

# Messina Italy

## Port Presentation

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Messina is the third largest city on the island of Sicily, and the 13th largest city in Italy, with a population of more than 277,584 inhabitants in the city proper and about 650,000 in the Metropolitan City. It is located near the northeast corner of Sicily, at the Strait of Messina and it is an important access terminal to many areas on the mainland. The city's main resources are its seaports, cruise tourism, commerce, and agriculture (wine production and cultivating lemons, oranges, mandarin oranges, and olives). The city has been a Roman Catholic Archdiocese since 1548 and is home to a locally important international fair. The University of Messina, founded in 1548 by Ignatius of Loyola



# What I Will Cover

- My Port Philosophy
- Don't Miss the Ship
- Money
- Where is the Tourist Office?
- A few interesting facts about Messina.
- Places to see or at least consider
- A few restaurant recommendations
- Best way to get around Messina

# My Port Philosophy

- I have been cruising for over 43 years and taken over 100 cruises. So I consider myself an experienced cruiser.
- I always like to see how other people live.
- When I am on a cruise where the city I want to visit is not the port city, I always recommend taking a ship's tour.
- But when I am in a port where many things are nearby and easy to see on my own -  
I will do it on my own.
- This presentation is for that type of port.

# Don't Miss the Ship

## **How to Avoid Missing Your Ship**

Pay attention to the time. - Ship time and local time are often different.

Put a return to ship reminder on your phone.

## **Choose excursions wisely.**

If a ship-sponsored excursion is late returning to port for, the ship will wait for you. If you are on your own???

## **Be Prepared**

Have your Passport, Credit Card and phone numbers for your ship port agent.

## **What to Do If You Miss the Ship**

Most cruise lines have port agents stationed in the port area to assist if your ship has left without you. If you're lucky, when cruisers are late returning to the vessel, the ship's crew will often remove the passengers' essential items -- passports, cell phones and medication -- from the ship to leave with the port agents.

The Port Officials can help you with contacting your ship and making necessary travel arrangements.

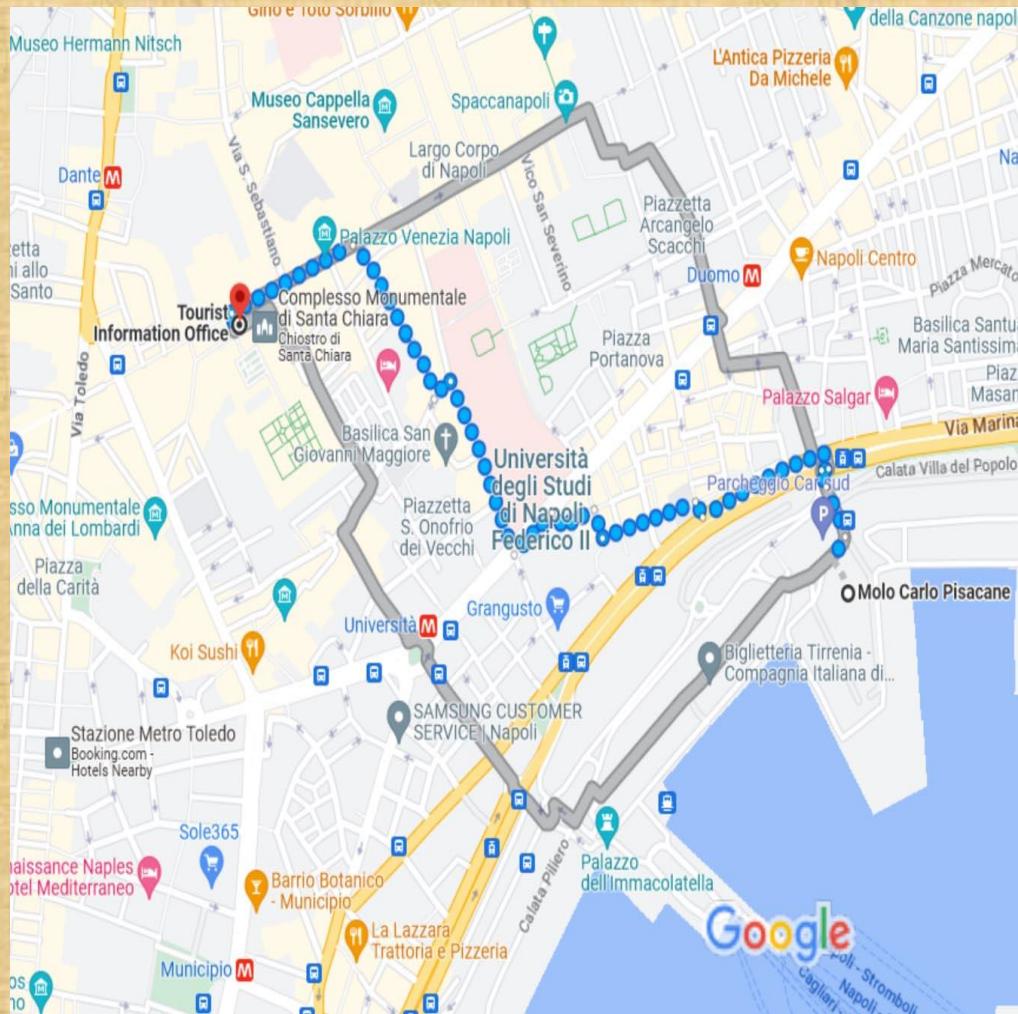
# Money

The euro is the official currency of 20 European Union countries which collectively make up the euro area, also known as the eurozone.

Official Exchange is €1 to \$1.079 US



# Tourist Office



Tourism Office provides a tourist information service and attention to the city's visitors.

It is about 1.5km from the ship. About a 20 minute walk.

Piazza del Gesu, Messina.

# Messina Early History

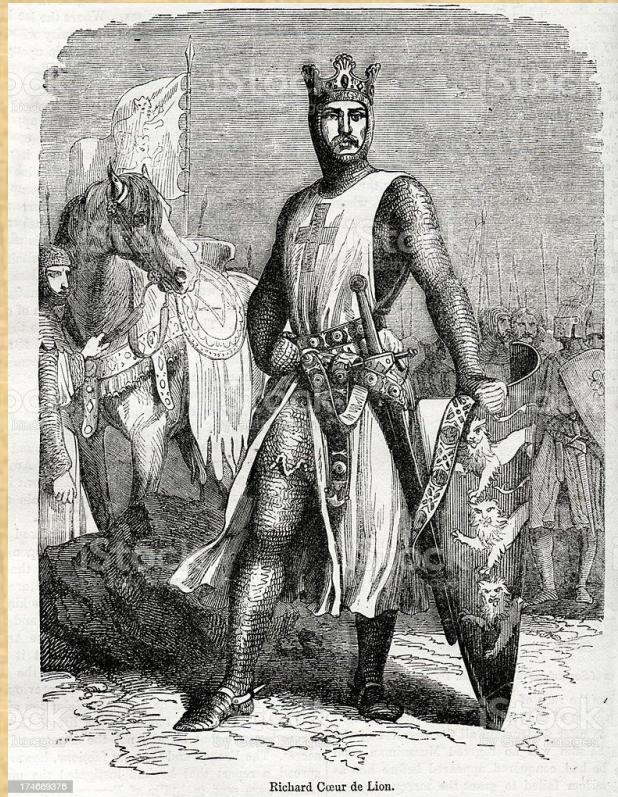
Founded by Greek colonists in the 8th century BC, Messina was originally called Zancle meaning "scythe" because of the shape of its natural harbour. In 288 BC the Mamertines seized the city by treachery, killing the entire population. The city became a base from which they ravaged the countryside, leading to a conflict with the expanding regional empire of Syracuse. Hiero II, tyrant of Syracuse, defeated the Mamertines near Mylae on the Longanus River and besieged Messina.



Hiero attacked a second time in 264 BC, the city officials petitioned the Roman Republic for help. Rome, entered into an alliance with the Mamertines. In 264 BC, Roman troops were deployed to Sicily.

# Messina 476 - 1189

After the fall of the Western Roman Empire, the city was successively ruled by Goths from 476, then by the Byzantine Empire in 535, by the Arabs in 842, and in 1061 by the Norman brothers Robert Guiscard and Roger Guiscard (later called Count Roger I of Sicily). In 1189 the English King Richard I ("The Lionheart") stopped at Messina en route to the Holy Land for the Third Crusade and briefly occupied the city after a dispute over the dowry of his sister, who had been married to William the Good, King of Sicily.



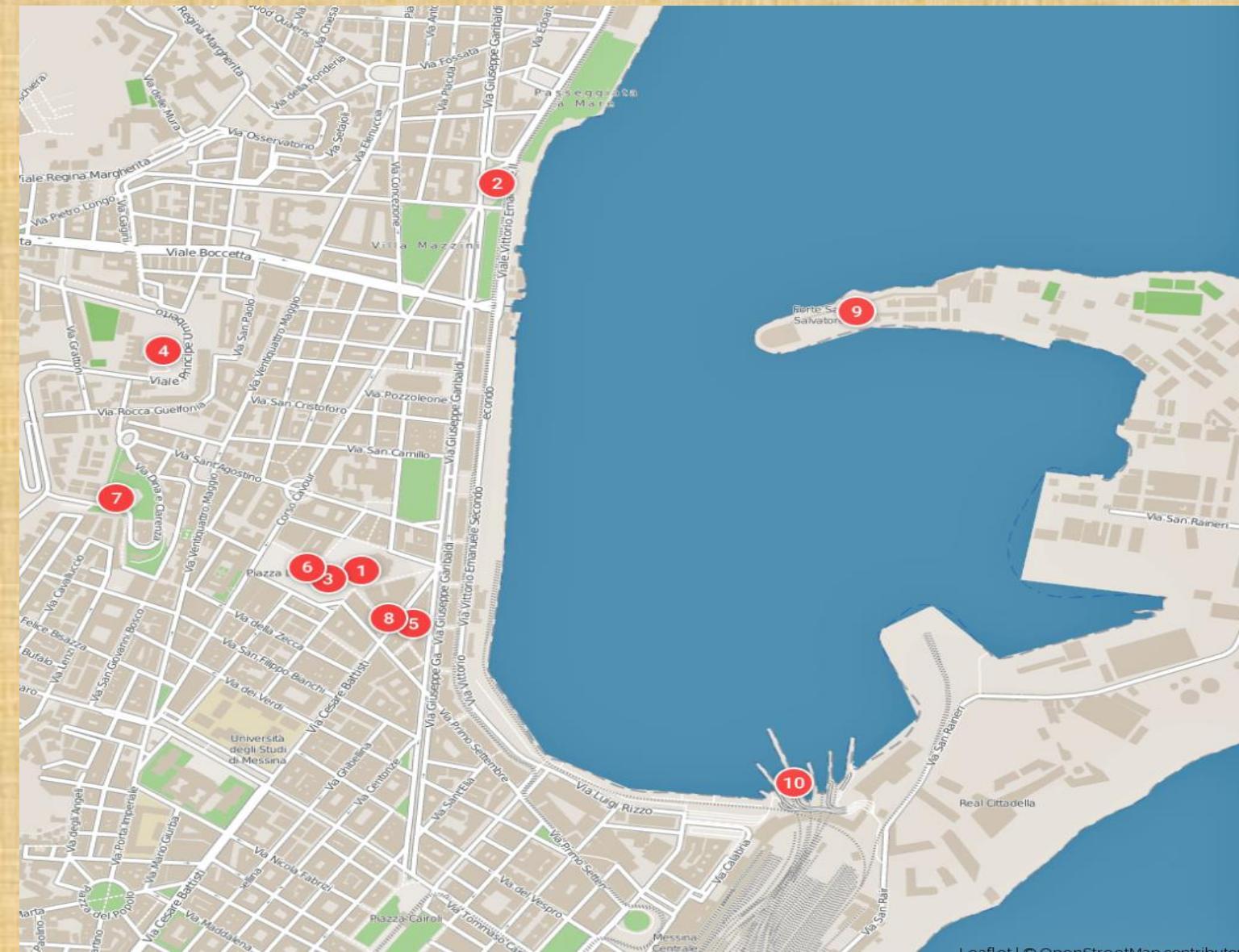
# Quake of 1908

The Strait of Messina is part of the regional tectonic Calabrian Arc. Some of the strongest earthquakes of the last centuries occurred in the Calabrian Arc such as the 1783 and 1905 Calabrian earthquakes as well as the more catastrophic 1908. The 1908 Messina earthquake occurred on 28 December in Sicily and Calabria. A magnitude 7.1, the epicentre was in the Strait of Messina which separates Sicily from the Italian mainland. The cities of



Messina and Reggio Calabria were almost completely destroyed and between 75,000 and 82,000 people died.

# Map Of Messina



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1. Messina Cathedral
2. Fountain of Neptune
3. Astronomical clock of Messina
4. Temple Christ the King
5. Church of the Annunciation
6. Fountain of Orion
7. Santuario della Madonna di Montalto
8. Statue of Don Giovanni
9. Forte del Santissimo Salvatore
10. Messina Port

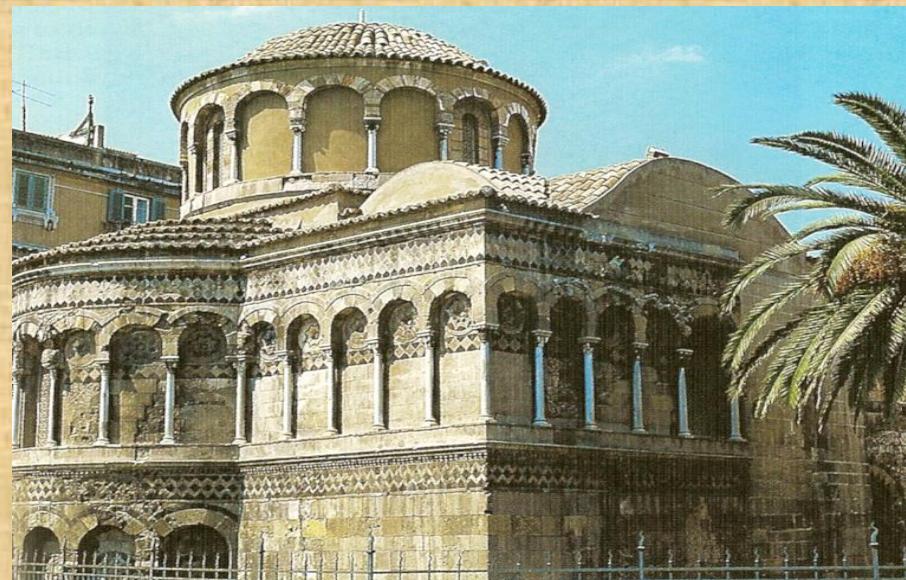
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# Church of the Annunciation

The Church of the Santissima Annunziata dei Catalani is a church in Messina, Sicily Italy. It is an example of Norman architecture in Sicily.

The church dates from the 12th century, when Sicily was under Norman rule. Built on top of the ruins of an older temple dedicated to Neptune, the church is an example of Sicilian Norman architecture with its mix of different cultural elements. The church displays influences from Arab and Byzantine architecture and also contains Roman elements. Particularly the apse is unusually well-preserved.



It is one of the few structures to have survived the catastrophic earthquake in 1908 which destroyed most of Messina. As a result of the earthquake the church is situated 3 metres below the reconstructed street level.

# Statue of Don Giovanni



A statue dedicated to Don Giovanni of Austria, who was the admiral of the Holy League fleet at the Battle of Lepanto. It's nicknamed "The Guitarist's Statue", because of the shadow it creates.

# Astronomical Clock of Messina

The astronomical clock of Messina is an astronomical clock constructed by the Ungerer Company of Strasbourg in 1933. It is built into the campanile of Messina Cathedral. The mechanism was designed by Frédéric Klinghammer, with the artistic design based on plans by Théodore Ungerer. The full movement of the statues occurs only at noon. Every quarter of an hour throughout the day the two statues on either side of the Rooster and the carousel of the ages move.

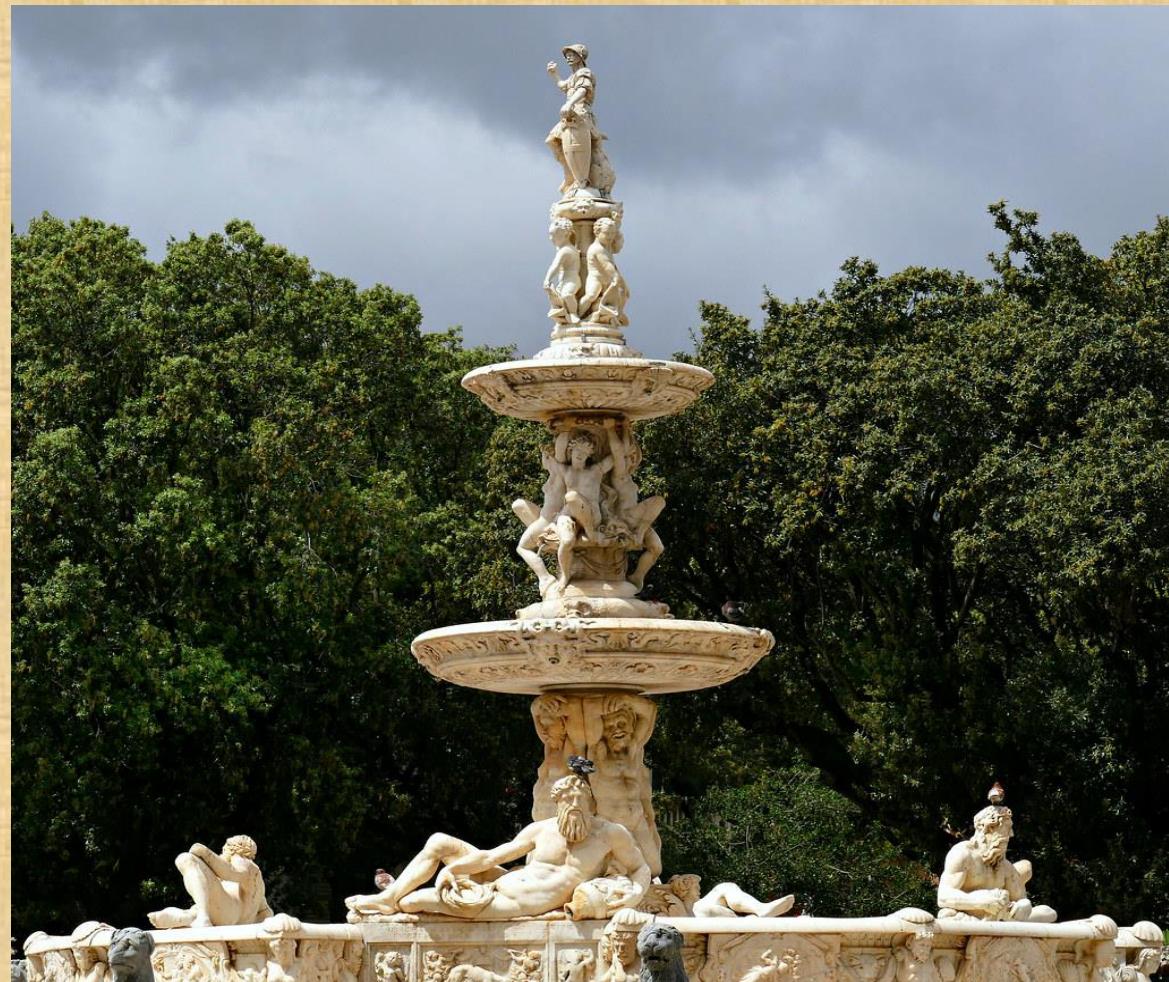


Zona pedonale, P.za Duomo, 98122 Messina

# Orion's Fountain

Orion's Fountain in the Piazza del Duomo, Messina, Italy is the work of one of Michelangelo's students, Giovanni Angelo Montorsoli. The Fountain was created to celebrate the completion of the first aqueduct in Messina, in 1547.

It consists of pyramid-shaped bowls, over which stands the mythological founder of Messina, Orion. On the outskirts of the lower basin lie figures personifying four rivers: the Tiber, Ebro, Nile and Camaro.



# Museo Regionale Interdisciplinare

The Museo Interdisciplinare Regionale (MuMe), or Regional Museum of Messina, is an art museum located on the northern coast of the city. MuMe illustrates the development of art and culture in Messina from the 12th to the 18th centuries, with outstanding figures such as the renowned artists Andrea della Robbia, Antonello da Messina, Girolamo Alibrandi, Caravaggio (Michelangelo Merisi), and Polidoro da Caravaggio.

The original collections came from the Museo Civico. After the earthquake in 1908 these were expanded by the addition of paintings, sculptures and precious works from damaged or destroyed buildings, thus creating a collection of paintings and sculptures by internationally known and local artists, and much more.



€8 entrance fee. Allow at least 2 hours.

# The World's Best Restaurants

Messina is the home of two Michelin Star restaurants. Many of us on the ship are foodies, so naturally we're always on the hunt to eat at the most exclusive spots anytime we travel.

## **Marina del Nettuno**

viale della Libertà-Batteria Masotto

€€€ · Creative, Contemporary

## **Sacha**

via Nicola Fabrizi 15

€€€ · Mediterranean, Seafood



For those of you that just like good food, you can't go wrong just about anywhere you go in Cannes. After all this is Italy!

**GOOD EATING**

# Pompeii And Mt. Vesuvius

Mt. Vesuvius could erupt at anytime, so you will want to make a trip to Pompeii before that happens again

Vesuvius is the only volcano on Europe's mainland to have erupted in the last 100 years.

The volcano that once buried Pompeii is only six miles from

Messina, making it an easy day trip from the city. Tours operate daily from multiple tour companies



Tickets cost €6 (\$6.60) per person.

# Home to Amazing Restaurants

Many of us on the ship are foodies, so naturally we're always on the hunt to eat at the most exclusive spots anytime we travel. There are many creative restaurants to choose from that have Michelin stars, both in the city and in the surrounding area. In fact, the Campania region tied for second place for the region with the highest number of Michelin-starred restaurants in Italy in 2022. Messina has five Michelin star restaurants.

Here are a few of the Michelin Star Restaurants in Messina.

Palazzo Petrucci – 1 Michelin Star

Aria – 1 Michelin Star

Indaco – 1 Michelin Star

L'Olivo – 2 Michelin Stars

George Restaurant – 1 Michelin Star

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# Getting Around Messina

For the most part Messina is an easy city to walk. You need to go further, ATM buses (tel. 090-22851; [www.atmmessina.it](http://www.atmmessina.it)) is the bus and tram company that departs from the transportation hub, Piazza della Repubblica.

Bus tickets can be purchased at tabacchi (tobacco shops) or news kiosks throughout the city.

€1.20 for a ticket valid for 1 1/2 hours

€2.60 for an all-day ticket.



# Hop on Hop Off Messina

The City Sightseeing® Messina service includes two different routes to discover this welcoming city often called the "door of Sicily".

## The Blue Line

The various stops along the way allow you to easily get to:

Teatro Vittorio Emanuele  
Villa Mazzini  
• Municipal Aquarium  
Regional Museum



## The Red Line

Sacrario di Cristo Re  
Castle of Matagrifone  
Panorama of the Strait.

**Single Line €15**  
**Both Lines €20**

# Thanks For Coming

If you have any more questions, Please ask.  
I will do my best to answer them for you.

**Have a great visit in Messina!**