

Black Pine Forests Gorge Grotto Hazelnut Medieval Megalith Resin
Chestnuts Birches Castles Citrus Cyclops Earthquakes Greek Honey Incompletion Ocean Ruins
Arab Aridity Aspen Basalt Britain Cave Fig Genista Lavafield Norman Oak Pistachio River Saints
Baroque Geology Oak Olive Quarries Towers Urbanism Vineyards

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TELLURIC TALES

We will explore the naturecultural landscape of Mount Etna in Sicily, an expansive territory that is shaped by untamable forces from the depths of the earth. Equipped with experimental sound devices, we will circumnavigate and climb Europe's highest active volcano. We will sense its destructive and fertile capacities for the surrounding settlements that live in an intimate relationship with the volcano. Which stories emerge from the constant presence of telluric (terrestrial) forces? How does the volcano shape the local architecture, agriculture and traditions? The topography, soil and microclimate create unique geographic zones with distinct forms, smells, sounds, textures and atmospheres. Each day of the week will be dedicated to one of these zones. We will walk, listen, eat and observe; produce and record sounds; meet local scientists, farmers and volcano lovers.

Price range D (max. 1000 CHF) includes local transportation, entrance fees and accommodation for 12 students. Basic hiking skills are needed. Please note that travel to and from Catania is not included in the price, and you will need to make your itinerary arrangements. The feasibility of the journey varies depending on the prevailing corona situation and regulations in Italy and its region. We will visit public places such as museums and restaurants where local health regulations prevail.