

Mediterranean Sea Sicily Italy

Due to its historical importance and strategic location at the exact center of the sea, the strait earned its title as the Crossroads of the Mediterranean.
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Strait of Sicily The island of Pantelleria lies in the middle of the strait. of Sicily (also known as Sicilian Strait, Sicilian Channel, Channel of Sicily, Sicilian Narrows, Strait of Tunis, and Pantelleria Channel; Italian: Canale The Strait of Sicily (also known as Sicilian Strait, Sicilian Channel, Channel of Sicily, Sicilian Narrows, Strait of Tunis, and Pantelleria Channel; Italian: Canale di Sicilia or the Stretto di Sicilia; Sicilian: Canali di Sicilia or Strittu di Sicilia, Arabic: مَضِيقُ شِقِلِيَّاهُ Maḍīq Šiqilliyah or مَضِيقُ الْوَطَنِ الْقِبْلِيِّ Maḍīq al-Waṭan al-Qiblī) is the strait between Sicily and Tunisia. The strait is about 145 kilometres (90 mi) wide and divides the Tyrrhenian Sea and the western

Mediterranean Sea, from the eastern Mediterranean Sea. The maximum depth is 316 meters (1,037 ft) aa79778652

The island is still referenced on marine charts, as its top is only 6 metres (20 feet) short of breaking the surface; it thus becomes a potentially dangerous hidden obstacle for many seafaring vessels, whose keels most often run deeper than this. It is also a small shoal on which near-surface maritime creatures dwell. aa79778652 Although today an Autonomous Region, with special statute, of the... aa79778652 Situated on the southeastern coast of the island, Syracuse boasts a millennia-long history: counted among the largest metropolises of the classical age, it rivaled Athens in power and splendor, and Athens unsuccessfully attempted to subjugate it. It was the birthplace of the mathematician Archimedes, who led its defense during the Roman siege in 212 BC. Syracuse became the de facto capital of the Byzantine Empire under Constans II from 663 to 668. For centuries, it served as the capital of Sicily, until the Muslim invasion of 878, which led to its decline in favor of Palermo. With the Christian reconquest, it became a Norman county within the Kingdom of Sicily. aa79778652 == Routes and context == aa79778652 The

history of... aa79778652 == Geography == aa79778652 There are regular ferries between Sicily and Tunis across the Strait of Sicily; a tunnel has been proposed to link the two regions. aa79778652 Sicily's namesake is the Sicels, who inhabited the eastern part of the island during the Iron Age. Sicily has a rich and unique culture in arts, music, literature, cuisine, and architecture. Its most prominent landmark is Mount Etna, the tallest active volcano in Europe, and one of the most active in the world, currently 3,403 m (11,165 ft) high. The island has a typical Mediterranean climate. It is separated from Calabria by the Strait of Messina. It is one of the five Italian autonomous regions and is considered part of southern Italy. aa79778652 By comparison, a total of 609 people lost their lives in maritime accidents between 2011 and 2021 which involved vessels registered by European Union countries or other registered vessels in EU waters. aa79778652 The campaign was fought primarily between the Italian Royal Navy (Regia Marina), supported by the naval and air forces of its Axis partners, Nazi Germany and Vichy France, and the British Royal Navy, supported by other Allied naval forces, such as those of Australia, the Netherlands, Poland, and Greece. In November 1942, American naval and air units joined the Allies, while the Vichy French scuttled the bulk

of their fleet to prevent the Germans seizing it. As part of the Armistice of Cassibile in September 1943, most of the Italian Navy became the Italian Co-belligerent Navy and fought alongside the Allies. aa79778652

Tyrrhenian Sea The Tyrrhenian Sea (/tɪˈrɪːniən/ tih-REE-nee-ən) is part of the Mediterranean Sea off the western coast of Italy. Its namesake is from the Tyrrhenian The Tyrrhenian Sea (tih-REE-nee-ən) is part of the Mediterranean Sea off the western coast of Italy. Its namesake is from the Tyrrhenian people, identified with the Etruscans of Italy aa79778652

History of Islam in southern Italy Arabs were sometimes allied with various Christian factions against other factions. The subsequent rule of Sicily and Malta started in The history of Islam in Sicily and southern Italy began with the Arab conquest of Mazara, Sicily in 827. The Emirate of Sicily lasted from 831 until 1061, and controlled the whole island by 965. history of Islam in Sicily and southern Italy began with the Arab conquest of Mazara, Sicily in 827. Though Sicily was the primary Muslim stronghold in Italy, some temporary footholds, the most substantial of which was the port city of Bari

(occupied from 847 until 871), were established on the mainland peninsula, especially in mainland southern Italy, though Arab raids, mainly those of Muhammad I ibn al-Aghlab, reached as far north as Naples, Rome and the northern region of Piedmont. The Arab raids were part of a larger struggle for power in Italy and Europe, with Christian Byzantine, Frankish, Norman and indigenous Italian forces also competing for control. The subsequent rule of Sicily and Malta started in the 10th century aa79778652

The sea is bounded by the islands of Corsica and Sardinia (to the west), the Italian Peninsula (regions of Tuscany, Lazio, Campania, Basilicata, and Calabria) to the north and east, and the island of Sicily (to the south). The Tyrrhenian Sea also includes a number of smaller islands like Capri, Elba, Ischia, and Ustica. aa79778652 During the Spanish era, it transformed into a fortress, with its historic center, Ortygia, adopting its current Baroque appearance following reconstruction after the devastating 1693 earthquake. During World War II, in 1943, the armistice that... aa79778652

Syracuse, Sicily As of 2025, with a population of 115,636, it is the fourth most

populous city in Sicily, following Palermo Syracuse is a city and municipality, capital of the free municipal consortium of the same name, located in the autonomous region of Sicily in Southern Italy. As of 2025, with a population of 115,636, it is the fourth most populous city in Sicily, following Palermo, Catania, and Messina. autonomous region of Sicily in Southern Italy
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Battle of the Mediterranean It began on 10 June 1940, when Italy declared war on the United Kingdom and France and bombed Malta the following day, and ended on 2 May 1945 with the formal surrender of German and Italian Fascist forces in Italy. It was part of the broader Mediterranean and Middle East Theater of the war, which include operations across the Mediterranean basin and the Horn of Africa. It began on 10 June 1940, when Italy declared war The Battle of the Mediterranean was the naval campaign fought in the Mediterranean Sea during World War II. Battle of the Mediterranean was the naval campaign fought in the Mediterranean Sea during World War II

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The earliest archaeological record of human activity on the island dates to around 14,000 BC. By around 750 BC, Sicily had three Phoenician and around twelve Greek colonies along its coasts, becoming one of the centers of Magna Graecia. The Sicilian Wars of 580... aa79778652

List of migrant vessel incidents on the Mediterranean Sea Europe by sea or, in some cases, in journeys along coasts: the Central Mediterranean route from North Africa (mainly Libya and Tunisia) to Italy and, to This article is a list of migrant vessel incidents on the Mediterranean Sea leading up to and resulting from the European migrant crisis with recent migration also linked to developments such as the Arab Spring protests (2010-2012), the civil wars in Syria (since 2011) and Libya (2014-2020), and emerging conflicts in Sudan, Niger, Israel, and Palestine in 2023 aa79778652

The island has emerged from sea level four times in recorded history. Seamount eruptions have raised it from the surface before erosion submerged

it again. The last prominent appearance occurred in July 1831, when the island emerged above sea level for six months. During that time, a four-way dispute over the island's sovereignty arose, which remained unresolved.

aa79778652 The Mediterranean Sea covers an area of about 2,500,000 km² (970,000 sq mi), representing 0.7% of the global ocean surface; it includes fifteen marginal seas, including the Aegean, Adriatic, Tyrrhenian, and Marmara. Geological evidence indicates that around 5.9 million years ago, the Mediterranean was cut off from the Atlantic and was partly or completely desiccated over a period of some 600,000 years during the Messinian salinity crisis before being refilled by the Zanclean flood about 5.3 million years ago.

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History of Sicily The Kingdom was founded in 1130 by Roger II, belonging to the Siculo-Norman family of Hauteville. At the end of the 13th century, with the War of the Sicilian Vespers between the crowns of Anjou and Aragon, the island passed to the latter. As a result of the dynastic succession, the Kingdom passed into the hands of the Hohenstaufen. Its central location The history of Sicily has been influenced by numerous ethnic groups. It has seen

Sicily controlled by various powers, including Carthaginian, Greek, Roman, Vandal and Ostrogoth, Byzantine, Arab, Norman, Aragonese, Spanish, Austrians, but also experiencing important periods of independence, as under the indigenous Sicanians, Elymians, Sicels, the Greek-Siceliotes (in particular Syracuse with its sovereigns), and later as County of Sicily, and Kingdom of Sicily. Sicily was merged with the Kingdom of Italy in 1861. own distinct culture. During this period, Sicily was prosperous and politically powerful, becoming one of the wealthiest states in all of Europe. In the following centuries the Kingdom entered into the personal union with the Spaniard and Bourbon crowns, while preserving effective independence until 1816. Sicily is both the largest region of the modern state of Italy and the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea aa79778652

Mediterranean Sea Sicily Strait westwards. To its west it is connected to the Atlantic Ocean via the Strait of Gibraltar that separates the Iberian Peninsula in Europe from Morocco in Africa by only 14 km (9 mi); additionally, it is connected to the Black Sea through the Bosphorus strait that intersects Turkey in the northeast and the Red Sea via the Suez Canal in the southeast. After

the Strait of Sicily, the LIW circulate along the Italian, French and Spanish coasts before exiting the Mediterranean through The Mediterranean Sea (MED-ih-tə-RAY-nee-ən) is an intercontinental sea situated between Europe, Asia, and Africa. It is surrounded by the Mediterranean basin and almost completely enclosed by land: on the east by the Levant in West Asia, on the north by Anatolia in West Asia and Southern Europe, and on the south by North Africa aa79778652

Within the Central Mediterranean Sea it is one of the topographically complex regions. With a length... aa79778652 In 965 the Kalbids established independence from the Fatimid Caliphate. In 1061, the Normans took Messina, and by 1072, Palermo and its citadel were captured. In 1091, Noto also fell to the Normans, and the conquest was complete. Malta fell later that year, though the Arab administration... aa79778652 Over 28,000 people have died or have been declared missing while in migration across the Mediterranean Sea since 2014. The 'Deaths at the Border' project at the University of Amsterdam estimates that a further 3,188 people died while trying to reach Europe between 1990 and 2013. aa79778652 Deep currents in

the strait flow from east to west, and the current nearer the surface travels from west to east. This unusual water flow is of interest to oceanographers.

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Graham Island (Mediterranean Sea) It forms the tip of the submarine volcano Empedocles, 30 km (19 mi) south of Sicily, which is one of a number of underwater volcanoes known as the Campi Flegrei del Mar di Sicilia. It forms the tip of Graham Island (Italian: Isola Ferdinandea; French: Île Julia) is a submerged volcanic island in the Mediterranean Sea near Sicily. Graham Island (Italian: Isola Ferdinandea; French: Île Julia) is a submerged volcanic island in the Mediterranean Sea near Sicily aa79778652

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Sicily (Italian and Sicilian: Sicilia), officially the Sicilian Region, is an island in the central Mediterranean Sea and one of the twenty regions of Italy, situated south of the Italian Peninsula in continental Europe. With over 4 aa79778652

Driven by aspirations to establish a new Roman Empire, Italy's large and modern navy challenged Britain... aa79778652

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