim. There are no secure anchorages in the waters around Capo Grillo. Larger boats can anchor at Gelso to the south or moor at Porto di Levante to the north; kayaks or tenders can be used to explore the coastline.

**Grotta del Cavallo**

This large sea cave is one of the main tourist attractions of Vulcano and it is crowded with tour boats during the day.

**Piscina di Venere**

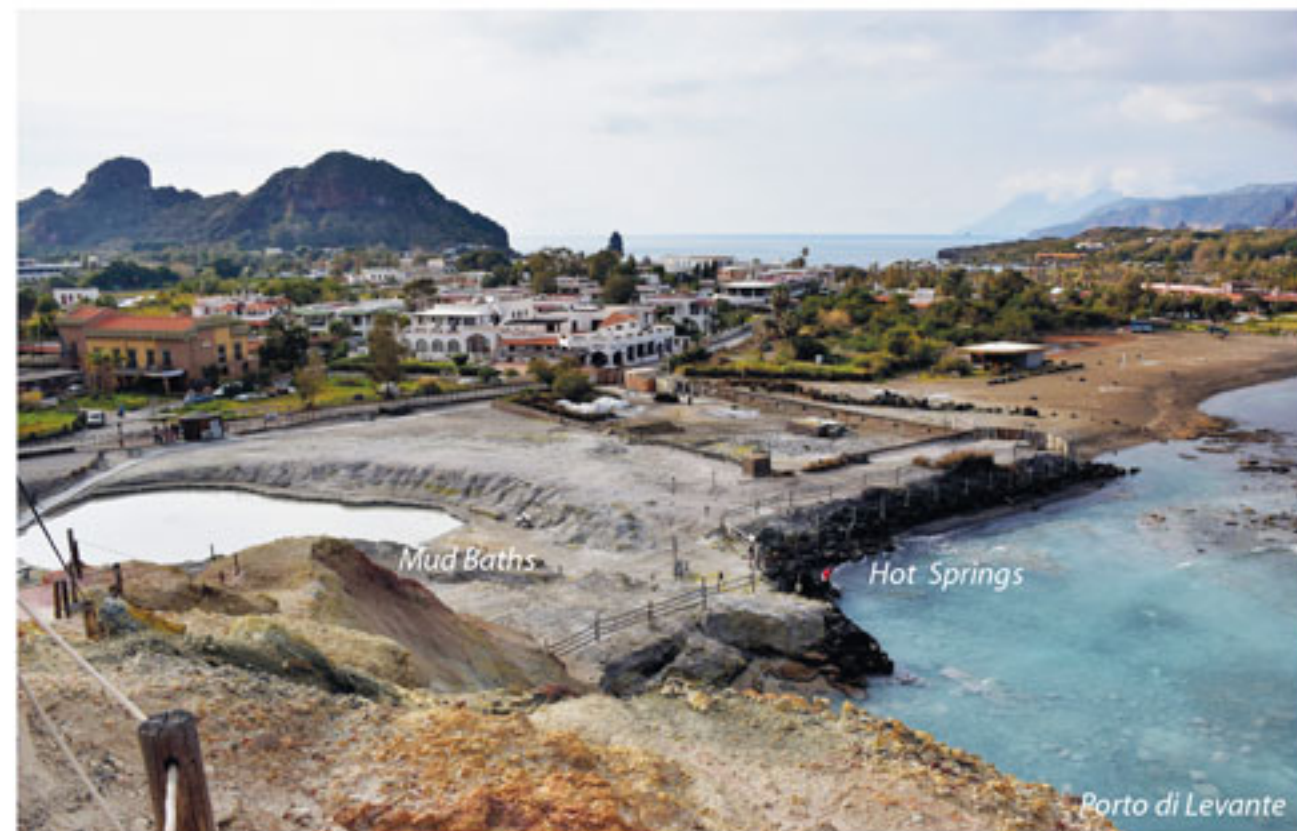
The Piscina di Venere is a natural salt water swimming pool with crystal clear waters in a stunning location.

**INGV Visitor Center**

The INGV Visitor Center ([www.ilvulcanoinforma.it/](http://www.ilvulcanoinforma.it/), tel. 090 985 2528) is only open in the summer from July to September, from 9:00-12:00 and 16:30-20:00. It is a bit off the beaten path, near the pier of Baia di Ponente, yet is ideal for families with kids or volcano enthusiast. The small center takes less than an hour for a free tour run by college students; is well organized and interesting, in particular for those thinking of hiking the Gran Cratere.

**Hiking: Gran Cratere**

The hike up the Gran Cratere is considered by many to be one of the best in the Aeolian Islands. It offers stunning views of the entire archipelago and the volcanic crater. Avoid hiking during the hotter hours of the day, apply sun screen, wear covered shoes and a hat, and bring ample water.



Mud Baths

Hot Springs

Porto di Levante

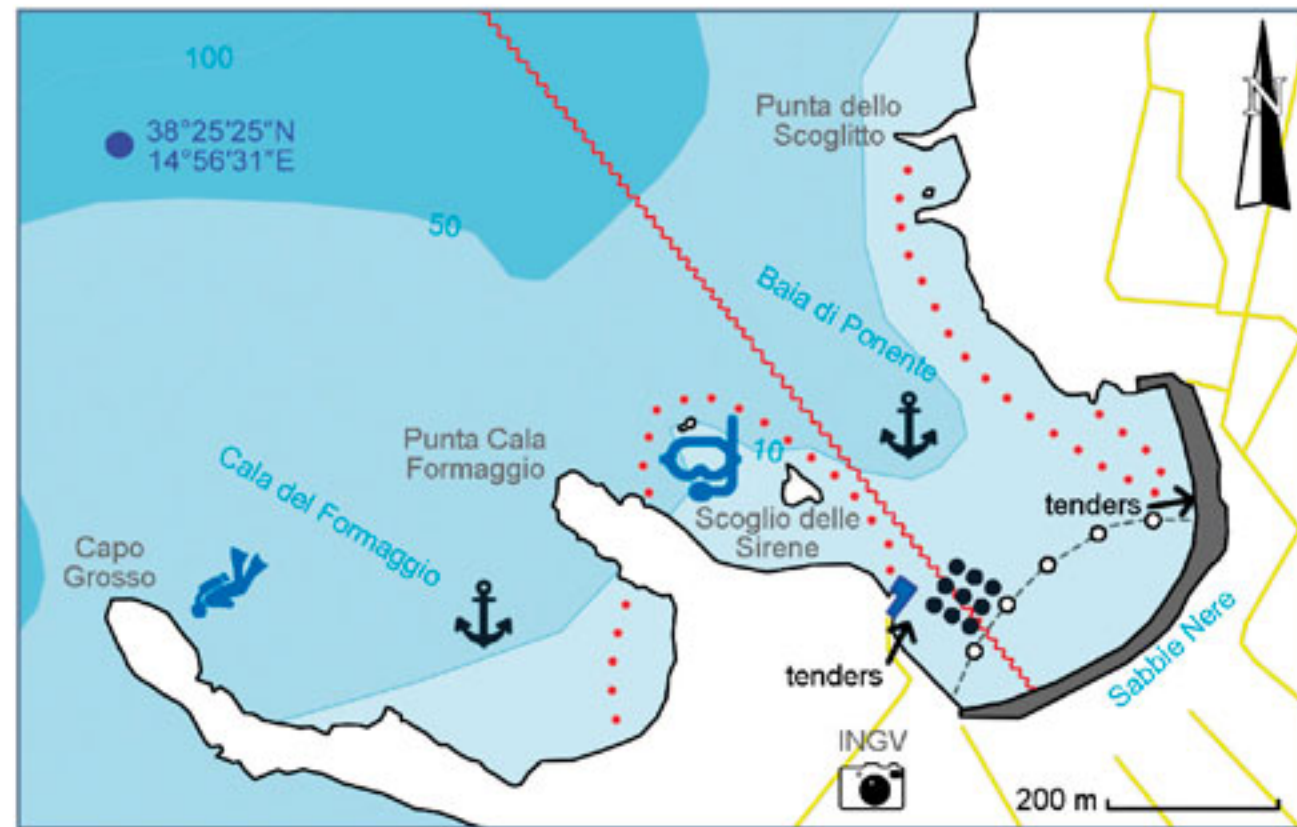


Vulcanello

Porto di Levante

**FESTIVAL OF THE GINESTRA** (broom plant with yellow flowers that blooms in June): several days in mid-June with tasting of local products, music and folklore.

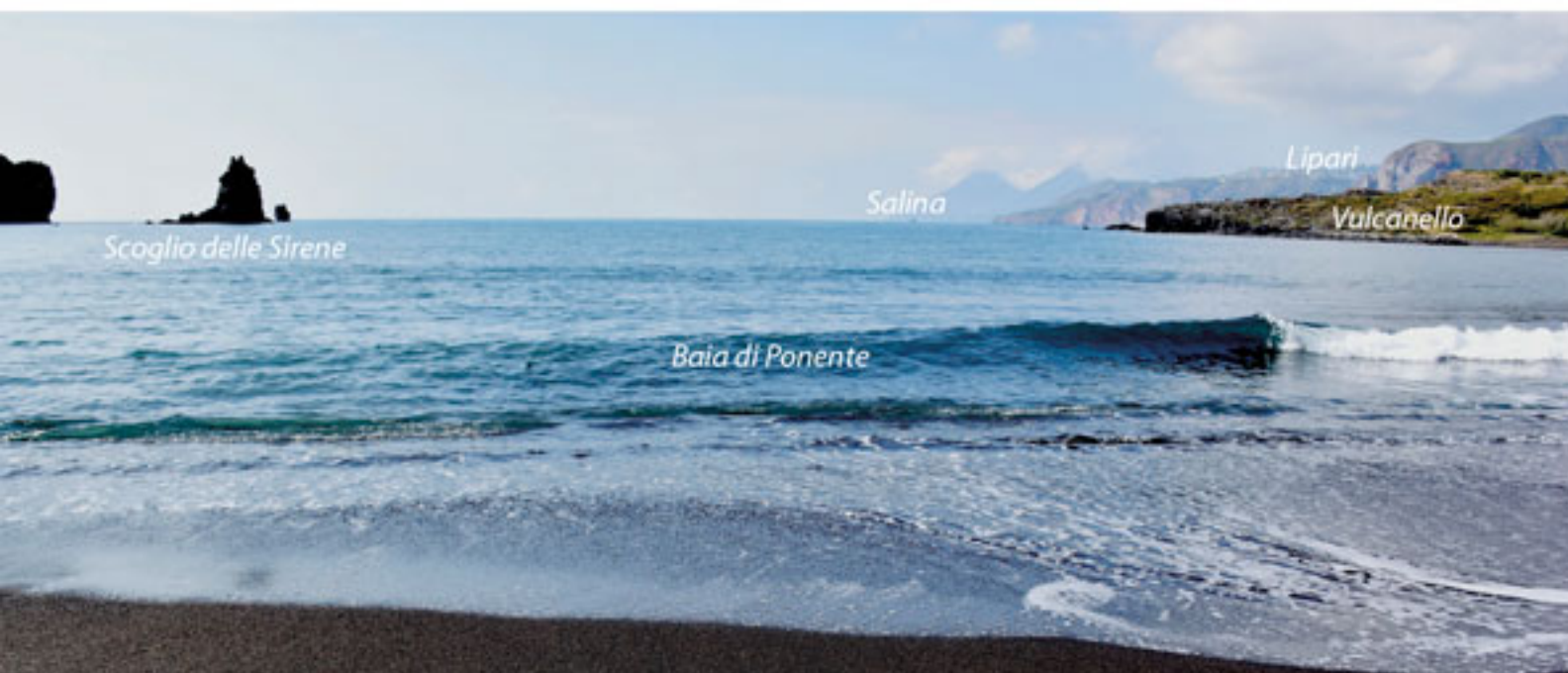
## BAIA DI PONENTE



The scenic Baia di Ponente, a very popular anchorage in particular during southerly winds, is near the main tourist attractions of Vulcano. The town center can be reached in a short 10-15-minute walk. The view from the boat is stunning with the rugged coastline of Lipari to the north and the tuff cone of the Gran Cratere

to the south.

The black sand beach Sabbie Nere is great for kids and there are lidos that serve food and drinks and several hotels with restaurants along the water. The beach is very crowded in the summer. The black sand gets very hot in the middle of the day and it is best to visit either in



the morning or late afternoon. This area has a mosquito problem and insect repellent is recommended. There is a snorkeling area in the shallows around the rock Scoglio delle Sirene. The waters around Capo Grosso are a popular dive site.

### Hazard: Baia di Ponente

**Baia di Ponente has hazards on both sides of the bay.** The easily identified rock Scoglio delle Sirene (about 15 meters high) is located 150 meters northwest of the town pier on the western side of the bay.

The waters around the Scoglio delle Sirene are shallow for 150 meters in the direction northwest up to a smaller uncovered rock (about 5 meters high). The smaller rock is located at the western entrance of the bay, 100 meters northeast of Punta Cala Formaggio. Another hazard is the very shallow and dangerous shoal on the eastern side of the bay.

### Town pier: Baia di Ponente

The pier on the western side of the bay is only for boarding or disembarking (Lipari No.46/2005).

### Anchorage: Baia di Ponente

Shelter: NE, E, SE, S

Exposed: SW, W, NW, N

Seafloor: coarse sand, mud and pebbles (good hold).

The beautiful anchorage in the Baia di Ponente is a great spot to enjoy the sunset; anchor on the outer edge of the bay in the spring and fall to catch the best view.

Anchoring is permitted here (even though an underwater cable runs along the seabed) and the Baia di Ponente is one of the most popular anchorages in the archipelago.

During the day, it is important that vessels stay at least 200 meters from the beach Sabbie Nere to avoid fines.

Avoid the shoals when anchoring and maneuvering. Anchor in the center of bay, 150 meters north of the town pier and about 300 meters away from the beach in 5-10 meters depth.

This anchorage can be very crowded in particular during S/SE winds. Arrive early in the afternoon to get a good spot. If Baia di Ponente is already full of boats, anchor on the outskirts of

the bay in 15-20 meters.

In the summer there are discos and bars near the beach that play loud music all through the night, which could bother light sleepers.

Tenders can tie-up to the pier (respecting local boats) or paddle into the northern side of the beach being careful of swimmers and shoals.

### Anchorage: Cala del Formaggio

Shelter: NE, E, SE, S

Exposed: SW, W, NW, N

Seafloor: coarse sand, mud and pebbles (good hold).

The remote bay Cala del Formaggio is a good alternative to Baia di Ponente, in particular during the month of August when Baia di Ponente is packed with boats. In addition, this bay offers better shelter than Baia di Ponente in the case of strong Scirocco winds.

The Cala del Formaggio is just to the west of Baia di Ponente and is surrounded by steep cliffs. Anchor at least 100 meters from the coast in 10-20 meters depth. Avoid the nearshore shoals.

Those anchoring in Cala del Formaggio have to tender over to Baia di Ponente to go ashore.

### Mooring buoys: Baia di Ponente

Shelter: NE, E, SE, S

Exposed: SW, W, NW, N

Summer mooring: May-September

A field of mooring buoys is located in the southern corner of the bay, just east of the town pier. There are 50 swing moorings for small boats (max 9 meters) with lines attached only at the bow. However, there are also a few berths for larger vessels (up to max 14 meters).

Services offered: shuttle service.

Tel. 339 239 6523 (Fabrizio), 340 722 2890



## PORTO DI LEVANTE



The bay Porto di Levante is a very popular anchorage, in particular during northwesterly winds. Anchor off to the east of the mud baths, hot springs, and the black sand beach.

The town center revolves around the port with numerous stores, supermarkets, a pharmacy, restaurants, spas, etc.

This is the place to stop if you are interested in hiking up Gran Cratere or renting a vehicle to do a tour of the island. The black sand beach Acque Termali, also known as Acque Calde, is Blue Flag awarded.

A buoy-marked swim area is present in the summer. The black sand beach gets very hot and crowded in the middle of the day: go in the morning or late afternoon.

### No anchoring: water tanker

Boats are not permitted to enter or anchor within a 200 meter radius of the breakwater in the area reserved for the tanker that brings fresh water to the island (Lipari No. 42/2016). In any case, this area is not ideal for anchoring as it is where the hydrofoils maneuver after backing off the town pier.

### No anchoring: port zone (ambito portuale)

The port zone is the area shoreside of the green light on the town breakwater and the yellow light at Punta Nere ( $E1786.3 F1Y3s9m3M$ ,  $176-285^\circ$ ) (Lipari No. 2 / 2013 and Lipari No. 42/2016). Prohibited: anchoring, fishing, swimming, diving, use of radar or sirens, engine testing, use of cleaning products, polluting, refueling, obstructing or delaying maneuvers of commercial ships, maneuvering within 50 meters of the hydrofoil pier.

Required: minimal speed of navigation only to reach or leave moorings at routes perpendicular to the coast.

Allowed: berthing.

### Rockslide area: Punta Nere

It is prohibited to swim, fish, anchor or for boats or swimmers to enter within 150 meters of Punta Nere, Cono della Fossa (Lipari No. 20/2020).

At the moment hydrofoils are mooring at section "A" because the hydrofoil pier is damaged; it should be repaired soon.



### Town pier: Porto di Levante

The town breakwater (85 meters long) has a green light ( $E1786.5 2FG(vert)7m3M$ ). The quay is divided into five zones: "A" passenger ships, "B" ferries, "C" charter and private boats only for boarding/disembarking passengers, "D" pleasure boats and fishing boats < 10 meters (ok for tenders), and "E" hydrofoils (Lipari No. 42/2016).

### Anchorage: Rada di Vulcano

Shelter: S, SW, W, NW

Exposed: NE, E, SE

Seafloor: sand and mud (good hold)

This anchorage is in a beautiful setting with a fantastic view of the tuff cone. However, the waters are murky due to the fumaroles and the area smells of sulfur. The best place to anchor is between the port breakwater and the Marina di Vulcanello. The bay gets very crowded during Maestrale and Ponente winds. Boats occasionally drag anchor because the seafloor is uneven and slopes down gradually. Arrive early in the afternoon and anchor in 15-20 meters depth.

**Do not navigate within 200 meters of the beach due to risk of fines (during the day) and dangerous shallows.**

Tenders can tie-up to the town quay, zone "D", at a stone staircase. As an alternative, tenders can be paddled into the northern side of the beach being careful of swimmers.

The following regulations apply in the anchorage zone (Rada di Vulcano, Lipari No. 2 / 2013): Prohibited: fishing, maneuvering within 100 meters of stationary vessels.

Required: max speed 7 knots only to reach or leave moorings at routes perpendicular to the coast.

Allowed: berthing, anchoring.

### Marina: Baia Levante Marina

Shelter: S, SW, W, NW

Exposed: NE, E

Summer mooring: April-October

Baia Levante Marina, located on the southern side of the bay, is the largest mooring on the island of Vulcano. It is a short walk from the town center and just below the tuff cone. There are two long floating docks with about 120 stern-to berths using laid moorings for boats up to 60 meters length.

Services offered: water, electricity, WC and shower, wi-fi, dinghy rental, laundromat.

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### Marina and mooring buoys:

#### Marina di Vulcanello

Shelter: S, SW, W, NW

Exposed: NE, E, SE

Summer mooring: April 25th-October

Marina di Vulcanello is located on the northern side of the bay, next to the black sand beach Acque Termali with a nice view of the tuff cone. There is a floating dock with stern-to berths using laid moorings with 15 berths for larger boats from 10-40 meters length, and about 20 berths for smaller boats up to 10 meters length. The marina also operates a nearby mooring buoy field with 15 yellow and white swing mooring buoys for boats from 10-30 meters length with lines attached only at the bow. There are also about 40 fore and aft buoy moorings for smaller vessels up to 10 meters length.

The Marina di Vulcanello is a bit further from the town compared to the other marina, however, it is in a peaceful area. It is important to make reservations ahead of time.

Services offered: water, electricity, wi-fi, WC and shower, 24/7 shuttle service from the marina to the mooring buoys.

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