

Vieste to Tremiti Islands

North across open water from the Gargano to the Tremiti Islands, a small archipelago of pine-covered limestone with an abbey fortress on San Nicola, to a park mooring between San Domino and San Nicola.

DATE	Sunday 25 July 2027
DISTANCE	34.0 nm, 3 legs
TIME	5 h 55 min
DEPART	09:30 CEST from Vieste. Mid-morning.
ARRIVE	About 15:25 CEST at Tremiti Islands. In the afternoon, with about 5 hours of daylight in hand (sunset 20:24 CEST).
TIDES	Range about 0.2 m: no practical effect
WIND	The maestrale is on the beam; boats must leave the park's buoys above force 4
BOAT	35 to 38 ft sailing yacht, 1.9 m draught, 6 kn under sail, 5.5 kn under engine
CREW	Skipper and 3 crew, 2 watches of 2



Track and waypoints 1 to 2, with ports of refuge as squares.

Go or no-go

Decide at 08:30 CEST. Go only if all of these hold:

- ☐ No wind above force 4 forecast for the 2 nights at the Tremiti: boats must leave the buoys above force 4, and there is no all-weather harbour.
- ☐ Park mooring booked for 9 and 26 July.
- ☐ Visibility 3 nm or more.

If the forecast is wrong, stay at Vieste and go on to Pescara along the coast via Termoli, leaving out the Tremiti.

Route and waypoints

Waypoints are planning positions in open water, checked against a 1:10m coastline to be at least 1.5 nm off land except at the harbour ends. Distances and courses are calculated from them. Plot every one on the current chart before use. Courses are true.

#	WAYPOINT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	COURSE	LEG NM	TOTAL NM	ETA	NOTES
0	Marina di Vieste	41°53.4'N	016°10.8'E				09:30 CEST	Depart.
1	Vieste approach	41°53.8'N	016°11.5'E	053°T	0.6	0.6	09:39 CEST	Out of the marina, no
2	Tremiti approach	42°07.0'N	015°32.0'E	294°T	32.2	32.8	15:01 CEST	East of the channel be and San Nicola. 10 kn coast.
3	Tremiti mooring	42°07.0'N	015°30.4'E	270°T	1.2	34.0	15:25 CEST	Park mooring buoy, b approximate.
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Tides and time

VIESTE · SUN 25 JUL · CEST (UTC+2)		
LW	02:01	0.0 m
HW	08:14	0.2 m
LW	13:19	0.1 m
HW	19:33	0.3 m
TREMITI ISLANDS · SUN 25 JUL · CEST (UTC+2)		
LW	02:07	0.0 m
HW	08:35	0.2 m
LW	12:58	0.1 m
HW	19:03	0.2 m

From the Isole Tremiti station.

Sunday 25 July 2027. **Tides.** The range here is 0.1 to 0.3 m: tides make no practical difference. Wind and air pressure move the sea level more than the tide does.

Tide times are predictions made for this plan from the TICON-4 harmonic constants (DGFI-TUM) with the Neaps tide predictor, because the official 2027 tables were not yet published

when it was written. Tested against the official APDL table for Leixões on 23 July 2026, the predicted times were within 8 minutes and the heights 0.1 to 0.2 m lower. Heights are above lowest astronomical tide. Check every time against the official 2027 table before sailing.

Daylight. Sunrise at Vieste 05:42 CEST. Sunset at Tremiti Islands 20:24 CEST.

Weather

- **Open water** for 25 nm.
- **The islands** give little shelter; the buoys are in the channel between San Domino and San Nicola.

FORECASTS TO CHECK

- Italian forecasts: Aeronautica Militare Meteomar and gale warnings (avviso di burrasca), meteoam.it. Forecast areas Ionio, Adriatico meridionale and Adriatico centrale. Zone names and issue times: [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)
- NAVTEX: Italian stations cover the Ionian and Adriatic; check the station letters and times on the receiver. [CHECK ON THE CHART](#)
- Italian coast radio VHF weather broadcasts: [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)

Hazards

- **Isole Tremiti marine protected area.** Zone A, round Pianosa, is closed to all boats. Zone B: sail is free; motoring needs a permit from the Gargano National Park (€10 per day in 2026), and the limit is 5 kn. Zone C: 5 kn within 300 m of the coast and 10 kn out to 600 m; anchoring on sand or pebbles only. Motor boats may not enter the sea caves. The park's mooring buoys (May to September) must be booked online; in August 2026 a buoy for a boat up to 15 m cost €80 per day. One boat per buoy, an all-round white light at night, a holding tank to use the heads, no swimming from the mooring, and boats must leave the buoys above force 4.
- **Ferries and hydrofoils** from Termoli, Vieste and Manfredonia land at San Domino and San Nicola.
- **San Domino light.** The Punta del Diavolo light tower was reported collapsed in 2025. Do not rely on it.

Ports of refuge

PORT	FROM THE ROUTE	USE IT WHEN	NOTES
Vieste	Start	Within the first hour	Marina.
Termoli	18 nm south-west of the Tremiti	Weather turns	CHECK THE PILOT BOOK
Rodi Garganico	15 nm south	Weather turns	Marina. CHECK THE PILOT BOOK

Pilotage

LEAVING VIESTE

1. Leave the marina and head north-north-west across open water.

ONTO THE TREMITI MOORING

1. Approach the channel between San Domino and San Nicola from the east at 10 kn or less, 5 kn within 300 m of the coast.
2. Pick up the booked buoy at 3 kn or less. Show an all-round white light at night.

LIGHTS ON THE WAY

Vieste, Isola Santa Eufemia	Fl(3) 15s, 40 m, 25 M
San Nicola Nord	Fl(4) 15s, 14 M
Capraia (Tremiti)	Fl 5s, 23 m
San Domino, Punta del Diavolo	Fl(3) 10s, 48 m, 11 M: tower reported collapsed

Communications

Isole Tremiti marine protected area	+39 0884 568911 · ampisoletremiti@parcogargano.it
Marina di Vieste	VHF 06 · +39 0884 702643
Emergency at sea, Italy (Guardia Costiera)	VHF 16, DSC 70 · 1530
Emergency on land	112

Contingencies

- **Wind above force 4 at the Tremiti.** Leave the buoy and run for Termoli or Rodi Garganico in daylight.

- **Person overboard.** Shout, point, throw the danger buoy, press MOB, DSC distress alert, Mayday on 16.

Before leaving

- ☐ Forecasts read and logged before the go or no-go time
- ☐ Italian notices to mariners (Avvisi ai naviganti) checked for the route
- ☐ Waypoints entered and checked against the chart
- ☐ Ship's log started in UTC
- ☐ Crew briefing: route, watches, safety gear, MOB, fog
- ☐ Tremiti mooring booked for 2 nights
- ☐ Holding tank empty

- ☐ Fuel for 6 hours under engine, plus a reserve
- ☐ Water, food and hot drinks for 8 hours
- ☐ Lifejackets with crotch straps, jackstays rigged, harnesses
- ☐ Liferaft, grab bag, flares in date, handheld VHF
- ☐ Radar, AIS and navigation lights tested
- ☐ Passports, boat papers and insurance aboard

Sources

- Isole Tremiti marine protected area: parcogargano.it (zoning; disciplinare 2026).
- San Domino light: Lighthouse Directory, checked March 2026.
- Lights on the Italian Adriatic: English Wikipedia, List of lighthouses in Italy; Lighthouse Directory (ibiblio.org/lighthouse).
- NAVTEX: NGA Pub 117, chapter 3.
- Pelagos Sanctuary: pelagos-sanctuary.org; islepark.it.
- Italian harbour ordinances (Capitanerie di porto) could not be read for this plan: guardiacostiera.gov.it was unreachable. [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)
- Tides: predictions from TICON-4 harmonic constants (Hart-Davis, Dettmering and Seitz, DGFI-TUM, 2025, doi 10.17882/109129) with Neaps (openwaters.io). Check against the Instituto Hidrográfico 2027 tables.
- Sunrise and sunset: calculated (NOAA method).

- Lights: The Lighthouse Directory (Rowlett), ibiblio.org/lighthouse, Portugal pages revised August 2024. Cross-check with the IH List of Lights, volume I.
- Pilot: RCC Pilotage Foundation, Atlantic Spain and Portugal, 9th edition (2025).

A planning exercise to RYA Yachtmaster standard. Not for navigation: use current official charts, the pilot book and the forecasts on the day.